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Junior Fishing Competition

Months of preparation from the Churchill & District News Team lead to the Junior Fishing Competition successfully being held at Lake Hyland on Saturday, October 26, 2013.

The rain consistently threatened to pour down and dampen the spirits of the 82 young competitors but managed to hold off until the event was ending.

Fifty-nine fish were caught along with a turtle and several sticks.

At completion of the event, the winners were announced and everyone received a goodybag.

Winners:

Ages 4 - 8

First - Connor Scandrett - 735grams
Second - Ryan Stephens 720grams
Third - Lydia Hargreaves - 481grams.

Ages 9 - 12

First - Bailey Collyer - 1271grams
Second - Lucas Hobbs - 626grams
Third - Mitchell Lovison - 453grams.

Ages 13 - 16

First - Josh Collyer - 1127grams
Second - George Hicks - 548grams
Third - Ruth Hicks - 323grams.

Mystery Weight - Lucas Hobbs - 145grams.

Overall Catch of the Day - Bailey Collyer - 1271grams.

Most Unusual Catch - Elizabeth Hicks - Turtle.

The organisers wish to thank all those who took the effort to come and bring their children and enjoy a relaxing day beside the lake. It was a pleasure to see families relaxing around the lake and having a family day out for the little cost of \$2 a child or \$5 a family.

To run such an event takes funds and this year we were again sponsored by a Latrobe City Council Community grant.

International Power GDF-Suez also made their long standing annual, grant to the event

Our grateful thanks go to the members of the Churchill and District

Lions Club who are great supporters of this competition, willingly donating their time, the food for the sausage sizzle and contributing financially as well. They are a terrific group of men who seem to turn up all over the place doing their good work.

A special thank you also goes to Thelma and Barry Hicks who eagerly turn up each year to help out young anglers, sharing their knowledge of preparing a fishing rod, tips for fishing and how to cook fish, as well as tips for sustainable fishing.

Latrobe City Council supplied walkie talkies, safety vests, witches hats, signage and barriers which are very useful. Gippsland Trades and Labour Council help with photocopying and items for the show bags which is most appreciated.

The 1st Churchill Scouts willingly do a leaflet drop for us each year and for this we are very grateful.

Mathison Park Committee and Friends group help to clean up the park, and mowing contractors make a special effort to ensure the park looks at its best. This is a great partnership.

Tackle World donate prizes.

Department of Environment and Primary Industries-Fisheries who stock the lake with trout prior to the event. This year too, they were able to supply a fisheries education officer Mick, who came with a fully equipped trailer of information.

Valley Trophies have been supplying a donation of medals for age group winners for many years now and this time Annette also gave a lovely trophy for the heaviest catch.

Gippsland Trade Printers are also

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Rain dampens event - but not competitors' enthusiasm



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Churchill, Hazelwood-Jeeralang score funding for safety



Russell Northe with Sharon Middlemiss from the Churchill Football/Netball Club, and John Arkinstall (left) and Garry Mauger (right) for Hazelwood-Jeeralang Community Association, at the Community Safety funding announcement.

At an announcement made at the Morwell Football/Netball Clubrooms, Churchill Football/Netball Club, Churchill Cricket Club and the Hazelwood-Jeeralang Community Association were told of funding to be received through Community Safety Fund grants. Churchill/Netball Club received \$8,562 for installation of a new alarm system, deadlocks and external lighting

which comes on automatically. The Churchill Cricket Club received \$2,753 for installation of a new security alarm system. Both these clubs have been the victims of vandalism and theft over a long period of time. Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Graham Harvey was unable to attend. The Hazelwood-Jeeralang Community Association received \$10,000 for design

and distribution of a community brochure to strengthen community safety. This is to help address illegal activity in their area. Russell Northe commended them on their work and how, as a community they had worked hard after the 2009 bushfires. In announcing the funding grants Mr Northe said, "I'm delighted to be able to support local community groups to help

provide safer and more secure facilities for local people. Minimising theft and vandalism is the aim of the grants. Our local organisations, run by volunteers, do a great job in providing a service to our community, and it frustrates me that they are affected by vandalism and theft. It is pleasing to me that I can support this diverse range of recipients in crime prevention."



Churchill Rainfall October

By Bruce Stephenson

Rainfall for October was 77.5 ml. This brings the total to date for the year to 640 ml



Wally Anders sent this photo to his friend Bruce Stephenson, who thought it was so interesting that he asked Wally's permission to pass it on to Churchill News. Churchill residents and surrounding areas should be very pleased that they are growing in the bush close to Churchill. You never know what you might see when you go for a walk around Eel Hole Creek and surrounding bush. So, keep your eyes open.

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Hazelwood Rotary



by Leo Billington

Like each and every month, Hazelwood Rotary has maintained a solid, interesting and varied weekly program for its members during the past month.

Late in September, a large group of club members visited the Traralgon facility of Latrobe Valley Funeral Services where General Manager, David Hastie explained his work and that of his employer. Afterwards, members enjoyed dinner at La Porchetta in Traralgon.

Early in October, our guest speaker was Alicia Ewen, who came with parents Ken and Bec Ewen. Alicia is the 2013 Hazelwood Rotary Scout of the Year, and told us of her time in Scouting, starting in Joeys, then Cubs and now Scouts at Morwell East Group. She is a Patrol Leader, and at present most Scouts in the Troop are girls. Alicia is also one of 60 youth members (of 3000 Scouts in Victoria) in the Victorian Branch Youth Council. She has attended many camps, including a 15km Rail Trail hike carrying all gear. The Jamboree in Maryborough, Queensland in January 2013 was a highlight. Alicia has also been in the cast of Strzelecki Showtime for three years.

The club also hosted guest speaker, Pistons Car Club Treasurer, Catherine Parmenter who explained the upcoming Pistons Hazelwood Car and Bike show. This family event, with free kid's activities, and VicPol, SES, CFA displays and 300 cars on display was held on Sunday, October 27. Funds raised from past shows have benefited Rotary Centenary House. This year it will help the Chapman family of Yinnar, to take their three children to the USA for specialist

treatment of their rare disease.

Working with Morwell Rotary Club, Hazelwood Rotary conducted a barbeque at the Pistons Car and Bike Show recently at Gaskin Park. The two clubs and their teamwork showed great camaraderie to achieve a common goal.

