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## Relay for Life Community Day



Community support for the Mis Prints Relay for Life team of Gippsland Trade Printers was enormous. Four team members with the support of the other employees organised an extensive community fun day and markets to help their team raise lots towards their effort for the Relay for Life event on October 19, 20.

Gaskin Park was the venue for the multiple activities on offer between 10am and 3pm on Sunday 29 September. The Churchill Football/Netball Club allowed the clubrooms to be used for the event and Latrobe City Council allowed it to take place on their grounds. The clubrooms were stacked full of market

stalls, and there was a long line of stalls on the oval, with car boot sales along the outer edge of the drive way around the oval. Lucky Envelopes sold out by lunchtime. You could purchase a plastic plate and after recording your details place the plate in an enclosure. Sid the Seagull was throwing a shuttlecock to identify a winner for the prize of

\$250. The winner was Jean Barnes. The Past Players Association cooked a BBQ. You could have a massage; a Tarot card reading; your photo taken in a photo booth; eat goodies for sale off the stalls, or indulge in a Devonshire Tea or hot foods, coffee, or drinks. For the children Hoot was there and you  
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## Hazelwood Rotary



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VSK depends on the community and a range of fundraising activities for more than \$3.3 million of their required annual income. All services are offered free-of-charge to families.

On September 16, we hosted nine visitors – three from GARDS and six from Churchill Lions Club. The occasion was to hear our guest speaker from the StrokeSafe Ambassador Program which delivers information sessions about stroke to the community as part of the StrokeSafe education program.

Our guest speaker, Fernando, himself a survivor of a stroke several years ago explained that the ambassador program is committed to the areas of stroke awareness and prevention, improving treatment – reducing death and disability, improving life after stroke, research and fundraising emphasizing that strokes can happen to anyone, anytime, of any age.

"It means a lot to be able raise awareness of how to prevent and recognise the signs of stroke. As someone who has lived through stroke I want to prevent it happening to others. I had to learn to speak, walk and even hold a glass after my stroke. It wasn't easy. If I can prevent this from happening to anyone else, well it's the least I can do", Fernando said.

It was pointed out that if someone's having a stroke, think F.A.S.T. F = check their face. A = can they lift both arms? S = is their speech slurred? T = time is critical. Call 000.

For any information about Rotary, or to enquire about becoming a member, please call Leo Billington on 0458 661 848.

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By Leo Billington

During the past month, Hazelwood Rotary has continued to host an interesting and diverse group of guest speakers as it always has done over the past four years.

From Anglicare Gippsland, Jane Anderson's talk certainly lifted the lid on local poverty and highlighted the stark reality of what's occurring in our local community and those battling a myriad of disadvantaged situations.

Jane referred to Crisis Aid, an Anglicare Victoria's emergency relief program assisting families and individuals who struggle on very low incomes, and who also face crises such as illness, violence, homelessness and family breakdown. Emergency relief is provided in the form of food parcels, financial assistance in paying household bills, no-interest loan schemes and crisis accommodation.

Anglicare's Supporting Families program focusses on much of Anglicare Victoria's work dedicated to the protection of children and young people, with a strong commitment to supporting families and building capacity to overcome serious issues which would otherwise contribute to family breakdown. Services range from family violence counselling to parent education and help caring for children with disabilities.

Anglicare's goal is to see strong families, able to address their debilitating issues and support each other to grow and become positive contributors to their local community.

Long term club member, Ian Wilson was instrumental in organising a recent Saturday barbeque at Bunnings Morwell – to raise funds for Very Special Kids (VSK) to improve the quality of life for families of children with life-threatening illnesses. VSK was established in 1985 after two families recognised there was a need to support other families experiencing the loss and grief associated with having a child diagnosed with a life-threatening condition.

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## Churchill Rainfall September

By Bruce Stephenson

It was quite a warm start to the month then a cool change and some consistently wet and chilly days contributed to a wet month. A very windy final week to the month saw damage to some properties with trees and branches falling. Long power outages also occurred for many residents.



making the Churchill total for the year, so far, 562.5 mil.

Total rainfall for September was 70.5 mil



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# Churchill Gardening Group

October is still showing all the glory of spring. A walk around the streets of Churchill is a pleasure with all the beautiful sights and smells of many gardens. Some gardens have little hidden gems that only show themselves in spring.

Lilacs, magnolias and blossom trees, both fruiting and ornamental, are in flower or showing small fruits and lovely bright green leaves.

This is a good time to plan what you may like to plant in your garden for next spring.

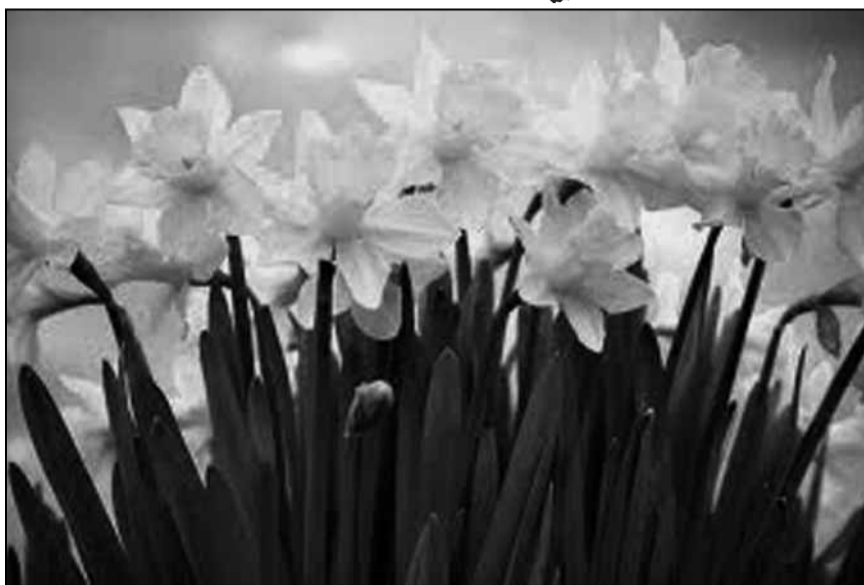
Roses are now in full bud, and flowering. I had my first flower in middle September, and many more since. I don't like to pick them, as they look so nice on the bushes. However cut off any spent flowers to just above a healthy outward facing bud and look forward to many more blooms.

Australian natives like the kangaroo paw, watatah and the beautiful bottlebrushes are now showing us their true colours.

Fertilize azaleas and camelias after they have flowered and trim back to a neat shape if required. Sasanqua camelias can be cut into a hedge or espaliered on a fence, and kept very narrow, e.g. about 30cm to 40cm wide to suit along a drive etc.

Leave the leaves of your daffodils to die down naturally as they feed the bulb for next years flowers. Bulbs now flowering are bluebells, calla lily, ixias and sparaxis, and perhaps not a bulb but a rhizome, the tall bearded iris, which comes in many colours and bi colours.

Annuals like petunias, cornflower, portulacas, Californian poppy, foxglove, and lobelias planted now will give many months of colour in the summer garden and for a shady spot you can't beat impatiens, or for the very sunniest spots zinnias, celosia and many different varieties of sunflowers, from small to very tall.



Plants planted now and watered in well have time to establish good root growth before the heat of summer and will give a good return of 6 to 7 months.

It is hard to think ahead while everything seems to be in bloom now, but to keep the garden going with colour into autumn, plant some salvias, sedumns, (you may like to try one called Chocolate Sauce-very hardy) Japanese windflower, and Easter daises.

Now for some veggies. We can get all those summer crops in e.g. beans, cucumbers and all those varieties of tomatoes.

I plant my tomatoes at the time of the Melbourne cup.

Feed your plants regularly.

Members of the cabbage family, eggplants, runner beans, capsicum, tomatoes, etc love a little extra in the way of blood and bone added monthly. Leafy veggies and root crops respond to foliar feeds of liquid seaweed.

A light surface mulch of chopped lucerne or sugar cane keeps down weeds and adds a good deal of nutrition to the soil, keeps the moisture in the soil and the worms happy.

Dahlias are making a very welcome return to our gardens, they come in miniature as well as the taller variety, with little pom pom flowers to dinner plate size flowers. The gladioli are also a welcome summer bulb.

## Latrobe City traders to reap the benefits of Streetlife

In a major boost for Latrobe retailers, a \$20,000 Streetlife grant will be offered to Latrobe City Council to fund the Latrobe City Shopping and Dining Guide project, Member for Morwell and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Tourism, Russell North announced today.

Mr North said the \$20,000 grant will be used to develop and publish a shopping and dining guide to assist locals and tourists to access services.

"The project aims to improve consumers' ability to identify areas of interest in the region and will encourage their financial input into the local economy," he said.

"Like all of the 36 Streetlife Round Two projects, the Latrobe City Shopping and Dining Guide will help foster innovative business practices and strengthen the business and traders' associations that underpin the small business community.

"Streetlife funds a diverse range of projects across the State, with councils and traders' associations working hand-in-hand with retailers to enhance their customer service skills, implement marketing

plans and improve their online and social media capabilities."

Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business Louise Asher said programs such as Streetlife and the upcoming Support Small Business Day on Saturday, October 19, reflect the Victorian Government's commitment to supporting small business and revitalising shopfront trading.

"Small businesses create nearly one third of the State's production and almost half of the private sector jobs. Encouraging small business innovation and development through programs such as Streetlife is therefore paramount," Ms Asher said.

Streetlife is a Victorian Government initiative that provides targeted support to small businesses in local shopping precincts to help them attract and retain customers.

Streetlife funds are invested into new projects, designed to assist retailers to develop their core business and stimulate long-term growth within the sector. For more information on the Streetlife program, visit [www.business.vic.gov.au/streetlife](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/streetlife)



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## Darrell White - "The Latrobe Valley Voices" - Community choir finds its voice

Over recent months people from across the Latrobe Valley have answered the call to participate in the formation of a community choir – "The Latrobe Valley Voices". The Choir has had the opportunity to be part of Opera Australia's new Community Choirs project involving learning opera choruses with noted Project Choral Conductor, Dr Jonathon Welch AM, and well-known local choir leader, Gay Michau.

The pieces the choir has added to their repertoire include the song made famous by Pavarotti at the 1990 FIFA Soccer World Cup, 'Nessun Dorma'. At the weekly rehearsal singers are working hard practising their breath control, learning how to pronounce unusual words, trying to stay in time and most importantly making sure they all sing the right notes.

The choir is very fortunate to have the privilege to be working with Opera Australia and the founder of The School of Hard Knocks, Jonathon Welch.

"The Latrobe Valley Voices" choir is one of several participating in Opera Australia's Community Choirs initiative including Brimbank Community Choir, Casey Community Choir, Choir of Hope & Inspiration, and Jonathon's own choir, aptly named THECHO!R.

There are a number of long established choirs in Latrobe City whose members have joined "The Latrobe Valley Voices", however, most members have never sung before.

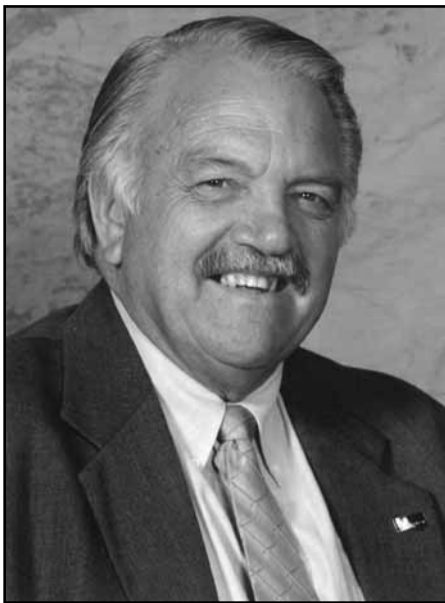
The wider community will have a chance to attend a free matinee performance, at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon, featuring "The Latrobe Valley Voices" and THECHO!R. All the community choirs take the stage at Sidney Myer Music Bowl with leading Opera Australia solo singers and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, November 23 for the 'Mazda Opera in the Bowl' performance, as part of The Melbourne Ring Festival.

The free matinee performance begins at 3.00 pm on Saturday October 26 at Latrobe Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon.

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling the Box Office on 5176 3559.

Gates open for "The Mazda Opera in the Bowl" at 4.00 pm for this free concert.

Tickets are available from Ticketmaster.com.au or 1300 136 166. Melbourne Ring Festival information can be found at melbourneringcycle.com.au.



### Churchill Town Centre Update - Northern Car Park

Works on the pedestrian concourse between the Hazelwood Village and West Place shopping centres will take place over the next few weeks.

The concourse will provide the north-south pathway in the town centre, and will include areas of exposed aggregate (similar to the new plaza area near the Town Hall), two rows of trees lining the footpath, and seating. Improved lighting and drainage will be part of the works.

### Northe's Natter

DFP Recruitment services, Morwell Motel and Julie Ryan Dancers. Virtue Homes won the Building Services & Construction Category whilst the team from Valley Motor Group took out the Retail category. The Victorian Government supported this year's Bendigo Bank Gippsland

Business Awards with \$3000 in funding and sponsored the Manufacturing and Fabrication category of the awards, which celebrates local business excellence, innovation, development and success. Congratulations to all winners and finalists and to the Gippsland Business Awards Committee, Bendigo Bank and sponsors of the awards for their ongoing support of this prestigious event. October is certainly a busy month in Churchill with a number of community events taking place. On Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October Latrobe "Relay for Life" is celebrating its 11th year. "Relay for Life" is an 18 hour event taking place from 4.00pm Saturday October 19 and will conclude at 10.00am on Sunday October 20 at Gaskin Park in Churchill. "Relay for Life" offers a wonderful opportunity for the community to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Victoria in the fight against cancer, whilst also demonstrating support for loved ones who have battled or are battling cancer. Teams of 10 to 15 people will challenge themselves to take turns to keep a baton moving in a relay style walk or run overnight. You can stay for the whole event, camp overnight,

### Churchill "East West Link" Draft Master Plan

The August issue of Churchill News featured articles on the Draft Churchill "East West Link" Master Plan, seeking comments from the community. The "East West Link" covers the precinct between Philip Parade and the university campus, and includes a proposal to substantially improve the pedestrian and visual connection between the campus, Latrobe Leisure Churchill and the town centre.

A total of 12 submissions were received commenting on the Draft Master Plan. Most supported the need for a Plan, and the objective to improve the accessibility, safety and amenity of the precinct. Several have suggested improvements to the Plan, while some proposed that any new bridge over Eel Hole Creek should be relatively low-key in its form.

The submissions have now been provided to the Consultants who are finalising the Master Plan, prior to consideration by council later in the year.

### Latrobe Regional Airport Manager - Prestigious Award

The General Manager of the Latrobe Regional Airport, Neil Cooper is congratulated for having

received the "Individual Award for Excellence in a Non Certified Airport" at the recent Australian Airport Association conference in Darwin.

The Latrobe Regional Airport is wholly owned by the Latrobe City Council on behalf of the residents and ratepayers of Latrobe City. It operates under the management of the Latrobe Regional Airport Board which comprises representatives from local government, the aviation sector, related firms and the local community.

Mr Cooper has been the General Manager of the Airport since 2005. During that time he has worked tirelessly to improve relationships between the Latrobe Regional Airport Board, Latrobe City Council and the many airport tenants. He has also been involved with strategic planning, business retention and expansion and investment attraction at the airport.

