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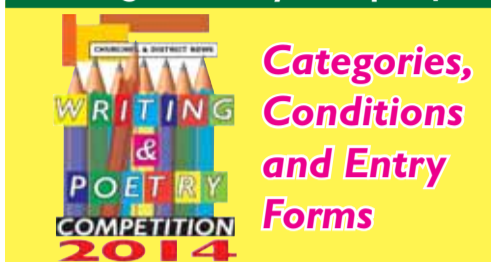
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## Boolarra Folk Festival success



The community of Boolarra was thrilled with the success of the 2014 Boolarra Folk Festival. This was the twelfth festival and as with all previous festivals, it was a free event. Perfect weather, increased attendance and the beautiful town common setting contributed to the success of the day. The crowd was estimated to be in

excess of 7000 people.

To assist those reeling from the effects of the recent bushfires/mine fires, the Department of Human Services and Latrobe City provided a free bus service from Morwell to Boolarra, in a generous gesture accepted by more than 500 residents.

The friendly and relaxed carnival-like atmosphere of music and the market stalls throughout the parks was evident all day, and it is hoped that these visitors will return in years to come.

Over 150 surveys were completed during the event and they were full of praise for the Folk

Festival, the town's setting and for the variety of music and market stalls. Word continues to spread of the day and many respondents answered that they had learned of the festival through friends and family. There was a continued presence of visitors from Melbourne  
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From Page 1 . . . and beyond, which brings some fresh faces and new bands to the town.

This year's festival included the highest content of local acts ever presented, and featured Karavana Flamenca, a band that will head to the prestigious National Folk Festival in Canberra, over Easter. The ever popular school percussion segment led by Steve Schultz was the first of 13 acts to please the audience again. The day also featured Gippsland favourites: Borderline and The Molly Maguires.

Residents of the Latrobe Valley and beyond can see that live music is encouraged, supported and appreciated in this district. None of this would be possible without the support of our many sponsors, Latrobe City, GDF-Suez, Russell Northe MP, Mirboo North and District Community Bendigo Bank, Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Grand Ridge Computer Services, Young Signs, Strzelecki Plumbing, Gregory's Sports and Musical Equipment, Newborough, JW & HL O'Connor, LKJ Carriers and James Transport.

[www.boolarrafolkfestival.com](http://www.boolarrafolkfestival.com) has more information on the festival. We hope to see you there next year.

## Churchill Rainfall March 2014



**Churchill Rainfall Details for March 2014.**

Churchill had 5 days of rain up to March 29, for a total of 33 mil to that date. That adds to the yearly total of 85.5 mil.

As the lawns are starting to green up a bit, hopefully some more rain is on the way to help them grow.

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# World's Greatest Shave

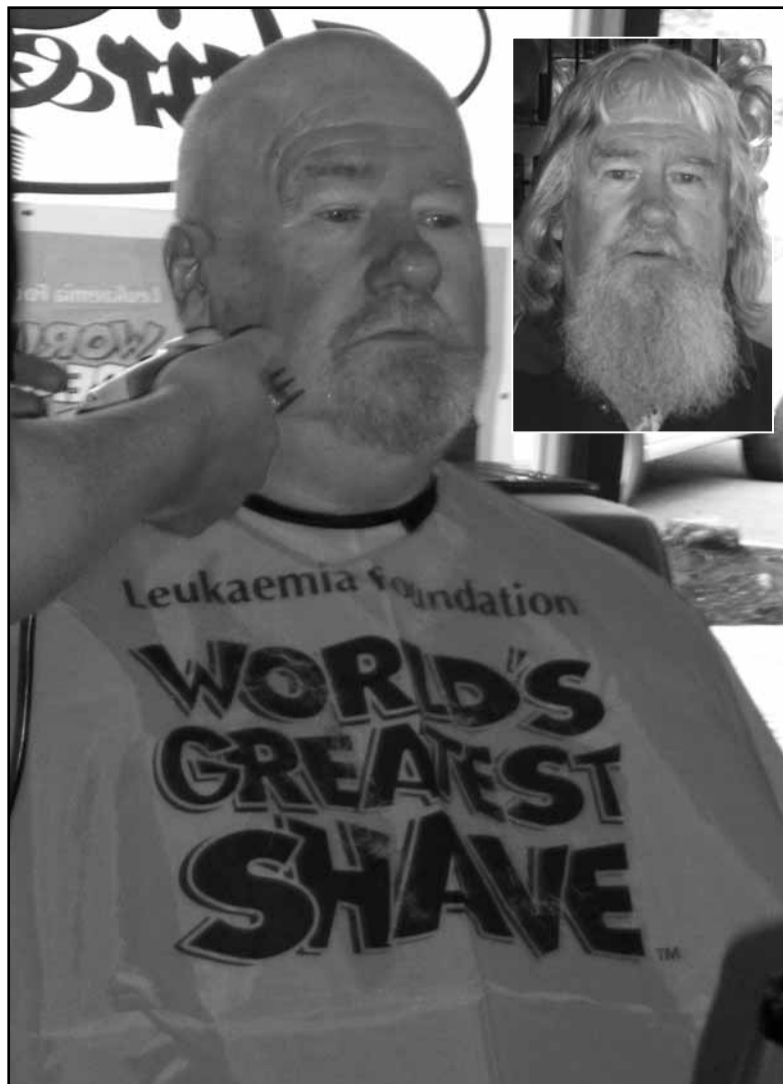
Ian (Stubby) Hale was among the many people who sacrificed their hair to raise funds for the Leukemia Foundation's "Shave For A Cure".

Ian was shaved by Chantelle at Churchill Kats Hair Design.

Mr. Hale was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia five and a half years ago, and he was prompted by his grandson to take part in the shave each year since.

This year Ian raised \$1,240.00 and would like to thank the Churchill Kat's Hair Design, Churchill Newsagency, Churchill Bakery, Ann's Café, Hazelwood Health Centre, C.B.A. Amcal Chemist, The Barber Shop, Zaniti Hair Studio, Churchill Maintenance and Fabrication and all the other individuals who helped him to achieve his goal. Ian thanks you all from the bottom of his heart for all your help.

Ian intends to keep doing this fund raiser while he has hair on his head.



## Churchill's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary - logo design competition

A Competition is being conducted to design a logo for Churchill's 50th Anniversary. The winning design will be used to 'brand' 50th Celebration Events and Activities in 2015 and will feature on publicity and promotional material. Prizes, including \$50 cash, will be given to the winning designer. Please see the application form and Terms and Conditions of Entry below. The Competition is open now and will close at 5pm on Monday June 23, 2014

### Terms and Conditions of Entry

- \*The winning logo design will be assessed as the one that best encapsulates a representation of Churchill, past, present and future.
- \*The logo design may include recognisable Churchill landmark(s).
- \*The logo design must be suitable for reproduction on letterhead, website and other promotional material.
- \*The designer's name, age, address and contact phone number must be provided on the Entry Form as a separate piece of paper and attached with a paper clip, NOT a staple.
- \*The Entry Form provided in the Churchill & District News may be used.
- \*Entries must be original, unpublished work presented on an A5 sheet of paper.
- \*Multiple entries will be accepted.
- \*Permission to reproduce the winning design on materials associated with Churchill's 50th Anniversary celebrations will be assumed.
- \*The winning design will be published in the Churchill & District News and the artist acknowledged.
- \*The winner is guaranteed to receive a Certificate and a cheque for \$50. Additional prizes may also be awarded.
- \*It will be at the discretion of the Judging Panel to choose a winning entry. If no entries are deemed suitable, the competition will be declared invalid.
- \*Entries MUST be received by 5pm on Monday June 23, 2014.

Entries should be addressed to: Churchill's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Design Competition, c/- C & D News, PO Box 234, CHURCHILL 3842  
**No late entries will be accepted.**

Entries will not be returned, so participants should keep a copy of their work if so desired.

The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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### Town Centre Works – Pedestrian Concourse and Northern Car Park

A Contract of Sale for land at the northern car park in Churchill (south of Hazelwood Village shopping centre) has now been signed by Latrobe City Council and the owner of the land, the Owners Corporation.

This has allowed works on the pedestrian concourse and the northern car park to proceed more rapidly.

To date, the focus has been on construction of the pedestrian

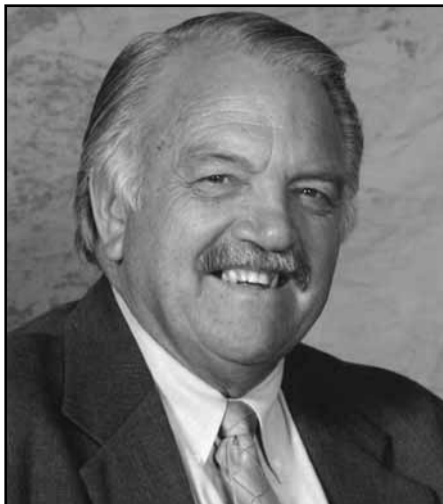
concourse, to provide a safe route for pedestrians travelling between the Hazelwood Village and West Place shopping centres.

This has created some disruption to parking and traffic flows in the southern section of the concourse, at the Churchill Laundry end.

Works in this area have included installation of drainage pits and re-orienting of the kerb and channel.

The concourse itself is almost completed.

## Darrell White



After street lights have been erected, landscaping will be undertaken, including planting of street trees and ground cover.

The major works in the car park will then proceed, and these will involve some further disruptions to traffic.

A new entry to the Hazelwood Village car park will be built, and Georgina Place realigned in its new curved alignment.

A new taxi rank will be erected on a traffic island near Hazelwood Village, and a bus shelter on another island closer to

the service station.

New trees will be planted and street lights erected.

It is anticipated that there will be some short-term inconvenience for our community over the next few months, as it is expected that traffic movements will be disrupted periodically, as sections of the car park are closed for reconstruction. While this will create problems in the short term, the long term benefits of the “rebuild” will make the Town Centre a much more accessible and attractive location in the future.

## Russell Northe



Reunions, “back-to-events” and activities are being planned by some organisations for the celebrations in 2015.

Churchill & District News is running a competition for the design of a logo for the 50th anniversary to promote and brand events.

The next CDCA meeting will be a one hour Community Forum to progress Planning for Churchill’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Tuesday April 15, at 5.30pm in the Gippsland Enterprise Centre, Board Room, Building 9N Federation University, McDonald Way, Churchill (formerly Green Inc).

For more information about the CDCA or the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration you can visit the associations newly launched website [www.cdca.org.au](http://www.cdca.org.au)

Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry. The Inquiry will be headed by the Honourable Bernard Teague AP, who headed the Black Saturday bushfires Royal Commission; he will be joined by Health Professional Professor John Catford and Ms Sonia Petering an experienced corporate lawyer.

The inquiry will be given broad terms of reference to examine the circumstances of the Hazelwood mine fire; the emergency response to the fire; and the response and support provided to Morwell and other affected communities.

Six public hearings will be held - three in Morwell, one in Moe, Churchill and Traralgon for community consultation ahead of hearings with witnesses, to begin in June.

The board will be asked to submit its final report to the

Government by the end of August.

Plans have commenced for Churchill’s 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations next year. The CDCA held a forum recently with local residents and Community representatives to begin planning for 2015.

I again had the pleasure of visiting Churchill North Primary School this month, to congratulate school leaders including school and house Captains, along with

Junior School Councillors. I’d like to thank the teachers, staff and students from Churchill North for their exceptional community service and for the hospitality they demonstrate to guests and visitors such as me.

In closing, please remember that April 25 is ANZAC Day, and a number of services will be conducted around the Latrobe Valley.

These services are always well attended, and I encourage you to go along and pay tribute to those who have served our country, and show your gratitude and respect to our courageous service men and women.

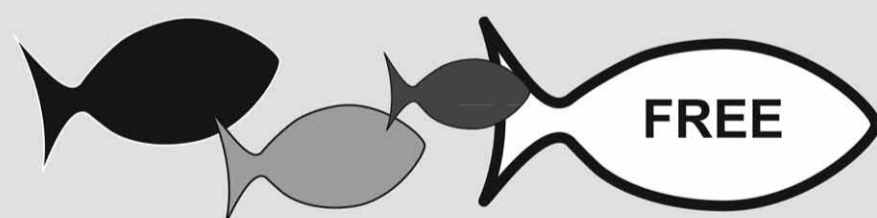
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# The local Churchill Champions Relay for Life team is at it again!

This year our team has decided to do monthly fundraisers. So far this year we have held cookie dough drives, raffles and our Family Fun Day in Morwell on March 29.

In May we will be raising funds by shopping! Our group is hosting a Fundraising Shopping tour, hosted by Melbourne Shopping Tours.

The trip will depart from Churchill, with another pick up in Trafalgar, on May 10, the day before Mother's day, what a great gift it would be!

The group will visit 11 fantastic outlets, many not open to the general public. Enjoy a relaxed lunch, and of course have lots of laughs!

Our tour will also be drawing our Mother's Day raffle on the coach, plus many of the outlets also donate raffle prizes that will be drawn on the return trip!

So far we have whole family groups, mums and daughters, friends and those looking to escape for the day joining us. Join us as we raise much needed funds for cancer research by shopping! 11% of the group's total spend will be donated to our Relay for Life team!

Tickets are \$41, with a BYO or McDonald's lunch stop.

For more information or to book your seat please contact Carol on 0434 519 008

or go to the group's Facebook event page, Churchill Champions- Fundraising Shopping Tour.

We hope to see many of you on May 10!



## New CEO at Lifeline Gippsland

The Board of Lifeline Gippsland was delighted recently to announce the appointment of Ms Claire Davis to the position of CEO of Lifeline Gippsland. Board Chair, Laurie Paton, passed along the happy news to Lifeline Gippsland staff, volunteers and sponsors. "Claire has a reputation as an adaptable, conscientious leader who is well regarded within Gippsland community networks." Mr Paton said. Claire came to Lifeline Gippsland from the Central West Gippsland Primary Care Partnership (PCP) where she won wide acclaim for her achievements within the health sector. Experienced in the not-for-profit sector within the United Kingdom, Claire successfully managed large scale, community regeneration projects, supported community organisations and provided training to volunteers within various roles in England.

Claire has an Honours Degree in Arts from Staffordshire University, with post graduate qualifications in Business Well Being, Community Development and Consumer Engagement. Lifeline Gippsland takes up to 2,000 crisis calls a month through the National 13 11 14 telephone counselling service. The income to support Lifeline Gippsland suicide prevention programs is drawn from retail sales, sponsorships and fund raising, all of which are generated by very dedicated volunteers. "Managing counselling services, retail outlets and a large recycling warehouse is quite a challenge" Mr Paton noted, "but the Board is confident that Claire is the ideal person for the role" Claire will start work with Lifeline Gippsland on Monday April 14, 2014.

### About Lifeline Gippsland

Lifeline Gippsland is a Gippsland based not-for-profit community organisation dedicated to providing suicide prevention services to the Gippsland area and beyond, through a 24 hour telephone counselling service based at Morwell.



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**"The clean-up of Morwell is well underway with a fleet of trucks cleaning the streets and infrastructure."**

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson, said that the goal was to restore public assets to a more user friendly condition.

"We know that the length of this incident has meant that there has been a build-up of residue on surfaces of roads, footpaths, walls, windows, bus shelters and street furniture. The contracted operators will work to a planned sequence to ensure that areas with the highest needs are cleaned first. The CBD and south of Morwell are first on the list.

As there are 132 kilometres of streets and roadways and 170 kilometres of footpath in Morwell this is an extensive program. Local operators are being used where possible, using a range of equipment to ensure surface areas are properly cleaned," Councillor Gibson said.

"This project will return a sense of pride to Morwell. It will be a huge step forward in the recovery process to see the cityscape transform to a state where residents, workers and visitors can see the ground-in ash has been removed and the town is being restored and refreshed.

The program began on March 24, and is expected to last until early May," Cr Gibson concluded.

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# Church News

## Easter Message from Reverend Brenda Burney

### Signs of New Life

Before I move on to talking about the season of Easter, I want to take a moment to reflect on the recent fires. I wasn't living in this region at the time of the Black Saturday fires and because of this I didn't see the impact on the landscape and our people in the same way as I have this time. As soon as the freeway reopened, people who had driven along it remarked to me just how awful the landscape was. Many referred to it as apocalyptic. All were shocked at the devastation. When my turn came to drive along that section of freeway I, too, was shocked at the landscape. It just didn't look like it should. It looked like a different place all together and because of this I felt like I was driving through somewhere else - not my local area. It was a strange, uncomfortable and unsettling feeling. It was difficult to come to terms with the changes, with the devastation. Over the last few weeks it has been wonderful to see some green grass appearing and new green shoots on many of the trees. They certainly stand out amidst the blackened tree trunks. Just seeing those signs of new life is reassuring.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Emergency Services personnel who worked so hard to protect us all from these fires, to help people evacuate, and who selflessly put their own lives on the line to protect our communities.