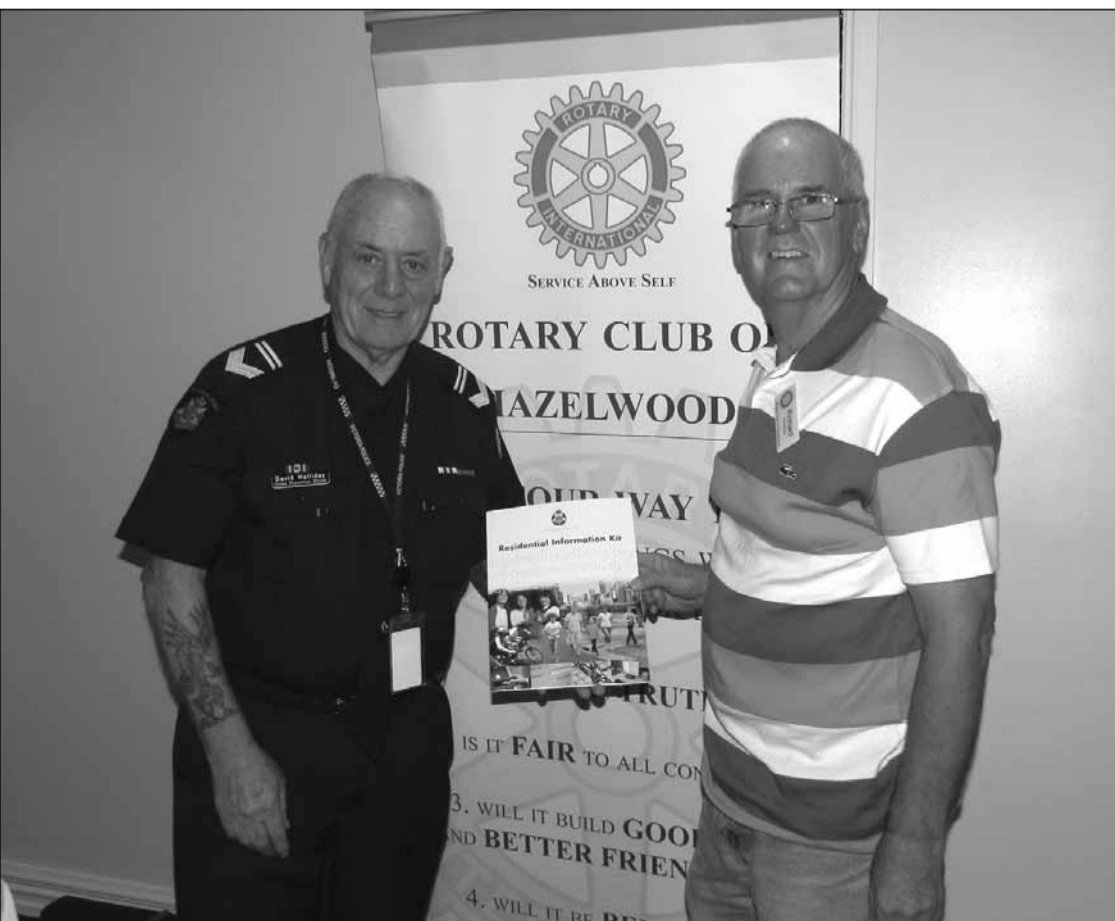
Leading Constable of Police, David Halliday was guest speaker last week explaining all the fundamental aspects of home security and safety. Guests from Churchill's Lioness Club were also in attendance.

The National Youth Science Forum is held in Canberra each January. Year 11 students are eligible to apply and application forms will be available (for January 2015) during early 2014. Hazelwood Rotary recently catered for a lunch at the university for those successful students who will attend NYSF activities in January 2014.

Members also celebrated Hat Day with Traralgon Central Rotary Club on October 14 to raise funds for the Australian Rotary Mental Health Research Fund. Crazy and outrageous hats were worn with the winning hat being proudly worn by Mac Wood.

Hazelwood Rotary's charity golf day is on Friday, November 15 at the Traralgon Golf Club. Dust down your golfing attire and sticks ready for keen competition.

To obtain detailed information about Rotary and any of the above activities, or to enquire about becoming a member, please call Leo Billington on 0458 661 848. Hazelwood Rotary meets in Morwell every Monday night except on (Monday) public holidays.





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October has been a busy month for the Churchill and district community with a number of local events and announcements being held throughout the month.

It was with great pleasure I represented the Minister for Emergency Services and Bushfire Response, Kim Wells, at the National Emergency Medal presentation on Sunday October 27, at Kernot Hall Morwell. Approximately 120 CFA staff, members and volunteers from across Gippsland were recognised for their extraordinary service during the 2009 Black Saturday Bushfires. Members from a number of brigades in the Morwell electorate received awards including Boolarra, Callignee, Churchill, Cowwarr, Morwell, Traralgon West, Tyers, Yallourn North and Yinnar South.

It was tremendous to see the Churchill, Boolarra, and Yinnar teams recognised so strongly on the day and I'm sure I speak on behalf of all the community in thanking you for your tremendous service during

this traumatic time and of course during the Delburn complex of fires that occurred in the week leading up to Black Saturday.

These members along with members from the Gippsland group of brigades provided sustained service and support to protect communities during a period of great destruction and loss. These award recipients fought bravely to protect lives and property during an extremely long and difficult fire campaign and I want to commend them for their courage and commitment.

The hugely successful Latrobe Relay for Life was held on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October at Gaskin Park in Churchill. It was pleasing to see over 890 participants and 39 teams pack into Gaskin Park over the 18 hour event including my own team called Northe's Naughty Nats.

More than 180 survivors and carers were honoured in the opening lap, the most ever. Latrobe Relay for Life was a wonderful opportunity for the community to pull together and

Northe's Natter



raise in excess of \$133,000 for the Cancer Council of Victoria in the fight against Cancer.

Well done to Janine Hayes, Sue Van Heurck and the local relay committee for their amazing work and success of the 2013 Latrobe Relay for Life. This is in addition to the generous sponsors, donors and businesses who provided enormous support also.

Great news in that three crime prevention projects in Churchill and district have received a funding boost as delivered under

the latest round of the Victorian Governments Community Safety Fund grants. Churchill Football Netball Club received \$8,562 for the installation of a new alarm system, deadlocks and external lighting whilst the Churchill Cricket Club received \$2,753 for the installation of a new security alarm system. Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association also received \$10,000 for the design and distribution for a community brochure to strengthen community safety.

