

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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Building Churchill

GRAHAM AYRES, who built the first houses in Churchill, won first prize in the local history section of the Churchill & District News writing competition.

Graham's entry, 'Building Churchill', is a detailed and often humorous account of his experiences as a builder and as the first resident of Churchill with his wife Gwen and their children:

"So I would direct a truck to leave the road at the high side of the site so the truck was going downhill and diving along one side of the job spewing concrete into the trench. Then when the truck was empty, without turning he continued downhill and back onto the lower road. We did not bog one truck.

I guided a truck into the job in this manner. The truck stopped. Out sprang the driver with a revolver pointed at my head. He said something like "now you get yours mate".

A loud bang, a puff of smoke, the driver burst out laughing. The murderous weapon was a starting pistol...

The Council at the time had the idea of a garbag supported on a stand for household garbage. On garbage day the bag was tied and taken out for collection. A reporter for the Morwell paper came out and interviewed Gwen on her approval or otherwise



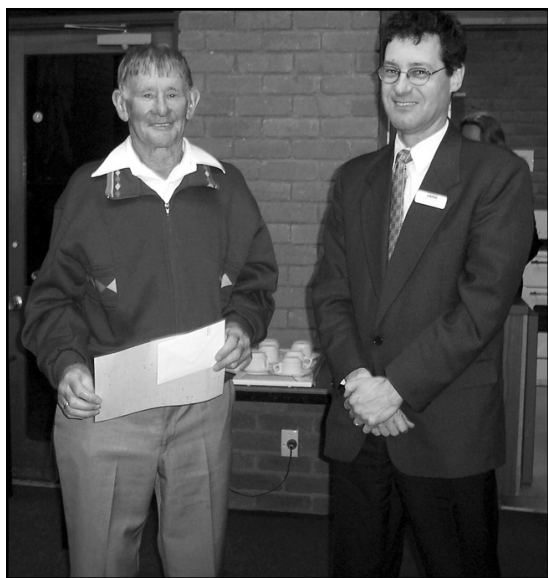
of this method. Her photo was taken alongside the garbage set-up. The article and photo appeared in the paper.

This method of garbage collection did not last long, as it was too easy for the dogs to rip open and strew rubbish everywhere.

A reporter from the 'Argus' called on Gwen to ask her opinion of the 'Argus' as a newspaper. Gwen's reply: "Its very handy to wrap the rubbish in". She did not get her photo into the 'Argus'."

Graham's story will be published over in the coming months.

"We had some really interesting stories in the local history section," said Manager Ruth Place. "We hope to publish all of them in the coming weeks. Again we would like to thank everyone who entered," she added.



The First Residents: Top The Ayres Family, October 20 1965. Above L - R: Graham Ayres and Alan Scarlett



Short Story And Poetry Competition The Winners!

CHOOSING the winners of the Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition was an extremely difficult task said Val Prokopiv, Editor.

"With over 340 entries of a very high standard the judges had a very hard time. The interest and support we had from our local schools was phenomenal and this year we were delighted to accept entries from Meerlieu Primary School in Stratford," she said.

Kim Raward from Bairnsdale won first prize in the Open Short Story Section for an amusing tale of 'The Christmas Pudding'. Gloria Rabe took second prize with her entry 'Phobia'.

In the Open Poetry, local Bob Smith won first prize with 'Our Greeting' and Clayton Hodson won second prize with 'Kitty Never Made It'.

The Under 18 Section was very well represented with Kellie Scott taking first prize for her story 'Starlight, Starbright' and Emma Howell winning second prize with 'What I Think of my Family'.

Marie Townsend won first prize in the poetry section

with 'The Breaking of the Mare' and Hayley Anderson came a close second with 'Grandma'.

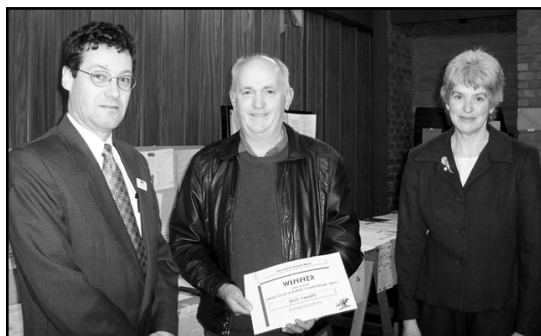
Melanie Kohler won first prize in the Under 12 short story for her beautifully illustrated story 'The Great Bird Watch'. Louise Webb won second place with "The Big Chase".

First place in the poetry section was Ashlee Kearns with 'Sun' and second was Vanessa Holcome with 'My Dad'.

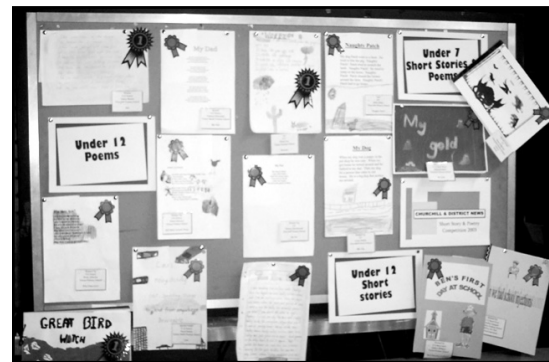
Heidi Cox won the Under 7's with 'Worried'.

"We would like to thank everyone who entered," said Ruth Place, Manager. "In particular we would like to thank the schools who took part and the teachers for their support. We would also like to thank Dr Keith Wilson, Pro-Vice Chancellor Brian Mackenzie and Alan Scarlett from Monash University for donating the prizes for the Adult and Under 18 Sections."

For a full list of winners see page two. The winning entries are on pages 6, 9 and 10.



Bob Smith, centre, winner of the Open Poetry, with Alan Scarlett and Ruth Place.



The Winners: Top: Back row, L - R: Kaeshar Ormorod, Vanessa Holcombe, Louise Webb, Jessica Webster. Middle row, L - R Melanie Kohler, Ashlee Simpson. Front, Heidi Cox. Above: Some of the entries on display.



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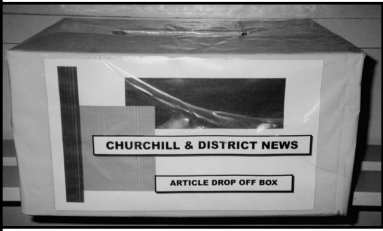
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Short Story & Poetry Competition 2003

The Churchill & District News would like to thank the following for their invaluable support:

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Churchill & District News Short Story & Poetry Competition 2003

Winners

Open Short Story

1st Kim Raward, 2nd Gloria Rabe, Encouragement Award, Jessica Delahay.

Open Poetry

1st Bob Smith, 2nd Clayton Hodson, Encouragement Award Noelene Marchwicki.

Local History

1st Graham Ayres.

Under 18 Short Story

1st Kellie Scott, 2nd Emma Howell, Encouragement Award Kaeshar Ormorod, Encouragement Award Marie Lafferty

Under 18 Poetry

1st Marie Townsend, 2nd Hayley Anderson, Encouragement Award Lochlin Simpson, Encouragement Award Vivien Bedford.