I would particularly like to thank our CFA and other fire crews who worked around the clock for so many weeks in what were particularly difficult circumstances. We are so lucky to have that care and expertise available to us.

As I think about all of this in the lead up to Easter, I can't help but see a connection. Just as there is new growth and new life giving us hope and



reassuring us after these terrible fires, there is new life and new growth for us in the Easter story.

As Christians journey through Lent they spend time reflecting on the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, what they mean for us and for the world we live in. Many of us undertake extra Bible studies at this time, which are meant to challenge and inspire us and move us to new growth and new life in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

The resurrection of Jesus is all about new life. It brings with it surprise and amazement at what is possible through the transforming love of God. With this love there are always new possibilities. The Easter story is the centre of Christian faith. In the resurrection, the God of love, the God of new life and new possibilities, transforms reality and offers hope and new life to all of us.

Have a safe, happy and holy Easter. Blessings

## Co-Operating Churches Snippets

### World Day of Prayer Service

'Streams in the Desert' was the theme of the World Day of Prayer service held at Lumen Christi church early in March. The service was prepared by the women of Egypt.

Participants in the service came from both Lumen Christi and The Co-Operating Churches in Churchill. Marion Answerth led the service as host of Lumen Christi.

Other people lead the prayers, the Bible readings and dressed as representative people from Egypt through the ages. These items were interspersed with hymns. Also on a large screen, appropriate pictures helped to set the scene and make the service even more meaningful.

Di Whitehead and her husband had been on a trip to Egypt, so she was able to share her impressions of the country with us for that occasion.

It was a very moving service which provided an opportunity to learn more about the country of Egypt and its people.

To beautifully finish the service a blessing was read by both Father Darek and Reverend Brenda Burney.

Following the service a time of fellowship over a delicious supper was enjoyed.

### Annual general meeting

Through February and March there was a time of nominating for Parish Council and then voting. The AGM was held on Sunday March 23, with a combined parish service and meeting followed by lunch together. Reports were received with acclamation as they were presented. These reports record the activities of the

## Saturday Breakfast

By Keith Enders

The first breakfast for the year was held on March 22, at the Co-Operating Parish Church in Churchill. It was a very enjoyable morning with Rod Burney being the guest speaker.

Rod is an accomplished musician who spoke about his experiences and the instruments he plays. He began his guitar lessons as a youngster, with well-known local music teacher, Tony Calabro in Morwell.

His public performances started when, as a church camp leader, he and the other leaders were asked to bring along any musical instruments that they played. Rod took along his guitar and had to learn a number of songs to play during the camp.

Not long after that, he and some friends started up a band called 'Revelation'. The band played at church services and other church functions.

After that band disbanded Rod and some other friends started a band called 'Rusty Nails'. The band was asked to play for a primary school dance and a lady there asked them to play for a wedding, which was then followed by many performances at other functions, all of which came about by word of mouth

various groups and committees which operate within the parish. It is an opportunity to review and celebrate all that we do.

### Baptisms

It was a joy to welcome two new babies into the Family of God when they were baptised during the month. It was equally delightful to have their extended families join us for the occasions.

### Lent

The period of Lent- the 40 days leading up to Holy Week when Christians remember the death of Christ and his rising to new life, began on March 8 with a day called Ash Wednesday. A service was held at Boolarra church. In this service, ashes, which are an ancient sign of penitence from the Middle Ages, were used in the custom of beginning Lent, to mark each person with the sign of the cross.

### Lenten Studies

A series of six studies is occurring during the weeks leading up to Holy Week. These studies are challenging us to reach out, to be proactive in meeting the needs of our community and in basing our efforts on the example of Jesus during his ministry here on earth.

### Saturday Breakfast

Saturday Breakfast guest was Rod Burney who shared his journey in the music field. This was illustrated by introducing some of his collection of instruments and briefly playing each.

### Junior youth group

The young people of this group enjoyed a time of messy games. They were advised to wear old clothes as messy really meant messy!

## Church Times

### Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Brenda Burney  
Willams Avenue,  
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Tel: 5122 1480

Glenda and Ian Combridge  
Tel: 5166 1819  
Sunday Service: 9.00am

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill  
Tel: 5122 2226

Father Francis/Father Darek  
Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm  
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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Week 3 - 11am at  
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Week 4 - 11am at  
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Week 5 - 11am at  
Yinnar South Anglican H C



**Churchill Christian Fellowship**  
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Sunday: 10.00am

## Easter Services



### Lumen Christi

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Thursday April 17 - 7.00pm  
Good Friday Walk of the Cross  
Friday April 18 - 9.00am Co-Operating Church  
Good Friday Service and Witness Walk  
Friday April 18 - 3pm at Lumen Christi  
Easter Vigil  
Saturday April 19 - 7.00pm - Lumen Christi  
Easter Sunday  
Sunday April 20 - 9.00am - Lumen Christi

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# Fiddlehead Festival



The 2014 Fiddlehead Festival was an outstanding success, with over 3000 people in attendance throughout the day.

Visitors came from as far as Warnambool, Melbourne and Shepparton for the music and community-building event.

Children were kept entertained by Phil Melgard and his music and circus skills, Koko the Clown, an animal petting zoo, jumping castle, face painting and arts and crafts.

Over 60 market stalls were on site, providing food, crafts, jewellery, plants, and musical instruments for sale.

Musical workshops were available as part of the \$10 entry fee, including vocal, ukulele, mandolin, banjo, percussion, marimbas and jam sessions for people of all ages and abilities.

Two stages operated throughout the day, providing

both an indoor concert venue and an outdoor venue. Bands from across Gippsland and Melbourne performed throughout the day and into the night.

The outdoor stage performers were moved indoors about 8pm when storms hit, and the concerts continued with a fabulous range of styles of music including Celtic and Flamenco.

The musical sculpture known as "The Whack It" was given its first public appearance and performance. It was designed and built by local artists Dana Ashlakoff, John Abery and Anthea Williams, with the musical expertise of Dan Boothman and Steve Schulz.

The Whack It is a mobile musical sculpture accessible to all people, and will be available for use around the community.

The Committee has already started planning the 2015 Festival, as the festival becomes more and more popular every year.



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## What's going on around the Gippsland Campus?

Ben York - MUGSU Media Director

The first four weeks of University have been completed at the Gippsland campus. We are extremely excited with the number of new enrolments this year exceeding that of recent years – a trend we hope will continue, to enhance the university community and the Churchill area as many students currently live within the township.

The last week of March saw MUGSU, Student Connect, the Student Futures program and the library come together to host a range of activities around campus designed to engage with the students and find out how they're settling into uni life. We realize that this can be a stressful time as most students will have assessments due; often more than one in a week, and we aim to promote awareness of the many support services that are available to all of our students!

Our recent Market Day saw many organisations host stalls at the uni to promote goods, services and let students get a feel for the types of businesses around the region while enjoying free pancakes and fairy floss. The MUGSU student lounge is also thriving - in addition to our daytime and evening events we're also pleased to be hosting upcoming community events such as trivia nights.

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# Churchill Fire Brigade



## Fuel Management around Churchill

As part of the Churchill Fire Brigade's fire prevention planning for the Churchill district, the brigade in consultation with landowners and other stakeholders, identifies areas that require fuel management to assist in making the town safer in the event of a going fire. Presently, there is one particular area identified for fuel management treatments over the next two or so months.

This area is the small parcel of land along Eel Hole Creek bounded by the area between Northways Road, Ikara Way and Philip Parade. This land is identified in the Latrobe City fire management plan as needing to be managed every seven years, and is now again due for treatment.

Planning has now been completed for this fuel reduction which is planned to occur when conditions are favourable over the next few months. Any resident wishing to get more detailed information on the plans may contact Steven Barling, Captain, Churchill Fire Brigade on 0407 828 625.

## Smoke detectors save lives.

Australia's fire and emergency services attended more than 12,000 residential fires in 2013. Last year within the CFA area there were 1,897 residential fires, resulting in 8 deaths and an estimated \$61 million damage.

It is most important to make sure the smoke detectors in your house or business have a working battery.

Smoke alarms provide an essential early warning with time to evacuate safely - but only if they work. With Daylight Saving Time finished, now is the time to check and change the battery in your smoke detector.

Using a broom handle you can push the button on the underside of the detector to see if the alarm activates.

If it does, that is good. However it is also a good policy to change the battery on a regular annual basis, especially if yours goes off frequently when cooking occurs.

A smoke detector without a battery will not warn you of a fire, so please do not take out the battery when you are cooking.

Instead when it activates, fan it with a tea-towel, newspaper or tray to stop it.

If you have workmen in for painting or such and they remove the detector for some reason, please make sure they replace the smoke detector with the battery in it.

As you are cleaning, just put the nozzle of the vacuum cleaner across the smoke detector to keep it free from dust and maintain its effectiveness. CFA recommends long-lasting alkaline batteries for smoke alarms. Smoke detector checks will be carried out around Churchill for senior citizens.

If you are a senior citizen and would like to have your smoke detector checked by the Churchill brigade members, please call Ruth on 5122 1961.



## Fire Safety for Older Victorians

The CFA, MFB, and Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) are encouraging elderly Victorians and those who care for them to check their home hotspots this winter. "There are many factors elderly people should be aware of that increase the risk of injury and death in the event of a house fire", said Churchill CFA Captain Steve Barling.

"These include medication, old or damaged heating and cooking appliances, living alone, together with frailty and balance problems."

Steve also said that it is vital for older Victorians to work together with carers, relatives, neighbours and friends to minimise the risk of fire in the home.

The Churchill brigade recommends the following checklist for older Victorians to avoid a house fire this winter:

- never leave cooking unattended
- always keep clothing at least one metre away from all heaters
- have a fire blanket and extinguisher in the kitchen
- ensure your smoke alarm is working
- keep candles away from curtains or flammable material and never leave them burning unattended
- have a fire escape plan in place
- ensure all electrical appliances are in good working order
- employ a gasfitter to regularly check and maintain gas appliances to avoid any risk of carbon monoxide poisoning

More information on winter fire safety can be found at [www.homefiresafety.com.au](http://www.homefiresafety.com.au)

## Statement from the Member for Morwell, Russell Northe

I am proud and humbled to join the Victorian Government Cabinet as Minister for Energy and Resources and Small Business.

I am committed to working as part of the strong Government team alongside Premier Denis Napthine and Deputy Premier Peter Ryan, to continue to build a better Victoria.

Having lived my entire life in the Latrobe Valley I have a strong understanding of the energy and resources sector which will serve me well as Minister.

I have also had the honour of holding the position of Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Tourism since 2010, which will ensure a strong grounding in the small business portfolio.

I have today advised of my intention to stand down from the positions I hold on a number of Parliamentary committees so I can focus my time and energy supporting the Morwell electorate as the local member, as well as carrying out my Ministerial responsibilities.

I congratulate the retiring Ministers, particularly Peter Hall, Jeanette Powell and Hugh Delahunty, for their outstanding work over the past three years.

I also congratulate my new Cabinet colleagues Tim Bull, Damian Drum and Nick Wakeling, as well as new Cabinet Secretary Inga Peulich and the new Parliamentary Secretaries on their new roles.



## Gippsland Carers

This is to advise that the next meeting of the Gippsland Carers Association, Carers Support Group will take place on April 23, 2014, at 10am at Gippsland Disability Advocacy, 8 Hopetoun Avenue, Morwell.

People who provide 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.

For more information, please ring Dot Kitwood on 0402 457 241.



Dear Editor,

The Churchill-Monash Golf Club would like to sincerely thank you for your enthusiastic support throughout our recent Churchill-Monash Junior Golf Clinic.

The design work of the publicity material was very professional and published over three full page editions, which was greatly appreciated.

Thank you too for the flyers, which were distributed to seven local schools, the Achievement Certificates and the photos taken by Ruth and Allan.

The final article which promoted our Churchill - Monash Golf Club, alongside photos of the participants, gave our local community a better understanding of the wonderful facility we have here in Churchill, and welcomed local men and women to consider how affordable their local Golf Club is.

It was a big effort to run the Clinic, but our four coaches maintained their enthusiasm, and the children showed wonderful progress over the four weeks.

We thank the parents who took the time to bring their children in, and the children for their enthusiasm.

Our Churchill - Monash Golf Committee has adopted Churchill News as one of our wonderful Supporters, listing Churchill News both in our Program Book and on our Board of Sponsors in the Club Rooms.

The local community is surely grateful for our own local paper, promoting all happenings in Churchill and surrounding District.

Thankyou Churchill News!

Kind Regards,

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# Looking Back . . . Feature

# Churchill's 50th

Celebrating with a series of stories from the first 25 years

## Looking Back Churchill's 25th Anniversary



Alan Pobjoy has kindly allowed Churchill and District News access to an album his wife Gwen put together after Churchill's 25th Anniversary in 1990. In these Looking Back pages we reprint articles and labels along with photos from Gwen's album of that event.

From Gwen's album she records:

"Commemorative Wall

Eleven volunteers wrote the names of farmers whose land was acquired and approximately 350 of the first residents of Churchill onto bricks ready for firing. A total of 366 bricks were prepared for the wall."

L.V. Express reported:

Commemorative wall marks Churchill anniversary

"Churchill has a new commemorative wall to mark the 25th anniversary of the town.

The commemorative wall, a project of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood, has been constructed with the assistance of Morwell City Council's engineering staff.

The brick wall is etched with the names of the first landholders and families to settle in the town.

Morwell Mayor John Guy said: "Churchill is a community that has grown and developed from the determination and strength of the first families which settled the town 25 years ago.

It is fitting that we remember these modern day pioneers who helped establish, shape and develop the town.

The community spirit and sense of pride that has developed in residents who live in Churchill, is because of the work of these early settlers.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood is commended for the idea. The project will provide a focal point for the Town Centre and be of considerable benefit to the beautification of the area.

The wall, sited at the symbol that was erected for the township, will form part of a larger town beautification concept incorporating raised brick planters, pathways, concreting to the town centre and flower beds which will be completed at a later date.

Churchill's 25th anniversary celebrations started last week and finished on Sunday.

The commemorative brick wall on Monash Way was officially opened by Ross Ollquist. It is thought this should be re-positioned into a more safe accessible position. Could this be a project for next year?"

The L. V. Express reported

"Parliament & You

By Keith Hamilton Morwell MLA

"The weekend was busy in Churchill with a hive of

activity for the whole community. On Saturday I spent some time at the Lumen Christi school fete.

Despite the shocking weather there was a reasonable crowd who joined in the spirit of the day. It's always good to see all the community supporting an important fund-raiser for the local school.

Sunday saw the start of Churchill's 25th Anniversary Celebrations which are now in full swing.

An impressive memorial service to our first Minister, Rev Peter Arch, which included the planting of a special tree by his daughter, the first Churchill baby, was followed by our first street march, a celebration march lead by Morwell Citizens Band and followed by a string of fire engines.

Ross Ollquist, long time resident and community activist unveiled the Rotary Club's commemorative wall near the Churchill monument (real cigar).

Yes it was a great start to an important few weeks of activity. Churchill is really a "young town with great potential".

Gwen records: "Sunday November 11th 1990 Memorial Service for Rev Peter Arch. Members of Mr. Arch's family attended and Ruth who was the first "Churchill Baby" planted a tree in memory of Peter Arch."

L.V. Express reported:

"Australia's leading sports psychologist and former Morwell resident Jeffrey Bond meets one of Churchill's sporting success stories, Greg Dear, a former LVFL player now Hawthorn ruckman.

Churchill honours its achievers

Australia's leading sports psychologist and former Morwell

resident, Jeffrey Bond, was special guest at Churchill Football Club's sports achievers dinner last Saturday night.

Mr Bond, who has been sports psychologist to four Australian Olympic teams, is head of the psychology unit at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Addressing more than 100 people who attended the dinner, Mr Bond commended the football club on recognising its local sports achievers as part of the town's 25th anniversary celebrations.

He said that for a town with a population of only 5500 people, Churchill had a remarkable record in producing so many outstanding sporting achievers.

He also spoke about his experiences as advisor to AFL teams Melbourne and the Sydney Swans, and of his close association with tennis star Pat Cash and his 1987 Wimbledon triumph.