The Victorian Government has now provided more than \$2.8 million dollars under the Community Safety Fund to support 422 projects in local communities' right across Victoria. Previously the Morwell electorate has had many organisations benefit from previous rounds of the Community Safety Fund grants program and well done again to our Churchill and district organisations for being successful applicants under this round of funding.

I also had the pleasure of officially

opening the Yinnar Skate Park on Saturday October 26. The Skate Park was identified as a priority by the Yinnar community some years ago, and has finally come to fruition with financial and in kind support from a number of organisations including the Victorian Government.

The Victorian Government was able to provide the Yinnar and District Community Association with \$80,000 in funding towards this important project. Latrobe City Council contributed \$20,000 in funding whilst the Yinnar and District Community Association put in the remaining \$15,000. The Yinnar Skate Park has been established on the back of hard work and a vision by the Yinnar and District Community Association and a vision of many young people in the town. I commend the Yinnar and District Association and the Yinnar community for instigating the project, which will be a great asset not only for the youth of Yinnar but for the wider community.

Churchill Town Centre Update - Northern Car Park

Construction of the pedestrian concourse between the Hazelwood Village and West Place shopping centres has begun.

Kerbs have been laid between the extended car park and the concourse, and crushed rock fill has built up the area to near "finish" level. A three-metre wide footpath will be built through the centre of the new concourse, and this will enable removal of the current footpath. Establishment of tree pits, lights and exposed aggregate areas both sides of the footpath will then follow early in 2014, and trees will be planted when seasonal conditions permit.

Reconstruction of the car park will take place in stages, aiming to minimise disruption in the town centre.

Taxi Rank and Bus Shelters

A tender for the new taxi rank and bus shelters along the realigned Georgina Place has been advertised. These will be constructed after the installation of new traffic islands which will simplify the layout of the car park.

Churchill Town Hall Plaza

Detailed designs are being finalised for the area to the north of the town hall. These include a footpath along Georgina Place, a ramp for universal access winding down the hill, establishment of the war memorial commissioned by Churchill District Community Association, erection of flagpoles, reinstatement of access to the top level of the town hall and improved lighting. These works will be tendered after completion of the detailed designs, anticipated to be in 2014.

Cr. Darrell White

Spraying for Blackberries

Early autumn to late spring is the season of growth and it is also the best time to spray blackberries.

Latrobe City Council and Landcare are urging landholders to ensure they treat blackberry infestations to protect the environment. The best time to spray is after the bushes have started flowering and are actively growing.

There are multiple ways of treating blackberry, including hand removal, cutting and pasting or using machinery such as a brush-cutter or slasher for a few years in a row. Using multiple methods is usually the best approach and having a "management plan" can act as a reminder of when to treat and re-treat the various weeds over the year.

Blackberries are a regionally controlled weed within Latrobe City and landowners have a responsibility under the Catchment and Land Protection Act (1994) to reduce its growth and spread.

Latrobe City Council officers and contractors will again be monitoring and treating blackberries on council's rural roadsides this spring and summer.

To be effective it's important that the community works together to control this weed.

Agriculture, forestry and nature tourism are all important industries within Latrobe City which can be affected by poor blackberry management and landowners who fail to treat their blackberries jeopardise the efforts of the wider community.

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Churchill Gardening Group

Now that the days are getting longer and warmer, there is more time to do all those gardening jobs that seem to have been postponed.

One of the major jobs is care of the lawn, mowing (not too short,) watering, and fertilizing. There is also still time to plant a new lawn.

Pay particular attention to the watering of your new lawn, until it has established a good root system and is growing well.

The roses are still blooming beautifully; keep removing old flowers and this will give you fresh growth and new flowers.

Liquid feed the rose bushes every week or so. If you pick the blooms for the house, cut the stems as long as possible. A light summer pruning after the spring flush of flowering will encourage a second flowering into autumn.

Now is a great time to think of planting a living Christmas gift or a decoration for the Christmas season in the garden. Try hanging baskets or pots; maybe go rustic. Fill old watering cans, saucepans, even an old boot, but make sure that you have put in some drainage holes.

Plant in any colour scheme that suits you, maybe geraniums, salvias, zinnias or celosia, or for a shady spot try impatiens. My favourite for the garden with a Christmas theme are red and white petunias. If planted now, with luck the above will be blooming in time for Christmas.

This month there is no end to the vegies that will thrive if planted now such as dwarf or climbing beans, beetroot, capsicum, lettuce, cucumber, pumpkin, sweet corn, and the star of the summer vegie (or fruit) is the tomato.

Most tomato plants grow quite tall, and need to be tied to a stake, but there are bush tomatoes, that you don't have to stake or pinch out the side laterals. Bush tomatoes can be grown in the garden, but they also thrive in pots or hanging baskets.

Plant them in the best quality potting mix, at the same time blend in a quantity of controlled release fertilizer for fruiting plants. Place in full sun and keep the water up to the pots.

However to reduce breeding places for mozzies, don't allow water to lay in the saucers. Empty other containers of water that may be laying around.



This year I have had a few scattered Johnny-jump-ups (Viola tricolour) in my front lawn, they looked very pretty but unfortunately got mowed down with the mower. However there are many of them happily self seeding throughout the garden. Please remember to let the tops of the daffodils die down naturally, even though they do look a bit untidy.

Flowering annuals and biennials are a bit like the vegies right now; there is almost no end to choice. Just to name a few are Californian poppy, foxglove, for-get-me-not, nemesia, portulaca, marigold, phlox, salvia, snapdragon, wallflower, cosmos, and a lot of these will self seed later on.

Some bulbs that can be planted now, or are in flower, include agapanthus (cut off the seed head so they don't become invasive,) canna lily, gladioli, hippeastrum, and liliiums. These come in many lovely colours, but I love the pure white ones.

Worm farms (composting worms) are now starting to eat more food and by chopping up the fruit and vegie scraps into smaller bits, (maybe with a shovel or the like), as this enables the worms to get through things faster. Tea leaves, coffee grounds, hair, crushed egg shells, and sweepings from the floor are all consumed with glee. Also, adding a bit of lime to the worm farm stops any chance of smells.

That's all for this month. Enjoy your garden, be it big or small.

Thank you to Latrobe City Council

Churchill and District News wishes to acknowledge publicly, the receipt of two grants from Latrobe City Council, one for the paper and one for

the Junior Fishing Competition.