Under 12 Short Story

Melanie Kohler, 2nd Lousie Webb, Encouragement Award Mitchell Ipsen, Runner Up Aleasha Simpson, Runner Up Jessica Webster.

Under 12 Poetry

1st Ashlee Kearns, 2nd Vanessa Holcombe, Encouragement Award Floyd Haines, Runner Up Sonia Albanese, Runner Up Aimee Dawson.

Under 7

1st Heidi Cox, 2nd Milla Foster, Encouragement Award James Kilgower, Runner Up Corey Healey, Runner Up Nathan Nikodemski

Churchill & District News Raffle 2003 Winners

1st: Luke Van der Meulen

2nd: Valerie Prokopiv

3rd: D Guthrie

Many Thanks to all who brought tickets, to the National Australia Bank for their donation of a DVD player and to Churchill Hotel.

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Art Competition 2003

The Churchill & District News invites you to enter the 2003 Art Competition.

CATEGORIES

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Children (U7) Drawing | 2. Children (U7) Painting |
| 3. Children (U12) Drawing | 4. Children (U12) Painting |
| 5. Under 18 Drawing | 6. Under 18 Painting |
| 7. Adult Drawing | 8. Adult Painting |



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ART COMPETITION 2003

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Category(s): (please circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Title of Drawing(s):

Title of Painting(s):

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Or:

CFMEU Office, 14 Hazelwood Road, Morwell (During Office Hours Only)

New Ideas Needed

By JAN MAY

A FEW months ago you read about the 'dancing history' of the Jeeralang North Hall, from 1955 when it was opened with a grand ball to the present day. Now, however, the hall and the present committee need a little help to keep going.

The longest serving member of the group has been on the committee for 60 years, helping to build the present hall after the old hall was burned in a bushfire. The other committee members have each served for over 35 years.

As we are maturing and slowing down (a polite way of say we are wearing out!) we are looking for new faces to be on the committee from the end of this term (January/February 2004).

We need some fresh new ideas to raise funds to keep the hall maintained and continue to be an asset to Jeeralang North and the surrounding area.

There will be a meeting at the hall on Thursday October 23rd at 8.00pm. It is open to anyone in the Jeeralang North, Hazelwood North or Hazelwood South area, who would be interested in becoming a member, or who has some ideas for fundraising.

Elections for the committee are held every three years.



It would be a pity to see the hall fall into disrepair and disappear from the district – as the saying goes – 'you don't know what you've got until its gone'.

If you want any more information about the hall, fundraising or the meeting contact Zelma on 5166 1264 or Jan on 5122 1145.

Churchill CFA Presentation Night

By RUTH PLACE

THIS year our Presentation Night was held at the Churchill Cricket Club Clubrooms. After a delicious meal, the awards were presented to the successful members.

- *Twelve Year Badge - Mark Bruereton
- *Encouragement Awards - Jeremy McCormick, Darren Devlin.
- *Most Consistent Member - Scott Randall.
- *Rookie of the Year - Steve Shankland.
- *Fire Officer of the Year - Darlene Parkinson.
- *Captain's Trophy - Scott Randall.
- *Firefighter of the Year - Tony Gallagher.
- *Special Training Awards - Darren Devlin and Scott Randall
- *Pumper Award - Tony Gallagher, Ron Bennett and Steve Idzes.

The final two awards were given to the team that demonstrated their skill and speed at laying out hose and operating the pump. The aim is to be the first to squirt water.

In presenting these awards, Captain Steve Barling thanked the members of the Brigade. He also made special mention of the families of members and thanked them for their support. Without the back up of families, members find it very hard to be involved efficiently.



Award Winners: Above L-R - Steve Shankland, Darren Devlin, Jeremy McCormick, Darlene Parkinson, Scott Randall, Tony Gallagher, Mark Bruereton. Below - Churchill CFA



The N4 Project

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

The N4 Project is being organised by the Hazelwood and Churchill Guide Units, and the aim is to knit 1,000 squares to be made into rugs, knee rugs and cot rugs.

The finished rugs will be presented to Anglicare at the Baw Baw Region Sleeping Under the Stars in August 2004.

Community Groups and individuals are invited to join this activity and help the guides reach their target.

The timetable is as follows:

Term 4, 2003: Donations of wool and / or needs would be appreciated.

Term 1 2004: Monday 19 January, Hazelwood South Hall, 10.00am – 2.00pm and Tuesday 20 January, Maternal Child & Health Centre, Churinga Drive, 10.00am – 2.00pm: Guide personnel will be present to sort and wind wool, distribute wool and needles to knitters and answer queries.

Term 2 2004: Knit! Knit! Knit!
Term 3 2004: Complete squares and put rugs together. Days will be arranged for the sewing and finishing of

rugs.

If you have wool and / or needles to donate, or need more information, please contact Debbie Gallagher on 5122 2119, Faye Foley on 5122 1249 or Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264.

Hazelwood Junior Guides

Guide leaders attended CPR training in Morwell in August. Again this year we are making Christmas cards for the CRE teachers who teach at the Hazelwood North, Churchill and Churchill North Primary Schools.

We will begin making Christmas gifts and cards for the residents of Hazelwood House early next term.

The last unit meeting of Term 3 was a Friend's Night. We were pleased to welcome girls who joined us on a trip to Switzerland to visit the world Guide Centre, 'Our Chalet'.

Our unit meets on Tuesdays from 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Hazelwood South Hall, Tramway Road. For further information contact Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264 or Faye Foley on 5122 1249.

Prekinder - Early Learning For Life

Latrobe City Council prekinder enrolments are currently open, and for those parents thinking of enrolling their three-year-olds, there is still time to complete the application and return it to Council before the deadline of Friday 24 October.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Graeme Middlemiss said that Council offered the two-hour a week prekinder sessions where there is sufficient demand for the service.

"Latrobe City is one of only a few councils to operate a preschool program for both three and four-year-olds. This enables each child in the municipality access to well-resourced, quality early education program," Cr Middlemiss said.

Latrobe City Council's Manager, Family and Child Services, Kay Jellis said that the benefits of sending three-year-olds to prekinder are numerous.

"As well as being educated and cared for by professional staff, your child will get to know and socialise with children of their own age, often in a larger group environment than they may have previously encountered," Ms Jellis explained.

"The interaction with other adults allows the child to develop confidence in dealing with older people other than their own family members.

The child also has the opportunity to participate in a wide range of experiences inside and out. Often these are experiences that they wouldn't otherwise get

the opportunity to have a go at, for example fingerpainting, painting or working with clay," Ms Jellis said.

Ms Jellis also acknowledged the benefits of prekinder for the children's parents including getting to know other parents who have children of a similar age.

"Having young children can often be isolating, and by enrolling your child you will get to know other parents more easily.

Parents are encouraged to be a part of the session experiences when they can, which helps to break down the barriers of getting to know the other Mums and Dads," Ms Jellis explained.