Mr Bond presented awards to 18 Churchill and District sports people who had either represented Victoria in their sport or had outstanding achievements at state or national level.

There were three national champions, a State champion and a Commonwealth champion among the recipients, and seven had travelled overseas in the pursuit of their sports.

The sports achievers were: Megan Answer (basketball), Aaron Bassett (karate), Sandy Caines (lawn bowls), Greg Dear (football), Paul Dear (football), Tammy Foley (hockey), Kylie Grinstead (roller skating), Ben Hammer (baseball), Robert Kyriotis (cycling), Rod McKenzie (tennis), Terri McKinnon (golf), Rene Mol (kayaking), Kevin Neille (football) Fiona Ollquist (water polo), Duane Pendlebury (judo), Russell Wells (baseball), Gary Welsh (basketball) and Royce Zygarelicki (basketball).

Following the success of the night, the football club hopes to make the awards an annual event."

McKinnon (golf), Rene Mol (kayaking), Kevin Neille (football) Fiona Ollquist (water polo), Duane Pendlebury (judo), Russell Wells (baseball), Gary Welsh (basketball) and Royce Zygarelicki (basketball).



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## Looking Back Churchill's 25th Anniversary . . . continued



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"Parliament & You  
By Keith Hamilton Morwell MLA  
**Grand Finale**  
**Fun Day and Bonfire**  
Sunday November 18th

On Saturday evening Kath and I attended a Churchill Sports Achievers Presentation at the Churchill Football Club.

As part of the 25th celebrations the club had organised the presentation to Churchill people who have achieved excellence in their chosen sport - 17 men and women from 13 different sports, all Churchill residents were recognised because of their outstanding performance at state, national and international level.

This is a tremendous effort from a town that is just 25 years old and a credit to those people and their families.

The week concluded with a very impressive (and enjoyable) combined church service on Sunday afternoon at Monash Gippsland. Churchill has

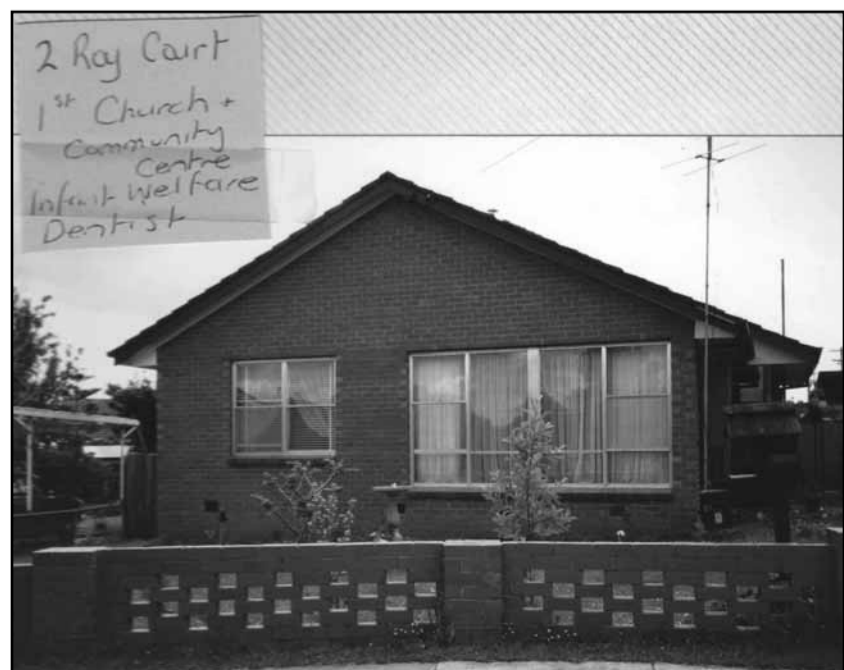
always had a real spirit of co-operation between the various denominations of the Church and Sunday's service reminded us all of this.

The young town of Churchill made some wise decisions and none of these was more important in building the community than the deliberate decision to ensure that the spiritual leaders worked closely together.

We were pleased to welcome back Bishop Jeremiah Coffey to the joint service. Father Coffey was one of the real characters of Churchill and played an important role as well as his spiritual one.

The historic walk around the "first everything" in Churchill which followed was enjoyed by all who went.

It was no wonder we were all pretty tired by the time we got back to Churchill Apex Fun Day and Bonfire in the evening. Still, Churchill will only ever be 25 once and that makes it worthwhile!"



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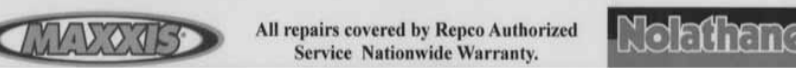
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# Crocka Foundation "Beating Hearts" fun run/walk

On Sunday March 30, the second annual Crocka Foundation 'Beating Hearts' Fun run/walk was held at Lake Hyland in Churchill. This year we had over 200 adults and children participating in the 5 km or 10 km run/walk around Churchill. The weather was very kind to us this year, with the skies clearing up in time for the starting of the event.

The winners of the run in their age groups were all presented with a medal. They were:  
1st place 10 km male – Darren Fletcher  
1st place 10 km female – Jodie Higgins  
1st place 5 km male – Phil Mayer  
1st place 5 km female – Melissa Taafe  
1st place 10 km under 17 – Kyah Karavasilis  
1st place 5 km under 17 male – Jack Finlay  
1st place 5 km under 17 female – Molly Irvin

After the event, families enjoyed a BBQ lunch, provided by the Churchill and District Lions Club, and for the children, a jumping castle and face painting.

There was also a cake stall, showbags, lucky dips and a raffle.

All the proceeds from the days fun run/ walk go to the Murdoch Children's Research Institute for genetic research into sudden cardiac death. This event could not have gone ahead without the generous support from the local community.

A big thank you goes out to all the businesses and people who donated items for our raffle, the Churchill and District Lions Club and to all the volunteers who helped out on the day.

Your help was very much appreciated.



All the participants ready to start



Happy to make it home - Luke McLure



Kylea Williams-Crocka Foundation founder with Darren Fletcher - 1st place 10 km run



Lila Kerslake took advantage of the free face painting which was on offer

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# Fly the Flag Eastern Tour visits Churchill



Gaskin Park stadium Churchill, was the venue for the Churchill and District Lions Club catering event for the Fly the Flag Tour.

A good number of vehicles and over 300 people were on the tour. It was the Lions job to feed these tourers.

The Fly the Flag Tour was proudly sponsored by RACV, organised by the All British Classics Car Club, supported by the Association of Motoring Clubs and the Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs.

Veteran, Vintage, and Classic vehicles pre 1982 were eligible to enter, which included motorcycles and commercial vehicles.

The eight day tour visited the far eastern corner of Victoria and New South Wales.

The tour started at RACV Noble Park and travelled via Churchill to their first night at Bairnsdale.

The following day they travelled the coast to Merimbula for the first of their two night stops.

Following a day of touring the local area, they had

a special treat at dinner on the Monday evening. Then it was on to Cooma for their next stay.

On Wednesday the tour travelled via Bombala and the magnificent Burnima homestead, on to Cann River and back to Lakes Entrance for the second two night stopover. These extended stays ensured that there was sufficient time to enjoy the many and varied attractions on offer in these popular tourist destinations.

On the Friday morning they headed for the Gippsland Vehicle Collection in Maffra, and then on to Traralgon where the annual auction was held in support of the RACV Community Foundation.

For the final day of the tour they returned to Yarra Glen where their presentation and farewell luncheon was held at the Yarra Valley Racing Club.

RACV was the proud sponsor of the 2014 Fly the Flag Tour and provided road service patrols as an escort.

A total of approximately 1300 km was covered in this tour and vehicles had to complete the tour to be eligible for prizes.



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# Churchill Lions Club



By Sam Gillett

Last month Churchill Lions and Lionesses catered for the RACV Fly the Flag Tour at Gaskin Park, feeding in excess of 300 people, and hosting cars of various vintages as they

made their way towards Bairnsdale.

The Lions catered for the Combined Schools Sports day at the Yinnar Footy ground.

The Lion also fed everyone at the Crocka Foundation Fun Run.

Churchill Lions meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, and can be contacted by email at

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# CDCA New website

By Margaret Guthrie

Our new website is now 'live'. You can find CDCA on the World Wide Web at <http://cdca.org.au>

CDCA's website enables residents to contact us directly via the 'Contact Us' page and to keep up-to-date with news of CDCA activities (including Meeting Minutes and Agendas) and major issues concerning Churchill.

Our Home page includes a link to our page on Churchill's 50th anniversary to keep you informed of the planning for next year's commemorative celebrations.

Links to the websites of Latrobe City Council and the Churchill & District News appear on our site, and we are inviting other local organisations and clubs to provide their contact details and/or website links for inclusion.

We also have a photo gallery and would love to display other suitable photos of Churchill taken by residents and visitors.

Development of our website was supported by the Gippsland University Campus student union - MUGSU Inc. CDCA would like to express our appreciation of this sponsorship and make particular mention of the time and effort of Richard Massey (MUGSU Inc webmaster and publications officer) in constructing our website and teaching CDCA volunteers how to upload content and maintain the site.

Our volunteers will make every effort to keep the CDCA website updated regularly and respond to inquiries in a timely fashion but, as with every volunteer based organisation, we are limited by the numerous demands made on our time and the small number of volunteers available to assist.

We hope you take the time to have a look around our new website. The more people



whovisit the site, the quicker 'Google' will suggest this site when people browsing the internet type in 'Churchill'.

One of our Committee's on-going 'action items' is to support measures that promote Churchill.

It was pleasing to hear that a recent real estate study ranked Churchill 21st in the top 100 regional suburbs for family living in Australia.

As reported in the March 27 issue of the Latrobe Valley Express, the list "was compiled by property valuers RP Data for Aussie Home Loans, after analysing about 3800 statistically reliable (regional) suburbs nationally, ranking them based on house prices, block size, proximity to services and other factors".

We think Churchill is a very desirable place for families to live.

It's a unique town - planned, picturesque and supported by having a university campus that partners with the community to ensure we have some of the best facilities in the region available to our town.

Our town is worth celebrating, so we are keen to see Churchill's 50th anniversary commemorated next year with a range of activities and events hosted by local clubs and organisations.

Last month's CDCA General Meeting and Community Forum to begin planning for next year was well attended, with many positive ideas and suggestions put forward.

CDCA is holding a 'follow-up' Planning Forum and General Meeting this month at 5.30pm on Tuesday April 15, in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre in McDonald Way (formerly known as

'Green Inc').

If we want to have 50th anniversary celebrations next year, we need to make decisions and get the planning underway over the next couple of months.

All interested local residents and stakeholder representatives are invited to attend and become involved in the development of Churchill's 50th activities.

It should be noted that CDCA is not proposing to conduct events on behalf of the community - CDCA proposes to provide support for local groups to host their own celebrations.

A brief CDCA committee meeting will follow this Forum at approx 6.30 pm, at which observers are welcome, to deal

with urgent CDCA business, correspondence and the like.

CDCA can be contacted at any time by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing [info@cdca.org.au](mailto:info@cdca.org.au) or phoning 5122 2997. All local residents are welcome to contact CDCA to raise matters of local concern.

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New drainage pits have been installed at the southern end of the concourse, near Churchill Laundry.

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600 mm below the surface. The area will be filled with plastic cells and soil, as well as tree pits for the planting of

street trees.

Following the completion of this section of work, street lights will be installed along the eastern side of the concourse, and then the trees planted (together with ground cover east of the concourse, and planting out of the garden boxes either side of the realigned Georgina Place).

The Churchill & District News is looking for volunteers.

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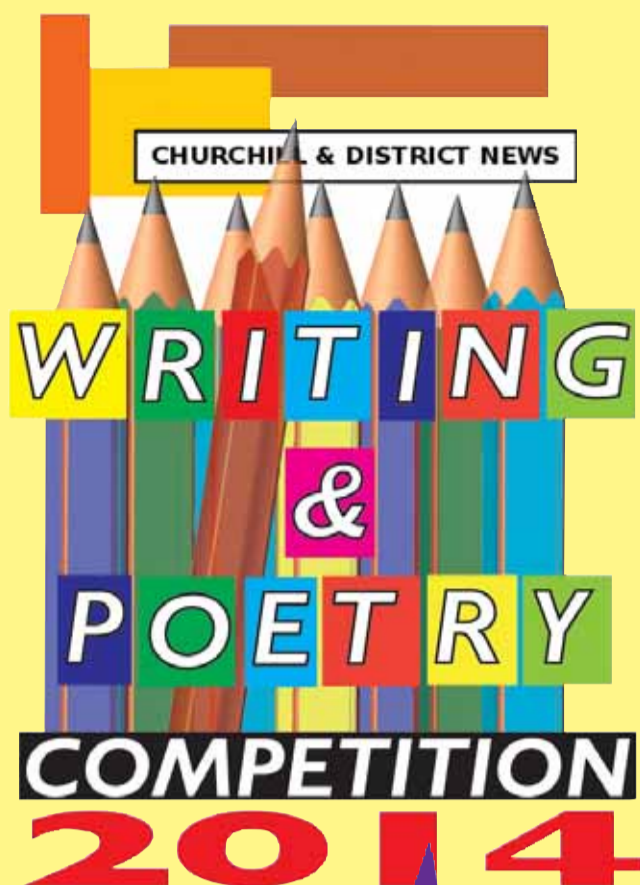
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### Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition 2014

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Short Story \_\_\_\_\_ Poem

Title of Story(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Category \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself.

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# Friends of Morwell National Park

Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter. Over the last month there have been a few Green Walks in the Park. It was a Heart Foundation initiative, in association with Latrobe Council. The program aimed to get more people walking, more often, in more local parks, state parks and bushland reserves. The groups varied in size and provided the opportunity for the community to experience the park.

## John's Jottings

This will be a regular feature in the newsletter, starting with this issue. This historical item relates to the Billys Creek area of Morwell National Park. This snippet was lifted from our June 1988 newsletter.

"Our wonderful summer finished with a dazzling display – perhaps it's the way of it in

this bicentennial year!

The odds were high that there would be a fire, everything being so dry, although by Anzac Day we are usually relaxing our vigil. Whether it was good or bad depends on how the circumstances are viewed. The fire was contained to the Billys Creek section of the National Park and part of the adjoining reserve forest; no private homes or property were endangered.

Luckily the wind remained very slight so the area of the burn was contained to approximately 40ha and ceased to be of concern after 12 hours, although it continued to smoulder in underground roots for some days.

Fire is the natural way of things for our Australian bush, although as a regeneration burn it was too hot; although an excellent fuel reduction burn. All the same, there were some "exciting" moments for the fire fighters. The fire started at approximately 5pm near the weir and very quickly advanced up the northern ridge. The combined difficulties of terrain, access, visibility and gusts of wind made for some unpredictable conditions and we thank those people that tried to stem the fires advance. They included 16 CFL staff, 2 bulldozers, 6 CFA units and an SES unit.

The site was quite impressive. The morning of 26<sup>th</sup> brought rain and a quieter time for all, most people had worked through the night so it was left to relief crews to mop up."

## March Activity report

At this activity we had John, Matt, Beryl, Brenda, Beryl, Mike, Cathy, Peter, Wendy, Darren, Neil and ranger Shane. Neil was along for his first activity. He had seen the group at a previous activity when visiting the park with his family. Now he had the opportunity to join the group in an activity. Neil's keenness was a positive for the group. Shane spoke to the group about the changes he has noticed in the park over the twelve years he has been a local ranger. The trees, which started as young saplings, are now becoming advanced trees.

The group met in the Junction Road car park and discussed the month past. Matt expressed an opinion about completing surveys of the nesting boxes more often. With our better equipment and the very mobile users of the boxes there may be benefits of making more surveys. The population using the boxes may change throughout the year. Shane discussed the value of the nesting boxes and of completing regular surveys. Survey data can be used to show that the park is being used by the animals or has the plants that the park is trying to protect.

The group divided into two groups. Matt, John and Peter used the chainsaw to remove some trees down across Stringybark and Muttonwood Tracks, while the rest of the group undertook weed removal. The chainsaw group removed three large trees down across the outward leg of Stringybark Track and one tree down on Muttonwood Track. The weed removal group started from near the car park and worked upstream. There were some patches of dense ivy to be removed. A large variety of other weeds were located in the creek and along the banks.

When the chainsaw group had finished, the groups travelled back to the car park for an early lunch. The groups changed after lunch with Mike, Cathy, Matt and John working on the bat boxes, while the rest of the group re-entered the creek. The progress along the creek was slow with many weeds located both in the creek and beside the creek banks.