We are very grateful for the support given to us through these grants and in many other ways.



Chivalry is Not Dead

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the young man who, having passed my car with its tailgate up and spare tyre on the ground, turned his car around and very speedily changed my damaged tyre.

This happened in Alexanders Road Morwell on Monday October 28. He did not give his name but I was very grateful for his thoughtfulness.

Jill Beck

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Kim and Orea at Chengdu Panda Base 2013

I was lucky to be given the opportunity to travel to China in early September with Wendy Wu Tours.

In the eight day itinerary to China, I travelled to two major cities and many outlying townships. Chengdu is where I had the opportunity to get up close and personal with a one year old Panda called Oreo (named so after the biscuit). It was an amazing experience that I would highly recommend.

China is an extremely diverse country with many unique sightseeing opportunities. If you are interested in travel to China please call into our office and see me, or Joy or Irene ... we have all travelled to China.

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Our huge **garage sale** happened on October 5. It was quite successful.

Thank you to all those contributed items for sale.

Our community are very helpful in contributing materials.

Home Group

A Home Group has started and meets on Monday mornings at 10am.

More people are welcome.

A **taize service** was held at 5pm on the second Sunday and about twenty people attended this quiet, contemplative prayerful service.

The next 5pm service will be November 17 and will be a music based service with lots of singing.

Thoughtfully prepared prayerful worship services have been a blessing over this month.

Coffee Connections

Was a happy time of fellowship with a photo presentation by Carol and Det Roeder of their trip to Hawaii.

Junior Youth Group

Continues with a group of eager young people enjoying fun activities, and devotion and a meal together.



Church Times

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Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

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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
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Ang. PPP

Week 3 - 11am at
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Week 4 - 11am at
Uniting Church Yinnar
UCA Service of the Word

Week 5 - 11am at
Yinnar South Anglican H C

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill
Sunday: 10.00am

Christmas Services

Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar are:

Thursday - December 19, 2013

A Blue Christmas Service at 7pm at Christ Church, Boolarra

This service acknowledges that Christmas can be a painful time for some.

It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrains on radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost.

The anguish of the death of a loved one can make us feel alone in the midst of the celebrating and joy. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness; we need to know that we are not alone.

We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us.

Sunday - December 22, 2013

A Service of Lessons and Carols at 9.00am at the Cooperating Churches in Churchill

A Service of Lessons and Carols at 11.00am at Christ Church, Boolarra

Tuesday - Christmas Eve

Crib Service at 6.30pm at the Cooperating Churches in Churchill

Holy Communion at 8.30pm at Christ Church, Boolarra

Wednesday - Christmas Day

Holy Communion at 9.00am at the Cooperating Churches in Churchill

Family Service at 9.30am at the Uniting Church in Yinnar

Churchill Christian Fellowship.

Sunday December 22 at 10am

Lumen Christi.

Christmas Eve

8.00pm at Lumen Christi

Christmas Day

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There will be no Masses at Yinnar or Boolarra on Christmas Day.

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"North East Passage, a Modern Voyage of Discovery"



An illustrated talk about the "North East Passage, a Modern Voyage of Discovery" will be given by Julie Parker on Friday November 22, at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting.

The 26 day voyage Julie joined in August 2011, was the first general interest trip for which the Russian authorities had given permission in recent times.

Setting off from the ice free port of Murmansk, the vessel Akademik Shokalskiy traversed the north east passage through 9 time zones, 6 seas and 4,411 nautical miles crossing the Russian arctic to finish in the Bering Strait town of Anadyr.

Julie's presentation will cover the wildlife, plants, islands and indigenous people encountered on this modern day expedition.

The meeting at 7.30pm is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

On Saturday there will be a bus trip to the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge.

For more information phone 5634 2246 or 5127 3393.

Churchill and District Lions Club

By Bob Lowick - Secretary

On Australia Day 2005, Churchill Lions Club had the honour of bestowing upon Ruth Place of Churchill, our inaugural Churchill Australia Day Citizen of the Year in recognition of her tireless and devoted service to the citizens of the Churchill Community.

On Australian Day every year since, Churchill Lions Club have had the privilege of bestowing upon further individuals the honour of being recognised as our Churchill Citizen of the Year for their tireless efforts to assist the Churchill Community itself; who go the extra yard to assist our citizens in extremely wide and diverse fields, to ensure the needs of all individuals are met.

Since that time the Churchill Lions Club have chosen also to make available an award for individual School Citizen of the Year, which acknowledges the excellence of our young citizens throughout the year, along with the provision of similar awards that are presented to students of the local and surrounding primary schools, who likewise make the extra effort to support and assist others by whatever means.

Since our inaugural award in 2005 the following members of the Churchill community have been awarded the honour of being recognised as our **Churchill Citizens of the Year:**

2006: Eric and Dot Rowley - Churchill Citizens of the Year

Tyson Webb - Churchill Junior Citizen of the Year

2007: Tom Lawless - Churchill Citizen of the Year

Taylor Jackson - Churchill Junior Citizen of the Year

2008: Ron Bennett - Churchill Citizen of the Year

Katie Duncan - Churchill Junior Citizen of the Year

2009: Val Prokopiv -

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Dale Murphy - Churchill

Junior Citizen of the Year

2010: Val Giles -

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Ashleigh Caldwell -

Churchill Junior Citizen of

the Year

2011: Wendy Steenbergen - Churchill Citizen of

the Year

Jodie Lee Hammett - Churchill Junior Citizen of

the Year

School Awards - Ashleigh Bellingham - Regan

Sultana - Jemma Laidlaw.

2012: Reg Grissotto - Churchill Citizen of the Year

Nathan Lugton - Churchill Junior Citizen of the

Year

School Awards - Adrian Lawrence -

Tayla Kelty - Smith - Blake Hunter -

Drew Makepeace - Zara Louise Ernst

2013: Donato Di Fabrizio - Churchill Citizen of

the Year

Bevan Kemp - Churchill Junior Citizen of the

Year

School Awards - Emily Lugton - Taylah Anne

Whelan - Corey O'Shae - Natalie Butler.