"It is also reassuring to know that trained staff are available for guidance and advice on your child's development," Ms Jellis added.

"A major advantage, which can be overlooked in terms of being a parent of a prekinder pupil, is the value of having some time out, perhaps to do the shopping or to catch up with a friend or a job that needs doing. The value of prekinder is beneficial for both child and parents," Ms Jellis said.

Prekinder enrolment packs are available from Council's Citizens Service Centres in Traralgon, Morwell and Moe. Applications close on Friday 24 October 2003.

For further information on prekinder and preschools call 1300 367 700.

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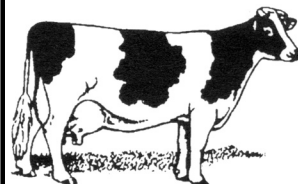
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Brave Little Boy

By Pastor TONY MARSDON
Churchill Christian Fellowship

MANY years ago this story came to my attention. There was a little girl lying in hospital suffering from a rare and serious disease and the only way she could have a chance of recovery was by a blood transfusion. All the family were tested and her five-year-old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease, was chosen because of the antibodies in his blood.

The doctors explained the situation to the little boy as best they could and asked him if he was willing to give his blood to his sister. He hesitated for only a moment before taking a deep breath and said, "Yes I will do it if it will save her".

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as he saw the colour returning to her cheeks.

Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young the little boy had misunderstood what the doctor. He thought he was going to have to give all of his blood in order to save her.

How many of us misunderstand, not only what others are saying to us, but also misunderstand what a church offers in regards to Jesus Christ.

Not unlike the little boy, a young man called Jesus Christ, who in his day was considered to be a rebel and troublemaker, also gave all his blood so that the whole world could be saved.

If you are interested in finding out more about Jesus Christ contact your local church. And they will be glad to help you find out more.

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See You There!

Trivia Night Book Now!

By RAY BILLING

THE Trivia Night at Yinnar Community Hotel on 7 November is coming up soon. We hope to see you there for a fun night!

Ring Win Jones on 5163 1222 if you want to book a table, or come along and join with others on the night. You may like to have a delicious meal at the hotel beforehand.

We recently celebrated Frontier Services Sunday, when we remembered the work of ministers, doctors, nurses and others in Outback Australia.

The following Sunday was Social Justice Sunday, where we prayed for peace, reconciliation and the sharing of

the world's resources.

Church members are finishing off their Samaritans Purse Christmas boxes and also supporting the work of the prison ministry (Kairos Program) to Fulham Prison by providing letters and home made biscuits as encouragement.

We also join in the work of the Prison Fellowship run by the Moe Baptist Church.

This provides a gift of home made biscuits to all prisoners in Victoria, which is really appreciated.

If you would like to contribute some biscuits, contact Hilary Knowles on 5169 1506 for further information.

Church Times

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Tel: 5166 1819
Sunday Service: 9.30am.
Choruses: 9.20am
Sunday School: 9.30am

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Father Andrew Wise
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Sunday: Mass: 9.30am
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2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:
Mass: 11.00am

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill.
Pastor Tony or Hermanna Marsden:
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Sunday: 10.00am
Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

Co-Operating Church Snippets

By RUTH PLACE

WE have been treated to a variety of services this month, with an Anglican Communion service conducted by Rev. Don Crewe, a Churches of Christ Communion service conducted by Hannas Schaefer, and a Uniting Church Communion service conducted by Ivy Goodwin. Each tradition has its own appeal. We are so blessed to be able to participate in this rich variety of worship.

Each Wednesday of the month a KYB (Know Your Bible) group, meets at Sylvia's place. A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join and take a more in depth look at the Bible.

The parish has been preparing for the Christmas Club to be conducted on three Thursdays in November. It will involve the grades 1/2s and 3/4s from Churchill Primary School. There has been much photocopying, cutting and collecting. Our generous congregation is supporting this venture in many practical ways.

Our Sunday School operates each Sunday during the term. A caring and enthusiastic group of leaders takes it in turns to run the program. Children are welcome to come and join.

Saturday Breakfast had as its guest this month, the Rev. Ross Stanford and his wife Janine. They serve at the Traralgon Uniting Church. The topic was " The Future of the Church". Not only did Ross give us his thoughts, but allowed the goodly number of attendees to voice their opinions also. It was a very interesting and thought-provoking discourse.

On October 17th, the Ladies Fellowship is running

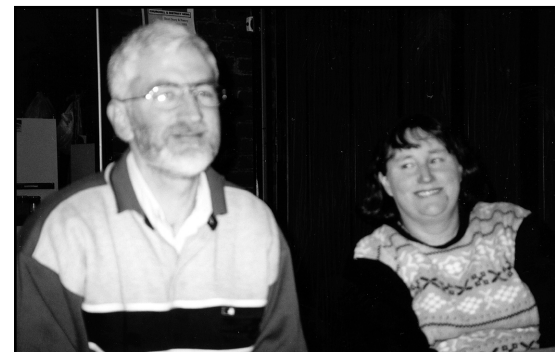
their dessert and coffee night, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Ruth Judd, a missionary nurse in Kathmandu, Nepal for 55 years, is to be the guest speaker. She is a most interesting person with an engaging presentation.

To be assured of a booking please ring Dianne on 51631361.

A very special, event, a Magic and Clowning night, is to be held on Friday 7th November. Our guest presenters will be Peter Cook and Christine Morris. This will be a great family night out, with a delicious supper included. Tickets will be available soon, including a Family Ticket option.

After much thought and discussion, it was decided that the Ladies Dinner could no longer continue. It is disappointing, and many people will be sad that this special event will not happen again. I'm sure you would all like to join me in this opportunity of thanking all the men who have cooked, served and entertained the guests over the last ten years or so.



Jubilee Celebrations

A SERVICE of 'Jubilee' celebrations will be held on Sunday October 12 at 10.00am in St Lukes Uniting Church, Princes Way, Morwell.

Lunch and an afternoon of 'Songs' by 'Latrobe Valley Singers' and others will follow.

The Uniting Church has been on its present site for 50 years and both present and past worshippers are cordially invited to attend the celebrations.



Storms, Tempests and Spring Blessings

By IVY GOODWIN

Co-operating Churches, Churchill

AT last the strong winds have stopped blowing! At least for now, we have calmer weather – a welcome respite from the gale force winds which have been roaring across Southern Victoria accompanied by rain and hail. Our hearts go out to all who have suffered loss of property and we have often spared many thoughts for farmers tending their animals, S.E.S. volunteers who have gone out in the worst of the weather to assist others and all who had to be out on the roads in such conditions.

At times like these it was good to be able to light a log fire and, in comfort and safety, look out through windows to marvel at nature's power. It was also good to look out on bunches of daffodils and other spring bulbs. No matter how icy the wind or how much the hailstones piled up around them, they maintained their cheerful witness that Spring is here and warmer weather is just around the corner.