The group working on the bat boxes first used the pole mounted camera to check the contents of the box, then drilled a hole into the box if no animals were found. Fortunately a number of sugar gliders and Antechinus were located in some of the boxes. These boxes were left untouched and will be checked again next month. These animal sightings were different to the animals located in the December and January survey. This helps to indicate



that the animals are very mobile and regularly change boxes.

The bat boxes being used either had a moved lid which provided access, or the animals had chewed out the bottom slot. The new holes will provide easier access for the animals and make it easier for us to survey the boxes without disruption to animals in the bat boxes.

Wendy has been a regular favourite in activity photos and again I took more photos of her working in the creek. This month Wendy grabbed the camera and took a photo of me. So it seems only fair to include this photo as well.

## April Activity Sunday April 20

The group will meet at 10.00am in the Junction Road car park. The group will work on two tasks – one group will put holes into the remaining bat boxes, not worked upon last month, while the others will work upon weed removal along Billys Weir track and from Billys Creek. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



## Mathison Park

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who turned up for the last working bee. It was a lovely sunny day and it made working a pleasant pastime.

Again some fallen trees and branches were cleared and weeds along some pathways pulled out.

Mathison Park Advisory Committee and Friends of Mathison Park group is sadly lacking in numbers.

The work of management is falling to three or four people and this is burning them out.

We are desperate for some more able bodied people to attend working bees which are only once a



month on the third Saturday, and some people who are enthusiastic about developing Mathison Park as a great resource for our community and the local area. Please contact Ruth 5122 1961 if you fit this description.

It was wonderful to have the Crocka Foundation use Mathison Park for its Annual Fun Run.

We are so pleased that the park is being used for such worthwhile events.

A free come and try fishing day will be held by the Department of Environment and Primary Industries at the park on April 18 (Good Friday) from 10am-12noon.

Participants will be able to learn fishing techniques, rules and water safety, how to set up their line, what tackle to use and how to measure their catch.

Bait will be supplied but please bring along your own fishing rod and tackle.

All children must be supervised by an adult at all times.



## Planning Forum and General Meeting

5.30 pm, Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Board Room, Building 9N, The Gippsland Enterprise Centre, Federation University (Green Inc) McDonald Way, Churchill

Topic: Churchill will be 50 in 2015 – how do we celebrate?

**Note:** The 'official' birthday is Sunday, March 15, 2015 – date of the formal 'Proclamation of the Township of Churchill' in 1965 by the Shire of Morwell.

- What events/activities will your organisation be hosting?
- Should there be a 'whole-of-community' event? (AND how could this be funded?)
- Do we need a 'Planning Committee'? (AND who will volunteer?)
- Will we have a 'Calendar of Churchill's 50th Events'? (AND where should it appear?)
- What marketing and fundraising opportunities for Clubs and Organisations will the 50th anniversary celebrations provide?
- Share your thoughts and ideas with others .....

All local residents and stakeholder representatives welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

Please note that this is a one hour Forum and General Meeting.

It will be followed by a CDCA Committee meeting, at which observers are welcome.

Contact CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill 3842 Phone 5122 2997 or email: mgcdca@hotmail.com

# Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is alive and kicking in Eastern Region Division 5 (ERD5), which takes in the four Gippsland Local Government Areas of Latrobe City, Baw Baw Shire, Bass Coast Shire and South Gippsland Shire.

Each month the Victoria Police/Neighbourhood Watch partnership for ERD5, publishes the four Crime Watch Newsletters, Latrobe Crime Watch News, Baw Baw Crime Watch News, Bass Coast Crime Watch News and South Gippsland Crime Watch News, which you are able to download on the Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Website at [www.nhw.com.au](http://www.nhw.com.au) after clicking on the 'Eastern' drop down box on the home page and selecting your local Government area.

Now you can follow us on Facebook at Crime Watch Newsletters, where we now have 800 plus friends.

Not only will you find shares from the Eyewatch Latrobe Police Service Area and the Senior Constable Brett Facebook pages, you will find other shares and Neighbourhood Watch news, crime prevention tips and other articles of interest as we promote the Victoria Police/Neighbourhood Watch Partnership philosophy of promoting safer communities for us all to live in.

You can like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/latrobecrime.watch.3>

On our site you will be the first to know when the new newsletters are published, with a link that will take you direct to your LGA's Crime Watch News page on the NHW Victoria website.

## Neighbourhood Watch Creating Safer Communities March 2014

### Neighbourhood Watch

Churchill police service area meeting and crime report (includes Jeeralang)

Robbery - Nil for February (1 January)

Assaults - 5 for February (8 January) -

Three offenders charged whilst police are following up an identified suspect in relation to an incident in Amaroo Drive on February 24.

Arson - Nil for February (3 January)

Property Damage - 9 for February (9 January) - Three offenders charged whilst police are making follow up enquiries in relation to graffiti in Georgina Place overnight on February 7.

Two letterboxes in Baranbali Court were damaged overnight on February 8.

Burglary - 4 for February (5 January) - All four burglaries were on residential premises with one being on an unlocked shed. Access to two was gained via unlocked sliding doors. Police advise that houses should be locked whenever the resident is not present.

Theft From Motor Vehicle - 5 for February (4 January) - All of the thefts from motor vehicles reported occurred in residential areas of Churchill.

Coins, wallets and clothing featured in four of the thefts whilst tools were stolen from the rear of a ute in Monash Way overnight on February 10.

Theft Of Motor Vehicle - Nil for February (4 January)

Theft - 1 for February (3 January) - Police are investigating a theft by finding at the Leisure Centre on February 14, when an iPad was left behind. Police have spoken to someone who was nominated as a possible suspect but they have now been cleared.

### Boolarra/Yinnar District Crime Report

Assaults - 2 for February (3 January) - One offender charged with intentionally causing injury whilst police are making follow up enquiries in relation to an incident in Middle Creek Road.

Arson - 1 for February (1 January) - Police are investigating a suspicious fire in Yinnar Road on February 9.

Property damage - 1 for February (1 January) - Between February 28 and March 1, unknown offenders damaged a shade sail and a pool at the primary school.

Theft - 1 for February (Nil January) - Police are investigating the possible theft of livestock from a property in Jumbuk Road between February 9 and 15.

Police remind the community if they see something suspicious they should ring 000 or if

they have information in relation to an offence contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or make an online report on the Crime Stoppers website at <https://vic.crimestoppers.com.au/help-solve-crime/report-crime-information-here>.

### Crime prevention tips – property security when camping

Camping has traditionally been an activity where we leave the luxuries of home behind and rough it for a short period. Each month Latrobe Valley residents consider a short camping trip to escape town living and more recently the smoke which, although now reduced, continues to hang around in the Valley.

To prevent your camp site from becoming a hot spot for thieves where they can find an abundance of small valuable items, when camping, leave all valuables locked inside your caravan or motor vehicle, and preferably not in your tent. Definitely do not leave them in plain sight and make sure your trailers are secured and your boats properly moored. When leaving your camp site, take small electronic items with you if you are unable to secure them.

### Road work speed limits

At what point or distance after not seeing any road works or signs, can it be assumed it has been forgotten to put up an 'end road work' sign and is OK to resume normal speed?

Latrobe Highway Patrol Sergeant Clint Wilson says he knows this is an issue for drivers when there is non-compliance with approved traffic management plans, and causes some drivers to ignore road work speed limit signs when there are no workers on site or no "end roadwork" sign (or appear to be none) placed out.

Sgt Wilson says, "If a sign is erected, the speed limit (zone) is the speed indicated on that sign until the termination of the road (such as a T intersection) or another speed sign is passed.

Secondly, if there is a road works zone that is obviously not complying with the guidelines then Vic Roads needs to know. People can ring the 131170 (24 hour hotline) and report it or if the situation is extremely dangerous, ring Triple Zero (000) and ask for police to attend."

He reminds drivers they can still be booked for exceeding a posted speed limit, even if it appears the limit should no longer apply.

Police Life is Victoria Police's official magazine.

In each edition you will find articles about police across the state, true crime stories, tales of good arrests as well as police station profiles and the latest policing initiatives.

It is published quarterly and distributed across the state and interstate, to serving and former Victoria Police members, other law enforcement agencies, schools, parliamentarians, libraries, legal firms, the media, community members with an interest in policing or those looking to pursue a career in policing.

In this Autumn's edition you will find articles marking 90 years of women in policing, a tour of duty with the Critical Incident Response Team executing a high-risk search warrant, speak to recruits at the Victoria Police Academy, find out how police used the internet to save a little girl, and how Purana detectives tracked down drug trafficker Tony Mokbel.

Read the Autumn 2014 issue of Police Life online at [http://issuu.com/policeoflife/docs/2687\\_policeoflife\\_autumn\\_2014\\_fa\\_web](http://issuu.com/policeoflife/docs/2687_policeoflife_autumn_2014_fa_web) or visit your local police station to pick up a copy.

### Thefts From Cars – Victims Contribute Through Carelessness

Unlocked vehicles are still being targeted by opportunistic thieves with tools, cash and GPS units the main items stolen. Police are amazed the simple message to lock cars does not seem to get through to the public despite being repeated time and time again.

"The community must take responsibility for its own actions," says Latrobe's Police Community Liaison Officer Leading Senior Constable Brett Godden.

"We are honestly at a loss as to how to get the message through to people to lock their

cars. Victims contribute to the crime through their own carelessness. LOCK YOUR CARS PEOPLE. How many times do we have to say it?"

### Uni Is Going Back – Safety For The Uni Student

The start of March is an exciting time for our high school graduates. It marks the beginning of a new era as they head off to various universities across the state, or perhaps interstate or even staying at home here in Gippsland and going to Federation University at Churchill.

It is a time of new independence, moving out of home, discovering new friends, learning how to manage budgets and learning how to balance work and social commitments at the same time as fulfilling study requirements.

And of course there are those out there who seek to exploit the innocence of our young adults who are new to the euphoria of independence and the discovery of the wider world.

Also, we cannot forget those who have already commenced their courses and who are returning for a second, third and fourth year, maybe even more.

With this in mind Victoria Police have produced the brochure, "Student Safety in Victoria."

The brochure covers topics such as Safety When Driving, Safety in Your Home, Safety on the Streets, Using ATM's Safely, Safety at University, Safety on Public Transport and it encourages you to develop a safety plan. Here is a snap shot of the brochure:

**Safety At University** - Know the layout of your college including safe paths and exits.

Immediately contact a staff member if you observe anything suspicious or threatening.

Move away from threatening behaviour.

In a lift, stand near the control pad and get out if you feel uncomfortable.

Do not leave valuables such as wallets, lap tops or mobile phones unattended.

**Safety On Public Transport** - Where possible, travel in numbers or sit in the company of people rather than on your own.

Check time-tables in advance, avoid long waits at platforms, bus or tram stops, particularly at night.

If a long wait is unavoidable, stay in well-lit areas or wait near local shops or public venues.

Travel in the front carriage and sit close to the guard or driver. The driver has a radio and can call for emergency assistance if required.

If you are harassed complain loudly and draw attention to yourself to advise others of your situation.

If catching a taxi, where possible, sit in the back and take note of the driver's details. Where possible pre-order a taxi over the phone as the driver's details will be recorded.

**The Safety Plan** - Develop a safety plan. Planning ahead may enable you to think more clearly, and provide you with the confidence to carry out the plan if things go wrong.

Develop a network of people you can contact for assistance, such as relatives, friends, neighbours, school/ university teachers, shopkeepers and police.

Program the emergency number 000 (zero, zero, zero) into your mobile phone.

Tell people where you are going and what time you will return.

**Ask for help if you feel unsafe.**

Report any incident to police or college staff.

"Student Safety in Victoria may be downloaded at the Victoria Police website at: [http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?a=in-ternetBridgingPage&Media\\_ID=57109](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?a=in-ternetBridgingPage&Media_ID=57109)

**Another Plea From Morwell Detectives - Dob In Hazelwood Arsonist**

Latrobe Valley detectives have made another plea to the public to dob in the Hazelwood arsonist.

Assisting the Arson and Explosives Squad in the investigation, Latrobe Criminal Investigation's Detective Senior Constable Jason Benbow, said "The assistance we have received from the public has been great, but we need more.



We need specific information about the arsonist who lit this fire, which has severely impacted the lives of all Latrobe Valley residents, particularly those on the south side of Morwell."

D/S/C Benbow says the fire started at three ignition points about 1.30 p.m. on the Strzelecki Highway, and progressed along the highway through a timber plantation, before making its way into the Hazelwood mine.

He says to date police have been focusing their attentions on known arsonists and there is always the fear the offender will strike again.

Arson chemists have now officially deemed the fire to be suspicious and police are looking at information that may link the Hazelwood Fire to other fires in the area.

DSC Benbow said, "This culprit is both calculating and malicious and we need more information to assist us in his or her apprehension before he or she can strike again.

We believe the arsonist has local knowledge as well as a knowledge of fire behaviour.

Someone in the community knows something. We need them to come forward to police with that information. We will not give in," DSC Benbow said, "We will exhaust every avenue of enquiry until we catch this arsonist."

Members of the community who are able to assist with information regarding the identity of those involved in the Hazelwood Fire are requested to contact Detective Sergeant Alan Rumble on 5131 7028 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 or at Crimestoppers on-line reporting at <https://vic.crimestoppers.com.au/help-solve-crime/report-crime-information-here>

### What is theft by finding?

Under Section 72 of the Crimes Act 1958, "A person steals if he dishonestly appropriates property belonging to another with the intention of permanently depriving the other of it."

It is not theft if the person believes he has a lawful right to the property, consent of the owner to have the property or if he takes reasonable steps to find the owner of the property.

Therefore, theft by finding occurs when a person finds property which has been left behind or seems abandoned and that person takes the property but fails to take reasonable steps to find its owner.

What this basically means is a person can be charged with theft by finding if he/she finds something belonging to another person and then keeps it or deals with it, such as selling, trading or giving it away, as if he/she is the owner of the property.

So, if a person finds a wallet in the street and takes the money from the wallet without trying to find the owner of the wallet despite the presence of the owner's name and address on a driver's licence in the wallet, this is theft by finding.

This also applies to money left behind in Automatic Teller Machines and in self-serve registers at supermarkets.

Reasonable steps in these cases would be to hand the money into police so CCTV footage and digital records can be checked to identify the owner of the money left behind. You will be given a receipt by the police and the money/property placed through the police property book.

If after police enquiries have been made and no owner can be found, then you have a lawful claim of right to the found money/property.

There is no such rule as 'finders keepers.' If you take something (appropriate) belonging to another person, intend to keep it or give it away, thereby permanently depriving the owner of the property, this shows dishonesty and you can be charged with theft.

# Raymond Arnold: Unique States Seriality and The Panoramic

A survey exhibition of three decades of prints by acclaimed Australian artist Raymond Arnold, is currently on display at the Latrobe Regional Gallery. The exhibition has been curated by Sasha Grishin AM, FAHA - the Sir William Dobell Professor of Art History at the Australian National University.

Latrobe City Council's Arts Director, Julie Adams, said that Professor Grishin has selected major print works from the last 30 years of Arnold's impressive career.

"Professor Grishin noted that over the past three decades, in Arnold's art, there had been a growing technical and conceptual sophistication, as well as a number of constants which have remained in place. These include the role of the artist as the activist, of the artist as a participant in the landscape and in society, and that of the artist as story-teller.

This exhibition was the major exhibition at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery for the State's biennial arts festival in March 2013. It then travelled to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in

Launceston.

"Latrobe Regional Gallery is the only Victorian venue for this comprehensive survey exhibition of this generous mentor and influential Australian artist," Ms Adams said.

The exhibition concludes on Sunday May 18.

Raymond Arnold: Unique States Seriality and The Panoramic is a Burnie Regional Art Gallery exhibition on Contemporary Art Tasmania's Touring Program. Contemporary Art Tasmania is generously supported by The Australia Council, The Visual Arts and Craft Strategy and the National Exhibition Touring Support network.

Contemporary Art Tasmania is supported by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its principal arts funding body, and by the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy, an initiative of the Australian, State and Territory Governments, and is assisted through Arts Tasmania by the Minister for the Arts.

## 'Do Not Leave Children in Cars' signs erected

Over the last month the Lions Club of Churchill has been very active in erecting 'Do Not Leave Children in Cars' signs at the shopping centre and at schools in town.

They want the public to know how passionate they are about this project which they have undertaken.

They remind us that in hot weather a child can quickly become distressed by the heat.

But there are other aspects of leaving children in cars which are of concern also.

Children's safety should be our



first concern so that these precious humans are kept safe.