To assist the Churchill Lions to locate prospective

members of our community who, like all of the above,

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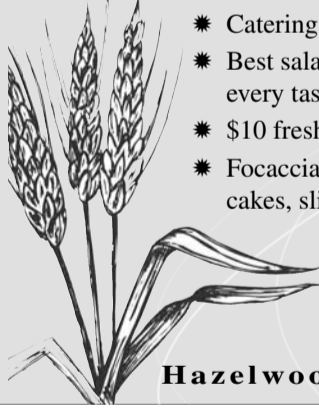
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Gippsland brigade members receive national recognition for Black Saturday service

Brigade members from across the three CFA Districts in Gippsland gathered at Kernot Hall in Morwell to receive the National Emergency Medal presented by Russell Northe MP and congratulated by CFA Chief Officer Euan Ferguson AFSM on Sunday afternoon October 27. It was a very well organised and moving event.

Also in attendance from CFA were Regional Director Mark Potter and CFA Board member Michael Freshwater. According to material given to recipients on the day we have the following information about the medal.

"In October 2011, the National Emergency Medal was added to the Australian Honours and Awards. It recognises service to others during nationally significant emergencies.

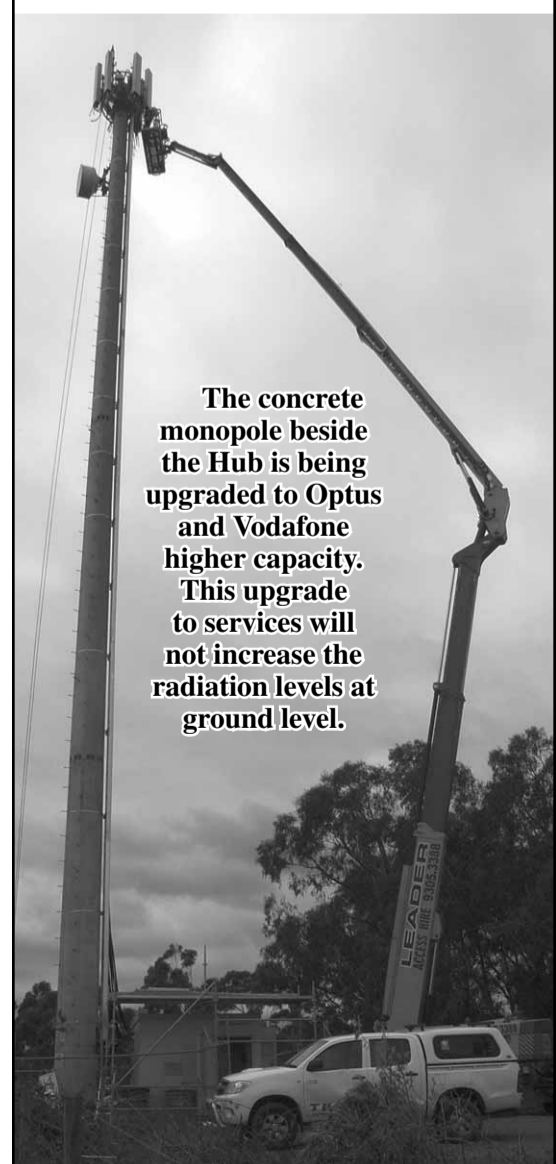
The 2009 Victorian bushfires have been declared a nationally significant emergency and members of CFA who rendered service during the specified dates of these fires are eligible for the medal. 120 members both volunteers and Gippsland Regional personnel were recognised.

The decoration consists of a circular bronze medal with a stylised representation of Australia's floral emblem, the wattle, in the centre. The ring around the central image is of flowering wattle, representing the accomplishments and sacrifices made by Australians in the service of others in times of crisis. The back of the medal repeats the ring of flowering wattle, and details the award and recipient.

The colours of the ribbon match the colours of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal ribbon-gold and eucalyptus green. Gold symbolises the Australian sun, optimism and hope. Eucalyptus green complements the symbolism of the medal design. The seven gold coloured bands represent Australia's six states, with the seventh representing the territories."



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20th Birthday Celebration of Greenside Villas, Yinnar

On October 12th the Committee of Management (Yinnar and District Housing Development Inc) with residents and their families celebrated 20 years since the units were officially opened in May 16th 1993 by Senator Barney Cooney and Mayor of Morwell, John Guy. At this date only 5 units were available but now have 4 rental one bedroom units and 7, 2 bedrooms leased units that now make up Greenside Villas Retirement Village.

The day was marked with an afternoon tea in Centennial Park, Yinnar which is next door to the village. About 40 people attended including Kathy Thornton who was the first of residents. It was lovely to see some of the residents who had recently moved to residential care in Morwell attending as well as some of the Yinnar community. There was lots of chatting and all enjoyed the wonderful afternoon tea provided.

President of Yinnar and District Housing, Graeme O'Hara welcomed everyone and spoke of original residents and committee and of the hard work it took the community of Yinnar to plan and build these original units.

Ray Linton who was the person responsible for the initial idea in 1990 spoke of how the community got together to request the Morwell Shire consider this project on the vacant land next to the bowling club. The idea was to provide low cost housing for the elderly persons of Yinnar and District. Prior to the building of these units, Yinnar residents had to leave their families and friends when they were no longer able to manage their larger homes and were requiring independent aged care.

The Yinnar and District Housing Development was formed from members of the local community to oversee the building and the ongoing management of these units. Local architect, John Fowler designed and also managed the project, bringing the building of

units in on budget.

The Morwell Shire supported the plan and assisted in financing the project along with a grant from the Minister of Housing. The community of Yinnar also raised funds to get the project make sure the units proceeded. Ray also spoke of all the work the volunteer committee, of which he was president for 16 years, had to do to make the units a successful project and finally provide aged care for local people. The original residents were Kathy Thornton, Ev Walters, Cleve Owen, Annie Bond and Ina Williams.

Greenside Villas is still managed by a volunteer, non profit committee of management from the local community who handle all the financial and maintenance needs of the village.



Community Newspapers Association of Victoria Conference

CD News - Best Sports article

Two members of the Churchill and District News team attended the recent Community Newspapers of Victoria Conference at Frankston.

It was great to get together with other enthusiastic community newspaper producers from across Victoria and exchange ideas and see copies of their newspapers

The keynote speaker was Angela Carey who works for Fairfax Media.

Her talk assured us that the print media for community newspapers was going to last for some time yet. We gained several ideas for use in our own Churchill and District News.

Following Angela was Bill Penrose and Ron Phillips who have been engaged to source government advertising for community newspapers. We have already had some last year with the fire safety messages for the summer season, and hope to have more this coming fire season.

Four work shop choices were available after lunch. We were able to attend two of these bringing back some valuable information.