Recently I found a little book of blessings and I'll share one with you called 'Spring Blessing'. *God bless to us each sign of spring, each new green shoot, each light day, each warmer wind. God bless to us rebirth.'*

God's love is like that. Every day for us is a new beginning, full of hope. Like daffodils in blustery, wintry weather, God's love reaches out to us in many ways – sometimes through the actions of others and sometimes through our reading of the Bible. *'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.'* (Psalm 119:105) No matter how dark or dismal things may be for you right now, God has a message of hope and love for you. There is the promise that, no matter what comes our way, we won't have to face it alone. *'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'* (Hebrews 13:5)

Finally, I would like to add my own blessing to the one quoted above – 'May your roof keep the rain from your head, and may only friends find their way to your door.'

Destination Yinnar

Churchill Writers in Search of Stories

SEEKING inspiration, the Creative Writing Group from Churchill Neighbourhood Centre recently abandoned the classroom to spend a day at Yinnar.

At 'The Matchbox Gallery' artist Pip Nikodemski and potter Marie Ward talked to the writers about their own work and that of well know artists whose works hang in the gallery. Superb furniture, hand-crafted by a local artisan is also on show at 'Matchbox'.

Pip Nikodemski is a remarkably versatile artist. A meticulous draughtsman, a painter and a sculptor, his focus at present is on lead-lighting. The writing class was privileged to hear Pip explain the process of making a lead-light window, from the initial drawing of the pattern to the final work of art. Jewel bright samples of glass were scattered over the bench as Pip spoke. Colourful paintings jostled for position on the studio walls and the whole, creative ambience provided images that will doubtless find their way into many short stories and poems.

Pip, who grew up in Western Australia, always wanted to be an artist. Although he trained as an electrician and worked for some years in this trade, he was drawing and painting from an early age and was captivated by the works of other artists. Expressionist and abstract art held a special fascination for him.

An assistant chef on the oil rigs in Bass Strait, Pip has the ideal 'day job' for an artist. he spends one week on the rigs and the next at home in his studio doing the work

he loves best. At the moment he is putting the final touches to a magnificent window he has created for Yinnar Primary School. Several other commissions are also in hand.

Meanwhile, Marie runs 'Matchbox' and is occupied with her pottery and mask making. A gifted crafts-person, Marie, originally from New Zealand, has Maori ancestry and often draws on Maori culture for inspiration, especially for her masks.

Pip and Marie are always delighted to receive visitors to 'The Matchbox Gallery'. The public is free to wander around the gallery and enjoy complimentary tea and coffee in the charming little garden behind the gallery. The artists have a small son, Rory who is showing signs of early creativity, too. The family lives only a few doors away from the gallery, which is on Main Street.

Setting the scene is an important part of the craft of fiction writing. The writers found a ready-made magic setting in Michelle's Atkins' little salon-cum-shop which is also on Main Street. The shop is crammed with hand-made dolls, puppets, jewellery, patchwork quilts and artistic gift items. Michelle's services include hairdressing, waxing and shiatsu massage. Soon the expertise of a Chinese herbalist will be available.

Eleanor and John McWhirr hosted lunch for the writers in their charming old cottage. Eleanor, herself a member of the Churchill class, is a talented poet and storyteller who has achieved considerable recognition for her work.

The writers' day out ended with a visit to ARC (Artists Resource Centre, Yinnar) where an exhibition for Adult Learners' Week is on show. Exhibits from the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre included picture-poem duets and an anthology of stories about witches and wizards. A life sized witch figure, complete with steeple hat and personal cauldron, was created by Hilda Pengelly as part of the display.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre inc., together with Creative Writing tutor Coral Pal wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our writers' day out.



Citizens Advocacy Volunteers Needed



GIPPSLAND Citizen Advocacy is looking to recruit volunteers to train as Citizen Advocates to work with people in the community who have an intellectual disability. Gippsland Citizen Advocacy is a community-based group, which promotes the development of relationships between people with disabilities and the wider community. Gippsland Citizen Advocacy is located at 19D Collins Street, Morwell, but covers all of the Gippsland region and is wanting to recruit both volunteer advocates and people with disabilities into the program, throughout the region

Citizen Advocates are people who: Come from all walks of life, Are all ages, And each brings with

them an individual range of life experiences and expertise.

Most people who train as Citizen Advocates often have had no significant involvement with people with disabilities before they became Citizen Advocates.

Members of the community who have an intellectual disability often lack independence, are isolated and excluded, are misunderstood, and miss out on a lot of typical life experiences.

Some people with disabilities have no one in their life other than paid workers. A Citizen Advocate is able to provide support in making decisions and in making opportunities available to the person with an intellectual disability and also pro-

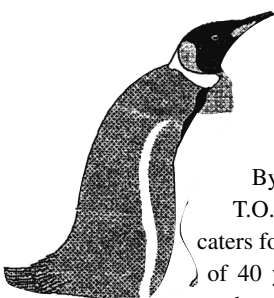
vide the encouragement and companionship that everyone needs.

Citizen Advocates are all kinds of people, with a commitment to help people with intellectual disabilities achieve a sense of being a valued member of society.

This sense of belonging is a basic human right that many people with an intellectual disability live without.

If you would like to volunteer some time to become trained as a volunteer Citizen Advocate or if you have a disability, or know of someone who could benefit from the assistance of an Advocate contact, Rhonda Hunt,

Co-ordinator, Gippsland Citizen Advocacy on 51339440.



Single? Over 40?

By JANET SWASH

T.O.F.S.S. Inc. is a group that caters for single people over the age of 40 years. We offer friendship and companionship to singles who would not otherwise be able to participate in outings and events with others.

We know how difficult it is to be able to get out and about when a relationship has ended, whether through divorce, separation or death, and we welcome singles who may be in the same situation as us.

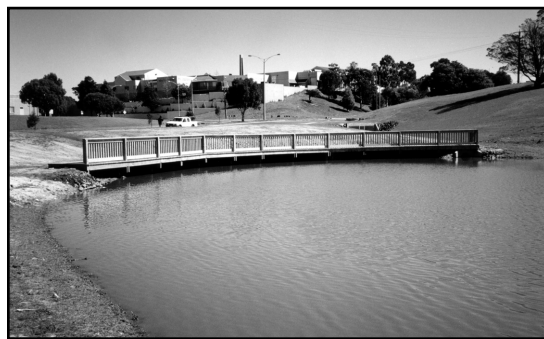
Some of the events to look forward to in the coming

month are: Roast Dinner and Trivia Night, Visit to Caribbean Gardens, Mr Dave Howell 'Singing Sinatra' with dinner at Murphy's Law Restaurant, Cinema Afternoon and Pizza Night.

For a copy of our current Newsletter and further details of our organisation please contact: Janet (5133 9854), Carol (5174 7201), Di (5134 5960), Cheryl (5174 9045) or Lorraine (5134 3142). If you reach an answering machine please leave your name and number and we will get back to you. Alternatively you can write to T.O.F.S.S. Inc., Box 3413, Gippsland Mail Centre, Vic 3841 or email: toffsinc@yahoo.com.au.