The Lions Club ask that you look out for the signs and remind yourselves of the reasons that leaving a child in a car is not wise.

Victorian legislation has been enacted that states leaving a child unattended in a car is a criminal offence.

"The clear message is to take the children with you, even if you think you will only be gone for a few minutes."

## Helping Hands

### Helping Hands to Improve Community Health

Gippsland Medicare Local (GML) recently launched its Helping Hands initiative, designed to assist primary schools in Baw Baw and Latrobe to develop and complete their kitchen garden projects. Participating schools can submit an Expression of Interest to access grants to pave the way for their participation in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden education program.

In launching the Helping Hands initiative, GML CEO, Mr Peter Quigley, said the schools participating in kitchen garden projects say they have a range of benefits for Gippsland students. "We're seeing a better understanding of good food nutrition, an improvement

in eating habits and a sense of social inclusion," Mr Quigley said. "This in turn will have positive health benefits in local regions with access to healthy food, sound early education development leading to good food choices and healthier communities."

Mr Quigley said GML is very pleased to be able to assist schools to realise and share their dreams of a healthier, more socially inclusive community.

"We look forward to receiving applications from schools and in the longer term, this will strengthen the role of primary schools in our region as health-promoting hubs," Mr Quigley said.

"GML will be able to use much of the information gleaned from the Helping Hands project to inform our health planning models leading to better targeted health servicing in our Gippsland regions."

Applications for GML's Helping Hands project opened on Monday March 24, with letters sent to targeted schools in Baw Baw Shire and Latrobe City council regions - regions which are under-represented in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Education Program.

Applications close on Thursday April 17, and the successful schools will be announced in early May.

For further information on GML's Helping Hands project, please contact Ms Lisa Somerville on 5126 2899 or visit the GML website at: [www.gml.org.au](http://www.gml.org.au)



### Public Art Project

Monash Way Pedestrian Underpass, Churchill  
Call for Expressions of Interest

The Monash Way pedestrian underpass in Churchill has been identified as a suitable site for a public art installation (in keeping with other public art works in the town, including Churchill's Art & Culture pathway) that will address the perception of this location as dull, dirty, unsafe and in need of 'beautification'.

A Project Team has been established and is now calling for Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified artists who can creatively address the aims of the project and have demonstrated capacity to engage with local communities in the development and implementation of public art projects



An estimated budget has been devised and funding is currently being sought.

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit Expressions of Interest before the end of April 2014, at which time an appointment is likely to be announced.

Further information and copies of the Artist's Project Brief are available by emailing [info@cdca.org.au](mailto:info@cdca.org.au) or contact Margaret Guthrie on 0407 876 443

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## Morwell Red Cross

socks, 13 towels, 23 bandages, 1 pair cuffs, 10 pair pyjamas, 21 pillowslips, 20 kit bags, 7 belts. 2 packets cotton wool. Total : 321 articles. The Committee would be grateful for further cash donations, as there is a small balance owing on material purchased."

Subsequent coverage by Morwell's local paper told of more meetings of the Ladies' Work Committee – on September 4 (where 120 yards of flannel was cut and distributed to make garments), September 11 (when a parcel was sent to Red Cross Depot in Melbourne) and on September 18 when a large parcel containing shirts, socks, scarves, handkerchiefs and towels was sent to Melbourne's Red Cross Depot.

While there may be some conjecture about the initial formation of a Morwell Red Cross Unit (or Branch as it was first known), it seems quite apparent that 1914 was a certain starting point. The specific year (1914) and concerted activity to assist the war effort coincide with the Red Cross being formed. This underpins, with little doubt, that the Morwell and District Red Cross Unit is 100 years old.

With such dedicated and earnest focus on seeking donations for parcels, it was a natural progression towards a name change. On Friday, February 26, 1915, an advertisement appeared in the Morwell Advertiser:

"LADIES' PATRIOTIC WORK COMMITTEE. All those interested in Red Cross Workers are asked to attend a meeting in the local Mechanics' Hall at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday next, 2nd March. - F. M.ADENEY, Hon. Sec."

Mrs Adeny was the wife of the Morwell Church of England minister, and her involvement in Morwell's Red Cross appears to have been energetic, committed and highly focussed. It's at this stage we note other names also becoming mainstays of the Red Cross in Morwell.

The first meeting of the Morwell Ladies' Patriotic Work Committee was held in the Mowell Mechanics Institute Hall on Tuesday, March 2, 1915. The Morwell Advertiser reported on that meeting:

"LADIES' PATRIOTIC WORK COMMITTEE. The first meeting of the year of the Morwell Ladies Patriotic Work Committee was held in the Mechanics Hall on Tuesday last. There was an attendance of fifteen, and keen interest was taken in the proceedings. It was decided to obtain sufficient material for 50 shirts, which will be available for distribution at 2 p.m. and after on Tuesday next, 9th inst. Several ladies undertook to canvas from house to house for small weekly contributions, so that funds may be regularly available for purchase of materials. Mrs Witt, Miss Tulloch, Miss Rowell, and Mrs Harvey have volunteered for this work. It is hoped that others will assist. For North Hazelwood Mrs G. Jones and Mrs Maxwell will collect,

and Mrs M. McDonald at South Hazelwood. The following donations were received :-Mrs G. Jones £1/1/0; Sale of tray cloth (given by Mrs Dalton), per Miss Stamp, £1/10/0; Mrs T. Kleine, 10/-; Mrs Whitelaw 5/-; Mrs Bruton, snr. 2/6 ; Mr C. Holmes 2/- . 2 dozen yards muslin. Mrs.Bolding, snr. ; Bed jacket and cushion, Miss Shaw ; 2 pair bed socks, Mrs McIntosh ;

1 towel, Mrs Dunbar; 1 dozen men's handkerchiefs, Mrs Green and Miss Stamp; 1 pair blankets, Miss Jarvie ; 2 towels, Mrs Witt. Socks were received from the following : Mrs Aherin, 10 pairs; Miss Tulloch, Mrs Adeny, Miss Rees and pupils, Mrs Northway, 2 pairs; each; Mrs Caddaye, Mrs McDonald, Miss McDonald, Miss Anderson, 1 pair each"

The Morwell Red Cross was well established by 1915. On Friday, July 9 1915, the Half -Yearly Statement of Accounts of the Morwell Branch of Red Cross Society was published in the Morwell Advertiser.

"INCOME Donations ... .. £48/15/0 . Morwell Patriotic League £13/10/0 Sale of Tray Cloth .. £1/10/0

Sale of Wool £13/8/0 Sale of Red Cross Books £3/7/0. Sale of Red Cross Stamps £3/3/0, £64/16/0

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F. M. ADENEY, Hon. Sec. Audited. and found correct E. H; HEADDEY, 7 July 1915."

Mrs F M Adeny, wife of Reverend A E. Adeny, Vicar at St. Mary's Church of England Morwell from 1913 to 1918, played a leading role in the formative years of the Morwell Red Cross. As Honourary Secretary for most of the period before they transferred to Sale, Mrs Adeny's name appeared regularly in articles and advertisements published in the Morwell Advertiser.

Unfortunately it was not common practice to publish Christian names through newspapers, especially female names. So Mrs F M Adeny was the wife of the vicar. One unsubstantiated source recorded her name as Florence. Anyway, Mrs Adeny's name was quite recognisable in the local press albeit in a small township. However, we must not forget Reverend A E Adeny as he appears to have provided invaluable assistance for his wife.

For instance, it was announced that on "Sunday, 18th July, Church of England Red Cross Service, ENTIRE COLLECTIONS In Aid of Lady Stanley's Appeal for Sick and Wounded Australian Soldiers. A. E. ADENEY, Vicar (Morwell Advertiser, Friday, July 16,1915)."



By Leo Billington

"It's been woven into the fabric of Australian life for 100 years"

In Australia, Red Cross began on August 13, 1914, nine days after the outbreak of World War I. Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, wife of the Governor-General, formed a Branch of the British Red Cross at Government House in Melbourne, calling for volunteers to assist with the production of comfort parcels for soldiers.

As everyone would agree, Red Cross has been woven into the fabric of Australian life for a long time – in fact, 100 years. In 2014 Australian Red Cross is proudly celebrating 100 years of people helping people.

In its September 18, 1914 edition, the Morwell Advertiser published the following:

"LADIES' WORK COMMITTEE. A second parcel of goods has been forwarded by above committee to the Red Cross Depot, Government House, during this week, which consisted of 20 shirts, 11 washers, 3 scarves, 5 pairs socks, 13 towels, 8 bandages; 2 packets cotton."

Records from that early period show the embryonic formation of a Morwell Red Cross Unit. The Ladies' Work Committee was organised to perform functions similar to what soon became the norm for a Red Cross Unit. In 1914, parcels of goods were being collected for those who enlisted for the world war that broke out in the summer of 1914.

Seven days later, on Friday, September 25, 1914, the Morwell Advertiser printed:

"LADIES' WORK COMMITTEE. The above committee forwarded another parcel of garments to the Red Cross Depot this week. All material has been distributed, and the committee asks those who have work to hand it in as soon as possible. Amount previously acknowledged, £14 /1/0, Mrs McKenzie, 2/6. Also donations from Miss Stamp, 12 pillow-slips; Mrs Green, washers; Mrs Adeny, washers."

Again, on Friday October 23, 1914, the Morwell Advertiser further acknowledged the work of the (Morwell) Ladies' Work Committee:

"LADIES' WORK COMMITTEE. Amount previously acknowledged ... .. £15/ 5/ 0. Donations received:-Socks from Miss McDonald, Miss Tulloch, Mrs Caddaye, Mrs Cashman, Mrs M. McDonald, Mrs Adeny. Pupils - Jeeralang Junction School, I pair socks and 7 handkerchiefs. The following is the total number of articles forwarded to Red Cross Depot: 77 shirts, 61 facewashers, 49 handkerchiefs, 5 scarves, 30 pair



## Morwell Red Cross . . . continued

On Friday, August 27, 1915, the Morwell Advertiser printed the following item:

"RED CROSS SOCIETY MORWELL BRANCH. Mrs A. E. Adeney reports : Per Mrs G. Jones (mthly):--Medames Maxwell, S. McInnes .J Williams, Williamson, Kerr, Flewin, Shaw, R Furnell, J. Bolding, Simmons, Maxfield, McKay, D. D. Jones, 1/- each

Mrs Bolding, snr., Mrs G. Jones, Mrs Falla 2/- each, Messrs T. Maxwell, Hentschell, McLean, A. Porter, J. McInnes. A. Pryde, .J H Furnell, A. Firmin, T. B Mackey, Miss Porter 1/- each, Mr W. Buckley 5/- .... £1/14s.

Per Miss Rowell:-- Mr Totterson (mtly) 1/-, P. Rowell 1/-, (fortnightly) Mr and Mrs Rowell 1/-, Mrs Turner 6d, Mrs Jarvey 6d, Mrs Pickard 6d, Mrs Dusting 6d, H Rowell 6d, A. Rowell 6d; Misses Rowell 1/ 6d, 7s 6d.

DONATIONS. Socks--Mrs Adeney, Mrs Hone, Miss Munro, Mrs Little, Mrs R. Kerr 1.pair each, Mrs Sutcliffe 3 pair slippers, Miss Shaw quilt, Mrs Flewin 14 eye bandages and 2 washers, Mrs Frost.Samuels 1 cholera bell, Mrs D. Jones 6 yards calico and borac acid, Miss Gay 1 cushion, Mrs Aherin 1 pair mittens, Kathleen Lee and Fran Vary books, Mrs Flewms old linen. F. M. ADENEY, Hon. Sec

The Rev. A. E. Adeney begs to acknowledge the receipt of parcels of skins for the Red Cross from Messrs Rowell, Bayley, Walker, Hentschell and Deppeler. He has despatched a first consignment of 159 hare and rabbit skins to the Red Cross and will be glad of further donations."

While Reverend and Mrs Adeney are both mentioned in this news item, there are other names which keep appearing when one reads more about the history of the Morwell Red Cross Branch.

In the next edition of CDN, we will cover further development of the Morwell Red Cross Branch featuring names of stalwarts who remained tireless workers and supporters of this marvellous organisation which has become so strongly woven into our Australian way of life.



# Hazelwood Rotary Club

By Leo Billington

May is Rotary Bowelscan month and Hazelwood Rotary is once again promoting Bowelscan, and takes this opportunity to remind everyone bowel cancer is very curable if you catch it early. That's what the \$10 Rotary Bowelscan test kit is designed to do: **CATCH CANCER BEFORE IT CATCHES YOU.**

Save your life for \$10. The Bowelscan kits are recommended in particular to people 40 and over at participating pharmacies between May 1 and May 31.

Bowel cancer is Australia's number one internal cancer, killing more than 4,000 men and women every year.

Combining with volunteers from the community, Churchill Scout Group and Co-operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar, Hazelwood Rotary was involved in Clean Up Australia on March 2, through the Eel Hole Creek precinct in

Churchill.

Organised by Hazelwood Rotary, the clean-up was successful with a rubbish skip bin filled with rubbish by the end of the day. More than 12 tyres were found, one wooden kitchen chair and lots of plastic bottles and paper packaging. This is the fourth clean-up along Eel Hole Creek in as many years.

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Operations Manager, Carol Crewe, provided a comprehensive update of the facility. Since it opened in September 2006, 2553 guests have taken the opportunity to stay at GRCH while undergoing oncology related treatment at Latrobe Regional Hospital. The average age of those visitors is about 64 years and the majority of these (64%) come from the East Gippsland and Wellington Shire municipalities. Others are from South Gippsland (11%), Bass Coast (10%) and Melbourne, mainly the Mornington Peninsula area. A Stage 3 accommodation development is being planned with the hope that funding will be available via the normal channels. Volunteers play a vital role assisting with gardening, laundry and cleaning tasks. Feedback received

from visitors focuses on kindness, generosity and an appreciation that GRCH's location reduces pressure on an otherwise need to travel long distances. For further information about GRCH, phone 5171 1626.

A future planned activity for Hazelwood Rotary is an evening visit to the Gippsland Water Factory. Guest speakers in the coming weeks include Dr Harry Ballis from Federation University and John Liddell representing Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE). John will talk about retrofitting houses for energy efficiency based on a section of the new Zero Carbon Australia Buildings Plan, published last October. This is particularly of interest to home owners keen to reduce domestic power consumption and saving money.

If interested and to learn more details about Rotary please contact Hazelwood Rotary on 0458 661 848.

Also you can visit our Facebook site to see the wide variety of activities involving Hazelwood Rotary.



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# Some tips on cooking family budget meals

This is the third of the articles supplied to us by Anglicare

1. Make your own meals from scratch.

Leave the processed food and ready-made meals on the supermarket shelves.

2. If you take quality into account, processed food is not cheap at all.

The link between a good diet and our children's well-being and ability to learn is being proved more and more by new research. We all want to feed our families good food so they can thrive at school and at play... to do this you need to ditch processed food and get cooking.

Ditch the cheese spread and slices. Instead get a good ½ kg block of cheese to replace all the cheese slices, spread and grated cheese. Buy a big bag of potatoes and prepare chips yourself.

A bread maker is a great way of cutting down on the cost of bread. It is cheaper to use a bread maker than to heat your oven up to the enormously high (and expensive) temperatures that bread cooking requires - plus you can put it on a timer and have warm fresh bread for breakfast.

It also does dough for make-it-yourself pizzas and for rolls and buns. You can have a large loaf of home-made bread and we all know how much families eat!

3. Plan ahead

Plan the week's meals before you go shopping

Other things to consider when planning for the week ahead:

Are there any tins of food lurking in the back of the cupboard that you can incorporate into your meals this week?

Do you have any leftovers?

Are any members of the family going to be away? If so adjust the amount of food you buy when any of your children are having tea with friends or your partner has an evening out booked.

Write out a shopping list and stick to it.

Keep a list in a little book that fits into your

handbag. Put the shopping list at the back and at the front keep a tally of how much money you spend. Writing it all down for a month will be an eye-opener. The result of this will be a shopping bill that should be more than halved, and healthier meals.

4. Avoid wasting food

If you've made a bit too much food, don't throw it away. Most foods will keep for up to 2 days in the fridge (not fish or seafood though!) and can be used again

Double up the quantities of a recipe with 'leftovers' in mind. Freeze half of it and have it later in the month.

If you buy a double quantity of mince you can cook it all together then separate it into two. Add chilli beans and chilli to one half and make a con-carne, and use the other half for bolognese or lasagne, the recipe is practically the same anyway.

Keep any leftover food in a sealed container in the fridge or in a dish covered with cling-wrap. Keep it away from raw meats.