Mr Cooper is very well supported by the Airport Operations Officer, Allan McEwan, and together they strive to ensure that the Latrobe Regional Airport is a continuing key regional asset for Latrobe City Council. In November 2008, Latrobe Regional Airport also won the Australian Airport Association "Rural Airport of the Year Award".



or just visit and enjoy the free entertainment, prizes and ceremonies. So get along to Gaskin Park and support those who are taking up the fight against cancer on October 19 and 20. For more information or to register for Latrobe "Relay for Life" you can visit [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au) or contact Sue Van Heurck on 0407 334 129. The Hazelwood Car and Bike Show is also a featured event for Churchill being held on Sunday October 27. This year the event will again be held at Gaskin Park, Churchill and all proceeds from the event will be going to the Chapman family of Yinnar to support their three young girls who suffer from Glycogen Storage Disease and what a worthy cause it is. It is great to see these types of events being held at Gaskin Park, Churchill. The State Government is pleased to have allocated funding for the purpose of upgrading lighting at the Gaskin Park precinct, and I anticipate that these works will be completed in the very near future. This will not only enable greater opportunities and flexibility for sporting events but also improve conditions for community events such as Relay for Life and the Hazelwood Car and Bike Show. I would like to remind fishing enthusiasts of the Annual Junior Fishing Competition that is to take place on Saturday October 26 at Lake Hyland in Churchill. Lake Hyland has regularly received a stocking of rainbow trout through the Fisheries Victoria fish stocking program and with the latest release occurring in July of this year. Fishing is a fantastic recreational

hobby and I encourage all local community members to head down to the Lake to see if they can land a decent fish, and wish all juniors well during the October competition.

Budding young musicians and music industry hopefuls can now apply for the FReeZA mentoring program, delivered by youth music organisation The Push, with support from the Victorian Government. The program provides young people with one-on-one mentoring from a music industry professional to help build their skills in a field of their interest. Whether you're interested in performance, technical production, marketing and publicity, event management or music business operations, I encourage you to apply to this fantastic program. Previously Gippsland Medicare Local - Headspace was successful in receiving a grant for \$73,500 to deliver the Latrobe FreeZA program.

Applications close on November 20 2013. For more information on how to apply visit [www.thepush.com.au](http://www.thepush.com.au) or [www.freeza.vic.gov.au](http://www.freeza.vic.gov.au).



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# Churchill Fire Brigade



Two members of the Churchill Fire Brigade, trained in the program Fire Safe Kids, paid a visit to Yinnar South primary School.

The school had done some preliminary work prior to the visit so the fourteen students were eager to learn more.

Ruth strongly urged all the students to have a working smoke alarm in their homes, saying it is most important to have them working at night. She then told them that if the alarm goes off they should roll out of bed and crawl low to find the best and safest exit. She also taught them that if their clothes catch fire, they should stop, drop and roll to put out the flames.

Jess Bevis told the older children about preparing for bushfires and having a bushfire plan. She also talked about home fire escape plans and hazards around the home and how to make them safe.

Mark Bruerton from Yinnar South Fire Brigade brought their fire truck up to the school between the lessons and showed the students the equipment stored on the truck and what it was used for. The students also used some search and find cards to locate items and information on the truck.

Jess and Ruth enjoyed their visit and thanked Katy Grandin and her staff for a warm welcome and a happy, useful time.

## Chester welcomes Federation University to Gippsland

Federal Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester, has welcomed the official launch of Federation University Australia.

Mr Chester said he was looking forward to continuing to work with staff and students at the Churchill campus to promote improved education outcomes across Gippsland.

"It's an exciting time for the Churchill campus and I would like to wish the new university every success as it plans for its long term future at Churchill, Mr Chester said.

"I understand there is some disappointment with the departure of Monash University but I believe our region will be better off with the new Federation University which has a focus on rural and regional education. "I am particularly positive about plans to offer an expanded range of courses with direct relevance to local industry.

"Helping young Gippslanders achieve their full potential must be central to the new university aims and I am optimistic that senior staff have a passion for Gippsland which will serve us well in the future."



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# Church News

## Lumen Christi Snippets

### Catholic Women's League - Spirituality Day

Wednesday September 11, the Catholic women's League hosted a Spirituality Day at St Vincent's Church. Father Francis was the spiritual leader for the day starting with Mass at 10am and finished about 2.30pm.



Sacramental Team it was decided to begin weekly masses for our school. This means that the school children will be with us at some of the weekday masses, and a priest will celebrate mass at Lumen Christi on Fridays at 9am.

### Churchill cuppa

Morning tea will be served after 9am mass at the last Sunday of the month.

### Lumen Christi playgroup

The playgroup is held weekly on Thursdays at the Eco Centre from 9.30am - 11.30am during school term.

### New to the Parish

If you are new to our parish we would love to hear from you.

Just place your contact details in one of the collection plates and this will be forwarded to the parish office.

Weekly school masses begins in term four. At the recent meeting of the



## Saturday Breakfast



The September Saturday breakfast included a pictorial overview of a walking tour of Britain.

John Sunderland presented the photos he took during the trip he and Margaret enjoyed during May and June of this year.

They undertook eight day walks which covered scenery from beach to mountain top, including scaling the top of three peaks, Scafell Pike in the Lakes District of England, Mt Snowdon in Wales and Ben Nevis in Scotland.

There were eight days of point to point walking which included four days on the south west coast

culminating in Lands End, two days in the Yorkshire Dales and two days in the border country where they found themselves walking into Scotland from England.

They travelled by train frequently, but did hire a car to enable some of the excursions.

While in Birmingham, they visited Joan and Ivan Cox. They lit the peace candle in the Wylde Green United Reformed church in Sutton Coldfield during Sunday morning worship.

Joan had sent the peace candle donated by her church to our church in 2011.

## Church Snippets



Our first evening service since Rev Brenda's arrival was held this month at 5pm.

It was a healing service which featured lots of singing and prayers for healing.

Most of those who attended stayed on for fellowship over soup and sandwiches.

Brenda plans to hold these evening healing services about four times per year.

The Ladies Fellowship held their annual September dinner at the home of Di and Barry Whitehead.

A very nice relaxing time of fun, laughter and excellent food supplied by the members, was had by all. They thank the Whiteheads for their warm welcome and generous hospitality.

Morning Prayer is celebrated each Tuesday morning at 8am at the Churchill church. It is a time when Rev. Brenda and parishioners get together to

worship and pray for our church and our community and its needs.

Coffee Connections had a music based theme. The Singing Group ran the morning with the ladies starting proceedings with a costumed rendition of 'Wouldn't it be Loverley from My Fair Lady'. Several quizzes and competitions followed to test people's memories of songs and composers.

There was also a sharing time when people shared when and why they use music in their lives.

Saturday Breakfast folks were treated to a wonderful set of slides and commentary given by John and Margaret Sunderland of a walking trip in Britain which they took recently.

The fifth Sunday is usually celebrated as a Churches of Christ Communion service.

The congregation welcomed George Telford and enjoyed his thoughtfully prepared words.

## Church Times

### Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Brenda Burney  
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Glenda and Ian Combridge  
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Sunday: Mass: 9.00am  
1st and 3rd Sundays:  
Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am  
2nd and 4th Sundays:  
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

### Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

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Ang. HC  
Week 2 - 11am at  
Christ Church Boolarra  
Ang. PPP  
Week 3 - 11am at  
Uniting Church Yinnar  
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Week 4 - 11am at  
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Week 5 - 11am at  
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## Hazelwood House Happenings



Hazelwood House held a Trivia night/silent auction/ bargain stall to raise more funds towards our large TV for the activities room.

We had a good turnout where everyone brought along nibbles and drinks. We had three raffles in between our trivia questions.

The silent auction part was a frenzy of people

writing down their pledges. All our items were purchased and a lot of the bargain stall was sold.

A good night was had by everyone and we raised over \$1400.

We would like to thank our volunteers who helped out in the day and into the evening, and to all who have donated money towards our TV.

## Hazelwood Cemetery Trust A new gazebo – A wonderful addition to the cemetery



The Hazelwood Cemetery now proudly boasts a new gazebo, courtesy of neighbouring power company, GDF SUEZ Australian Energy.

At its unveiling last Thursday in front of a large crowd, the gazebo is sited at a high point within the cemetery providing a commanding view of the neighbouring country-side including Hazelwood Pondage, views of Mount Baw Baw and to the south towards Yinnar.

According to Hazelwood Cemetery Trust Chairperson, Leo Billington, initial planning, construction and project management for the project was completed without any delay. This was testimony to the two organisations working co-operatively together towards a common goal.

“The Trust was first approached late last year with the idea which was an integral part of the power company’s Leading Matrix Teams Project.

This project focused on completing a community project at every stage from start to finish,” Mr Billington said.

The Leading Matrix Project enabled a variety of skills and expertise from within the power station to plan and project manage the total project. This included design, site preparation, construction, painting and concreting.

In officially handing over the gazebo, GDF SUEZ Hazelwood Chief Executive Officer, Mr Luc Dietvorst, congratulated everyone on the matrix team for their co-operative effort, working as a team and achieving an agreed goal incorporating a wide range of skills and expertise.

“Our co-operative partnership with the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust shows what can be achieved in

our local community through a shared vision and commitment. It shows positive outcomes can be achieved,” Mr Dietvorst said.

Local businesses that played a pivotal role in completing the gazebo included Traralgon based Neilson Builders, painting was done by AusVic Painting, Latrobe Valley Enterprises, Greenfield Gazebos and Mirboo North Welding. GDF SUEZ Australian Energy Learning and Development Project Officer, Alan Roach was instrumental in his role co-ordinating various stages and Doug Day, GDF SUEZ Stakeholder Management and Risk Director was responsible for managing the matrix team.

The gazebo project is another project achieved through the partnership. Last year, additional land was transferred to the cemetery trust by GDF SUEZ. Assistance has also been provided towards new signage and maintenance on an as-needs-basis.

“The power generator is a fabulous neighbour and their generosity now enables visitors to be able to sit and rest a while in the comfort of the gazebo, taking time out to remember and reflect,” Mr Billington added.

“The cemetery precinct has undergone a major rejuvenation works program over the past three years which is on-going. Currently the Trust is overseeing alterations to correct areas of poor drainage and improved access to the eastern area. Additional land on the southern boundary is in the process of being cleared for expansion.

“Beginning on October 6, daylight saving will mean an alteration to opening and closing times for visitors to the cemetery. These times are clearly sign – posted at the main gate.”



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### GIPPSLAND ASSOCIATION OF POST GRADUATE STUDENTS (GAPS)

Gippsland Association of Post Grad Students (GAPS) is an association that was started by Monash University Gippsland Student Union (MUGSU) as an avenue for Post Grad and honour students to address the specific needs of students who are studying at a higher level. It has a strong membership base that meet regularly to support each other academically, professionally and socially. With the stresses and the additional load that higher education on this level brings it is important that students with the same passion, goals and ambition meet together often to feed off each other for moral and real life support.

GAPS have a long history working with MUGSU and as a result the Post Grad and honours students have access to many physical facilities and academic resources including student advocacy which is very important in the lives of students.

The post grad and honours contingent come from a diverse and broad background with students coming from all around the world. This is something that GAPS embraces, that the association is open to cultures near and far.

On the 25th of September GAPS hosted an International Food festival and cooking competition at Monash University that was held to share in the flavours and cuisines from the different corners of the world and strengthen the bonds amongst the diversity and the University. The competition was very popular with 20 participants submitting cuisine in 3 different categories savoury, sweet and drinks. By all the judges' comments all the food submitted was amazing and a fabulous sample of food by the countries represented. Gaps would like to thank all the participants and those that assisted in creating such a fantastic event.

If you have any questions regarding Gaps please contact [gaps@monash.edu](mailto:gaps@monash.edu)

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# Skate Of The Art - Local Businesses Supports Churchill Art Project



The Churchill Art & Culture Pathway, an emerging Gippsland Education Precinct-led project, has received an encouraging boost from local businesses in relation to different features of the project.

The "Skate of the Art" panels at the Churchill skate park were erected recently at no cost by locally owned company AMEC Industries as a gesture of community support for the project.

Luke McLure and Brett Playdon of Amec Industries have grown up in the town and were keen to assist the local project which was youth-based and had resulted from the efforts of students and young people who use the skate park. The panels and frames had been fabricated by apprentices from Apprenticeships Group Australia and the art work had been created by Kurnai College students under the direction of local artists.

Executive Director of the GEP, Loretta Hambly, said that this generous gesture by AMEC was greatly appreciated and enabled the project to benefit from local business skills.

Another proposed art project to take place in the same area is a wall mural to be painted on the blue retaining wall immediately opposite the skate park.

Funding towards this project has been committed by Hazelwood Village and the Churchill Shopping Centre. Manager of the Shopping Centre, Rob Whelan, said that this was a gesture by the local business owners to brighten up the shopping area as well as to contribute to the Churchill Art & Culture Pathway project.

The pathway project is an initiative of the Gippsland Education Precinct and is designed not only to give all sections of the community an opportunity to participate in a major public art project, but will provide a closer link and easy access from the town to the university campus and facilities.

Project Manager for the Art & Culture Pathway, Mike Answerth, said "It is very encouraging to see so many different groups in the community getting involved in this unique project which will create something very special in Churchill".

## Mathison Park

Only three dedicated people were available to come to the working bee on the third Saturday of September.

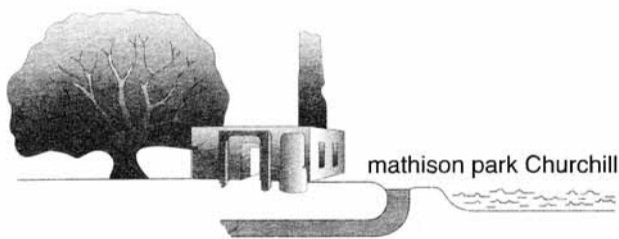
But despite the lack of numbers a lot was achieved. Rubbish was cleared up. A section of pathway edging was retrieved and replaced. Two areas were cleared of hidden branches and other hazards ready for mowing. The new trees planted on the Tramway Road section were checked to make sure they had all their stakes and tree guards.

There was even time to share a cuppa and some slice to keep the energy levels up for the 9am-1.30pm effort.

The next working bee will be October 17 at 9am. Ring Ruth for details about where to meet.

High winds on Thursday 26, and Saturday 28 September caused a lot of damage to trees in the park with many fallen branches, and some trees totally destroyed. The park was the recipient of much unwanted rubbish as the fierce winds tipped over rubbish bins in the streets of Churchill and blew them over Monash Way. The high rainfall also resulted in bringing a lot of rubbish into the park via the swollen creek.

Thanks go to Bruce Slater who mowed a section of the park before the weather broke. Bruce reported that he saw two brown snakes near the Kurnai College and on Eel Hole Creek pathway. So please keep your eyes open folks and keep dogs on leads for their safety.



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## Music Afternoon at Monash



A delightful afternoon orchestral concert was enjoyed by a full house at Monash Churchill auditorium on Sunday September 29.

The 75 musician strong Monash Academy Orchestra played there after an absence of five years. Monash Academy Orchestra is a symphony orchestra based on Monash Clayton campus with students from Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music, other Monash campuses and the community.

The first section of the programme was played by the Monash Brass Ensemble with conductor Russell Davis. Music performed was Britten's Fanfare for St Edmundsbury, Britten's Russian Funeral Music and Wagner's

Gottterdammerung Funeral Music.

Second half of the programme was played by the full Monash Academy Orchestra with conductor Fabian Russell.

Music performed was Part Cantus in Memoriam Benjamin Britten and Shostakovich's Symphony No.1 in F minor, including compositions for ten brass. "Shostakovich's first Symphony was a tremendous success from its premiere, and is still considered today as one of Shostakovich's finest works,"

a Monash spokesperson said.

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could have a photo taken with him. There was also face painting, show bags, a balloon artist, slushies, fairy floss and popcorn.

The SES was on hand to demonstrate their techniques of rescue and recovery.

There was a great atmosphere with local talent singing and playing music on the day. They also donated their time for the day.

Entry was free for the 2000 people who turned out in good weather to support the cause. A grand total of \$6000 was raised on the day.

The organisers were over the moon with the numbers who came and the amount raised.