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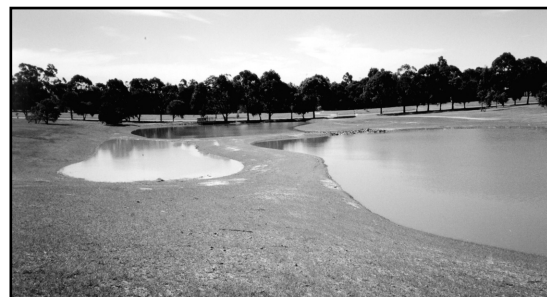


Eel Hole Creek Update

MONASH University has applied for a minor works grant for funding. If successful, this will allow them to engage an architect to design the landscaping.

In the interim, the Monash Grounds Department intends to start planting some appropriate native trees around the site. There will also be sedges (rushes) planted along the drain inverts (the lowest

part of the drain). This will allow for a natural follow on growth as the seeds are washed further along the drain.



Gippsland Engineering

'teach out' proposed

ENGINEERING students may be able to finish their studies at Monash University Gippsland Campus, instead of transferring to the Monash Clayton Campus at the end of this year.

The 'teach-out' proposal would allow about 80 mechatronics and interdisciplinary engineering students to remain at Gippsland until the end of 2005, enabling them to complete their studies before the courses are discontinued at the campus. An additional two years teaching at Gippsland Campus may also be offered to existing first year students, depending on circumstances.

During a meeting with engineering students, Monash Gippsland Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Brian Mackenzie, indicated that the 'teach out' proposal had the support of Monash Vice-Chancellor, Professor Richard Larkins, provided all parties can agree.

"To have a viable 'teach-out', a sig-

nificant number of students would have to want to remain here and we would need to have teaching staff available to be part of it," Professor Mackenzie said.

Professor Mackenzie added that he would further report to the students by 10 October.

The Monash Students' Union supports the 'teach-out' option. "We are glad a 'teach-out' is being considered," said union Vice-President Mr Terry Prichard. "We have been lobbying for this option for some time and it would be great if it comes to fruition."

A new four year Civil and Environmental Engineering degree will be available at the Gippsland Campus from 2004. It will draw on areas of common interest between engineering and applied sciences, including environmental technology and environmental management.



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Currawong Creek

THE Performing Arts are alive and well at Churchill North, with the students putting on two performances of 'Currawong Creek'.

The shows were extremely well received by the audiences and students and staff are to be congratulated on their fine efforts. A special thank you goes to Mrs Dunne for producing and directing the show.



'Currawong Creek' performed by Churchill North Primary School. Above Right: 'Archie' played by Kieran Browne



Happenings at Hazelwood North



By IAN DRYSDALE, Principal

* A team of Year 4, 5 and 6 students (pictured) won the recent Bike Ed Challenge supported by Latrobe City. They will compete in the final on October 22.

* Students in Years 2 to 6 enjoyed a tennis clinic conducted by Glen Kirstine and a baseball clinic conducted by mark Smith.

* Students in grade 2/3 A invited their parents to school to see the 2/3 A Circus performance.

* Students in Grades 0/1 A and 0/1G enjoyed a Circus Day with Spotto the Clown.

* The HPV Team is training to go to Maryborough in November.

* Preps, Ones and Twos are visiting Healsville Sanctuary this month.

* Next Years Preps will be visiting the school for orientation activities during October



Winner of the Churchill & District News Short Story Competition: U12

Melanie Kohler

Yinnar Primary School



BILLY was bored. Nanny was a kind old lady but she lived alone in a cottage.

"Hi Nanny," said Billy. Why hello Billy. What's the matter?" asked Nanny. "I'm bored," answered Billy.

"Me too," sighed Nanny.

Nanny and Billy went outside and sat on the garden bench.

"Look at that Billy," suggested Nanny. "Where," asked Billy.

"Up there called Nanny.

"What is it Nanny," asked Billy. "It is a big cockatoo Billy," cried Nanny.

"Nanny," cried Billy. "What?" sighed Nanny.

"Can we go Birdwatching?" asked Billy.

"Certainly," said Nanny, The next day Nanny and Billy went to the park to have a look for more birds but they had no luck.

After a while Billy was getting bored

again. "Nanny where have all the birds gone?" sobbed Billy.

"Its probably getting cold for them," said Nanny.

As Billy and Nanny walked home they heard something. "What's that noise Nanny?" asked Billy in fright. "I believe it is an owl, sighed Nanny.

"Nanny can we go home now?" said Billy as he started walking back home along the track.

"Not yet, it looks like the owl has something around his leg," cried Nanny. "It string and its is stuck, screamed Billy. And it was.

"Let's get it off and shush Billy you'll scare it," suggested Nanny. "There its off, cried Billy. Nanny hugged Billy and congratulated him.

"Nanny can we go home now?" said Billy tierdly. "Of course," said Nanny. So off they went along the track and on their way home.

Koala Kinder Update

By ANGELA BOLDING, President

FOR those who missed my last article and are wondering what Koala Kinder is, a quick outline – Koala Kinder is a non-profit, three-year old kinder that is run solely by a parent committee, which includes the everyday running of the kinder.

The session is supervised by qualified and experienced staff, and includes activities that are fun and help promote a child's social, physical and language skills. Our session is on Tuesday mornings, from 9.00am to 11.30am and is held at the Walkey Park Children's Centre in Mulcare Crescent, Churchill.

I am pleased to say that our kinder teacher that we farewelled at the end of Term 2 had a healthy baby boy and the family is all doing well. Our secretary Maryann also recently had a baby girl so congratulations to her also.

The children have settled in wonderfully with Fiona's replacement, Jill, and there has been lots of fun

with shaving cream, bubbles and all that lovely stuff that you are glad that they do somewhere else other than in your home!

The children have enjoyed singing the Dingly Dangly Scarecrow and have made a great mural of him on the wall. I am confident that our children are being prepared for their pre-school year and it is great to see them enjoying their kinder environment.

Term four will hopefully bring some warm weather and we are looking forward to an excursion, which is as yet unplanned, as well as a visit from the man in red.

For those that are interested in sending your child to three-year old kinder in 2004 please come along to our Information And Enrolment Night for 2004 at Walkey Park Children's Centre, Mulcare Crescent, Churchill on Monday 17th November at 7.00pm.

For more information call our Enrolment Officer, Rachael, on 5122 3060.



Winner of the Churchill & District News Poetry Competition U12

Sun

By Ashlee Kearns

Churchill Primary School

The sun rises in the dawn so beautiful it seems.

I run and play and have fun while the time lasts with the sun.

I hear a little bird up in a tree it seems like it's talking to me.

It's time for the sun to fall the day has past already.

I lie in bed with my head on the pillow.

The sun is such a beautiful thing and no one will ever take it from me

Winner U7 Writing Competition

Worried

By Heidi Cox

Yinnar Primary School

Worried is the colour black, like the pupil in your eye. It tastes like gone off milk It smells like garbage. It looks like an angry bull charging. It sounds like lightening striking the house. It feels like a cactus.