If you are storing leftovers in the fridge, save money by ditching the cling wrap. Use ice-cream and yoghurt containers with lids which can be reused. Even if you only have a small amount of food left, think about how you could use it creatively in a snack, or as part of another meal. Pieces of chicken could be used to make sandwiches, with rice, or in a jacket potato. Stir-fry is another option.

If you have mince left over from bolognese or shepherds pie, make up some pastry and make mini mince pasties and then freeze them.

Don't re-heat fish, and don't re-heat anything more than once. If you have cooked too much rice, cool it as quickly as possible (within one hour) and keep it in the fridge for no more than one day until reheating. Make sure you heat leftovers through until they are piping hot - whether using a microwave or conventional oven.

These budgetary food tips are from the netmums website. [www.netmums.com](http://www.netmums.com)

## Churchill Neighbourhood Centre



The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is currently offering people the opportunity to be involved in exciting new cooking classes with Noeline from Master Chef, and in a community garden project supported by the Centre. The CNC is beginning a pilot project to develop community gardening in Churchill, and invites all interested people to their Community Consultation BBQ on May 1, 2014. At this meeting we hope to develop a group of people from the community to begin working on the project. We need people with all sorts of skills, so even if you are not very green-fingered, you are still welcome to get involved.

A Community Garden is a garden owned, designed, worked, and enjoyed by local people. Community Gardens have appeared all across Victoria from small country towns to inner city suburbs. They can involve many different types of gardens. Raised-bed vegetable gardens, herb gardens, edible flowers, orchards, aquaponics, and zen gardens are popular all around the world. Community gardens offer great benefits to individuals and the township. Keen gardeners can

meet new friends and share skills/knowledge, people without a garden can get involved in gardening. It is an opportunity to learn new gardening skills, and people of all cultures, abilities, incomes and ages can be included. Some community gardens even evolve into social enterprises that run a community business like a nursery or cafe, and there is potential for seed, plant or food sharing. Most of all community gardens can be fun, social, get you active, and feeling a sense of belonging and pride in your community.

We are fortunate to have Noeline from Master Chef beginning cooking classes at CNC's fabulous kitchen facilities. Noeline is passionate about revitalising our food heritage, where people are involved in food from the ground to their kitchens and dinner tables.

Noeline says that cooking is for everyone, not just professionals and celebrity cooks - people's family recipes, favourite produce, and ways to grow, cook and share food are an important local resource. Noeline wants to harvest this by encouraging participation in cooking as a group activity at the CNC, and involving the community garden's produce.

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## Hazelwood North Primary School

### Asia Day

Recently, Hazelwood North Primary School had a day for the whole school called Asia day. All the kids in the school were separated into mixed age groups for the day's activities.

All of the classrooms represented different places in Asia, some of the places were Turkey, India, Indonesia, Nepal, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, and the library talked about all of the places and hosted many activities to learn about them.

In the classrooms we talked about different countries. Some of the activities involved eating food, making headdresses, colouring mandala, making models, puppet making, origami, traditional dances and looking at some photos.

Hazelwood North Primary School had fun at Asia day and hopes there will be many more to come.

by Sophie and Bonnie

### Grade 6 Marlo camp

On Tuesday March 4 to Wednesday March 5, the grade 6's from Hazelwood North Primary School went to Marlo Coastal School Leadership Camp.

After we took our school photos we jumped on a mini bus and headed to Marlo. We stopped at Bairnsdale for an ice-cream and a play in the All Abilities Playground.

All of the grade 6's had a super fun time in the playground and the ice-cream was delicious but, finally we had to go so we jumped back on the bus and headed to Marlo.

When we finally arrived at Marlo we set up our tents in Mr Jorgensen's (our principal's) backyard. It took all the girls a very long time to put up their tent. After we finally put up our tent the teachers sent us on an activity around Marlo to find out about the fantastic town.

We got into three groups and off we went, two of the groups got lost. We went down to the jetty and saw a seal. The seal was so cute but we had to leave to go back to our tents.

After we returned we hung around for about an hour while the boys set up their fishing rods to go fishing at the beach. We all walked down to the beautiful water where the boys went fishing. The girls went walking in the water which ended up being swimming in our clothes, but it was so refreshing because it was like 35 degrees.

When we got back from the beach, we dried ourselves and had a BBQ for dinner. Then we went back to our tents and got ready for our night walk. On our night walk we walked to a yabby pond and dropped some yabby nets. Then we walked to a beach to go prawning.

On the way Dayne, (Mr Jorgensen's son), jumped out of the bushes right in front of us and scared us really badly. We kept walking towards the beach. After about 10 minutes we arrived at the beach.

The beach was full of soldier crabs. We screamed a lot. We decided to get in the water where there were no crabs. In the water all the girls and Ms Murray grabbed the big prawning net to go prawning, but we didn't catch any prawns.

We walked all the way up the beach prawning and caught one prawn. Then we went back to our tents and got ready for bed.

The next day we woke up and packed up our tent, (which took us forever). After we packed up our tent, we put our bags at the bus and had breakfast.

After breakfast we went and picked up our yabby nets. We caught three yabbies. Then we headed for the coastal school.

It took about half an hour to get there. When we arrived we were greeted by a warm welcome. First of all we played some games

outside on the basketball court.

We played fruit salad and ninja. After that the girls went into the art room to do some can decorating. We got very dirty. Then we had morning tea. We were offered a cookie and a cup of Milo. It was delicious. Then we watched a power point presentation on marine life.

We also went on a bush walk and learnt how to set up a tent. When we returned from our walk, we smelt the delicious lunch that they had provided for us. We had chicken rolls for lunch.

After lunch the girls went on a treasure hunt. It was really funny and exciting. It turned out that the treasure was in the class room where we started. It was really frustrating. After we finished the treasure hunt we played a game of gang up. It was really fun but all too soon we had to leave to go back home. So we said goodbye to the kids at the coastal school and jumped back on the bus.

All together I think it was an amazing experience. We met so many new and nice people we didn't want to go home but we had to because our family would miss us. I would certainly go back again if I could.

By Sarah and Lily



### House sports

On Friday March 21, 2014 Hazelwood North Primary School had a house sports day, to practice for the Yinnar and District sports.

The house colours were; red house, blue house, green house and yellow house. The activities were: high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, long distance, sprints and relays.

Everybody dressed up in their house colours to represent their house teams. If you were the top three in any activities you would be able to go to Champion's Day.

At the end of the day we had the relays -first it was the students and then it was the teachers turn; it was funny watching the Teacher's Race.

Everybody enjoyed the sports day and also had a great day and lots of fun.

By: Lara, Shayla, and Emma.

### RSL

On Thursday afternoon we went to the Morwell RSL where we learnt that peace keepers deliver medical supplies and food.

We watched a video about peace keepers and how they help people and deliver first aid and supply food. After we watched a video we went to get a drink, it was yummy!

We were shown around the building, it had guns and bullets and swords and Armed Personnel Carrier.

### School Sports Day

On Friday March 21, the school held a House Sports Day where everyone dressed in their house colour and participated in a number of sporting activities such as high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, sprints and long distance.

First we got ready and lined up in the central area in age groups and then we began



our activities.

Then we rotated in our groups to do all the activities. Once we participated in all the activities, the whole school came to the oval to watch everyone who wanted to race for their house colour in the sprints.

After watching the sprints we stopped for a lunch break. Some of the parents were cooking us sausages for all of our hard work.

Finally, we came back from lunch play and sat in the central area ready for the announcement of who won but, before that we listened to who got the best score in each age group. The winners of the Sports day was, Red house, Blue house, Yellow house then Green house.

The school thought it was a fantastic day and we all hope it will happen again!

By Jake Parsons and Lleyton Row

### Walhalla

In March, the 4/5/6 grades went to Walhalla for a day out from the smoke.

Firstly, we went on the bus. When we arrived, we split up into two groups. We walked to the Walhalla gold mine.

First we had to walk up a steep hill. It was very hot and we were tired. When we went in the mine, we walked and Scott talked to us about what happened in the mine a long time ago.

Then we walked to the park and had a snack. Then we walked to the hall and looked at little flakes of gold. We went walking around the town and the man who lead it told us stories about the townfolk. Then we went gold panning. Bonnie and I did not find a flake of gold.

Next we had lunch and played on the playground. Most people went back down in the river to throw rocks. It was fun.

Finally, we went back to school on the bus. I think everyone had a great day away from the smoke.

By Bridie B.

### Walhalla Excursion

On March 21, the 4/5/6s from HNPS went on an excursion to Walhalla. At Walhalla we went for a tour in the gold mine where we saw a humongous piece of quartz, and there were tiny flakes of gold.

After we went through the mine we went

to go gold panning. On the way to the river, we were told a ghost story about the hospital and weird glowing orbs which were supposedly ghosts. My partner and I found two pieces of FAKE gold. 'Eureka!' That's what you yell when you find gold.

(Don't yell 'EUREKA' if you find gold near other people if they don't know about your gold spot)

By Joss and Riley

### Walhalla

The grade 4, 5, 6's went on an excursion to Walhalla; it has beautiful scenery, the rushing Stringers River and the historical buildings. We went straight into action.

Our first adventure was the gold mine, with caved-in walls and seeping through rocks was freezing water from above. Our tour guide for the mine was Scott.

He took us deep into the old, wet mine. He told us about the people who made it and how they did it. They had to survive by candle light and continuously hitting a wall of rock.

Scott told us about boils and the size of them. He walked us out and we took our hard hats off.

Our second adventure was gold panning in the magical Stringers River. Michael, our guide for gold panning, took us into one of the buildings and had a talk to us.

He screamed, he shouted, he showed us gold and worst of all, he told us ghost stories. He told us a ghost story outside about the hospital, the nurse and her love that died. Finally, we went gold panning. After all of the panning, everyone turned out a winner, hopefully.

We had a great time at Walhalla, I'm sure some of us would go back.

We say thankyou again to the teachers,

parents, Michael and Scott for letting us have a great adventure. You could almost feel the ghosts who made Walhalla as it is today, standing in the room with us.

By Meg and Jorja.



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# Churchill Primary School

As always, Churchill Primary School has been a busy place in March. The Preps have settled into full time school. We welcome to our staff Miss Jody Ellis, who is teaching Preps with Mrs Sharon Reidy. The two classes have settled very well into their routines. They have buddies in Grade 5 and 6 who have helped them to settle in to school.

On March 21, Churchill Primary School students and teachers came together to join up our specially made paper chain people, with special messages of respect around the school and to talk about what we had learnt during the week about Harmony Day. We learnt that it is about encouraging people to participate in their community, to respect different cultures and religions, and to foster a sense of belonging for everyone. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Harmony Day and reinforced for us our school values of Being Respectful, Being Understanding, Being Responsible and Being Your Best.

### School Sports

Our school sports were held and green house won the trophy. The day was cool which was great for running, jumping and throwing. It was pleasing to see the parents, grandparents and friends supporting the children. While every student tried their best there can be only a few winners on the day. We congratulate the following children who are the CPS athletic champions.

5/6 yrs. - Jenny Baker, Nina Flake, Jaxon Griffiths and Jayden Rawlinson

7 yrs - Courtney Stivic, Blake Luxford and Campbell Pedler

8 yrs - Ruby Smith and Lachlan McAvoy

9 yrs - Kyra Henshaw and Bailey Caldwell

10 yrs - Monai Porykali and Rhys Luxford

11 yrs - Dakota Wilden and Reese Adams

12/13yrs - Courtney Henshaw and Caleb Bell

We look forward to our next challenge at the Yinnar and District Sports.

### RSL Visit by Grade 5/6 students.

Tom Hayes reports that Churchill Primary School Grade 5 /6 classes visited the RSL in Morwell. We learnt about peacekeepers, what

their jobs were and how they trained. When they had talked about being in the Armed Forces, they gave us a drink and some students dressed up and had photos taken. The thing I learnt was that it is good living in Australia. Our peacekeepers keep us safe. Our peacekeepers go to places in the world to help people build schools and protect them from terrorists and other people who wish to harm them. We were at the RSL for about an hour and a half.

### Cooking School

Grade 5/6W has been involved in a weekly cooking class and the staff room always smells delicious after their sessions. The students have been walking down to the shops to buy the ingredients and have been following recipes of their choosing to make main meals and sweets.

Apart from learning to cook a meal for their families the students are developing life skills such as budgeting, purchasing goods from the supermarket, asking for help finding ingredients and back at school negotiating and cooperating in their groups.

### Safety Units:

Grade Prep, 1 and 2 have been learning about safety.

They have learnt about road safety by studying the roads around the school, learning how to cross a road safely and to read road signs.

They have learnt about fire safety and welcomed guest speaker Mrs. Ruth Place from Churchill Fire Brigade, who talked to the children about the important things they need to know.

Jo Whitelaw, our Primary Welfare



Mrs Place with some grade one children and fire safety messages



Preps and their autumn collages and Grade 6 Buddy

Officer, has joined us with a program about Protective Behaviours and Personal Safety.

On March 28, our students were invited to dress up in nurse and doctor uniforms to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

Not only were there many professional health care workers in our school that day,

but there were a great number of bruised and battered patients who turned up.

We wish all of the Churchill Community a Happy Easter. We trust everyone will have a safe and restful school holiday period.



Matthew and Mitchell at the RSL



Lila and Jayden with their Harmony Day dolls

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# Boolarra Primary School

### Our Athletic Sports

Penaluna (green house) was the overall champion this year. Penaluna has now prevailed for five consecutive years! This year Morrow (red house) won the House Spirit trophy. This was the second consecutive year they have earned this award for their excellent sportsmanship, encouragement of all other competitors and great chanting and cheering. Thanks in large part to the training sessions with our Athletics expert, Mr John Duck, many of our students displayed great technique with the tricky events such as discus, shot put and high and long jump.

### Yinnar and District Sports

Unfortunately the original date set for this event was a wash out. At the time of going to print, we are all hoping that the weather will be kind on the back-up day and we'll be able to provide a full report in the next edition of the Churchill News!

### Ride to School Day

We had 26 of our 76 students ride to school, which was a great effort. Prep student Zara and grade one student Aleasha won the Junior School Council's "Best Decorated Bike" competition.

### Grade 3-6 RSL Excursion

We are very grateful to the Morwell RSL who not only hosted our students' visit but also paid for the bus travel. The students arrived back at school full of enthusiasm about the outing and what they had learnt. They clearly represented our school well as their teachers, Ms Tammy Estcourt and Mr Patrick Kilday, gave glowing accounts of their responsible behaviour and insightful questioning.

### Breakfast at School

Our students really enjoy the breakfasts for which our R.E. Coordinator Liz Black and our Junior School Councillors help to cater. Apple juice, porridge and toast with home-made berry jams, vegemite, peanut butter and

honey are provided free of charge. This always provides a lovely social start to the school day and has our main building smelling like toast.

### Out of Uniform Day

To celebrate a fabulous term, on the last day everyone was able to come in casual clothes so long as they dressed as something that started with B, P or S. It was a lot of fun guessing which letter the costumes people were wearing represented! Our Junior School Council collected donations for drought relief for Australian farmers.

### Egg Roll

A long standing tradition at our school is to stage an egg roll competition on the last day of school before the Easter break. Each student brings a hardboiled egg which they have decorated so they can identify it.

We all head up to the top of our playground hill and have a "roll off" for each grade level. The owners of the eggs that make it the greatest distance unscathed receive a small

prize. This is always an entertaining way to conclude term 1.

### Family Portraits

Our next fundraising venture is to have Vision Portraits come to our school to take photos of any interested families on the afternoon and evening of Friday May 2. A booking fee of \$15.30 entitles the family to a 'free' 10" by 13" framed portrait. Bookings are to be made online at <http://www.trybooking.com/EIPA> or by calling

Vision Portraits on 1800 067 714 or 9596 9400 or via e-mail to [info@visionportrait.com.au](mailto:info@visionportrait.com.au). Portraits may be previewed during the session. This opportunity is open to anyone who wishes to have a family portrait taken, not just our school families. All money raised is going towards a Mosaic Project to beautify our students' toilets (as requested by our Junior School Council).



Ride to School Day

A very happy breakfast at school



Prep student Alex in the long distance run

Jordan and Ethan enjoying school sports day

Tyson doing high jump

# Churchill Preschools

By Sam Gillett

Rabbits, guinea pigs and a variety of farm animals came to visit Churchill Hub Preschool this month. The children were able to hold and feed the animals.

The Preschool is in the process of growing sunflowers from their seeds for Mother's Day next month.

At Glendonald Park Preschool, their bunny Anzac – formerly Madeline

– is back.