Event co-ordinator and Team Captain Jodie Trease said, "I had a vision over the last four weeks of hard work of wanting a fantastic event, but with the weather the way it had been I was doubtful. But it all came together on the day. It was so good to see everyone enjoying the day and coming out to support such a good cause."

Jodie would like to thank all their sponsors and supporters who donated goods for the lucky envelopes. Also thanked are S & S Hire Equipment & ProRent for generators etc, Latrobe City Council, Churchill Football/Netball Club, Gippsland Trade Printers

employees and their families who helped on the day, and especially the other three members of the organising committee, Geoff, Maz and Kelli.

The major winners of the raffle were

- 1st prize - Julie Uren - 5 nights accommodation in Merimbula
- 2nd prize - P. Taylor - a nights accommodation at Century Inn
- 3rd prize - Megan Marks - 2 nights accommodation at Dartmouth alpine retreat
- 4th prize - Catherine Mowbray - Studio portrait session
- 5th prize - Anne from Anne's Café - \$150

car service voucher

6th prize - Christine Morrey - \$100 meal voucher

7th prize - Maurice Sharrock - Abstract art on canvas

Jodie and her team set a goal of raising \$5000 because doing that gives them the opportunity to say where their raised funds will be used. But already they have exceeded that. With donating \$1 per week from their wages, and having raised \$1007 from a garage sale and \$715 from a cake stall on Election Day, they hope to come close to \$10,000 for the Relay for Life event.

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# Pop up vegie patch gardens



On an overcast Monday, September 16, students from Grey St. Primary School, with the help of Latrobe Shire Council Gardens and Landscaping Team planted "The Pop Up Vegie Patch."

The Pop Up Vegie Patch, or large planter boxes, were built by Gippsland Employment Skills Training.

They were appropriately painted with fresh fruit and vegetable designs on the exterior by students from Traralgon Secondary College.

The garden boxes were planted with a selection of vegies

and herbs, including tomatoes, onions, peas and parsley.

Two students cut a red ribbon for the official opening of the new Pop Up Vegie Patch and launch of the Healthy Latrobe Mobile Information Hub. Acting Mayor Sharon Gibson welcomed Jamie's Ministry of Food Mobile Kitchen to Latrobe City.

At the end of the ceremony, a picnic lunch was enjoyed by all in the garden.

The Pop Up Vegie Patch will be in the Council gardens on the corner of Grey and Church Streets, Traralgon, behind the

Latrobe City Service Centre for the next several weeks together with the Healthy Latrobe Mobile Caravan and Jamie's Ministry of Food mobile kitchen.

The students will be able to watch their plants mature into yummy vegetables that will be eaten fresh or cooked for a tasty meal.

All are welcome to visit the gardens and find more information on healthy eating and living during the next few weeks, from both the onsite Healthy Together Latrobe Caravan and Jamie's Ministry of Food mobile kitchen.

## Collectables and Books

What's the value of Granny's vase? Find out at Kernot Hall on Saturday October 26. Bruce Arnup will value individual items for \$5 each. Entry is free. Adult and Children's books as well as magazines are available for purchase at \$1 each or fill your fabric

bag for \$10 or more, depending on the size of the bag. The sale is organized by the Friends of Latrobe City Libraries and includes surplus stock from the Latrobe City Libraries and donations. Doors open at 9am. Contact Jill Beck on 51741005 for more information.

## Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group

The next meeting of the Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group will take place on October 23, 2013, 10am at Gippsland Disability Advocacy, 8 Hopetoun Ave, Morwell. People who care for a loved one with a disability are invited to attend, to share a cuppa and chat with others like themselves in a welcoming and non-judgemental environment. This meeting will focus on what activities or speakers participants would like for next year's meetings.

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# Gippsland Acoustic Music Club

The Gippsland Acoustic Music Club is delighted to host the annual Gippsland Ukulele Muster on the October 25, 26, at the Tyers Hall, Main St. Tyers.

Starting on Friday, October 25 at 7pm, the Uke Muster will kick off with a free movie and strum along session. Supper will be provided, and people of all ages and ukulele abilities are welcome to come along.

The big day kicks off at 10am on Saturday October 26 at 10am in the Tyers Hall, with a FREE WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN 5-18y.o. (adults welcome to participate with their child) led by Carolyne Boothman. Some ukuleles will be provided, otherwise please bring your own uke and music stand. For the more experienced players, there will be a free strum session held at 10am at the Rotunda in the Tyers Park, led by Melbourne Ukulele Kollektive's Harry Harrison.

By paying a small fee (Adults \$20 & Children U18years \$10), you will be able to access the remaining workshops and evening concerts.

Adult beginners are invited to a session led by Tim Woods, titled "WORKSHOPS FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS" starting at 10am at the Tyers Hall. Please bring a uke

and music stand if you have one.

From 12.30pm the G A M C ' s resident caterers Andy and Annmarie will be offering catering at very reasonable prices. Lunch = soup and bread roll \$5, Dinner = \$12 for soup, roll and a main course, or \$10 for main course only. If you wish to partake of the catering available, please register by phone/text 0429 966 130 or email stuck.cal@gmail.com and notify us of any food allergies etc.

During lunch attendees will be entertained by the amazing brother and sister musicians, Theo and Flora Carbo. Multi-instrumentalists Flora and Theo Carbo choose to play the ukulele when they are travelling - whether it be busking at the Woodford Folk Festival, sitting on a Paris balcony or jamming on



the beach in Timor Leste. Originally from Gippsland, Flora and Theo often travel to Gippsland to visit their grandparents. Flora, aged 16 & Theo, aged 13, bring skill and musicality to their playing that is well beyond their years.

From 2pm, Workshops for Beginners and Intermediate players will be led by members of the Melbourne Ukulele Kollektive (MUK). This will include learning songs to be able to join in during the

concert held in the evening.

Dinner will be available from 5pm (registration required), and will be followed by the highlight of the day, the concert starting at 7pm, and featuring many musicians including: Tim Woods, T'Ukelicious, Y'Ukelicious, LRB, BUG (Boolarra Ukulele Group), The Strzelecki Uke Busters (The Stringbusters on ukes!!), In Spite of Our Ukes, Flora & Theo Carbo, Melbourne Ukulele Kollektive members, and a

grand finale featuring the Workshop Groups.

Audience entry for the concert is \$15 adult or free to Workshop participants and U18y.o. We are anticipating about 200 ukulele players will be participating in this year's event, making it the largest ukulele gathering in Gippsland!

All media coverage is welcome. Please contact Carolyne (details below) or Barry Stuckey ph. 0429 966130.

## Longest standing female choir in Churchill!



Churchill Town Hall was bathed in song, smiles and happy chatter from the eighty plus people young and old, men, women and children who came together to celebrate COMMUNITY on Sunday, September 15, in one of the oldest forms of entertainment known to the human race - SINGING!

A bus load of 28 women - The Brunswick Women's Choir - one of the longest standing female choirs in Australia formed in 1991, under the leadership of their Musical Director Cathy Nixon, descended on Churchill on that beautiful sunny afternoon to sing alongside all those who came out to the Churchill Town Hall to enjoy an afternoon of song. We had visitors from Warragul, Traralgon, Mirboo North, Boolarra, Yinnar, Morwell, Churchill and surrounds. Later, the Brunswick Women put on a very fine and memorable concert. Their beautiful singing did not fail to impress the small gathering of about fifty-five and their fineness, creativity and choice of stories in song composed by local artists were simply wonderful.

The afternoon kicked off with a workshop run by members of the Brunswick Women's Choir. It was a lovely feeling to share floor space with one of the longest standing female choirs and learn from them the art of making beautiful music through singing and movement. The group learnt some simple techniques one could employ through movement to make singing more enjoyable while maintaining rhythm and adding interest and

colour to a performance. The Congolese song and "Keep me in your heart for a while" by Jorge A Calderon and Warren William Zevon were most enjoyable and fun to learn, which the group later performed as part of the concert. It sounded wonderful. For some participants it was the first time that they had experienced singing and performing in a group and I'm sure that they were pleasantly surprised with how intrinsically musical and harmonious the group sounded. The scrumptious afternoon tea was well enjoyed by the eighty or so before settling down to a fabulous concert by the Brunswick Women's Choir.

The Brunswick Women's Choir are colourful not only in appearance but also in the manner in which they present themselves when they perform. Their creative and energetic style is magical and has the ability to hold audiences spellbound and drifting away on the powerful lyrics at the same time. The afternoon saw several participants walk away with one of the five CDs on sale - Sing Anyway (2012), Brunswick Women's Choir Very Best (1991-2011), Peace Cannot Be Silent (2007), I Can Hear Her Calling (2001), Give Me The Roses While I Live (1999). The choir has also produced Ten Years-an Audio History of the Brunswick Women's Choir, and published a book 'Seeking Harmony: stories from the Brunswick Women's Choir', which received a commendation in the Victorian Local History

Awards in 2007.

Later in 2014 the Choir will participate in a performance of 'Choral Music for Women's Voices' as part of the Distinguished Concerts in New York (DCINY) Concert Series in celebration of International Women's Day on March 10, 2014 at Lincoln Centre's Avery Fisher Hall in New York.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end and it was time to say goodbye to these very brave women who dared to hop on a bus and literally live in each other's faces for 9 days on the road, touring regional Victoria. Their next port of call was Bairnsdale and I'm sure that they were equally well received. The Brunswick women enjoyed coming to Churchill and look forward to returning for an encore one day soon. For those who missed this concert, you may have another opportunity to experience the "wow" of these simply fabulous ordinary women who are extraordinary in themselves with what they are able to achieve through song and working together in community. You can follow the Choir's adventures on www.brunswickwomenschoir.org.au

It was indeed an absolute pleasure and privilege to host the Brunswick Women's Choir in Churchill and we "The Lumen Christi Voices" look forward to having them back here singing again one day soon.

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Contact: President Leo Billington

Phone: 0458 661 848

## CDCA - Pedestrian Subway

By Margaret Guthrie

Latrobe City Council is proceeding with plans to upgrade the lighting at Churchill's pedestrian subway under Monash Way.

Council received funding from the State Government for this purpose.

Detailed design plans have been drawn up in consultation with SP Ausnet and works will commence once the tender has been let.

Residents have voiced their opinion to CDCA, over a long period of time, that the subway is dark, bleak, dated in appearance and something of an eyesore.

Whilst a lighting upgrade will 'fix' the dark problem, CDCA believes further treatment is required to 'beautify' the subway and make it an attractive feature linking the Walker Parade open space to the shopping centre.

CDCA has in mind that an art project – perhaps linked to the Churchill Art and Culture Pathway – would improve the 'look' and 'feel' of the subway.

With the assistance of volunteers and stakeholder representatives, CDCA is attempting to develop a 'project brief' for the purpose of engaging with artist(s) and obtaining funding.

Residents of Walker Parade and Catterick Crescent were invited to attend a meeting in September to discuss the current subway 'look' and put forward suggestions for the perceived problems that such a project might address.

Initial feedback from this meeting clearly indicated that any subway artwork needs to be "relevant" to the Churchill township and community and that it must look bright, attractive and up-to-date.

CDCA volunteers, Bruce Stephenson and Peter Gray, have also been canvassing subway users with a brief questionnaire to determine their thoughts on what needs to be addressed.

Local residents and subway users are encouraged to complete this questionnaire, which may also be obtained from the Shopping Centre office (located in Marina Drive) or by contacting CDCA directly.

Once the results of this consultation are collated, CDCA and stakeholders will jointly design a draft 'project scope' and design brief.

CDCA will provide further updates as this project progresses.



It is our intention that the project will include further resident consultation to develop an appropriate and relevant art project in this location.

Over the next 12 months, CDCA will continue to monitor the Town Centre Plan and associated works.

Some recent progress has been made with implementing these works and it is hoped that significant progress will occur over the drier months ahead.

Town Safety issues are also high on CDCA's agenda and our Town Safety sub-committee meets bi-monthly. Safety issues may be reported directly to CDCA or via email to [ctsgrp@gmail.com](mailto:ctsgrp@gmail.com)

Don't forget that hazards may also be reported to Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700 or via the Council's website at [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/GetInvolved/Report\\_an\\_Issue](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/GetInvolved/Report_an_Issue)

### CDCA's office bearers and committee members for the 2013/14 year are:

President: Margaret Guthrie

Vice-Pres: Rob Whelan

Secretary: Andre Ng

Minutes Sec: Peter Gray (Neighbourhood Watch rep)

Treasurer: Charles Uber

Committee Members: Ian Gibson, Peter McShane, Linda Reid.

Stakeholder representatives: Ldg Snr Constable Brett Godden (Safer Communities), Sgt Phil den Houting (Churchill Police), Daniel Jordan (MUGSU Inc), Teresa Pugliese (Latrobe City) Alan Scarlett (University).

If you are interested in finding out more about Churchill and District Community Association and its activities, you are welcome to attend CDCA committee meetings as an observer.

Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm in Studio 1, Churchill Community Hub precinct, Philip Pde (downstairs in the Town Hall building).

CDCA can be contacted at any time by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing [mgcdca@hotmail.com](mailto:mgcdca@hotmail.com) or phoning 5122 2997.

## Locals asked to support Small Business Day

Member for Morwell and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Tourism Russell Northe has called on local small businesses, traders' associations, tourism operators and consumers to get behind the Victorian Government's inaugural Support Small Business Day on Saturday October 19.

On Support Small Business Day, Victorians will be encouraged to purchase from their local small businesses, including retailers, cafés, restaurants and other service providers.

"The Victorian State Government is committed to small business and the inaugural Support Small Business Day aims to raise awareness and boost trade for local businesses across Victoria," Mr Northe said. "There are more than half a million actively trading small businesses in Victoria.

"This initiative will encourage consumers to shop at local traders and showcase the vital role small business plays within the Gippsland region."

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Sandy Kam, said that the event would be valuable for the many small business in the region.

"Small business is the backbone of our central business districts across Latrobe City and for the smaller townships too.

Any activity that provides further support to small business is very welcome. The Support Small Business Day is the perfect way to share the message with the wider community that local support for local products is a constructive way to promote our local small businesses.

It is also a great opportunity to thank our many small businesses for their often generous sponsorship of local sporting and leisure clubs.

The role they play in our community cannot be underestimated.

"I would encourage all local small business owners to register for this event and I urge the community to think about where they buy their goods and services and explore whether they could switch their patronage to a local small business," Cr Kam said.

Mr Northe urged local businesses to visit [www.supportsmallbusinessday.com.au](http://www.supportsmallbusinessday.com.au) to create incentives for customers to visit their small business on the day.

The day is also being promoted on social media channels such as Facebook ([facebook.com/supportsmallbusinessday](http://facebook.com/supportsmallbusinessday)), Twitter ([twitter.com/supportsmall](http://twitter.com/supportsmall)), and Instagram ([instagram.com/supportsmall](http://instagram.com/supportsmall))

"Small businesses that register will be able to use these channels to reach out to consumers in their area," Mr Northe said. "They will also receive assistance with marketing and online strategies to improve their business and will receive collateral that will brand them as a Support Small Business Day participant."

"Consumers who register at [www.supportsmallbusinessday.com.au](http://www.supportsmallbusinessday.com.au) can win a \$20, \$50, \$100 or \$500 gift card to spend on the day and receive regular updates on participating stores in their area and the incentives they will offer on the day.

The Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business, Louise Asher MP, said that the National Australia Bank (NAB) is partnering with the Victorian State Government as the major corporate sponsor to deliver Support Small Business Day in 2013.

"NAB is offering \$100,000 worth of incentives and prizes to encourage consumers to shop at participating businesses," Ms Asher said. Ms Asher said Victoria's small business sector accounts for almost half of all private sector jobs and contributes around 30 per cent to the state's economy.

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from Yinnar and District Community Garden

To be followed by a light lunch.

All Welcome.