Lions Club of Churchill & District - Serving the Community

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

THE Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc held its AGM on 3 September to facilitate official business of the club.

Australia Day 2003 held at the flag pole area on the verge of Monash Way has been deemed "unsafe" by some of the participants. The Lions club has requested an alternate location be nominated and approved by Latrobe Shire for celebrations in Churchill 2004.

Lion's Christmas Cakes are now available at various outlets in Churchill. A quick sell-out would be greatly appreciated.

A mixed interclub 10 pin bowling night is being organised with Trafalgar Lions and Lioness Clubs. Always a great social activity.

Our club is again running the "Letters To Santa" project this year. It was very successful through the efforts of Hazelwood North

Primary School last year. The post box will be available from mid November. It is a free activity for the children in our community.

The car is almost ready for the Camp Quality Escarpade (Car Rally) in October. Members are busy finalising work on the car and seeking sponsorship for the event. All money raised goes to Camp Quality to assist with the camping program for children with cancer. The event covers some 5000 kms over 10 days.

Bunnings barbeque was a huge success again. Thanks for your support. All profits go to Camp Quality through the Escarpade.

Two club members, Bob Lowick and John Barker, and two Lionesses, Sue Lowick and Margaret Barker, are companions for Camp Quality and attended a six day children's camp at the Grampians during school holidays. Each companion has an allocated camper on a one-on-one basis. Lions mem-

bers supplied transport to and from Melbourne for the companions and four local children who attended the camp.

Shannon Hayes was the happy Birthday Club recipient of the two \$10 vouchers last month. All children under 12 are eligible to join and each month a lucky "birthdayite" will be chosen at random by the editor. Make sure your child is registered, just follow the instructions in the Birthday List.

Catering in the pipeline includes: LV Express Home and Lifestyle Expo, Christmas barbecue for Glendonald Residents Group, Churchill Festival 2004 and the Junior Fishing Competition in November 2003

To all the families in our community of Churchill and surrounding district, we thank you for your support. Need to contact us? Our address is: The Secretary, PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842.



THE SEPTEMBER 'BIRTHDAYITE', SHANNON HAYES, was all smiles as she was presented with two \$10.00 vouchers by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District - one for Churchill Newsagency and the other for Churchill Future Flicks. she was chosen at random by the Churchill & District News Editor from the September list. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky 'Birthdayite'.



Wattle Club Turns 19

By BETTY WYATT

ON August 27 the Wattle Club celebrated their 19th birthday. A great day was had by all according to Co-ordinator Betty Wyatt.

Dr Buras was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his support and care for the Wattle Club members.

Julia Buras entertained the group with a piano recital in the morning and the 'Silver Tops' of Berwick led an hour and

a half of music, dancing and a sing-along.

Lunch was provided by Café Le Macs of Churchill and the Birthday cake was donated by the Golden Bread Basket of Morwell.

The birthday cake was cut by Toni Aslett, CEO of Latrobe Community Health Services with two senior members, Bep Zomer, 91 years young, and Wally Prater also 91.



Cutting the Cake: Above, L - R Front: Bep Zomer, Toni Aslett and Wally Prater, Back: The Silver Tops. Right: Betty Wyatt presents the certificate of appreciation to Dr Buras.

City Welcomes Government Commitment on Cancer Treatment Centre

LATROBE City Council has welcomed the joint State and Federal Government's announced plans to build the new \$21 million Cancer treatment centre in the Latrobe Valley.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Middlemiss, said the announcement followed a long campaign over many years by organizations such as GARDS, the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council and many other organizations highlighting the need for such a facility.

"We welcome this very positive response from both Governments and their recognition of the magnitude of industrially initiated asbestos-related disease in this community," Cr Middlemiss said.

Cr Bruce Lougheed said the announcement followed a motion adopted by Council that called on the State Minister for Health and the Minister for

Finance to provide a briefing on the Government's intentions in regards to a provision of services and facilities to handle the high level of asbestos related health issues.

We are thrilled that the Bracks Government has recognised the need for better access to services and treatment for a population that displays the highest incidence of asbestos related disease in the State. There is still much to be done in regard to respite care, improvements to the provision of palliative care and the provision of assisted breathing units, but this initiative is a positive move in the right direction," Cr Lougheed said.

"The State Government has indicated its intention to continue discussions with the community to minimise the trauma of asbestos related disease, and we welcome that commitment," Cr Lougheed added.

Mathison Park - Please clean up after your dog

By RUTH PLACE

THE Mathison Park Development Committee would like to thank the Leisure centre management for allowing us to meet there for our monthly meetings, free of charge. This concession is greatly appreciated.

The Committee has had several complaints about the amount of dog drop-

pings in Mathison Park especially along the Eel Hole Pathway.

Some signs to the effect that owners should clean up their dog's droppings, will be erected in the Park.

We would ask you to observe this requirement for the health of the environment and the enjoyment of other users of the Park.

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COMPOST

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Hi, from Herman G.

EVERY garden should have a compost bin; I declare it to be so.

Don't send all that great stuff, (kitchen and soft garden waste) to land fill via the refuse collection service.

Give it a chance to become a valuable source of humus and nutrients for your garden. And don't bother with commercial composts as they can be found to have dangerous quantities of seeds or materials to 'bulk out' the product.

Make your own!

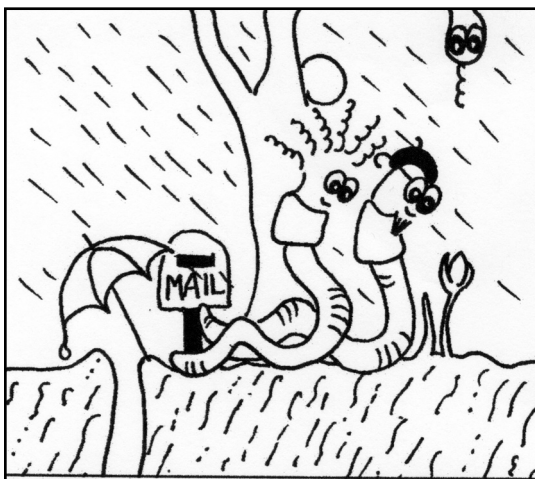
Compost heaps should be built up in careful layers from a soil base to give us easy access, then a bed of garden rubbish, lawn clippings and raw vegi scraps. This should be followed by a layer of soil and another layer of garden wastes.

Layers of animal manure can be added but hold off on the pig and dog versions, they are not on our menu. Repeat the layering until your heap is about a metre high.

Be generous with dustings of lime and sparing with superphosphate and sulphate of ammonia through the layers.

You can stick this lot into a commercial bin or make your own out of timber, a meter square.

If you have any gardening questions, tips or stories to share, please write to: Herman Ge Worm, PO Box 240, Churchill, 3840.



We've been doing it pretty tough lately Aphro, what say we take a break at Brown View Worm Farm Retreat? Wall to wall worms Herman, I'm afraid that would cramp my style.