The students have been focusing on Harmony Day – celebrating all cultures. The children have looked at various countries' flags and made their own.

The children from Elizabeth Wilmont Preschool have returned to their own preschool as the smoke from the open cut has lessened.



## Churchill North Primary School

### Family Maths Night

Wow! What a great turn-out we had last week for Churchill North's first family Maths night for the year.

Students thoroughly enjoyed rotating around the school playing different Maths games against their parents. Students were lucky enough to receive a free Maths goodie bag, eat a delicious barbeque and have a go at a variety of guessing games in a chance to win a prize.

A big thankyou to the families who attended this event, and also the teachers and staff at Churchill North for their involvement in helping the night to be so successful.

Stay tuned for more upcoming exciting Maths events throughout the year!!

### Maths Activity Day

On Thursday March 13, Churchill North Primary School held a Maths Activity Day. This involved students in multi-age groups rotating around the school, participating in a range of maths activities. Each session began with teachers reading a picture story book, where students were able to see how many stories can link to a variety of mathematical concepts. Students then went off and completed a fun activity. Take a look at the



different activities that were run on the day:

Mrs Hunter and Miss O'Brien read 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab'. This is a book about counting, which saw students representing different numbers up to 100.

Mrs Dunne read 'Uno's Garden'. Students were then involved in various doubling activities and they even got to make doubling necklaces out of fruit loops.

Miss Byrne read 'The Tallest, Shortest, Longest, Greenest, Brownest Animal in the Jungle'. Students then went off to estimate and measure their partner's height.

Mrs Franks read 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird'. This book allowed students to understand the features of a clock and how to tell the time through making their own analogue clocks.

Miss Marino read 'Ella Kazoo Will Not Brush her Hair'. Students were encouraged to use their problem-solving strategies and also collect a range of data.

Mrs Jones read 'Are We There Yet?'. Students looked at maps and participated in running around the school and calculating the total distance they ran. The total distance run on the day was the same as running from Churchill to Dandenong!!

Mr Clarke read 'Anno's Mysterious Multiplying Jar' and

had the kids drawing very large posters explaining 'factorials'. WOW! (4x3x2x1). They were thinking about how it is possible to multiply numbers by each other to create massive numbers!

Miss Pearce read 'Mr Archimedes Bath' and had her group measuring the volume of different sized containers using water. She also set the kids a challenge about whether or not an elephant will fit in a bath tub?

Mrs Sultana read 'The Giant Jam Sandwich', and had the students thinking about the area of a piece of bread covered in jam. Students were then lucky enough to find the area of a piece of bread using smarties.

### Churchill North Primary School's Instrumental Preview

Students from grades one through to six recently took part in a musical instrument presentation with Joseph Bonnici from Kurnai College. Students were able to handle and play the flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet and trombone. Most students enjoyed the challenge in creating their own sound from the different instruments, whilst others persisted in trying to get sounds out of different instruments. All instruments presented were part of the Concert Band Music Program available at Churchill North Primary School.



## Lumen Christi Primary School

### Now You Don't See It.....Now You Do

It is amazing what you find when having a good clear out. Last year, Mr Cooper, when tidying up under the school library, came across an old parish sign, simply stating Lumen Christi. It was a rather forlorn looking sign, with scratched paint and had obviously been cast aside for the more modern laser cut signs that are all around us.

Yet years ago this sign had proudly proclaimed that the new building it stood next to was a church and parish school... Lumen Christi.

Lumen Christi in English translates as Light of Christ so when Grade5/6W decided to spruce up and reinstate the sign, gold paint was the natural choice for the makeover.

"All that glitters is not gold..." stated William Shakespeare many moons ago, yet the preparation carried out by the students proves that elbow grease, primer and gold aerosol paint works wonders on an old piece of iron.

Of course the site had to be cleared before the sign was erected, plants that would otherwise block the sign were transplanted and the garden was spruced up in preparation for the big day.

### Mini Vinnies

The Mini-Vinnies organisation is very important at Lumen



Christi. The students model themselves on the Maxi-Vinnies[St. Vincent de Paul] that continues to do a wonderful job in our Churchill community. Last year our Lumen Christi Mini-Vinnies organised and provided Christmas hampers and goods which were extremely well received in Churchill.

This term we have been thinking about how we can act like Jesus and be generous, as well as supporting the Project Compassion fundraising efforts.

One student, Quillan, has created a donation station for people to donate goods for the St.Vincent de Paul to use in our community.

What a wonderful example of the way Lumen Christi families are living and encouraging Christian values.

### Healthy Together Latrobe

In term one, Lumen Christi has facilitated two fantastic community activities; Walk to School Day and a Family Breakfast/Athletics Day.

Walk to School Day took place on Pancake Tuesday and involved four Walking School Buses each being led by a teacher from the school. Well

over half of the school participated in this healthy

event which comprised a one kilometre walk and had many parents joining in as well. On arrival at school pancakes cooked by more staff were served and enjoyed by all students.

### Athletics day

Athletics Day on March 18, began with a family breakfast from 7.45. Many families were able to enjoy a social and healthy breakfast together. The sports activities followed soon after the bell, with breakfast together proving to be a great start to a very enjoyable and successful day.

Our school motto of Believe, Achieve, Succeed... Together is alive and well!

### Experiments

The Grade 3/4 unit at Lumen Christi have been focusing on their Science Unit 'Chemical Reactions'. During this, students have conducted experiments that show a chemical reaction and change, and presented this at their Science Fair which was held on April 1 (April Fools day).

Our Experiment was called Dancing Raisins. We chose this experiment because it showed a reaction when we added raisins into the soda water. It was exciting. We even timed how long our raisins danced for. They were dancing for 12minutes. Oakleigh and Gemme.

Our experiment was called Crazy Putty. We liked this experiment because it started off as a liquid and then we watched it change into a solid. By Kiara and Kayley

Our experiment was Making An Easy Lava Lamp. We had to use a bottle and a quarter of water and then we had to pour vegetable oil as well. The water became all bubbly and created a reaction. Charlotte and Jacob.

Our experiment was called "The Coke and Mentos Mayhem". We saw a reaction occur when we added mentos to coke. It wasn't fun when our teacher bought a different brand of coke, because it didn't have the same reaction. Bailey and Riley.



## Kurnai College at the Precinct Campus

### School Captains

Hayden Stephens and Sarah Mayo have been elected by preferential voting as school captains of Kurnai at the Precinct.

They both would like to work to achieve provision of a 3D printer and sufficient computers for all students' needs.

Sarah would like to see a Year 12 retreat week organised for the Year 12s of 2015. The program would include instruction in further life skills such as paying taxes, applying for insurance as well as study techniques and motivational speeches.

Hayden sees the need to build a relationship with FedUni.

He wishes to continue with building positive relationships with the outside community, through such events as ANZAC Day and opportunities offered by service clubs and other organisations. This will involve them in focussing on what is available, managing the opportunities and engaging where possible.

They both wish to be focussed on having the student voice heard in the making of college policy and procedures. They will be the bridge between the students and the staff. Principals are open to listening to what the students have to say.

### Breakfast With Ryan Campbell

Hayden Stephens and Meg Van Rooy attended a breakfast at Waratah Restaurant where they listened to Ryan Campbell, an 18 year old who had circumnavigated the world in a single engine aeroplane.

The breakfast was arranged by BankMECU, which also paid the costs.

Hayden said Ryan's talk was very motivational and inspiring, especially as Ryan was the same age as himself. "It proves you can do what you set your mind to", said Hayden.

### Fantastic Opportunities for Rural Students

At the end of 2013, three students from Kurnai College Year 11 class were nominated by their teachers to attend a three day camp at Melbourne University, to participate in a program called SEAMS - Strengthening and Engaging Achievements in Mathematics and Science.

This program involves two camps at Melbourne and Monash Universities respectively in January and July, plus online activities available constantly.

Part of the criteria for being chosen was that the student must be the first one in their family to want to go to University.

In January the three - Crystall, Toby and Sam, were housed at Trinity College on the campus. Their meals and accommodation were provided, as were classes in advanced mathematics and science areas. As the 100 students present came from across the state, each day began with team building games and activities, including a popular Indigenous Hip Hop dance and Amazing Race, which helped them orientate themselves to the university campus. These activities were designed to help the students get to know each other and form friendships, especially with their room-mate for the camp.

The classes in maths gave these students advanced maths techniques including tips for answering questions more quickly. The science

classes were really good, giving further understanding to the various fields of science-chemistry, biology and physics- very practical hands on activities. An 80 page booklet was provided from which the students could work.

All three students found the camp a thoroughly good opportunity with great outcomes, and highly recommend it to other students. Everyone was easy to get along with. They clicked as they had something in common and were keen to learn and make the most of the opportunity.

They are looking forward to the second camp at Monash University in July.

### Tassie Bushfire Recovery Project Report

The five students with teacher Brett and two volunteers from Traralgon South District Association, Ollie and Ken, flew out on the Wednesday and arrived in Tasmania at their destination. There they shopped for food for their week away (this involved lots of decision making) and dropped their bags at their accommodation, before driving to the site of their work for the next few days. They made plans for the next day's effort.

On Thursday they divided into two groups. Group one was assigned to build a horse shelter, a timber structure with corrugated iron, and group two to build a steel framed kit shed on a private house block. Each group contained teachers and students from Tasman District High School whose job was fence building on the horse shelter property. The groups worked throughout the day, meeting to have morning tea and lunch together to build friendships through social interaction.

The groups worked hard for Thursday and Friday.

On Saturday they took a break and attended the Bream Creek Show, a country carnival. They participated in a tug of war with six bullocks, and enjoyed seeing a 287 kg pumpkin and wood chopping events.

Sunday they were meant to work but there were no materials so Marion Lamer from Tasman Peninsula Rotary Club organised tickets for a visit to Port Arthur and a short cruise. Many local sights were seen and enjoyed, with a meal out at night.

Monday saw the groups back at work. That night they attended the Rotary meeting and were required to speak to the members about their lives. Brett reported that the students spoke confidently and openly about their lives in the Latrobe Valley as well as the enjoyment and satisfaction they were gaining from helping others in Tasmania.

Tuesday they worked all day and celebrated with a roast dinner at night at their accommodation.

The students gained so much from the experience. Brett says on return their feet hardly touched the ground. The students themselves thought it was a worthwhile venture and would love to go again.

Their other teachers have also commented that they have noticed a development in confidence.

Brett is rapt with the outcome and a second trip is being planned and sponsored.



School Captains Sarah Mayo and Hayden Stephens with Precinct teacher Todd Miller



Meg Van Rooy, left and Hayden Stephens with Ryan Campbell



Toby, Crystall and Sam who participated in the Melbourne University Camp



The horse shed built by the VCAL students



The group of VCAL students who built the shed



The VCAL students with teacher Brett

## Kurnai College Junior Campus

### Year 9 Outdoor Education Surf Camp 2014

I've always thought that learning to surf would be awesome – it just seemed like a lot of fun, plus I've always loved being at the beach. This camp was the first opportunity I had to actually learn surfing, so naturally I jumped at it!

There were a lot of values in the surfing experience. Funnily enough, I learnt how to surf! I could stand up after just a few tries which was pretty rewarding, and surprising. One of the best things about the camp was that we were all surfing together, getting along, and encouraging everyone, which was fantastic. I really enjoyed the experience overall, from catching waves to the time spent with everyone as a group.

One of my best experiences from the camp was getting up on a wave and turning. It was tricky, so pulling it off felt awesome. In contrast, the worst experience for me on the camp was when we had to walk back to the lifesaving club from Shallow Inlet. It took us over an hour and a half, plus we were already tired. One group got lost and it took them over two hours! We were all exhausted when we got back! Apart from that, the whole camp was a great experience for me.

My personal goal was to just stand up and catch a wave, so I achieved that goal, quite a few times! I thought I was going to keep falling off and never stand up, but I surprised myself by standing up after just a few tries.

Surf camp was one of the best things I have ever done and I would go surfing again in a heartbeat. I've already spoken to my parents

about it! I'm not sure what made surfing so enjoyable, but I absolutely loved it and want to continue with it.

By Lucy Severson 9A  
*Peer Support Leaders program.*

Peer Support leaders were chosen from those who submitted an expression of interest application to the teachers. From these expressions of interest the leaders were chosen. They then went on a three day camp where they experienced training in activities to use in the program and youth development sessions. During this camp teachers observed the students and chose those who worked together well, to be paired to work with a group of Year 7 students.

There are two aims of the program.

One is to help the Year 7s orientate to the new school routine and two for the Year 10 students to develop leadership skills.

This program is used throughout semester one.

The Year 10s have two periods per week where they review the last week's session to gauge where, if any, improvements need to be made, and plan activities for the next week's session. It is also a time to reflect on what makes a good leader. Each student gives their partner feedback on their strengths and areas of needed improvement, so further development of skills can occur.

The Year 7s have been divided into 12 groups and paired with two peer support leaders. In a one hour session each week, the leaders aim to build a relationship with their group, help them to feel comfortable at

school, get used to a new routine, and offer encouragement to the Year 7 students to come to their peer support leaders if they have a problem. To aid this some of the Year 10s have their lockers among the Year 7's lockers.

In the session each group plays enjoyable and meaningful games which build social skills and confidence. Then all the groups join up to do a team building activity.

The Year 10's believe the program is working and is worthwhile.

The Year 7s say they have been helped by the leaders; have made friendships; have been able to get to know each other better and feel better orientated to the new school situation and comfortable in it.

At the end of term one the Year 10s will write a simple report for each of the students in their group. The report will contain assessment on the student's communication and social skills, their participation in activities, how they worked in a team setting, and their ability to co-operate.

*The EDGE Student's Fundraiser.*

In Year 9 all students are offered the chance to join an alternative program called The EDGE. Students of all abilities and interest opt for this alternative, hands on, stream.

Instead of Humanities and Science, students do projects and personal development, focussing on leadership, teamwork and career opportunities.

Chloe, Breanna, Isabelle and Vanessa chose to do a project which raised funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation of Sydney. They chose this project with help from Chloe's Mum,

and because they all had relatives affected by, or died from cancer.

The four banded together in the hope of raising more as a team. They made pancakes, cup cakes and slices to sell at school, then decided they needed a larger event. They opted to have a stall at the Fiddlehead Festival in Yinnar. Chloe registered at the Yinnar Store with Chloe's Dad paying the site fee.

Isabelle and Chloe decided they needed help to plan their project so they went to Julie Nethercote of the Smith Family, who is situated on campus. Julie was able to help them with writing letters for sponsorship to Woolworths, set them up to do a food handling course through Latrobe City Council, and other needs. Woolworths donated \$50, and the Scouts lent tables, Yinnar Lions Club lent cords and a walk-in freezer/fridge.

The girls organised a cooking time at school, with help from Carly and Reilly as Vanessa and Breanna had other engagements. Then with Breanna and Vanessa joining them at Chloe's place in Yinnar, they added to the goods for sale. A raffle was added to raise extra money. Both Chloe's and Vanessa's Mums contributed money for the prizes.

A 6am start to set up their stall, was the beginning of a long but satisfying day of fundraising with a \$705.60 total. There was some food left over and they wished they could have done better. But overall, tired feet forgotten, they were pretty pleased with their effort.



Isabelle, Breanna, Vanessa and Chloe at their stall at the Fiddlehead Festival



Year 7 Surf Camp



Year 8 Inspiring Young Women Event hosted by the Smith Family



Year 9 EDGE Leadership Forum, hosted by the Smith Family

## The Smith Family involvement with Kurnai College

Through an initiative of the Gippsland Education Precinct Board, the Smith Family organisation was engaged by Kurnai College to create a school hub

The Kurnai Education Hub Pilot (KEHP) is a partnership between Kurnai College, The Smith Family and Monash University, as part of the Gippsland Education Precinct.

### Who is involved?

Partners in the Gippsland Education Precinct are working together on the Hub. The Smith Family, a national charity with extensive experience in school-community partnerships, is the lead agency in the Hub.

### How does the Hub work?

The Hub is not a new building or a place – it is an initiative based at Kurnai College to create activities, events and opportunities that inspire students to stay at school, complete their education and improve their future study and career options.

Focussing on Kurnai College, the Hub has four aims:

1. Supporting student wellbeing and engagement, so students feel safe, supported and are more likely to stay at school;
2. Improving foundation (literacy and numeracy) skills and outcomes to help students do well at school and stay at school

to broaden their career options;

3. Increasing knowledge about and confidence in future pathways, helping students understand career pathways and what steps they should take to achieve their career goal;

4. Encouraging and supporting parental engagement with learning, so parents feel welcome and involved in their child's school and education.