# Gippsland Soroptimist International Club - Busy time for new club



The new Soroptimist International Gippsland group has been very busy planning some exciting activities and fundraisers after their Charter Dinner in May.

Latrobe City Mayor, Sandy Kam, was a VIP guest at the club's Charter Dinner and since then, members have been working hard to support local and international projects that enhance the health and welfare of women and children.

Club President, Samantha Brick, said that the Charter was an important event for the club as it allows members to now operate as a club in their own right.

"It was wonderful that we greeted guests from throughout Australia to our Charter Dinner, and that our mayor was able to officially welcome them to our city", said Samantha. South West Pacific Federation President, Siew Yong Gnanalingam, presented the club with its charter and welcomed all members individually to the organisation.

"But we haven't rested on our laurels", said Samantha.

"We have been fortunate to get fantastic support from local businesses and are currently organising a Cup Day function at Plough Creek Homestead, and a Christmas Shopping Experience in Morwell for the end of November", she added.

"These events will be important fundraisers for the club and enable us to continue to support our local and Pacific causes."

Whilst raising money, the group also has fun working together and planning events that will appeal to them and their friends.

"Our fundraising and social group made a list of all sorts of activities, including film evenings, crafts, dinners and art shows and all members have had the opportunity to rate each one according to their interest.

That has largely set our events for the next 6-12 months and now we are busy planning and moving these along," said Samantha.

The club will be holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Traralgon on Sunday October 27. "The sausage sizzles are an important part of our fundraising and we do hope that many people will make a special trip to Bunnings on that day to support our causes. We promise a great sausage, with lashings of onion, and a cool drink to refresh," Samantha added.

Soroptimist International is a world-wide organisation for women, working through service projects to advance the status of women.

The group meets monthly at the Churchill Hotel for dinner. The aim is to have a friendly group that welcomes women from throughout the Latrobe Valley and beyond.

New members and friends are always welcome and if you would like to know more, please contact Samantha Brick on 0427 824 722.

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# Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.



## August Activity Report

For this month's activity we had John, Margaret, Wendy, Ken, Darren and Craig in attendance.

It was a cloudy day which promised rain so Darren walked in while the rest of the team rode in with Craig to the second creek crossing. The group collected the hedge trimmer and chainsaw and continued to the beginning of the Lodge track. At the beginning of the track, an old cable was found which has been in the undergrowth for many years. It is believed that these cables date back to a time when the lodge was being used and the plans included a flying fox of which these cables were a part. There are little pockets of history scattered around the park. The group worked up the Lodge track clearing the path of any obstructions. The track was not in a bad condition and the hardest task was working up the steep slope.

Before lunch the group followed Lodge track up to its end at Moran Road. Again the condition of the track was found to be good with few impediments. Ken made the observation that the end of Lodge track is probably at a higher elevation than the top of Blue Gum Hill. From the top of Lodge track you seemed to be looking down towards the top of Blue Gum. The advantage is that the views from the top of these two hills are very different. The group returned to the end of Clematis track and had lunch trying to shelter out of the wind and enjoying some of the brief periods of sunshine.

The day had promised rain and we had a little on the way down Clematis track. This track required the most work and had a few obstructions to remove. Some areas of stinging nettles and blackberries needed to be removed from the track. With these problems removed the track will now be easier to traverse for park users. It was great that on a day that promised much rain we came out relatively dry.

## September Activity report Coprosma track maintenance

At this month's activity we had Beryl, John, Peter, Wendy, Wendy, Darren, and Craig. We had apologies from Ken, Margaret, Mike and Cathy. The group met in the Junction Road car park

and planned the day ahead. Wendy met the group in the car park and was ready to join into the days activity if needed. Since we had enough she sat out the day's activity.

The group moved to the beginning of the Coprosma track and tried to find the beginning of the track. The beginning of the track had become greatly overgrown. This is where the most work needed to be done. The condition of the track improved as we moved up the track. Towards the top of the hill a few wattles had fallen across the track. Craig removed these with the chainsaw. In a little more than an hour of work this track was cleared. This track currently only goes half way to the top of Blue Gum Hill. Future plans have this track continuing to the top of Blue Gum Hill.

We returned to the Grand Strzelecki Track. Here we spent some time removing foxgloves and tutsan from beside the track. We continued along the Grand Strzelecki Track removing more weeds. There had recently been many cattle along the track. Previously there had been cattle in the park, but a new small fence that Craig had put up had stopped these cows. These new cattle will be a future challenge for Craig.

Before lunch Craig took the chainsaw up the Blue Gum Hill spur track to cut two larger trees which were across the track. These trees were left from the activity two months ago where they were too large for the chainsaw we had then.

We had lunch back at Billy's Weir. Here we removed more weeds from around the weir. After lunch we went to the base of Zig Zag Track and removed the tree guards from a tree planting a few years ago. These guards were not providing much protection to the surviving plants. Wendy S will be happy to have these tree guards gone! The group finished for the day, after removing the tree guards. This meant an early finish and the group was done by 2.00pm

## October Activity Sunday 20th October

Orchid Walk - 10.00am

The first activity will be a walk of around Fosters Gully to seek out the orchids which can be found at this time of the year. You will need to bring clothing suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

If you are staying for the koala count you will need to bring your lunch, which can be eaten in the Fosters Gully picnic area between the activities.

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'Koala Count in the Park' at Morwell National Park

The Friends of Morwell National Park will be carrying out the annual 'Koala Count in the Park' on Sunday October 20, 2013.

Willing participants are requested to meet at the Kerry Road - Fosters Gully car park at 1.30pm to commence the Koala count.

The 'Koala Count in the Park' event is part of the long term strategy to document the numbers and health of the koalas within the Morwell National Park. Bring your family and friends together and enjoy a pleasant stroll in the park while simultaneously helping the team in spotting the resident koalas that may be found in the park.

Participants are advised to bring suitable clothing and footwear applicable for the weather conditions, and if possible, bring a pair of binoculars as it certainly makes it easier to spot the koalas.

For further details, please contact Mike Beamish, Friends of Morwell National Park on 03 5169 6543

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# Churchill and District Lioness Club



Right: Wendy working hard in the Hazelwood House garden

Below: Merrilyn working hard in the Hazelwood House garden



## Churchill Lions

Churchill Lions have been assisting with catering for the Gippsland Footy League Finals as well as running constant Bunnings BBQs.

All proceeds from these events will be directed to local and regional community projects.

Churchill Lionesses have been busy with sausage sizzles at West Place Shopping Centre. Proceeds from these will go towards Hazelwood House.

Upcoming Lions and Lionesses Events include the Gem Show on October 5 and 6, 2013; Barry Sheene Bike Ride on October 17, 2013; as well as the Relay for Life on



October 19 and 20, 2013. The Lions and Lionesses look forward to seeing everyone attend.

Churchill Lions Club meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Enquires, suggestions and requests can be directed to churchill.lions@gmail.com

We have had a few social occasions recently with other Lioness Clubs.

The first was with the Lakes Entrance club hosting a luncheon for members of clubs in the east of our area.

A forum was also held at Lakes Entrance and on September 12 our club had a get together with members of the Trafalgar Lioness Club.

I am sure an enjoyable time was had at all occasions.

Our club held a sausage sizzle late in September to raise funds for Hazelwood House to buy a TV for their activities room.

The rose garden at Hazelwood House is looking spectacular after a hectic time pruning, etc.

Thank you once again to Jean Gilchrist for all her help with the garden.

We have a busy time ahead with catering for the Gem Show, Barry Sheen memorial bike ride and the Collectables show.

Term 4 Monday 7th October - Friday 13th December Term 4				
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# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## Ray Beebe - "As a waste pipe ran through our camp, we set out the eating tables over and along it."

By Leo Billington

Just where to start with Ray Beebe's long standing involvement in Scouting is a massive, daunting challenge as from this moment onwards. His connection with Scouting is second to none.

With instant enthusiasm to tell his story, and all its constituent parts with intricate detail, Ray bounces onward.

"When I was 11, my father must have decided that I needed some confidence building. Around that time, a booklet SCOUTING IN CAULFIELD had been dropped in the letterbox. It had a cartoon (by well known Melbourne cartoonist, WEG) on the front showing a Scout pushing a mower for Bob-a-Job Week – but right in front of the horses racing in the Caulfield Cup! Dad had been a Scout in Northcote, and decided that I was to join the Scouts."

Inside this rather influential booklet Ray and his father learned that the nearest Scout Group was 15th Caulfield, meeting at St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, in Balaclava Road, about half a mile away. A phone call to Ralph (Kavanagh) Sims (known as "RK") revealed that the coming Friday night would be good, as some Cubs were going up to Scouts. So, in early 1955, Ray went – and found that the Cubs also included some kids from his sixth grade at school. Soon he learnt and passed Tenderfoot tests, and was duly invested into the Magpie Patrol. As is so often said, "the rest is history."

Ray recalls his rather impressive investiture as a fully fledged scout when, as an 11 year – old, his Patrol Leader and Ray stood outside, with the hall in darkness. "Who goes there?" – "Raymond Beebe, who wishes to become a member of the 15th Caulfield Scout Troop" was my PL's reply. "Enter" revealed a dark hall, lit only by a candle in front of the Scoutmaster.

Easter 1955 was memorable as his first Scout camp at Clifford Park, in Wonga Park on the Yarra River. He helped load the camping gear into a furniture van and the boxes of gear became seats for the trip to site. Other camping experiences soon followed – such as the Pan-Pacific Jamboree in December/January 1955/56 (known as the Mud-boree).

For a young, impressionable Scout, he remembers this Jamboree as making first use of frozen food in bulk. "We joked by cutting up the mince steak with a bush saw. One wit said about the food: "Homogenised, deepfrozen, pre-masticated, pre-digested: all you had to do was to tip it down the latrines."

Another humorous incident sticks in Ray's memory.

"Several of us lit a small fire to cook a stew for the Second Class Badge cooking test. We used jam-tin billies, as you did not need to clean it afterwards, but burn-bash-bury or throw away. Our Scout Leader was inside when I reckoned that my stew was ready. I went to get him, and he came out, tasted my stew and pronounced it had passed. I went home excitedly, and Mum suggested that I could have it for lunch the next day, Monday. It was unusual to come home from school for lunch, so again, full of excitement, I did so and sat down to my stew on toast. It was AWFUL! Apparently my brother Scouts had tipped all of their salt into it while I was getting the leader! We threw it out."

He reminisces about bottle drives – "when carrying, bottles would often dribble down your legs. Some bottles had been there for years, and were covered in mud and slime. Beer bottles were stacked along our side fence – they brought 10 pence a dozen." And there were paper drives when he went around with his swish billycart collecting papers on a Saturday morning. Batteries and wire were also collected, and the wire was burning in a drum to get rid of the rubber and leave just copper. Ray recalls "the smell from the smoke was awful."

Now the memories are coming forward at a rapid rate. "In 1956, the 15th Caulfield Scout Group Committee arranged an Olympic Sports Night as a fundraiser, and filled the Caulfield Town Hall. It was compered by Joe Brown, ABC Radio's leading sports personality. Dick Ploog, cyclist, showed his skills riding his bike on a roller machine. Weight lifters, fencers, and others all had a segment, and gave their time free to the Scouts. One man demonstrated something I have never seen since – muscle control to form faces and figures in the flesh of his back and backside."

"We had regular Saturday afternoon outings. Our Scout Leader would take as many as wanted to go by tram and train to places like Studley Park and Cheltenham Park, where we would play wide games and tracking stunts. We must have been a sight as we tramped back grubby in our Scout shorts through Richmond past the pubs with patrons hanging out the doorways in the Saturday night 6 o'clock swill."

By the age of 14, Ray began to show an interest to become a Scoutmaster, and had started to read books about it. Meanwhile he progressed through Scouts, then Senior Scouts and on to



Ray at Jambo 1955 - 1956

gaining his Queen's Scout award in 1960. Being a Senior Scout seems to have been a period for trialing embryonic leadership skills.

According to Ray, Seniors wore maroon epaulettes, and "we slit them at one end to slide in a piece of Venetian blind slat to stiffen them up: to get an effect rather like the shoulder boards seen in pictures of Russian officers!

"The highlight activity of Senior Scouts was the very imaginative annual Hoadley Hide competition, held each Easter. The location was kept secret until the day before, which gave the starting place, usually Spencer Street Station (now Southern Cross). Each year had a theme, and the Scouters acted the part when it was historical, with suitable dress and mannerisms. The idea was to visit as many bases as possible over the weekend, complete the stunt set up at these bases, and camp out along the way. In 1960, my Patrol was runners up among the 120 or so patrols. This was so exciting that we were over-confident in 1961. I insisted that our start compass bearing was correct, even though all the others were heading off 180 degrees opposite! We never made up the lost time and did not win again," Ray laughs.

One could fill pages with Ray's humorous moments, laced with harmless comedy illustrating the extent of fun and enjoyment Scouting provides.

However, Ray's story must push onwards as he was now ready for greater leadership roles. As he concludes the early years in Caulfield, Ray explains he "tried Rover Scouts at 4th Caulfield, but I did not continue as becoming a Scouter was my aim."

When Ray turned 18 in 1961, he applied to become an adult leader, and duly set off to complete the training where he met up with many past acquaintances while forging new friendships that would last a virtual lifetime. In May 1963, he completed the Wood Badge continuous course at Gilwell – received it in 1964 when he joined 1st Yallourn as Scout Master. He proudly identifies with this honour pointing out he "has worn the Gilwell woggle ever since."

During 1963, Ray was in Yallourn attending a Somers County conference. He takes up his story once again.

"As I was due to start work with the SECV there on completion of my engineering studies, I went to check out the scene. 1st Yallourn was in need of a Scoutmaster and I soon found that role.

"The scout hall was large, with several meeting rooms off the sides. One was the Q-Store, and I spent some time there on a weekend early in the year tidying it up. The tents at Yallourn were far from white. Years of coal dust and soot had made them grey. This dirt was everywhere in the town, yet people accepted it. A game I ran early in the year had the boys diving through the legs of those in front. We did not run it again when we saw the filthy state of the shorts from the floor. Later that year, the Group Committee had the floor sanded and stained. That was the end of chariot races as the floor was just too good."

Ray was now in his element, enjoying life in a new environment. "The fellowship of the Scouters in 1st Yallourn was a real highlight. Geoff Mounter (Cub Master, but later District Commissioner Strzelecki District) and Murray MacRae (Assistant Cub Master, later Scout Master) were very hospitable, and I had many meals at their homes. They were so tolerant, as we talked on until their briquette heaters ran out."

Being new to town, Ray was easy prey for the odd prank or two. He visited the Senior Scouts one night, and found

that his beloved Ford Cortina ran roughly on the way home. A sudden bang expelled a potato from the exhaust, and Ray found that two of the ignition leads had been disconnected. There were no bonnet locks in those days and the all-too-clever Seniors were too smart for young Ray Beebe!

But his big moment as a leader was at the Dandenong Jamboree. "This was the highlight of 1964. Our Jamboree Troop included boys from Morwell, Yinnar, Boolarra. I did not of course realise that among them would be the son of my future landlady (Dennis Ferguson), future Strzelecki District Secretary then Chair and fellow Rotarian (Leo Billington) and longtime Strzelecki Scout District Treasurer, (Rob McKinnon), brother-in-law (Ross Williams) and fellow worker at Monash Uni (Glenn Azlin). David Johnston was another (father Bruce was later in Hazelwood Rotary). I was one of our Troop 641's Assistant Scout Masters under Sam Black (Group Scout Master from Boolarra) and set out the kitchen. As a waste pipe ran through our camp, we set out the eating tables over and along it."

Returning to Melbourne in 1965, Ray became Scout Master with 15th Caulfield at last.