Fascinating Facts or Fictitious Fibbery in the Herb Patch

From 'The Herbalist' by Clarence Meyer

LONGEVITY SECRET OF A FRENCH BEAUTY

Ninon De Lenclos was the famous beauty of the old French Court who retained her youthful looks into her 70s. Apparently her secret was to take herb baths.

Take a handful each of dried Lavender flowers, Rosemary leaves, dried mint, comfrey roots and Thyme. Mix altogether loosely in a muslin bag.

Place in your tub, pour on enough boiling water to cover and let soak for ten minutes.

Then fill the tub. Rest fifteen minutes in the 'magic water' and think virtuous thoughts.

Garden Waste in Stormwater Pollutes our Waterways

LATROBE City's Stormwater Education Officer, Peter Collins, has called on residents to ensure garden refuse is not swept into stormwater drains.

Mr Collins said that with the arrival of spring, many Latrobe residents looked forward to getting out into the garden for a clean up. "However, sweeping garden soil, leaves and clippings into the stormwater system from roadside gutters and driveways has an adverse effect on the environment," Mr Collins said.

"When leaves and clippings are washed into the stormwater system, they can cause big problems. As they decay in water, they use up oxygen which can kill plants, fish and other animals," Mr Collins explained.

"The amount of soil being washed into our gutters is a growing problem. It makes the waterways cloudy and can silt them up, causing fish to suffocate by clogging their gills.

If we rake up our leaves and clippings to use them for compost or mulch rather than hosing them down the drain, both our gardens and our waterways will benefit," Mr Collins said.

Latrobe City Mayor and chair of the Litter Prevention Taskforce, Cr Graeme Middlemiss, said there was a misconception that natural things like leaves, grass clippings and soil didn't harm our waterways.

"Soil and organic material washed into the stormwater system ends up in our rivers and lakes, greatly increasing

the nutrient levels in our waterways, which helps create enhanced conditions for algal blooms," Cr Middlemiss said.

"Although the gross pollutant traps, installed in Moe, Morwell, Churchill and Traralgon over the past twelve months, are doing a good job in reducing the flow of urban litter such as plastic bottles and bag, they are not designed to stop material such as grass clippings and sediment from entering our waterways," Cr Middlemiss explained.

"The only way to stop this finer material from polluting our waterways is to make sure it doesn't enter the stormwater system in the first place."

Mr Collins said that sweeping driveways and gutters regularly and removing the material for composting was the best option for the environment. When a storm comes it means that there is less organic pollution to wash into our local creeks, streams and rivers," he said.

"If gardeners cover piles of sand, soil and mulch, it will be harder for it to be washed down the drain too," Mr Collins added.

Mr Collins appointment as the Stormwater Education Officer is in partnership with Baw Baw Shire and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority. The position has been assisted by funding from the Victorian Government through the Environment Protection Authority as part of the Victorian Stormwater Action Program.

Inter-school Debate

THE Latrobe Valley Gifted Students Network is holding an interschool debate on 14 October starting at 9.30am and concluding at 2.30pm.

Schools taking part include Lowanna College, Kurnai College, both Churchill and Morwell campuses, and Traralgon Secondary College.

The topics to be debated are: That capital punishment

is necessary, That boys and girls should be educated separately, and That space travel is a waste of money.

Shields and best speaker awards will be presented to the winning schools and speakers in each debate.

For more information contact Kamla Reddy of Kurnai Morwell Campus.



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THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING

By KIM RAWARD

Winner of the Churchill & District News
Short Story Competition, Open, 2003



My wife and I own a little farm out Yinnar way where we run a few cattle, grow organic vegies and entertain the grandkids when they come up from Melbourne. We used to be in dairying until the arthritis in my fingers made me cranky and forced me to take things a bit easier.

Just between you and me I reckon it was those two hundred games of footy I played for Morwell Seconds that wrecked my fingers and caused them to become arthritic over the years. When your fingers are giving you merry hell there's nothing worse than having to rise on a cold, dark, winter's morning to milk a herd of cows.

Although my fingers are still crook, our little beef herd is easy to manage and life is a bit less demanding. But problems still arise And one thing can lead to another

Now I actually blame old Dangles for what happened. He's my big Hereford bull. He's gentle as a lamb, but he can be a clumsy coot at times and if you're not careful you can get hurt. I was having difficulty early one morning untangling some wire from the big sod's leg, so I called my wife to assist.

"Must it be right now?" she wailed. "I'm just about to start on the Christmas pudding."

I stressed that it did have to be right now, so grumbling, scowling, wiping her hands on her apron – she stormed out of the kitchen to help me. Unhappily things went awry and somehow old Dangles trod on my wife's foot.

The drive into the hospital was a nightmare and between her wailing she kept screeching how all the ingredients for the Christmas pudding were sitting on the kitchen bench ready to be mixed and now it wouldn't be finished and everything would be ruined.

"No it won't!" I replied in desperation. "I'll finish it for you!"

In my innocence, in my ignorance, I truly believed I could do it.

Between groans my wife told me to follow the instructions that had come from the unbleached calico cloth and which were in her recipe book in the kitchen draw.

"No worries!" I responded confidently.

After leaving her in the capable hands of the medical staff at the hospital I sped home. I strode into the kitchen to find all the ingredients arranged orderly on the bench, including the bowl with the mixed fruit which had been standing overnight. The electric mixer stood nearby. I took the instructions from the kitchen drawer and browsed through them.

"Looks bloody simple enough," I muttered, pulling on an apron.

I chucked the calico cloth in a saucepan of boiling water and attacked the butter and sugar with the electric mixer; I whacked in five eggs one after the other as per recipe until everything was deliciously creamy, I added the whole lot to the fruit mixture, tossed in the remaining dry ingredients and gave the whole lot a real good stir.

"This is dead bloody easy!" I cried and punched the air triumphantly with a couple of right jabs like I was the world champ. I was so excited because normally all I ever did in the kitchen was eat food and wash dishes.

Whistling merrily I wrung out the calico cloth, spread it on the bench and plonked plain flour all over it. My arthritic fingers played up a bit at this point and I'll admit I spilt heaps of flour, especially while positioning the cloth in a colander, but then I whacked the whole mixture into the cloth, gathered the ends together, lifted up the pudding and patted it into shape.

"You little bloody ripper!" I yelled as I gazed at my handiwork.

Chuckling contently I tied the cloth with string and lowered the pudding into a large saucepan of boiling water. I replaced the lid and danced around the kitchen throwing victory punches all over the place until I decided to take one last look at the instructions.

"Strewth!" I exclaimed. "six hours is a bloody long time to boil!"

But then I shrugged. That was okay: it was exactly two o'clock so I could have lunch, snooze for a hour and then go off and do important stuff around the farm until eight o'clock. It would work our perfectly.

After my little snooze the afternoon passed productively, with the minor fencing repairs and the harrowing going according to plan. I even found time to ring the hospital and inquire after my wife's welfare; I asked the nurse to tell her that the Christmas pudding was a goer.

It was about six o'clock that my neighbour called in to say that our pump on the river was playing up. It's system that we share, but one that requires lots of maintenance.