At the dinner which has held that night, awards in



CD News Team Leader Ruth Place

several categories of newspaper production were given. Churchill and District News was proud to receive an award for the Best Sports article written by Sam Gillett about the Oceania Games held at the Leisure Centre Churchill earlier this year.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

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Term 4 classes - 2013

Term 4 is well under way; many different and varied classes are on offer with a few vacancies still available. Join one of our computer classes, basics, MS Word/Excel, computers unplugged, social media and, ACDSsee Photo Editor.

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Adult literacy and numeracy – career development learning, knitting, sewing and, crocheting are also on offer.

A Discussion group comes together on Friday mornings, and solves the problems of the world, and then has lunch together, to discuss 'more important issues'.

On the first Friday of each month come and join our Writers group, and on the 4th Friday of every month the Churchill Bookworms meet and discuss/review the latest book they have read. Folk Art is also

available, as is the opportunity to join our community workshop – incorporating our Men's Shed program.

Also on the first Friday of each month a wool spinning group meets to Sit and Spin, the yarns are just great. Our class tutors are the best in the Valley, and they will help/guide you to learn, share and enhance your knowledge with others in a supportive and friendly atmosphere and it's all done with fun and enjoyment, – Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is the place to be – the heart of our community.

Our class Xmas breakup will be on Wednesday December 11, at 12 noon. All past and present participants are invited to come and enjoy the end of year festivities. Please let the Coordinator (5122 2955) know if you wish to participate in our merry making.

Term 4 classes end on Friday December 13, 2013

2014 - Term 1 classes will start on Monday January 28.

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Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group

This is to advise that the next meeting of the Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group will take place on November 27, 2013, at 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 will be our "Holiday Meeting", and we encourage everyone to bring a plate of their holiday specialty, or favourite food, to share. For more information, please ring Dot Kitwood on 0402 457 241.

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Churchill Fire Brigade



Glendonald Park Preschool visit

Preschoolers from Glendonald Park Preschool visited the fire station recently. It was a good opportunity to tell the children and their adult helpers about the importance of working smoke alarms, how to get out of a house on fire and how to report a fire using 000.

They were also shown what the Breathing Apparatus looks like when worn by a volunteer. It can be scary, so it was good for the children to see Jess dress in uniform and then add the BA and mask.

The children also know that they can help a fire fighter find them in a smoky room by clapping their hands, knocking on the wall or stamping their feet to help.

After a look at the truck and its equipment, the children had a squirt of the hose - always a winner - then listened to the siren with ears covered and saw the emergency warning lights flashing.

Presentation Night

Churchill Fire Brigade held its annual Presentation Night at the Churchill Hotel, playing host to Chief Officer Euan Ferguson, his wife Kristen, John Radford, Operations Officer at Morwell and members of other brigades in the Morwell Group.

After a delicious meal, Steve Barling, Captain of Churchill Brigade rose to welcome the guests and members.

Steve gave a review of the brigade's achievements over the past year. These included being called out to 159 incidents; upgrading to a 4000 litre per minute pumper; purchase of a defibrillator; delivery of a good Fire Safe Kids program; involvement in fire safety community education, and attending five community events. Steve thanked family and friends for their support of brigade members. He also commended brigade members and said that they could be justly proud of their efforts, urging them to keep up their good work, adding that the community appreciates their efforts as he hears that from many people throughout the year.

Graeme Renwick and those who help Graeme with fire equipment maintenance were acknowledged. Brigade Officers were thanked for their role, and asked to continue their good work, indeed, being asked to take on some practical leadership and development to build Churchill brigade's, and the Morwell Group's, operational capabilities.

He concluded by saying how deeply proud he was of everything done this past year by the brigade.

Chief Officer Euan Ferguson AFSM spoke saying it was a pleasure to be back in the area where he had previously served; it was like being amongst old friends again.

He thanked all brigade members present for their ongoing work and commitment to the community.

He commended Steve on his leadership. He also said the community has enormous respect for the members, the work



and the standards upheld.

In the Latrobe Valley he said there is the whole range of fire fighting risks, including critical infrastructure, forests and bush.

As Euan had previously been the Chief Officer in South Australia, he extended thanks on behalf of the South Australian fire fighters who came to help with the 2009 fires, saying how much they had appreciated the hospitality of the Churchill Brigade.

The effects of climate change on fire behaviour will cause more involvement of more fire fighting hours. He says it will be a significant challenge.

Concluding, Euan thanked the members for their dedication to a very large organisation - CFA.

Euan called on John Radford to help him present the CFA Service awards and the

National Medal for Service, a part of the Australian Honours System.

They were:- Andrew Thompson - CFA Five Year Service Certificate, Darren Devlin - CFA Ten Year Service Medal, Blake Coss - National Medal for Service, Chris Gallagher - National Medal for Service, Tony Gallagher - National Medal for Service and First Clasp, Scott Randall - National Medal for Service, Steven Barling - National Medal for Service and First Clasp, Allan Larkin - National Medal for Service and First Clasp,

Rob Langston - National Medal for Service and First Clasp.

Brigade Awards followed:-

Firefighter of the Year - Mark Andruschak

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Churchill Lions



and Lionesses

Churchill Lions and Lionesses have been busy throughout October.

Lions and Lionesses catered for the 11th anniversary Barry Sheene Ride to the Grand Prix where they had lunch at Kernot Hall. While numbers were down this year and the weather was cold, it was a good day with a lot raised for local projects and charitable causes. The Churchill Relay for Life proved to be a success. The Lions provided dinner and breakfast for the fundraising effort which raised several thousand dollars towards cancer research.

Lions and Lionesses also assisted with the Junior Fishing Competition, the Annual Gem Show as well as the customary Bunnings BBQ.

The Lions Club is also asking for nominations for the 2014 Australia Day Awards.

Upcoming Lions and Lionesses Events include a collectibles show at Kernot hall in late November and the Churchill Primary School Fete on November 16.

Lions meet every first and third Wednesday of each month. Enquiries, suggestions and requests can be directed to churchill.lions@gmail.com



It is amazing what three people can achieve in a morning at a working bee. Working with company makes the task seem lighter and the jobs completed more quickly.

It was fantastic to have Ben and Bill come after a fair absence. Great to have you along fellas.

Many fallen branches and lots of bark was collected in several piles near Mackeys Road and in the Tramway Road section for collection and taken to our piles of rubbish which are growing. Rubbish was picked up and some of the exposed roots sprayed yellow in preparation for the Junior Fishing Competition on October 26.