"Wide games around the streets were fun. These usually required a series of stunts to be tackled in turn. On one occasion, each patrol had to go to the local lolly shop and ask for a Freddo frog. Prearranged, of course, was a note and a sixpence attached. The note said to go to the nearest public phone and call a number (a workmate) and identify themselves by saying "Geronimo" together to get the next clue," Ray recalls with great alacrity.

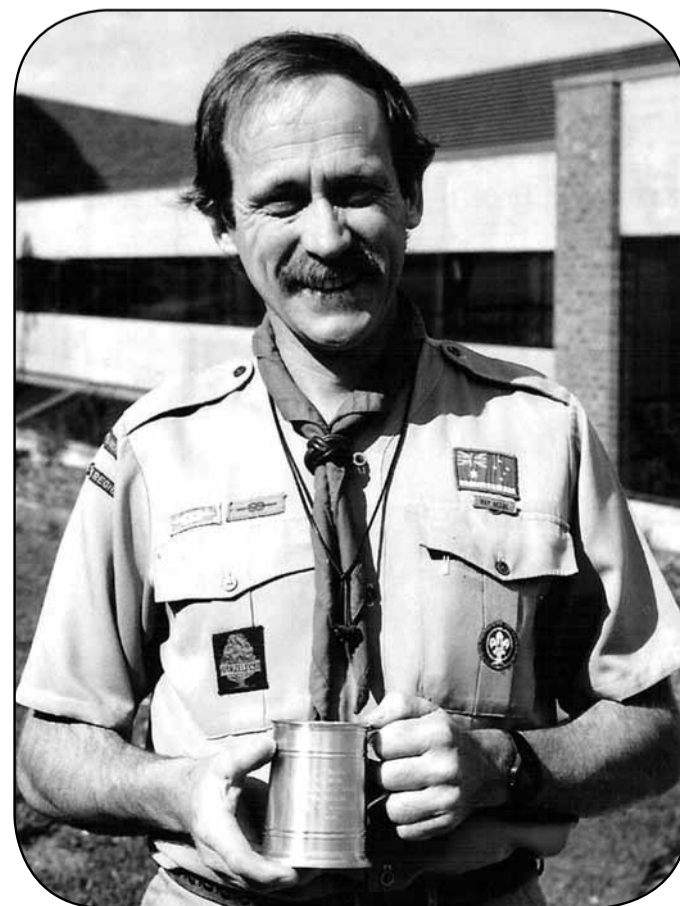
Early in 1966, Ray was in the cast of Caulfield Showtime, a theatrical interest sparked then, and which has continued ever since.

In mid-1966, Ray decided to move to the Latrobe Valley to work at what he had enjoyed most, employment at Hazelwood Power Station. The Caulfield Troop farewelled him with a presentation copy of Scouting for Boys that they had all signed.

Scouting in Strzelecki District was about to begin its long association with Ray and benefit enormously from his energy, enthusiasm and vigour.

"My old friend Geoff Mounter, was now District Commissioner. I told him that I would like to be DSM (District Scoutmaster) – a radical request given that the DSMs before had all been rather older than coming up to 23! He asked me to go and help two fathers who had offered to run the Yallourn North Troop. John Gallop and Norm Casey were glad to see me, and I told the 14 Scouts present at my first meeting to tell the others not there to come or get out! Next week there all 28 were there.

"In that first year, I organised a District Pioneer Badge Course: the first of several. It was an exciting and very busy weekend which had 24 Scouts take part.



Ray - 25 Years



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# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## Ray Beebe continued . . .

This was the forerunner of other courses, weekend or over several week nights, not only Pioneer, but Firefighter, First Aider and Backwoodsman, mostly modeled on those run in Caulfield.

"The Pioneer weekends were the best. With four Patrols of 6 Scouts, we ran a tight program to build a monkey bridge, flying fox ropeway, raft and I think a tall flagpole. At night in the Chalet (I took the name from Caulfield District's hut at Upper Beaconsfield) we used gas lamps to do "Splicing by Night". There were always enough tents and flies needing new ropes. We ran several of these weekends, and very busy and happy events they were."

With others, Ray helped organise a Christmas camp, CAMP 67 at Connan Park. Over 20 Scouts attended to enjoy Scouting activities, camping and cooking in patrols. The main fun thing Ray remembers was the rotten fruit fight. Apparently there was a box of ripe tomatoes for use by the Leaders, and another for the kids. They saw the tomato bits floating down the river afterwards!

Ray also organised Patrol Leader Training courses each year. In those days there were no special Australian handbooks for guidance, so there was scope for development of an active program with lots of "survivor" type team building stunts, followed by matching discussion. As a result, he wrote a small pocket-sized handbook called "Hints for PLs" with leadership type hints that boys of 13-14 could understand.

It was around 1967, that Ray started to produce Scouting Around, a District newsletter, mailed to every Scouter. The early editions were "bashed out" in the Hazelwood Power Station typing room at lunchtime, and run off on an infamous Fordigraph duplicator. Later, he gained access to more modern technology – a Gestetner ink machine.

In 2013, Ray still produces Scouting Around and he wonders if he has "an innate desire to write and publish. During the time at 1st Churchill from 1978 to 1986, in more than one week, I produced the Troop, Group and District newsletters; all different."

And his memories still remain as vivid as the day he used 16mm movies from the State Film Centre via the Morwell Library and from Branch Head Quarters. After completing a projectionist course, he was authorised to borrow them. "Projectors were interesting – the Morwell Library held a projector, and there was much fun in getting and maintaining the "loop" of film to ensure smooth operation."

"At the Jindalee Jamboree (Queensland) in 1967/68, - the toilets were temporary as usual at all Jamborees, and here they had a good supply of army thunderboxes. These were steel, and got hot in the sun – many was the loud cry as someone would plonk their bare backside on the seat only to jump up in pain!"

He took the 3rd Morwell Patrol Leaders to the Melbourne Gang Show in 1969. They talked about having a show in Strzelecki District – and at interval mentioned this to Peter Hart, then Melbourne Gang Show Production Secretary. At the end of the show, he gave Ray a letter offering to lead a version of the 1969 show in Morwell! That offer was accepted, and chose to call it "Showtime" because the "Gang Show" term was tightly reserved for MGS. A gold scarf was chosen to be distinct from the red of Gang Show and the turquoise of Camberwell Showtime.

The show went well – so well, that Alan Murray, Scout Master at 2nd Morwell, and Ray talked about running their very own show in 1970. "I will if you will" was our deal, so he became Producer, and I the Director. Stephanie Rickard, a talented musician who ran the Yamaha organ shop in Morwell, became the Musical Director."

"We borrowed costumes and some props from Gang Show and Camberwell Showtime. We were to be the first show in the new Morwell Technical School Hall, and hoped that the curtains would arrive in time. We had over 100 cast people.

"In 1971, we used the slogan "It's finger- clicking good", inspired by the opening of KFC in Morwell. Another publicity idea was to make up a slide that could be projected at Yallourn cinema, free of charge. I made one by handwriting on a piece of clear vinyl cut from an overhead projector sheet.

"Showtime has gone on and on – and soon became independent of Gang Show assistance. A great deal of the material was written by our people, initially Barry Lawrence and Chris Beamish, who grew up in the show from cast as Scouts, and later, when they had moved on, a team of others. The show is now completely written by the team."

Ray has been deeply involved in managing and also



appearing on stage, and after some years, just ran front-of-house. Eventually he volunteered as Treasurer in 2005.

After Ray (and now with his wife, Barbara) spent time in England on a work secondment where he immersed himself with more scouting activities using all his spare time, he returned home, and became District Scout Leader before joining in "the frontline experience" once again. "We lived in Churchill from 1974, so I became an Assistant Scout Leader at 1st Churchill in 1976, and helped Greg Porter run the troop. Greg had been a Scout at 1st Yallourn in 1964."

"I wrote regularly for the SCOUT magazine again, doing a column under the pen-name of "Challenge Charlie". This was fun – found it much easier to cobble together a lot of tit-bits of comments and activity ideas rather than complete topic articles. This ran for a couple of years when SCOUT was in newspaper style."

Ray looked for more challenges and saw that the waiting list at Churchill was huge. A second Cub Pack was being started by Margaret Humphreys and husband Alan. Group Leader Reg Kemp was keen to see a second troop, so in 1978, Bunorong Troop started.

"We met at the Churchill Town Hall in the basement – excellent in winter with its electric heating. Alan MacRae ran the other troop at another place – in fact, sections met all around town. A big priority was to build our own hall, and Reg Kemp was instrumental in initiating and leading this effort.

"The hall was completed with money from the SECV Yallourn closedown, District (bequests and funds from investments after the old 1st Morwell hall was sold), and our own fundraising. Lots of good people worked with Reg in managing, building and donating. Ken Peake, Terry Sheppard, and Don Di Fabrizio were the main ones I remember," Ray recalls with admiration for the huge community effort.

"By 1981, Reg Kemp had expanded the Churchill Group, the hall was built, and there was enough enthusiasm to start a Rover crew. I became Group Leader, and had a marvelous experience as we built the Group up to 125 members. With lots of names on the waiting list, I attempted to predict future growth, and it was only possible to give more kids Scouting by starting a third Cub Pack. We became one of the biggest Groups in the State, and the biggest in country Victoria. We improved the hall with an extension small meeting room, seat boxes along the walls, wood heater, and a boat shed behind."

After four years, he handed over to Rex Fuhrmann, and had a year as Assistant District Commissioner (Development) in which he concentrated on writing Scouting Around. For his work to date, Ray was awarded the Silver Acorn award. In 1999, Ray was further honoured with the Silver Emu award for outstanding good service.

At Churchill, Ray was at various times, Assistant Cub Scout Leader and Scout Leader but further changes were on the horizon, and Ray's work was to be stepped up a level.

"Victorian Branch Headquarters had decided that Districts were to be combined to improve the quality of support to Groups and Sections. I was approached to be District Commissioner of the new Strzelecki District when Traralgon joined back in. I went to a meeting of DCs in Melbourne to hear what the Chief Commissioner's expectations were. I was shocked to see that I at 52 was about the youngest there. I realised that leadership of adults rather than that of youth, was the role of the commissioner, and this became clearer during my completion of the Commissioner Wood Badge," Ray explained.

"The District Executive team of Mac Wood, Leo Billington, Rob McKinnon, were a stable and great resource. (It was great to present them each with the Thanks badge – the first ever in Strzelecki). Lorrel Samson loyally took up co-ordinating our camp-sites at Connan Park and Bermingham Park. These are two quite different sites, and each has its merits.

"Showtime became even more important in building team spirit. We had a full District Support team, with Raelene Billingsley, Alan MacRae, Kathleen Roberts co-ordinating Joey Scouts, and Michelle Guy (Simberg) as the Venturer Zone Leader. Avis Pyle and Joy Woodhead were heavily involved.

"The Groups in the District varied greatly in size, quality and stability. Some like West Traralgon, Morwell East, 1st Morwell, 1st Traralgon and Glengarry were strong and stable, having long term Leaders, whether as GL or not. Others had several changes of personnel and sadly two closed: 9th Traralgon and Rosedale. The record number of Queen's Scouts during my term as DC was particularly

pleasing, and it was a highlight for me to meet and interview each of these fine young people. These of course resulted from work by others."

Ray now looks back as our interview concludes. "I have kept up producing Scouting Around, and now put it out every two months, with 5-6 a year, now sent out via email. In 2003, I became District Treasurer, and have worked on increasing our investment income and reducing our costs. In 2005, I became Showtime Treasurer – nice to get back among it again, even in a less involved role. In 2006 it was a real pleasure to nominate Mac Wood and Leo Billington for the Distinguished Service and Outstanding Service Awards, and in 2012, Leo for the Distinguished Service Award. In September 2006, Leo joined Mac and me in Rotary, so that made it most convenient for quick attention to any urgent Scout business!

"My Scouting experiences have been major factors in my personal growth and also provided many enjoyable as well as some tense experiences. Was it all worthwhile in influencing the lives of those hundreds of young people? I suppose that this will never be known for certain, but that was the real reason behind it all. I am sure others will join and do likewise."

In July, 2013, Ray was again surprised when informed he was awarded the National President's Award - the pinnacle award for non-Leaders, and the equivalent of the Silver Kangaroo.

When pressed to summarise, Ray believes his main highlights were:

- Starting Showtime (its 45th Year in 2013).
- Meeting Barbara through Showtime.
- Starting in 1966 and producing the District newsletter Scouting Around for nearly all the years since (200+ issues).
- Running three Scout Troops.
- Running lots of very good Scout District activities in the 1960s
- Writing for SCOUT magazine for some years (mostly as "Challenge Charlie").
- Being Group Leader for the biggest Group outside Melbourne in the 1980s, finishing off the new hall, adding Rovers and a third Cub Pack.
- Being District Commissioner to successfully integrate two districts in the 1990s.
- As Treasurer of Strzelecki District and also Showtime, and finding ways of getting better return on our money and cutting back fees.
- Seeking out Leaders and layside people to recommend for Adult Recognition (Good Service) Awards.

It's no wonder Ray Beebe received the top honour on Sunday, September 22, 2013. He is a worthy recipient, and so say all of us.

Thanks Ray.

# Churchill Primary School

## Active After School Program

The Active After School Communities Program was fantastic this term with heaps of new faces joining us and for the first time we unfortunately reached our capacity and had to ask students to enrol for our program next term. For the last term of the year we will be offering 'Dance/Hip Hop' for Grade 3-6 and Tennis for P-2. Trained instructors will run all activities and the program will recommence in the second week of Term 4.

## School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Expectations

What happens when students do not follow the agreed Churchill Primary School Code of Conduct and Attitude expectations?

Even with the most proactive and consistent implementation of school wide corrective procedures, some students are likely to make behaviour errors. Staff at Churchill Primary School has been using the framework of Positive Behaviour Support for several years now. This means we look at social behavioural errors as similar to learning errors, which help us to be professional and objective in our responses. It does take practice to learn a new way to respond.

When students make a learning error on an academic task we don't scold them or put them down. We give encouragement, show where the error was made, tell them how to make a correction and give opportunities for practice providing immediate feedback.

The same things need to happen when responding to any behavioural mistakes children make. This is how children learn. As

ways staff at school use to provide a learning environment for our students. People can use these to respond in the same way outside the school environment as adults use during school times:

**CALM** - Use a composed voice tone and volume.

**CONSISTENT** - Respond the same way to all children who display minor behavioural mistakes.

**BRIEF** - Short and meaningful responses are best to redirect behaviour.

**IMMEDIATE** - Respond quickly after a mistake is made.

**RESPECTFUL** - A polite response is better, free of put downs or threats.

**SPECIFIC** - tell the child exactly what they are doing wrong and tell them what you want them to do instead; this helps them to learn.

## Prep Transition Program 2014

Students enrolled at Churchill Primary School to begin Prep in 2014, are invited to attend a series of transitional days next term to help make them feel at ease and more confident about starting school next year.

Our prep transition days will run from 9am to 10:30am on the following dates:

Thursday October 24, 2013

Tuesday November 12, 2013

Friday November 29, 2013

Parents are encouraged to stay and attend the parent information session that will run at the same time in our staffroom.

Tuesday December 10, 2013 is a state-wide Orientation Day and all Prep enrolments for 2014 are required to attend their respective

schools on this day. This day will be as close to a normal school day as possible and will hopefully create a sense of excitement for your child about going to school next year.

These days will include snack time so you will need to supply a snack and drink for your child as well as a sunhat for outside play.

We look forward to getting to know our new Prep students for 2014 and making their transition into the school system a happy and successful one.

## 5/6 Melbourne Camp

In early September the grade 5/6 students went to Melbourne for their Urban Camp experience. It was a busy time with plenty of sights and experiences to enjoy such as the Yarra river cruise, a tour of the MCG, a visit to Scienceworks and an exciting

high rise adventure at the Eureka Tower with some brave students also giving the Sky Deck a go! All who attended enjoyed many wonderful sights, with countless happy memories to take home and share once the camp ended. A very big thank you must go to the wonderful staff that attended the camp with the students so they could enjoy this great experience.