### Why is the Hub needed?

The Hub was initiated by the Gippsland Education Precinct to respond to a worrying trend. The numbers of young people moving from secondary school to vocational or higher

education in Gippsland is low (at 26 per cent, in comparison to a Victorian average of 41 per cent). Partners in the Gippsland Education Precinct wanted to combine the area's existing resources, such as university and TAFE campuses, Apprenticeships Group Australia programs, schools and local agencies, and get them working together more closely to improve the wellbeing and future pathways of young people.

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# Sports

## Braves Baseball Come n Try Day



By Sam Gillett

Churchill Baseball Club and Churchill and District News put on a Baseball Come and Try Day on Sunday, March 30. The event saw the Churchill Braves teaching everyone who came about the various parts of baseball, including base-running, batting and fielding. A fun day was had by all.

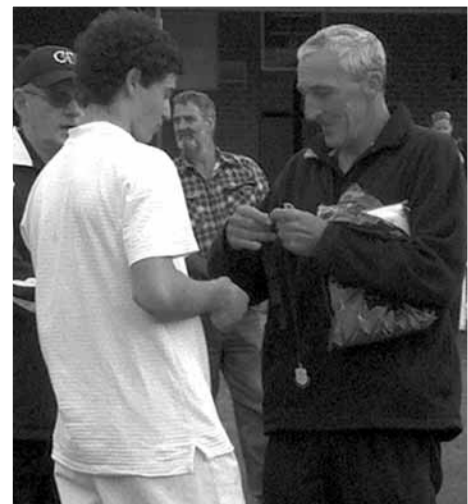
The week prior, the Braves held a social night at their clubrooms as they watched the MLB Opening Day series which was being played in Sydney between Arizona Diamondbacks and

Los Angeles Dodgers. The Gippsland Championships were played in Sale this year over the weekend of April 5 and 6.

The Preseason tournament, co-hosted by Churchill the previous two years, was a great way to warm up and prepare for the upcoming season as the Braves try to win back the flag they won in 2011-12.

Senior games will start on April 13. Training is Wednesday nights, 5:30pm, at the Braves' home ground at Andrews Park. All are welcome to attend to learn and play Baseball.

## Churchill Cricket season ends



Pictures from top left to right: Liam Kearns, Joel Mason & Jacob Hibbert Bowling Awards. Jayden Receiving Man of the Match Award. Thomas Hayes With U14 Coaches Award. Tim Duff, Brendan Ruddell & Dave Morrison Receiving Their Prestigious Duck Award for most ducks for the season. C Grade Premiership Team.

## Hockey results

### Women's B grade

#### Traralgon Blue (5) d Rovers Lightning (3)

Best and fairest for Rovers, Grace Lawrence 3, Tye Hourigan 2, Emma Mitchell 1. Goal scorers for Rovers, Isabella Tatchell 1, Tye Hourigan 2. Best and fairest for Traralgon, Holly Stockade 3, Carly Gilbert 2, Lynne Broad 1. Goal scorers for Traralgon, Carly Gilbert 1, Lynne Broad 2, Ali Ravenhall 1, Callum Lipman 1.

#### Moe v Latrobe Development team

Moe forfeited.

### A grade women's

#### Traralgon Yellow (3) d Rovers Thunder (2)

Best and fairest for Rovers, Rebecca Cheater 3, Penny Kerr 2, Dion Olsen 1. Best and fairest for Traralgon, Jo Wade 3. Leonine Barrett 2, Chelsea Cooper 1. Goal scorers for Rovers, Penny Kerr 1, Tye Hourigan 1. Goal scorers for Traralgon, Annie Broad 1, Sue Harper 1, Jo Wade 1.

#### Yallourn (6) d Churchill (2)

Best and fairest for Yallourn, Melanie Tunks 3, Jess Picker 2, Kahlia Hillbrich 1. Best for Churchill, Alice Stewart 3, Sara Jansen 2, Cameron West 1. Goal scorers n/a

### Men's

#### Yallourn (1) drew with Moe (1)

Best for Yallourn, Ren Cruden-Smith 3, Lachlan Bartlett 2, Chris Liddle 1. Best for Moe, Paul Cake 3, Callum Robertson-Duncan 2, Hew Greaves 1. Goal scorers n/a

#### Churchill (11) d Traralgon (3)

Best for Traralgon, John Wilkie (3), Jarred Wright 2, Murcia Bayliy 1. Best for Churchill, Sam Pheonix 3, Marcus Heyne 2, Mathew Wells 1. Goal scorers for Traralgon, Alana Tratford 1, Carly Gilbert 1, Harry Broad 1. Goal scorers for Churchill, Sam Pheonix 3, Lachlan White 1, Mathew Taylor 1, Marcus Heyne 2, Mathew Wells 2, Andrew West 1, Falkirk Janssen 1.

CGCA C Grade Cricket Grand Final Hazelwood North were the victors beating top of the ladder Willow Grove in a close and thrilling game played at Thorpdale on Saturday March 22, 2014.

After winning the toss and going in to bat, Hazelwood North made 117 runs with only 3 batters making double figures. Dave Morrison on 39, Jayden Hawkins on 29 and Tim Duff on 14.

Willow Grove could only muster up 106 runs with the outstanding bowling performance by Umar Shakeel 10/4/3/15, Jayden Hawkins 10/2/3/29 and Brad McBride 10/4/1/18. It was a great team win which kept the spectators on the edge of their seats till the final wicket was taken in

the 44th over. Jayden Hawkins received the Wayne Mills man of the match award.

Presentation Night was held on March 28, 2014.

Our night commenced with a relaxing barbecue dinner before presentations began.

League junior coordinator John Wirz came along to present the Under 14 league awards to Hayden Kimpton and Joel Mason. Hayden received the best batting average and aggregate and the best bowling average. Joel received the bowling aggregate.

C grade awards- Batting average and aggregate won by Jayden Hawkins

Bowling average and aggregate won by Umar Shakeel. Club champion won by Jayden Hawkins with total points of 119.80

U16 awards- Batting average and aggregate won by Tristan Turpin

Bowling average won by Joel Mason. Bowling aggregate was shared by Joel Mason, Jacob Hibbert and Liam Kearns. Coaches awards won by Sam Daddo (absent on the night).

U14 awards- Batting average and aggregate won by Hayden Kimpton

Bowling average and aggregate won by Hayden Kimpton

Coaches awards won by Thomas Hayes. Dave Hibbert was presented with the Don Briggs memorial award for Best Clubman.

## Bowls club green a step closer

By Sam Gillett

The idea of a bowls green in Churchill is becoming more real as soil samples were taken from the old Gaskin Park hockey field - the site of the new greens - last month. When the results come back, construction of the green will be that much closer to starting. The amenities building for the club may

have to be put on hold. The new kitchen and disabled toilets will make the club more user-friendly, but these will have to take a back seat until access problems at the front of the clubrooms are sorted.

Every Thursday night at the clubrooms the bowls club puts on a fun night of carpet bowls. All are welcome to attend and all the

friendly people will help the newcomers to learn and play the game.

A light supper is provided and an enjoyable night is had by all. On April 5, the club held a Bunnings BBQ. In other fundraising ventures the bowls club is holding their Easter Egg raffle again this year. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2.

# Sports

## Churchill Tennis Club Premiers



Marianne Lugton, Lachlan Getzendorfer, Patrick Kilday, Brian Scott, Mollie Emond, Wayne Reynolds

The Club's Section 3 team are Premiers in the Loy Yang Yinnar & District Tennis Association!

The team comprising Patrick Kilday, Lachlan Getzendorfer, Brian Scott, Wayne Reynolds, Maryanne Lugton and Mollie

Emond won 6 sets 58 games to Gormandale 2 sets 39 games.

In perfect weather, the team continued its good form from throughout the season which saw it finish on top of the ladder.

These players have been loyal members of

the Club for a number of years and have been rewarded with their dedication by winning this premiership.

Unfortunately two of our junior teams, in section 3 and 7, lost in the semi finals, but it was a great effort to get there.

Anyone wishing to play social tennis is welcome to come along to the courts on Monday afternoons at 1 o'clock.

## Gippsland Soccer League Development Squads

The Gippsland Soccer League Board is pleased to announce we have successfully lobbied Football Federation Victoria (FFV) for the inclusion of two Development Squads in the Under 13 and Under 15 Boys Metropolitan League Competition.

These teams will be the first Gippsland Development Squads included in the Metro Comp 2014 and next year the GSL will look to include further age groups including Girl's Representative Squads.

This announcement is the result of the acceptance of the Accelerated Development Program, jointly supported by all Presidents, presented at a meeting in Mirboo North last September and supports not only our talented players, but also supports coaches and referee development as well.

This first step into the Metro Comp will be the platform to begin our longer term plan to be included into the National Premier League in three years time. In the immediate future the GSL will be specifically targeting identified talented players aged between 12 and 15 from the Gippsland region, to play



against the very best competition available.

The GSL will be advertising shortly an Expression of Interest for a Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Team Managers for both age groups for an immediate start. Future developments will also require support from Gippslanders to provide administrative and further holistic services, these needs will be communicated in due course.

The GSL Board feels that this is a fantastic move forward in developing our home grown talent and providing ongoing opportunities now and long into the future. We look forward to implementing this new chapter in our history whilst also uniting our Gippsland Soccer Community.

## Churchill Monash Golf Club results

Churchill Monash Golf Club results

March 1, Stroke - Ladies Winner: V. Verheyen (28) 71 net. Men's Winner: A Grade 0-16: P. Smart (10) 66 net. B Grade 17-21: G. Sprowat (21) 62 net. C. Grade 22-36: I. Heppleston (29) 66 net. D.T.L.: S. Sanders 69, D. Taylor 69, A. Auld 71, R. Madigan 72, B. Barnes 72, R. Dent 73. N.T.P 3rd G. Sprowat, 5th A. Sharrock, 12th P. Junker. March 2, Stableford. Winner: B. Kilday (18) 33Pts. D.T.L. D. Byers (11) 32 Pts. N.T.P. 14th B. Kilday.

March 4, Stroke - Monthly Medal: A. Chapman (28) 73C/B. Scratch: M. Dear (15) 93 D.T.L.: V. Verheyen (27) 73. N.T.P. 5th J. Armstrong 2nd shot, 14th V. Verheyen, 14th H. Croft 2nd shot. Count Putts: J. Blizzard 27

8.3.14 Stableford - A. Grade: 0-13 R. Madigan (13) 41pts. B. Grade: 14-20 W. Judkins (20) 34pts C. Grade: 21-36 P. Ludlow(21) 44pts. D.T.L. H. Martin 38, G. Sprowat 37, G. Sanders 39, D. Byers 35, D. Caldwell 35, G. Walsh 35, P. Smart 35. N.T.P. 3rd. G. Sanders.

11.3.14 Stableford - Winner: V. Verheyen (26) 38pts. D.T.L. A. Chapman (28) 37pts. N.T.P 3rd. V. Verheyen, 5th. M. McQuillan, 14th. H. Croft. L.D. 9th. V. Verheyen.

W.G.W.G. Alma Pepperell 11.3.14 - Winner B. Simpson-Warragul (44) 33pts . Runner-up P. Hotchkin-Warragul (45) 31pts c/b. 9 In- L. Saggars-Moe (45) 15pts. 9 Out-W. Henshall-Warragul (45) 19pts. N.T.P. 3rd. C. Muldowney, 14th V. Miller. L.D. P. Bebee Traralgon

15.3.14 Foursomes Championships - Winners H/C Champs A Sharrock and R. Welsh 105 1/2Runners-up H/C B. Barnes and J. Jeffery 106 3/4. Scr. Champs

G. Beyer and D. Ellwood 121. D.T.L. C. Thomas and M. Allen 107 1/4 . J. McCafferty and J. Thornby 108 1/4. A. Auld and T. Collins 109. N.T.P's 3rd P. Smart, 5th R. Welsh, 12th T. Sterrick.

18.3.14 Stableford - Winner C. Barnes (32) 34pts. D.T.L. E. D'Alterio (19) 30pts. N.T.P. 14th J. Armstrong.

22.3.14 Stableford - A. Grade 0-22 R. Welsh (21) 40pts. B. Grade 23-36 J. Jeffery (25) 37pts. D.T.L. J. Woodbridge (19) 38pts, H. Martin (15) 35pts, H. Speake (31) 32pts C/B. N.T.P. 3rd H. Martin.

25.3.14 Royal Women's Hospital 4B.B.B. Winners D. Judkins (26 ) A. Chapman (27) 47pts. D.T.L. V. Verheyen (25 ) D. Judkins (26 ) 44pts. N.T.P. 3rd J. Beck 5th M. McQuillan. 9 Hole Comp. J. Timbs (45) 18 pts



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# Health News

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## Connecting with kids in our community



**A new program is underway at Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) to support children and families in dealing with social issues within our community, including substance use.**

The Kids Connect program is delivered to Latrobe Valley families by LCHS and the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA).

Funded through the Department of Social Services' Family Mental Health Support Service, Kids Connect is an early intervention program for vulnerable children and youth as well as their families who are at risk of, or are affected by mental illness.

Ms Heidi Losic-Smith, Manager Respite Services at LCHS, said Kids Connect was an important new service to Latrobe Valley residents.

"This program responds to research showing that half of all serious mental health and substance use disorders start from age 14 and 75% commence by the age of 25 years," said Ms Losic-Smith.

"Coordinated early intervention support for children

and young people at risk of mental illness can help prevent issues as they grow up."

Kids Connect can provide case management involving the whole family to help manage challenging behaviours, teach effective communication skills and strengthen positive relationships.

"Through Kids Connect, LCHS can also provide referrals to other agencies and services, and help families understand the mental health system," said Ms Losic-Smith.

"We can also provide support in accessing other community services including counselling, housing, education and respite services."

This service is available to families living in the Latrobe Valley including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, families experiencing homelessness, unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence or a history of trauma.

**For more information and eligibility criteria phone Kids Connect at LCHS on 1800 242 696.**



## Getting Your Attention: youth competition

**Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) is calling for submissions of videos, posters, postcards or slogans from young Gippslanders aged between 12 and 25 years in a new competition about responsible gambling.**

The 'Getting Your Attention' competition is part of the lead up to Responsible Gambling Awareness Week from 26 May, following from the success of the first competition held last year.

Young people entering the competition stand to win gift vouchers of up to \$400. There are three age categories from 12 to 14 years, 15 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years.

Manager Counselling Services at LCHS, Ms Ann Briggs, said the competition aimed to engage local youth and promote awareness of responsible gambling.

"With the rise of online and sports betting applications on smartphones, young people are finding it easier to access gambling sites," said Ms Briggs.

"Statistics have shown this form of spending has increased dramatically over the last five years. There

has also been a noticeable rise in young males seeking help for problem gambling."

"We have three age categories so that those aged in the younger groups will not feel disadvantaged." Ms Briggs said the Gambler's Help program at LCHS aimed to educate people on the risks associated with all forms of gambling.

"With that in mind, our service has been going into schools all around Gippsland over the past 12 months to talk to chiefly Year 11s about responsible gambling. We would like to hand out information designed by other young people; hence, this year we are calling for not only videos but also posters, postcards and slogans," added Ms Briggs.

Entries to the competition must be original, related to betting, wagering, or gambling and communicate the message of responsible gambling. Entries close at 4pm on Friday, 9 May 2014.

For background information about responsible gambling, the LCHS Getting Your Attention competition and last year's winners, visit [www.lchs.com.au](http://www.lchs.com.au)

## Flu vaccinations now available at LCHS

**Every year, influenza or the flu, a highly-contagious virus, causes widespread illness in the community.**

Community members are urged to protect themselves from the virus through immunisation, available at Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) GP Clinics in Morwell and Traralgon.

Annual immunisation is recommended for older people and those who are at risk of serious complications from the flu, such as those with a history of pneumonia or bronchitis.

LCHS Medical Director and general practitioner Dr James Bvirakare said the flu vaccine is updated every season and is approved for use in young children (from six months of age) as well as adults.

"Anyone can become sick with the flu and experience serious complications," said Dr Bvirakare.

"Getting the flu vaccine is the single best way to protect yourself and your family."

For more information about immunisations or to make an appointment with a doctor at LCHS, phone 1800 242 696.

# BEAT THE BUG THIS WINTER!

## GET VACCINATED AGAINST THE FLU

- The flu is highly contagious and you are still at risk of catching it even if you are fit and healthy.
- You can catch the flu from someone before their symptoms even start showing.
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