Preparations for the Junior Fishing Competition also included mowing of the grass.

The council mowing team did their section, Tim did his section and Latrobe Valley Enterprises did their section to make it look neat and cared for. Thanks to everyone for that terrific effort.

Dave and Linda moved the piles of branches to leave the Mackeys Road end looking most attractive.

Chris and Faye had worked to clear fallen branches along Eel Hole Creek pathway the week before.

It has been a fantastic effort all round and it is so good to have such an enthusiastic team. Many people at the Junior Fishing Competition, commented on how well cared for the park looked.

The next working bee will be on Saturday November 16 at 9am.

To find out where we are meeting please ring Ruth 5122 1961.

Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Safety Project

The Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association has been funded by the Department of Justice to produce an information brochure, advising residents about how they can contribute to making Hazelwood-Jeeralang a safer place for all.

The Community Safety Project will focus on community safety issues in the Hazelwood-Jeeralang area, and how residents can play their part in conjunction with the relevant government agencies.

Issues of community safety currently raised include rubbish dumping, vandalism, animal welfare, road safety (including hooning), theft and arson. The project aims to inform and empower residents with the information needed to make a difference through advice to the responsible agencies on these matters. This project builds on the work of the Local Emergency Action Plan (LEAP) which was rolled out over the past 12 months.

The Association is seeking input from members of the Hazelwood-Jeeralang community on their areas of

community safety concerns.

There are several ways you can let the Association know of particular issues which concern you, and should be addressed in the brochure including:

- You may write to the association with your particular concerns. The HJCA has an email address, postal address and website detailed below on which you can leave comments about this project.

- You may contact John Arkinstall the project's coordinator on 0438 661 528.

The value of this project will be enhanced by broad community participation. The Association welcomes your interest and involvement.

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MUGSU AWARDS WRAP-UP

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Our guest speaker for the night was Tim Spiteri, the first Australian male to row across the Atlantic Ocean. He engaged the audience as he spoke of the highlights of his journey to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis research.

Some of the awardees included Wendy Goff (Golden Apple Award), Oscar Ri Hao Teng (Life Membership) and Wesley Ung (President's Award). Other awards were made to several volunteers and members of our International and Postgraduate student organisations.

Special thanks to Siddharth Padmamabhan for MC'ing the night, and to our generous sponsors for making this night possible TRFM, Monacellers and GOLD 1242.

The MUGSU board would again like to give thanks to the students, staff, and the wider community for supporting our not-for-profit organisation, and look forward to the year ahead.

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The Venue

The No 1 Oval at Gaskin Park was a sea of activity as people prepared for the opening ceremony at 4pm on Saturday, October 19. Ampworks had set up the PA system. Greg Allan from Gold 1242 was there to MC the event. Willaton Transport had supplied the truck trailer for the entertainers and those involved in the opening ceremony. The Churchill and District Lions had set up their



cooking facilities outside the club rooms. In the club rooms the Moe and District Cancer Council Volunteer Group were preparing a sumptuous afternoon tea for survivors and carers of cancer patients. The Cancer Council had all their gear and registering set up in the rooms. The Churchill Fire Brigade personnel were checking everyone's cords and electrical appliances for compliance. Gippsland Water had their water fountain set up for thirsty walkers. Several other supporters also added their contributions willingly. It was a wonderful community effort under way.

The Opening Ceremony

For the opening ceremony Chair Manager Sue Van Heurk spoke these words:

"This weekend, we are together 'relaying' to remember loved ones we've lost to cancer, to celebrate life and to fight back for a cancer free world."

Sue thanked everyone for all their efforts which are making such a difference to the research, especially in the forgotten cancers, being done by the Cancer Council, which in turn is being able to help those who are regularly diagnosed with cancer. There are 70 relay events across Victoria now, and it has grown across the world.

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, Patron of this Relay for Life, thanked all there for their efforts and wished everyone a great Relay event, in which he also participated.

Look Good, Feel Better.

Marion Answerth, Regional Victorian Volunteer of the Year, for "Look Good, Feel Better" spoke about the program and how it has made such a difference to women, and lately men, suffering the effects of cancer treatment. Her training in skin care and colour cosmetics qualified her to participate in this program. Marion was able to help them look better and thus feel better with the application of make-up and wigs. This program, founded in the USA, has helped many women maintain self-esteem and face cancer treatment with greater confidence, often alleviating depressive

feelings.

In 2012, 100,000 participants had accessed the program here in Australia. It is funded by the cosmetic and beauty industry, providing nearly 1000 workshops every year. Locally workshops are held at Bairnsdale, Sale, Traralgon, Warragul and Leongatha.

At workshops attendees are led step by step through the skin care section and then see demonstrated, the use of cosmetics. Each lady receives a confidence pack to the value of \$400 to take home. Marion then demonstrates hats, turbans, scarves, before a hairdresser shows how wigs can be used advantageously. Transformations are seen.

A Dream Ball is held annually to raise funds. Kerri-Anne Kennerly is the patron.

Cancer Facts

Christine Loulier for the Cancer Council made all present aware of the horrific statistics concerned with cancer.

Each year 412 people are diagnosed with cancer in Latrobe City. One in two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer by age 85. Five year survival is now 65%, the highest ever. Two decades ago this figure was 47%. There have been many breakthroughs in early detection, prevention and treatment.

Last year the Cancer Council led a world first study into 15 cancers that are less common, but have lower survival rates, including bladder, multiple myeloma, and kidney.

In Latrobe there is a cancer Council supported Helpline, trained volunteers and a face to face Carer Support Group, as well as supporting clinical trials in hospitals across Victoria, testing new treatments.

Quitline and SunSmart are two active and successful programs run by the Cancer Council. Christine emphasised the importance of Slip Slop Slap.



Survivors and Carers Walk

Marion Answerth cut the ribbon then the survivors and carers did their lap of honour, being clapped enthusiastically by the crowd, before being served afternoon tea.



The afternoon tea, with a little help from supporters, was provided largely by the Moe and District Cancer Council Volunteer Group, also known as the Bad Hair Day Girls.

The Teams.

There were thirty-eight teams which participated in the 11th Relay for Life in Latrobe- (900 people). Some were new this year; others have been with Relay for a long time. The reasons people join in varies greatly from 'I thought it would be fun' to 'I lost my relative/friend to cancer, and want to help the fight to find a cure' to 'Everyone is affected by cancer'.