## 3/4 Bike Education Challenge

On Thursday September 8, our grade 3/4 students competed in the Bike Education Challenge at the Morwell Traffic School. They did a great job performing their bike skills against students from all across the region. Well done to Mitchell Bruerton, Liam Beedall, Hamish Sinclair, Jeremy Courtis, Chloe Huizer, Hannah Zomer, Dakota Wilden and Lily Booth in enjoying a fun day and having a go.

Congratulations to Hannah Zomer for receiving the Encouragement Award. Our school community is proud of everyone's efforts and we look forward to having another go at this worthwhile activity next year.

## Student's Writing

Our students enjoy writing and during this past month we have had lots of students put in some wonderful efforts in their learning experiences with excellent pieces of writing to share - please enjoy these few samples...

## EARN AND LEARN - by Caitlyn Sorby 3/4T

In Earn and Learn people have jobs in the class and get payed for doing the job. People can also get a business and sell stuff and when we sell stuff we get paper money. I think it is better to have a business because you make



more money so that's why I think a business is better than a job. Another reason why is because I was in a shop of my own and I made over \$12,000 a day. Now I have \$96,845 in Earn and Learn money. When Earn and Learn is finished for the day, we give our money to our teacher and the teacher will pay our tax for us. I think Earn and Learn is good because you are learning how it is like in real life to have a job or a business.

**SHEEP** - By Diesel Nievaart - Prep  
Sheep need their wool for the winter. A sheep lives on a farm. A lamb is as high as your neck on a kid. A lamb's food comes from its Mum. A sheep's wool gets cut in summer.



**OWLS** - By Nina Flake - Prep  
Owls are birds. When the mother lays her eggs she keeps them warm. When the chicks are ready in five weeks to peck out they peck their way out and they keep warm near their mother. At one week the chick has grown some feathers. Owls live in trees.



a PBS school, we aim to provide a consistent, predictable and fair use of consequences for all whilst using language that children understand.

The following actions are some of the



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# Churchill North Primary School

## Bike Education Challenge

A huge congratulations to our team who participated in the Bike Ed Challenge! We competed against 9 other schools from around the region, and ended up coming 4th – an amazing result given we only entered the team in August and many of the other teams have been training all year! The students practiced at lunch times and at home and showed great sportsmanship on the day. Well done to Zac, Jarrah, Chloe and Garry from 4P, to Jay, Jake, Shayla, Tammy and Chloe from 5/6H and to Cameron from 5/6D.

## CNPS Swimming Program

At Churchill North all students take part in a 6 weeks swim program throughout the year.

Each grade takes turns in learning about the dangers that are associated with waterways in their classroom with the help of posters and dvds.

There is a lot to be learned about the dangers that surround our waterways whether it being the beach, river, pool or other.

The six week program gives the students an opportunity to learn more water awareness and confidence in keeping themselves safe around water.

The older grades walk down to the pool and back, whereas the younger grades are lucky enough to travel on the bus.

Each student is placed in a class that is at their given ability to further their learning in swimming. The hour at the pool is divided into two parts:

Half an hour of intense swimming lesson with a qualified swim instructor which we have within our school

The other half hour in free play to practice what they have learned or just have fun with their peers.

The swim program has given students confidence in getting into the water safely and remaining calm whilst in the pool. The ability to save themselves and not to panic, getting themselves to the edge and climb out safely. All of those skills can and will save lives!

The importance of being able to swim is a life skill that every child should have the opportunity to learn. When they do achieve that ability to be confident in the water the reward of seeing that big smile on their face is

## PRICELESS!!!!!!

### Everything Sport

Physical Education continues to develop even further at Churchill North. Will Flanagan, our regular guru from SEDA who comes every Tuesday, has developed great relationships with our students and is an excellent mentor for them. Will often has a game of Soccer or Basketball with the students at lunch times. Next term, Will will work with Nicole Bond, our Sports Coordinator, to develop students skills in cricket, athletics and tennis as the



weather warms up.

Sarah Blythman, who coaches BluEarth has recently sparked students interest in skipping. Students absolutely love having a skip at recess and lunch time, and the skipping ropes are our most popular sports equipment being used on the playground at the moment.

In November, our whole school will be competing in the Jump Rope for Heart program to raise money to fight heart disease and to encourage kids to keep fit and healthy by improving kids' strength and confidence in physical activity.

## Junior School Council Disco

On Friday September 13, the Junior School Council hosted an after school Disco for all students. It started at 4pm and finished at 5.30pm when students' dancing

feet were completely worn out. There were disco balls with glittering lights, glow sticks for sale and the entry cost was a gold coin donation. Students had an opportunity to show their moves when we all made a big circle and some students danced in the middle for all of us, showing us new dance moves and skills. The Junior School Council made \$180 on the night and this money will be put towards our end of year whole school excursion.

## Reading Across the Universe

Our theme for this term's Special Activity Day was: Reading Across the Universe which was held on Wednesday September 18. Students were invited to design a space craft and bring it to school on the day and WOW, did we have some impressive designs! Students had worked hard designing and constructing creative and innovative spaceships and rockets. Parents attended a special assembly in the morning where students put their designs on display. First Prize Winners, carefully and considerably chosen by our current Art teacher Mrs Fox, were Seth from 4P, Riley from 2/3M, Hayden



materials dissolve, others go soggy and some just get damp and then dry out. We discussed that some materials, such as tin or metal, can rust if it gets wet over and over.

Then the fun part came, we had to design an object, that would be put in our school environment, that would be resistant to water (doesn't matter if it gets wet). We had to plan, list materials and get them from school or home, list the tools, write a procedure, list the safety equipment and then construct our designs. We did this in the last week of term and we were really lucky to have the support of parents and families. We had lots of fun cutting wood with saws, hammering, sanding



from 1/2O and Jai from P/1D.

The rest of the day involved students participating in multi-aged, creative activities related to stories from Across the Universe. It was another great day had by all.

*What's it Made of?*  
This term 2/3M have been investigating what different objects around our school grounds are made of and how to use our senses, look, touch, taste, smell and sound, to understand the features of the materials that are used to make objects. We have discovered that different objects are made using different materials, depending on the purpose of the object. For example, we know that a table is made from timber (which means wood) because it is strong and hard. We also undertook some experiments to see what happened to different materials when they got wet and found out that some

and painting and we look forward to testing our objects!



## Hazelwood North Primary School

### Leopard at school

One day there were two kids called Bonnie and Sam. They wanted to take a leopard to school, so the next day the children went to the pet store and brought a leopard. Then they took it to school. I guess it was not a joke because the leopard ate the teacher and all the students!!!!!! Bonnie and Sam got in trouble and were suspended from school. They had to do 10000000000000 pages of homework.

The End

By Bridie Byrne

Once there was a jaguar walking through the forest floor. He was hunting for his food, he was very hungry. So he tried to stalk his hardest he could and see very clearly because there was a lot of light coming through. He was very shiny and yellow. He heard a noise, it was his favourite food. It was a gazelle.

He was very loud because of the leaves on the floor. The leaves are very cold and wet. The light was amazingly bright. I love beautiful light but the gazelle could see me very clearly too. I am very yellow and bright myself. So the gazelle can see me very clearly too.

I stepped on a vine and it made a big CRUNCH! The gazelle looked at me. I ran after it. I pounced and I caught it between my two paws and my jaw.

Now I have a lovely dinner for my family. My kids loved it. I have two kids, a boy named Spotty and a girl called Sienna.

We lived happily ever after.

By Lily – Rose Williamson

### Community helpers

At Hazelwood North Primary School the P/1 grades have been learning who we are and who help us in the community, like doctors, nurses, dentists, parents, police and friends.

By Evie.

At Hazelwood North Primary School I have learned what communities are called. I know one name – it is a suburban community. All thanks to Hazelwood North Primary School!

By Troy

At Hazelwood North Primary School the P/1 grades have been learning who we are and who helps us in the community. The people who help us are the nurses, doctors, fire brigade and mail people. By Imogen C.

At Hazelwood North Primary School we have been learning about our community. We have seen a nurse and she helps us. The police has been here too. The police help us to catch naughty people. By Melina

At Hazelwood North Primary School the

P/1 students learned about who helps us and who we are. In term three the students learnt about how we wanted to be. For example nice and kind. First we learnt if other countries were completely different or the same. We learnt that all countries were different. It was a great unit! By Connor Mc.

Jarrod's mum is a police woman. She helps us in the community. Troy's mum is a nurse in our community. She helps us too. Firemen put out fires. Doctors make us feel better. Shop people are in the community. By Lexie.

### The jaguar

I can see a jaguar.

I can see trees.

I can see spots on the jaguar.

I can see bark.

It looks like it is hunting.

I can see bushes.

I can see ferns.

I can see the jungle.

I can see vines.

I can see branches.

I can see light coming through.

I can see leaves on the forest floor.

By Jacob Parsons

The jaguar.(poem)

It came out of the tunnel hunting every day catching its prey though the sun and shade.

The trees are swaying here and there swaying everywhere.

The jaguar on the forest floor eats once more.

The speed he has is fantastic fantastic fantastic they call him Speedy sp sp sp sp Speedy.

If you find him he'll say you're lying even if you're crying.

Now there lying saying he's crying they don't know what's best.

By Niki Alexander

### The jaguar's life

Once upon a time their lived a jaguar and it was looking for food and shade. He couldn't find anything until a gazelle came in to the jungle and the jaguar leaped and bit it. So the jaguar kept eating and it was full so it went to bed and slept and slept until the next morning. The end. By Sienna Jalovec

### The jungle of death

Once upon a time in the deep dark jungle was a sun that could make people die, and who ever touched a little bit of sunlight would never exist again.

One story is...

Once upon a time there was a jaguar that stalked through the jungle and he died.

But don't worry you won't die or will you?

By Jazmine Sanders

Who am I

I have spots and they are black .

I like to climb .

I like shade and sun.

I get to explore.

It is fun to be me.

Then I go home and see my cubs.

My cubs and I are carnivores.

When my cubs grow up they will have sharp teeth.

That is my life.

By Hollie Rose Gibson.

### Who Are We?

The Preps and Grade 1's at Hazelwood North Primary School learnt about police officers and nurses. My favourite was the

police officers. They taught us that they can find footprints and handprints. The police help us be safe. My second favourite was the nurse. The nurse helps people that are sick to get better. They showed us how they bandage people. It was very fun!!!!

By Corey

The doctors help children. Doctors are nice. We went to the doctors. We got lollies. Doctors are important in our community.

By Dean

I learnt about the community. There was police. They have handcuffs and guns and dogs and tasers and special dust to see finger prints.

By Archer

This week I saw animal keepers and they brought a joey and a koala.

By Riley L

The Preps and Grade 1's at Hazelwood North Primary School are learning about the community. Here is a list of people who help us.

Police; Doctors; Firemen; Vets; Mechanics; Teachers; Shop Keepers

By Hunter and Isabelle

### Year 4/5/6 government inquiry

This term the 4/5/6s from Hazelwood North Primary School have been focusing on government.

As part of our learning we went to visit the Latrobe City Council. The other day we went to the council offices in Morwell. First Tessa Prestapeno from the council offices came and gave us a presentation about Local Council. After the presentation we went across from the art gallery to the council offices. Inside the council offices we went into the staff only section. In the staff only section we saw all the council workers in their offices. The offices were

all together in the same room, the carpenters were on the top floor and the councillors were on the bottom floor. We learnt that you have to be a council member to go inside the council offices.

We had our own mini election within our class. To do this we had to do lots of organising. The teachers got us into groups of 5 in the groups of 5 we had to have someone to go for prime minister we had 10 people running for prime minister, one out of each group. Some other things that we could be were advertisers, politicians reporters and campaign managers. We had 3 sections for organising then we had to vote for. We could vote for anyone that was nominated, but our leader (Prime



Minister). We did a preference vote and we went through all the stages until we had two people left that we could vote for; but we had a hung parliament. The tie was between Ben and Emily. We had to do a revote and from the revote Emily won. So Emily is our new Prime Minister.

We had a lot of fun this term. We hope we have this much fun next term.

By Lily and Kelly.



## Kurnai Churchill Campus



### Adventure of a lifetime – for a great cause

Past student from Kurnai's Churchill Campus enjoyed an adventure of a lifetime.

Last year Sam Alexander completed a mammoth horse riding trek that saw him travel over 2,500km on the Bicentennial National Trail from Healesville in Victoria, to McKay in Northern Queensland.

All in aid of raising money for a vital service for many Australians living in regional and remote areas, the Royal Flying Doctors service.

Along the way, Sam stopped off at many schools to talk with students about his journey and to encourage them to consider a career as a rural doctor.

On graduating from secondary school, Sam enrolled at Bond University in Queensland where he completed a Biomedical Science degree. On graduating from Bond University, Sam moved to the University of Tasmania where he completed an honours year in Medical Research focusing on new traumatic brain injury.

Sam is currently completing his second year of a medical post graduate degree at Monash University and he works for the Central Gippsland Health Services at the Sale Hospital.

### Year 8s - enjoying the great outdoors

Churchill's Year 8 students have enjoyed a great week at an activity camp called Karoonda Park. The camp is based at Gelantipy in the Snowy River region of Victoria, on a cattle farm north of Buchan.

On our way to the camp, students visited Buchan Caves, where we explored the beautiful surrounds and were taken on a guided tour through the caves.

We then continued on to the camp, where we were warmly greeted by the camp leaders and shown to our accommodation. During the week, students enjoyed participating in a wide range of outdoor activities that included; horse riding, abseiling, a giant flying fox, bush orienteering and a memorable day trip white water rafting down the Snowy River.

We also experienced the full range of weather that Mother Nature had to offer, including sunshine, rain and some light snow.

The Year 8 camp is an awesome break from school that allows our students to enjoy a wide range of activities, which are personally challenging and strengthens their team work skills.

Karoonda Park offers students a fantastic range of activities that they would rarely get to experience - a unique opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors.



## Gippsland Education Precinct

### Kurnai's globe trotters

Currently we have over 55 students and staff trotting around the globe on educational trips to China and Italy.

These trips offer a wonderful opportunity for students to experience another culture and gain knowledge and experiences that will broaden their minds and horizons.

Imagine... wandering through the Terracotta Army, or on the Great Wall of China, or to roam the ancient streets of some of Italy's famous cities.

At the time of writing this article the two groups reported the following. We look forward to sharing more with you next month.

Over 30 students and staff are visiting China. They have stayed with Chinese host families and spent time in a school that is the equivalent to an Australian secondary school. The school they visited was called Kou'an Middle School in Taizhou which is near Shanghai, the most populated city in the world.

Students said they had a great time participating in sports with their fellow students and being taken on very interesting cultural tours where they learnt



so much about Chinese culture. It was also interesting to see how a school operates in another country – the school they visited was multi-storey.

They also reported they are enjoying great weather visiting many famous sites and experiencing a whole new culture firsthand.

Twenty two Year 11 & 12 History students landed at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport earlier this week (mid-September).

While in Italy, the group is studying Renaissance history in the major cities of Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan.

All four cities are famous and offer rich insights into the Renaissance period (1400 – 1600 AD) which includes; literature and poetry, architecture, sculpture and paintings.

This period was also a time that delivered the world many well-known philosophers and artists, whose works are still marvelled at today.

They include; Donatello, Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli, Galileo, Machiavelli and Da Vinci, to name a few.

However, their trip was not all pleasure; students also had to soak up the ambience of café life and the fascinating streetscapes of these wonderful cities.



# Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary Students enjoyed a visit from the CFA this week. Volunteers, Ruth Place and Jess Bevis taught the students about Fire Safety and Mark from the Yinnar South Brigade kindly came and showed the students the fire truck. The students had fun learning about the different equipment on the truck. "The program was very informative and the

students had a great day. We are very grateful to the wonderful volunteers for providing this program for us", said principal, Katy Grandin. *Olden Days comes to life at Yinnar South Primary.* In celebration of our completion of our Australian History Unit, the last day of term was an olden day theme. Students and Staff dressed up in olden day

clothes. Tables were placed in rows and students worked with chalkboards to do their writing. The teachers pretended to give lines to students who had 'misbehaved'. In Music the children learnt clapping games and songs. Next they visited playgroup where they performed 'I like the daffodils' for the children. After recess the students



Above: Fire Fighter Mark helps one of our preps with the fire hose.



had a wonderful time playing olden style games like pick up sticks, elastics, and marbles. Old fashioned toys were also a hit, particularly the spinning tops. A terrific way to finish the term. Thanks Everyone.



Right: The siren is really loud.

# Boolarra Primary School

**Assembly Debates**  
As a conclusion to Environment Week learning the students from Grades 3/4 and 5/6 presented the school community with 2 debates. The Grade 5/6 topic was: At Boolarra P.S. we do enough to care for our environment. The Grade 3/4 students were convincing us how being Vegetarian is good for you, or not. All students wrote and presented very persuasive arguments to support their beliefs.

**Bike Ed Competition**  
At the conclusion of our Bike Ed. program we take a team of students to the Kristy Olsen Latrobe Bike Ed. Challenge at the GDF-SUEZ Traffic School in Morwell. It was a cold and wet day as our families were loading bikes and students into their vehicles but all students rode to the best of their ability, showing that Bike Ed is a valuable part of our School Program. We were placed third overall, the winners were Grey Street Primary School and St Pauls Anglican Grammar, Traralgon, came second.

**Murder Most Fowl**  
Our production ended Third Term with a great success. The term was long, the weather was hard to predict and sickness started knocking us down in the last weeks. Our cast learned their lines and

began rehearsing at school and then they had to fit the action onto the stage at the local Boolarra Hall. The Grade Prep, 1 & 2's performed their song and dance routines with much cuteness involved; the songs were Itsy Bitsy Yellow Polka Dot Bikini and The Purple People Eater. When they weren't performing they were sitting very attentively watching the show. The show choir were the Grade 3/4 students; they backed all songs and also did a great "Rock Around The Clock" performance. The Grade 5/6's were the main cast; some took to the stage

as if they have been acting for many years but others were very nervous and stepped out of their comfort zones to produce a very professional performance. They all carried on when lines were forgotten, they improvised when the wrong lines were said in a different place, and no one in the audience would know these things happened because the students covered each other spectacularly. Tonsillitis, colds, flu and even a broken arm could not stop their enthusiasm. They really took on that old acting motto: the show must go on!



# Lumen Christi Primary School

Term 3 is finished and we are all about to get ready for an exciting final term of 2013. With the warmer weather, the completion of our Senior Block, the excitement of transitions and graduations, and the joy of the Christmas season ahead of us we certainly are blessed with opportunities.

During August and September we have been extremely busy and extremely successful.

### Eisteddfod

On the Performing Arts scene our Year 2/3 and Year 4 Class participated in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod and received high praise for their Choral Speaking piece – They were placed FIRST which was just reward for their efforts. Congratulations to the staff and students involved.

### School Concert

Our Whole School Concert took place at Lavalla also during this term. The lead characters Dr. Who [Tim Hutchison] and Rose [Anneke Ernst] took the audience on a trip 'Across the Universe' and it was just fantastic. A reminder that DVDs of the spectacular are available through the Office.

### Footy Day Fundraiser

On Friday 6th September Year 6 student Patrick Ryan organised a Footy Day as a fundraiser for Relay for Life. Patrick is on the planning committee for the Churchill event which is to be held at Gaskin Park over the weekend of 19th/20th October. The school is extremely proud of this young man who already at his tender age of 12 is making a difference in his community – Look at Darrell White! Thanks also goes to the Year 5/6 student team who organised and led the whole school in a series of football activities. It was a pleasure to witness our senior students being such active and responsible contributors to our school community – We are very lucky to have them!

### Fathers' Day

Fathers' also gave us an opportunity to come together as a community. We celebrated Father's Day with a family breakfast. It was great to see lots of hungry faces enjoy the pancakes and toast just as much as the opportunity to do something special with someone special. Thanks to all those Dads,

Pops, Uncles, Brothers and other special people for making the effort to join us.

The change in seasons also gave us the opportunity to get our hands dirty and our thumbs a little greener!

### Scarecrow

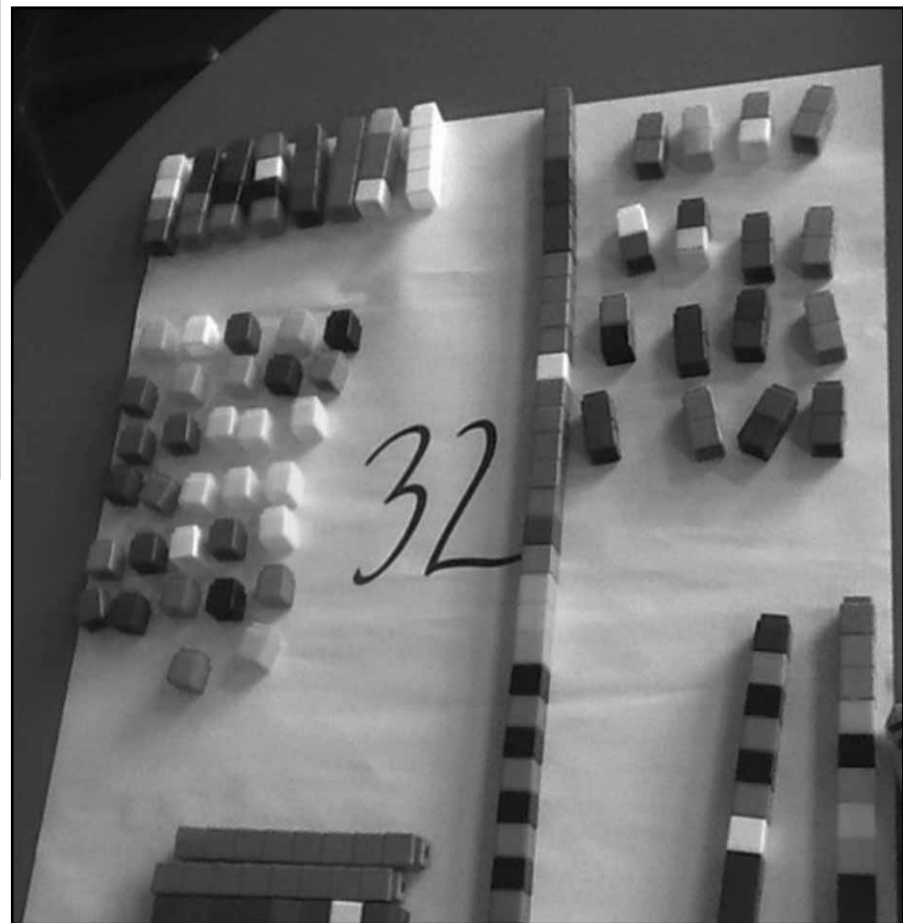
Our Prep/One class created a scarecrow which has been busy outside Woolworths shooing away birds from the seedlings display.

### Open Garden News

The Year 5/6 students have also been coordinating an Open Gardens scheme for Lumen Christi – Stay tuned for further details!

### Learning

Learning across the school continues to be exciting and varied – The Juniors have been learning about Money [Grace H even brought along an ancient Chinese Coin!], the 2/3's Mathematicians have been busy with multiplication and the Scientists in the Senior School have been making a mess in their Chemistry classes.



# Tennis Come and Try Day



Participants from the Come and Try Day beginners session.

This annual event was again very well attended with 25 beginners of varying talents and sizes, and 20 competition players registering to have a go or compete in a round robin competition.

The event is jointly run by the Churchill Tennis Club and Churchill and District News. Tennis Australia and the Hot Shots programs supplied some medals and other goods such as magnetic photo frames and wrist bands as prizes. This meant that all participants left with something for their efforts.

The Churchill and District Lions Club was on hand to cook a sausage sizzle for the hungry competitors. The organisers thank the Lions Club for their willing assistance in catering for

this event. [photo D]. Sally Kirstine, President of the Churchill Tennis Club and a tennis coach, organised the day's activities. Sally is very proficient at doing this, which ensured the day ran smoothly. Backing Sally as volunteers to score and do whatever needed doing, were Erin and some team members from Churchill and District News.

The day was organised into two sections. From 9am - 11.30am the beginners were able to play on small court sizes with equipment for their age group.

Sally provided them with coaching skills as she circulated re-organising as children showed what they could do. Some were even able to play matches.

After the food was served, the second section was a round robin for those children who are involved with tennis on a regular basis. They played in doubles and singles matches to determine winners and runners up.

At the conclusion of each section a presentation of prizes was made.

Sally said, "It was wonderful to see the way the parents came and brought their children, many staying to watch and cheer them on." In thanking the Churchill and District News, Sally commented that there were few places you could go and get as much as the competitors had received during the day for only \$2.00.

Churchill and District News thanks Sally for her amazing organisation of the day's

activities, for coping with such a wide range of skills so professionally, and finishing the day still smiling though with a husky voice.

The morning winners were Jarryd Downes-Smith, with Hunter Eenjes and Conner Kennedy runners up, with Sally (right). [photo A].

Round robin winners of the second section were as follows:- Conner Kennedy, winner with Alex Pearce and Hunter Eenjes runners up, with Erin, left and Sally, right. [photo B]

Kai Hanratty Winner with Blake Willebrand and Nathan Webb runners up, with Erin, left and Sally, right. [photo C]

Nick Duck winner and Steve Darvill runner up.



# Churchill Braves Baseball Round-Up

In juniors, with the Under 16s not making finals this season, all heads turned to the Under 13s competition.

With a victory over Moe the week prior, securing them third spot, Churchill were to face second-placed Traralgon for a position in the Grand Final. Finishing lower on the ladder meant that Churchill batted first.

Churchill came out firing, quickly driving in three runs. Braves' Bradley Gill kept the Redsox scoreless to give Churchill a 3-0 lead at the end of the first innings.

The second innings wasn't as good for the Braves as they failed to score and allowed two runs to cross for Traralgon. Churchill scored their fourth run for the game in the fourth inning. As the allocated game time was coming to an end, Traralgon scored another two runs to tie the game 4-4 at the end of the fourth.

With the scores tied, the game had to go to extra-time until a result was made.

Churchill failed to score in the fifth and when Traralgon had two runners on base, the situation looked bleak for the Braves. Bradley Gill quickly retired the next batters to leave the scores tied and give Churchill another chance at scoring runs and progressing in the finals series.

With Churchill getting a runner on base, spirits were high. Unfortunately the Braves were unable to score the runner and when Traralgon scored next the game was over.

All the league's Under 10 T-ballers were part of a Round-Robin series on Grand Final Day. All T-Ballers were then presented with a medallion for a year's well done!

Churchill held their junior presentation on Saturday, September 14. All the juniors were invited to attend and receive a trophy as well as a free lunch.

Under 10 MVP went to Alyssa Wells.

Under 13 MVP went to Bradley Gill

Under 16 MVP went to Kaidyn Howard

In senior ranks, Churchill's C-Grade found themselves playing off against Traralgon for a spot in the Grand Final against Morwell. In another tight struggle between the two sides, the lead changed a total of four times.

Traralgon managed to sneak ahead just before the final innings meaning Churchill had to at least tie the game to continue. Failing to successfully capitalise on a Redsox error gave Traralgon a win and ended Churchill's C-Grade premiership defence.

B-Grade, who also played against Traralgon, was a different story. The Braves scored two runs in the first to put the Redsox into chase mode. After another in the fourth, Redsox finally opened their scoring with one of their own.

Two more runs to Traralgon in the fifth tied the game but the Braves got two runners home before a pitching change shut out the Redsox in their last two innings. Churchill took the 5-3 win and went on to play against Moe/Newborough in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final was played in perfect conditions at Moe/Newborough. Dodger Dale Simpson pitched the game against Churchill and managed to keep them scoreless for the first three innings. With Moe/Newborough scoring seven runs in the first two innings, hope seemed lost for Churchill.

A pitching change for both teams saw a change in momentum. In the following three innings, Churchill started to catch up, scoring a total of four runs and keeping Moe/Newborough to only an additional two.

When time ran out and the game was called, the final score sat at 9-4 to hand the Dodgers the premiership, leaving the Braves to think on what could have been.

A-Grade reigning premiers,

Churchill, were looking to go three in a row, adding to their 2011 and 2012 flags. To get there they had to go through a strong Dodgers lineup to earn the opportunity to play the Grand Final against Traralgon.

Churchill started off strong scoring a run in the first inning, however Moe/Newborough answered with two of their own.

A strong offence by the Dodgers meant that when the Braves next scored, a single run in the fourth innings, Moe had already scored another three. By the end of the fifth, Churchill were trailing 4-6 and still looked a chance to continue their premiership defence.

Four runs by Moe/Newborough in the sixth, as well as another total of four in the innings that followed, meant that Churchill had been out hit and happened to lose the game 5-14.

Churchill Braves held their senior's presentation night at Churchill Cricket Club on October 4.

In C-Grade, Rob Mongan had the highest batting average with .700, allowing him to run away with the batting average award. The Coach's award went to Leanna Surrao.

The C-Grade Best and Fairest polled well in the League's Best & Fairest count and was C-Grade catcher Hayden Jarrett.

In B-Grade, Mitch John held the highest batting average and went home with the award. The coach's award went to second-year player Ash McKay.

The B-Grade Best & Fairest winner had more hits than anyone on the team that year and was B-Grade catcher Jason Barnes.

The A-Grade batting average award went to Matt Hardie who was featured in the league's all star team of 2013 as the shortstop. The coach's award went to Brad Jones who played one of his best seasons at second base.

The A-Grade Best & Fairest winner for 2013 has more League Best & Fairest wins for A-Grade than any other person. This year, Mat Prior added another trophy to his collection with his win.

The player's player award is voted on by all players. The 2013 vote had the most votes cast yet. The winner, with eight, was first year player Brad Warton.

The Club Player of the Year award went to Sam Gillett.

The players eagerly await the next season which will start around April 2014.



## Churchill Indoor Netball Association 13&U winning squad



Congratulations to the 13&Under squad girls on winning their first tournament at Doncaster on Sunday, September 8, 2013. After coming close in several competitions, your hard work has finally paid off. Well done to you all. Thank

you to coach Judi Buhagiar and Assistant coach Shona Smith on training and organising the girls.

A big thank you to the Yinnar community for the donation of their community bus so our girls could travel together for this tournament.

## Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

5/10/13 Mens Stableford Winner A.Grade D.Ellwood(14) 37 pts, B.Grade B.Rowley (34) 30 pts DTL H.Martin 34 pts, H.Speake 29 pts, R.Welsh 29 pts c/b NTP 12th K.Hills

6/10/13 Mixed Foursomes Championship Rnd 1 Winners D.Caldwell & M.Dear (21) 71, Runner-Up L.Stein & M.Munckton (20 1/2) 77 1/2 c/b, DTL G.Blizzard & J.Blizzard (27 1/2) 77 1/2 NTP 12th J.Thornby

8/10/13 Monthly Medal Scratch M.Dear 103, Medal Winner J.Blizzard (28) 80, DTL M.Dear 82 Count Putts J.Blizzard 25 NTP 5th (2nd shot) B.Beebe

8/10/13 Pairs Championship Aggregate Winner J.Blizzard (28) & M.McConville (22) 50, Runner Up D.Thomas (27) & D.Judkins (29) 43



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# Churchill United Soccer Club Golden Era continues

Churchill United Soccer Club continued its golden era in the Gippsland Soccer League with unprecedented success across the senior ranks in 2013. For the first time in GSL history a club collected a major trophy in all four of the top senior divisions.