Each team was required to produce a banner using the word Hope.



Flannelette Roses came for their second year. They sold roses and glow sticks on the day but had raised \$4,200 with more coming, prior to the day. They were hoping to raise \$5000 so they could choose a research project to fund. They had run a disco at Hazelwood North Primary School too.

Top Gear. This was their first year. Pat Ryan of Lumen Christi School organised his family, friends and school to raise \$2000+ through a BBQ at school (\$500) and selling chocolates (\$1,500).

Pink Power. The team raised \$3,527.60 with a cake stall, business sponsorship a morning tea and bright colours day at Grey St Primary School and at the footy and netball finals.



Valley Angels raised \$400 at work selling things they had made. They also had glow in the dark items to sell for the night activities. Stalls, art, shopping centres and collection boxes at home, a competition to guess the number of lollies in the jar, seeking sponsors and collecting money all contributed to their total amount.



Churchill Champions raised \$2,000. This year their team had swelled to eighteen members. They held a 'Ladies Night In' event which was very successful, received contributions from Ritchie's Community Benefits, Shantelle sold Hot Chocolate sticks from the salon, and a cake stall at the Fun Day netted \$160.



Boolarra Stompers raised \$5,000 with a pie drive, Easter, Christmas, and Mothers Day raffles, participating in Shave for a Cure, having a donation box on the Boolarra Post Office counter and bringing in veggies, flowers, books and plants to sell.



Witches in Stitches. Their fundraiser was the raffle of a quilt they had made. Over 700 tickets were sold. Overall they raised \$1,800. They had a good time and enjoyed the atmosphere and the fun of the activities, which make the time seem to fly and kept them motivated. Their tent was dressed as a witch's den. On a clothesline outside they had decorated jocks- a reminder to the men to be pro-active in checking for prostate cancer. The teenage members of the team came second in the talent quest and Jye dressed as Miss Relay. "There is something special about walking at 4am and then seeing the beautiful sunrise," reported Wendy, team captain. The team congratulates the organising committee. They will be back next year.



MisPrints team were from Gippsland Trade Printers and they raised nearly \$10,000.

Their Community Fun Day was a terrific success.

Many fun activities were held throughout the afternoon and night and into Sunday. They included a watermelon eating competition, apple bobbing, 3 leg races, scavenger hunt, quiz, weird hat parade, and Midnight Miss Relay (blokes as girls event).

The event closed with the unveiling of a banner 23 metres long on which participants had written their pledges to cut their cancer risk during the next twelve months.

Sue Van Heurk praised the Relay as the one which had broken all the records- highest amount raised- \$123,264, highest number of participants 900 people and survivors and carers 150+, with the most teams-38. It certainly puts a challenge out to better that for next year's event.

Already 17 teams have registered to compete in 2014.

A big thank you goes to the organising committee, the volunteers and the enthusiastic thirty-eight teams who all worked so hard to 'fight back for a cancer free world'.



Pre-Primary students join Churchill art pathway



The Art and Culture Pathway instigated by the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) has seen the transformation of parts of Churchill with its bright colour and youth engagement.

The Kurnai students under the guidance of artist John Vukovic, have begun to add geometric designs with added symbols, to the skate park. The Bug Blitz team with the help of primary school children of Churchill decorated the totem poles at the northern end of the Green Inc ponds while discovering bugs in the area.

Sue Scarlett, director at the Hub Preschool, thought it needed the preschoolers to add their part in colouring Churchill. So with the blessing of the GEP Art and Culture Pathway administrators, Sue, with Pooh Corner and Glendonald Park Preschool arranged KinderArt. Sue said she was very happy with the outcome.

Artist Ian Mitchell worked with the children last week. Ian painted the bollards supplied by Monash, and cut out the stencils the children used to decorate them.

Jodie Petesic of Pooh Corner said it was wonderful to work with the preschools and form this link with the community. "The kids have loved it. They are so excited," she said.

Jessie Bayley director at Glendonald Park Preschool, thought that this was great for the children- a memory maker- something for them to look back on in future years. "It has been good that the preschool groups can do something together," she added.

Mike Answerth, project leader and Loretta Hamby of the GEP, are thrilled that the full range of preschoolers through to secondary students and some

Monash students have been able to be involved with this aspect of the Art and Culture Pathway.

Loretta Hamby said she was delighted to be working so closely with the youth of Churchill, and Latrobe City Council, forming positive partnerships, but also giving ownership of the project to all ages of Churchill residents, thus supporting Churchill in becoming a cultural community.

Mike added that the preschooler's bollards and the skate park were on either side of the East-West Link which would consolidate the link between the university campus and the town centre. Ultimately this pathway will be a 5km long walking track around Churchill.

FedUni is enthusiastically embracing the community engagement activities initiated by the GEP, especially the Art and Culture Pathway.

John Vukovic, was busy painting part of the skate park as the preschool activities were progressing. He uses cans of aerosol spray paint, to make self designed geometric shapes which are his beginnings. He loves to make his designs symmetrical and says that offers him a challenge. He is an artist but also a high school teacher and he has found it great being involved with this project. He has seen how the students have become engrossed with what they are doing even though he has asked them to do things out of their comfort zone. He has noted that socially they have been friendly and respectful to each other. It has been rewarding to see them work and interact together to share their skills and experiences.

There is more to come with this project involving our youth. Keep your eyes open to see the next exciting development.



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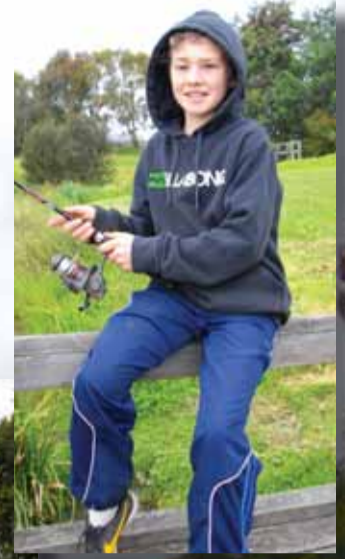
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wonderful supporters of Churchill and District News, each year donating all the leaflets which is fantastic. Peter Gray of Ampworks acts as our MC for the day, doing an amazing job keeping everyone informed.

The Co-Operating Churches in Churchill supply tables and chairs for the use of the organising committee.

We thank them all very much for their fantastic and in many cases, ongoing, support.





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