The senior men claimed back to back Battle of Britain Cup wins defeating Sale United 3-1 in the final.

The Under 21 Youth team claimed back to back League Championship titles whilst the Reserves claimed the League Championship and Premiership double.

Completing the historic quadrella was the Women's team who have now claimed the League Championship and Premiership for a third straight year and the Browne-Huizer Trophy for a fourth consecutive time.

Since 2005 the senior division of the club has claimed 36 titles. In the 35 years from when the club was formed in 1969 up until 2005 the club had claimed just five senior titles.

The period from 2005 until today has truly been a golden era at the club is testament to the committee, members, supporters and most importantly the players.

Churchill United senior title winning history:

1981 Reserves League Champions

1982 Reserves League Champions

1996 Reserves Shopwell Trophy Winners

1998 Seniors Battle of Britain Cup Winners

2000 Second Division League Champions

2005 Senior Premiers and Battle of Britain Cup Winners

2006 Senior Battle of Britain Cup Winners and Reserves Premiers

2007 Senior, Reserve and Second Division League Champions, Battle of Britain Cup

2008 Senior League Champions

2009 Senior League Champions, Second Division Nan Bosma Cup Winners

2010 Second Division League Champions, Women's Browne-Huizer Trophy

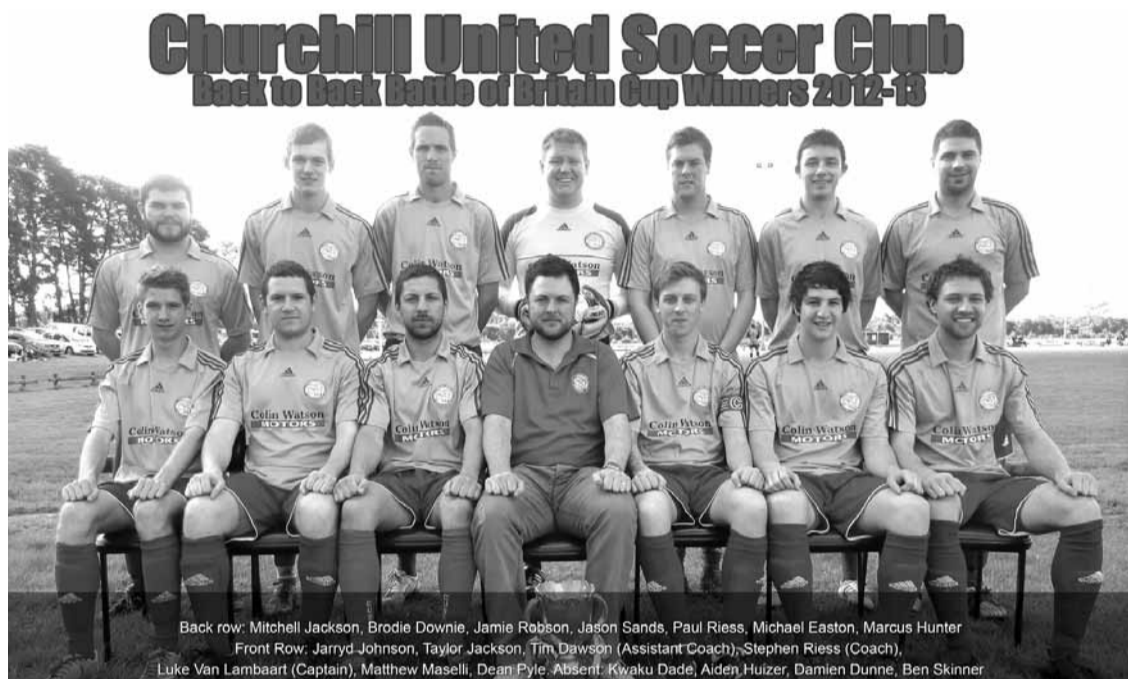
2011 Seniors, Reserves and Women's Premiers, Reserves and Women's League Champions, Women's Browne-Huizer Trophy

2012 Senior, Youth and Women's League Champions and Premiers, Battle of Britain Cup, Steel Youth Cup, Browne-Huizer Trophy

2013 Senior Battle of Britain Cup, Youth, Reserves and Women's League Champions, Reserves and Women's Premiers, Browne-Huizer Trophy

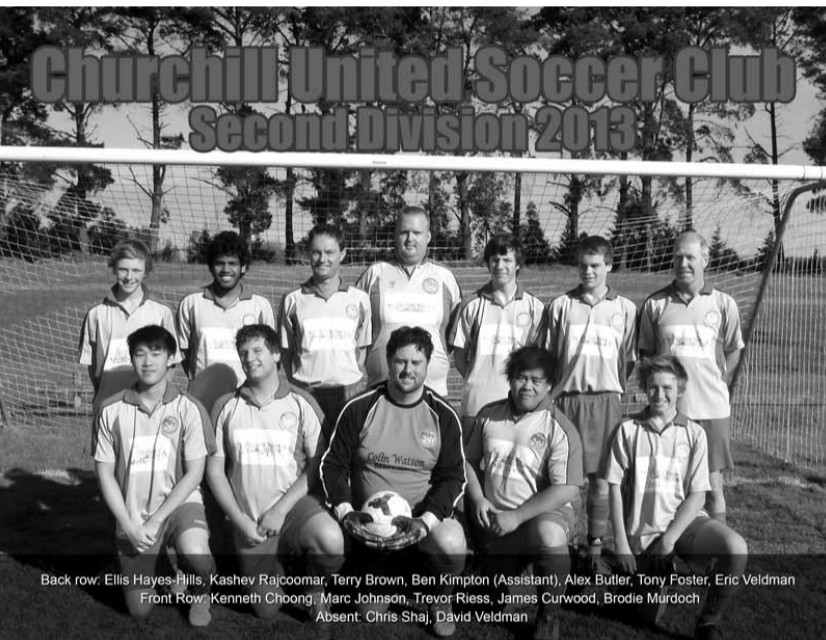


Back row: Stephen Breheny, Danny Beyer, Brett Field, Matthew Seris, Matthew Prokopiwskyi, Josh Eaton, Brent Charleston  
Front Row: Craig Johnson, Cameron Ryan, Stephen Riess, Craig Flanigan (Captain), Vaughan Reimers (Coach), Luke Sterrick, Bradley Sands  
Absent: Simon McLean, Ray Meyers, Ellis Hayes-Hills, Kashev Rajcoomar



## Churchill United Soccer Club Back to Back Battle of Britain Cup Winners 2012-13

Back row: Mitchell Jackson, Brodie Downie, Jamie Robson, Jason Sands, Paul Riess, Michael Easton, Marcus Hunter  
Front Row: Jarryd Johnson, Taylor Jackson, Tim Dawson (Assistant Coach), Stephen Riess (Coach), Luke Van Lambaart (Captain), Matthew Maselli, Dean Pyle. Absent: Kwaku Dade, Aiden Huizer, Damien Dunne, Ben Skinner



## Churchill United Soccer Club Second Division 2013

Back row: Ellis Hayes-Hills, Kashev Rajcoomar, Terry Brown, Ben Kimpton (Assistant), Alex Butler, Tony Foster, Eric Veldman  
Front Row: Kenneth Choong, Marc Johnson, Trevor Riess, James Curwood, Brodie Murdoch  
Absent: Chris Shaj, David Veldman



## Churchill United Soccer Club Women's League Champions 2011-12, Premiers 2011-12, Browne-Huizer Cup Winners 2010-11-12

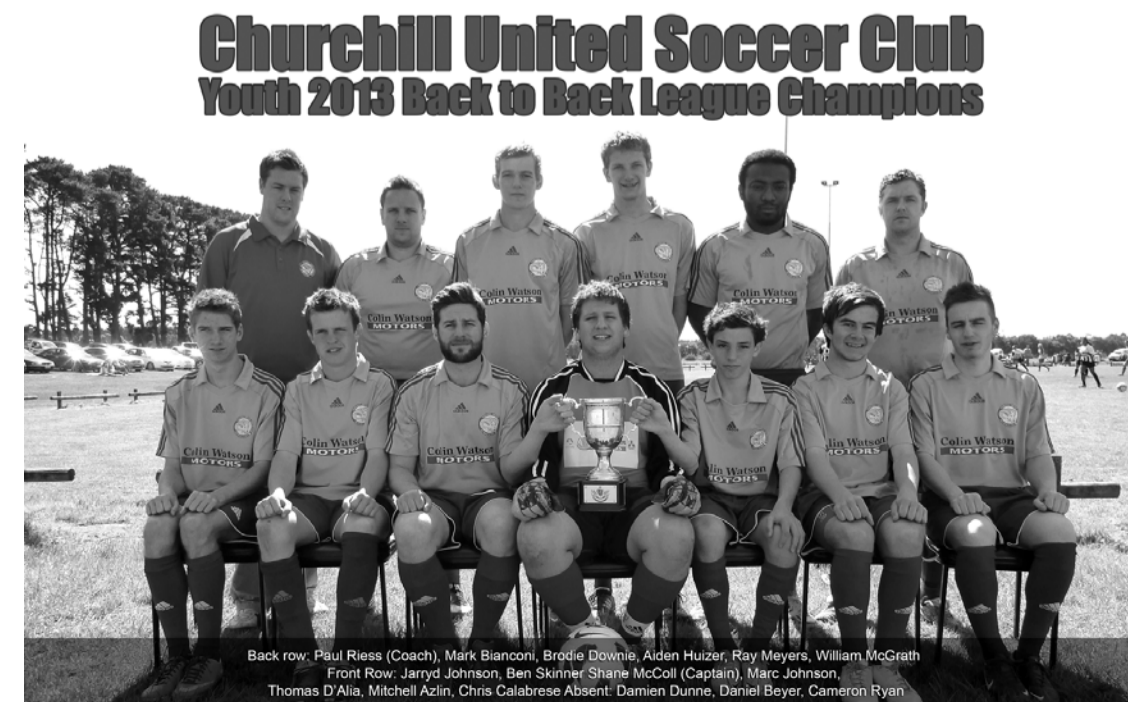
BACK ROW: Tahlia Flake, Moli Emond, Renee Panayotou, Alicia Huizer, Emily Lugton, Maryanne Lugton, Joelly Firmin  
FRONT ROW: Adrian Huizer (Coach) Elise Winkel, Nicole Osborne, Mary Corponi, Jodie Murdoch, Lani Murdoch, Rosie Twomey, Meg Ruyters  
ABSENT: Katelyn Lugton

## More Churchill Football/Netball Club Junior Netball Presentations



Maddy Turpin and Stacey O'Keefe

Due to a very tight issue space wise in September, not all the photos from the presentations were able to be included. So this month we have published the 17/15&U Cougars Best & Fairest - Stacy O'Keefe and Runner up - Madeleine Turpin photo.



## Churchill United Soccer Club Youth 2013 Back to Back League Champions

Back row: Paul Riess (Coach), Mark Bianconi, Brodie Downie, Aiden Huizer, Ray Meyers, William McGrath  
Front Row: Jarryd Johnson, Ben Skinner, Shane McColl (Captain), Marc Johnson, Thomas D'Alia, Mitchell Azlin, Chris Calabrese Absent: Damien Dunne, Daniel Beyer, Cameron Ryan

# Health News

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## Caring for our carers

This Carers Week (13 to 19 October), Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) is welcoming local caregivers to come forward to be recognised for the amazing work they do for a family member or friend.

To celebrate local carers, LCHS will be holding a Carers Week celebration on 17 October as well as a series of fun activities including a trip to Mirboo North on 16 October for a lunch at Café Escargot.

Carers Week is celebrated nationally every year.

It recognises and celebrates the 2.6 million Australians who provide ongoing, unpaid care and support to family members or friends who may be frail and elderly, have dementia, a mental illness, a disability,

chronic illness or complex needs, or receives palliative care.

Ms Alison Skeldon, Manager Carer Programs at LCHS said LCHS recognised the valuable role carers play in the community.

"We aim to support carers through their caring journey by providing free events, activities and workshops, which also serve to provide respite from their caring role," said Ms Skeldon.

"Whether carers are currently registered with LCHS or not, they are welcome to contact us to find out about the support we can provide."

To find out more Carers Week or Carer Programs at LCHS, phone Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696 or visit [www.lchs.com.au](http://www.lchs.com.au)

## Let's get healthy together, Latrobe



Exciting new community activities, including the upcoming Open Gardens October initiative, are on the agenda of Healthy Together Latrobe (HTL) to promote healthy eating and lifestyles.

These include a scarecrow making competition for school gardens as well as regular activities like Community Kitchens and Heart Foundation Walking Groups.

"There are a variety of activities and events to suit everyone," said Ms Christina Rush, Manager Primary Prevention at LCHS.

"These can be done in schools, in the community, and even at home."

A partnership between Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) and Latrobe City Council, supported by the State and Federal Governments, HTL aims to improve our community's health.

Another exciting HTL initiative in partnership with Monash University's Department of Nutrition and Dietetics is a study of the local food system. "This project is important because Latrobe residents aren't eating enough fruit and vegetables, and rates of overweight



Health Promotion Officer Sarah Porter handing out information at the HTL information hub.

vegetables, and rates of overweight and obesity are higher than the state average," said Ms Rush.

"The final results of this food scan will be presented at a Latrobe Food Forum in December."

There is also a mobile HTL information hub set up behind the Traralgon Service Centre where people can find out about ongoing activities.

For more information about the range of HTL activities, please visit [www.lchs.com.au/healthy-together-latrobe](http://www.lchs.com.au/healthy-together-latrobe) or phone the Health Promotion team at LCHS on 1800 242 696.

## Service improvements underway at LCHS

Drug Treatment Services staff at Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) are improving the way they meet the needs of clients.

According to Ms Ann Hamden, Manager Drug Treatment Services, staff recently completed training in family-sensitive practices.

"They will also undergo a 'Keeping Kids in Mind' course in the near future, to ensure the needs of clients' children are being considered and taken care of," said Ms Hamden.

She said access to services has increased and improved following a recent move to a phone intake service.

"Additionally, we have implemented the use of a new screening tool after receiving feedback from clients in relation to having to tell their story too many times," she said.

There has also been a new staff appointment of a Consumer Consultant who will represent the needs of clients as well as provide advocacy and advice.

These service improvements are driven by upcoming state Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) reforms to reduce the alcohol and drug toll in the state while improving services, accessibility and responsiveness and improving workforce skills.

For more information on Drug Treatment Services at LCHS, phone 1800 242 696 or visit [www.lchs.com.au](http://www.lchs.com.au)

### Upcoming events

**Tuesday 1 October Making the Most of Every Encounter**  
9.30pm to 4.30pm  
Latrobe Community Health Service  
81 - 87 Buckley St, Morwell

This one day workshop will address effective ways to support families when time and resources may be limited work.

Contact: Andrew Redston on 1800 242 696.

**Tuesday 1 - Wednesday 30 October Polio Awareness Month**

**Wednesday 10 October World Mental Health Day**  
World Mental Health Day (WMHD) is a day for global mental health education and awareness.

**Sunday 13 - Saturday 19 October Carers Week**  
Recognising and celebrating the 2.6 million Australians who provide ongoing, unpaid care and support to family members or friends who may be frail and elderly, have dementia, a mental illness, or a disability.

For further information call 1800 242 696 or visit [www.lchs.com.au](http://www.lchs.com.au)

## Private dental services now available

Latrobe Community Health Service is now offering private dental services to all members of the community.

- Services include: Check-ups ■ Scale and cleans
- Tooth whitening ■ Crowns ■ Veneers
- Restorations and root canal treatment.



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