"We'll have to fix it now," he said. "I need water badly."

"Sure," I replied. "I'll just get some tools."

Now you don't always get pumps fixed as quick as you'd like things can go wrong you can be short on gaskets or have the wrong size connectors you might have to drive to another neighbour's farm to borrow some gland packing your fingers can be giving you merry hell you can get home bloody late.

Worse still, you can forget all about a Christmas pudding on a stove!

The smell in the kitchen told me that I would be greeted by a truly ghastly sight when I took the lid off the saucepan. And I was! All the water had long boiled way.....

A burnt, shrivelled blob in a world of blackness!

My heart sank.

"I'm gonna have to start all over again!" I groaned.

So I did.

This time I watched things like a hawk and lifted that pudding out of the boiling water exactly after six hours. The instructions said it had to hang freely so I tied it to the wooden clothes dryer in the laundry. Our laundry is off the back veranda where the dogs snooze, but I closed the door so they – and the flies – couldn't get in.

The next day I had to collect my wife from the hospital and the whole way home I boasted about my great Christmas pudding.

"It was dead bloody easy," I enthused, although I took care not to mention my initial disaster.

Once back at the farm the dogs greeted us eagerly, but then I glimpsed scraps of calico cloth scattered across the back veranda. To my horror we found the laundry door wide open, the wooden clothes dryer lying on the floor and the pudding missing.

"You greedy bastards!" I screeched at the dogs.

They slunk away, tails between their legs while I swore till my face turned purple. At last I groaned, "I'll have to do another one!"

My wife hobbled inside on her crutches, took one look at the unwashed dishes in the sink, the burn't saucepan and the flour-spattered bench that I hadn't had time to attend to, and said firmly, "No! I'll do it! I'll look after the pudding! You just look after Dangles But don't ever ask me to help with the big monster again!"

I shrugged: that sounded reasonable under the circumstances

OUR GREETING

By BOB SMITH

Winner of the Churchill & District News Poetry Competition, Open, 2003

On an autumn day in '68, near Melbourne's Albert Park,
A sheepish, shapeless line we formed, as daylight replaced dark,
Some smoked, while others laughed, while most were merely nervous,
Small wonder, when awaiting us was two years National Service.
An eternity, it seemed, but we had little option,
This was the country of our birth, the land of our adoption.

So herded by the corporals, as only corporals can,
We said good-bye, stepped through the gates, and Army life began.
The paperwork was first, most rushed and rudimentary,
Replete with comments crude and loud,
And then, as cattle board a truck, we boarded buses waiting,
Spurred on by loud-mouthed NCO's, their voices not abating.

So on to Puckapunyal, in drear, dismal, daunting weather,
To words from Sergeant Johnson, he of the lungs of leather,
Lungs of leather, ruddy face, and vocal chords of brass,
"Get your gear, get over here, move your bloody arse!!"
Which was a little short on etiquette, but it did get our attention,
For his job it was to sort us out, and such was his intention.

But the uniforms came first, the trousers noted for their fits,
Kinda loose, kinda baggy, but snug 'round the armpits',
And the boots, as fashion statements left a lot to be desired,
With their guarantee of blisters, as soon to be acquired,
And it paid to be quite speedy, for first in was best dressed,
No time for fancy manners here, no time to get depressed.

In straggling ranks of crumpled green, we stood in postures frozen,
Not by the cold, though that was bad, but by some words well chosen,
Chosen by our sergeant, who we had met before,
Words aplenty, to the point, and mostly lettered four,
And if we had hoped for welcome, we were fairly well mistaken,
He was, it seemed, a shattered man, his faith in youth well shaken.

It was his fate, unwanted, to be in charge of our platoon,
And if that ceased tomorrow, well, that wouldn't be too soon,
For we were the worst, the horriblest recruits he'd ever seen,
Uncouth, unkept, ungainly, and much worse than that, unclean,
Surely put on Earth to shorten his life span,
To ruin his career, his life, and his retirement plan.

In truth he had seen uglier, but that was in the effing zoo,
And hyenas had more brains by far, so what on earth was he to do,
It was against the law to shoot us, although the thought seemed kind,
And he doubted much that we'd be missed, or that anyone would mind,
And then after a pause for breath, a pause most momentary,
He spoke in terms most glowing, of the local cemetery.

For if he couldn't make soldiers of us, (said in a voice like thunder),
And he couldn't damn well see us fit, we'd be damn well six foot under,
Suffice to say, this didn't happen, we lived to tell the story,
And most of us survived two years, albeit without much glory,
But when old mates we come across, or on Anzac Day are meeting,
There's much talk of Puckapunyal, and the manner of our greeting.

Bob Smith was a National Serviceman, in the period 1968 – 1970 and, as the poem relates, began Army life with his welcome in Puckapunyal.

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The Breaking Of The Mare By Marie Townsend

Tenderly I caress her mane,
As I hop upon the saddle.
Then gently I grip reigns
Preparing for the battle.

Tis a battle of will I am to fight,
A battle of wits and mind,
Between the spirit of a wild mare,
And the resolve of mine.

I can hear the saddle creaking
With every giant breath she takes
She's blowing butterflies
While her stunning head she shakes.

I feel my heart is pounding
And I know that hers is too,
But break this horse I know I must,
Before the day is through.

The gate flies open and she is off
She bucks she rears she kicks.
Her head thrashes from side to side,
And her mind it seems is fixed.

She tries a leap to throw me off,
But I'm stuck to the saddle tight
This lady will not throw aside
This man without a fight.

The lady starts to panic
As she knows I shant be beat,
And my heart beat is although as one
With the pounding of her feet.

She lowers he head in sadness,
For it seems this game I've won,
But I slide may hand down her neck
And say 'my girl well done.'

She flicks her ears around to me
As she strangely chomps her bit
So I whisper firm and peaceful words
But I now she has not quit.

Off she darts in a final ditch
I pull the reigns with a wow.
I lean and pull the left reign
And she follows nice and slow.

I put her in her stable
With a generous feed of hay,
And you could not believe the happy face
That greeted me the next day.

Slowly I approached her
And gently stroked her mane
And she rubbed her head against me
Over and again.



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Starlight, Starbright By Kellie Scott

The storm raged on, angering the ocean with its endless tantrum. Amid all its rippling waves was a ship; the ship was called the 'Sea Star' and its captain, Irving Winder, was thrown overboard with a very violent jolt. The only thought on Irving's mind as the ship drifted away was of his young daughter Stella, his 'Little Sea Star'.

Tears were streaming down her face; the sparkling droplets cascaded downward and mingled with her hair, she didn't even try to wipe them away. She couldn't have been any older than seven but her grey eyes, all puffy from the excessive amount of crying, made her seem much older. Her long brown hair was tangled, knotty and looked like it had had a shower of snot. The poor girl's overwhelming sadness at the loss of her father seemed to infect the whole world.

The wind howled loudly and caused the window shutters to open with a snap. It blew the books and photo albums that were lying on a desk open and sent the assortment of papers flying everywhere. The room was dark with despair and the street lamps outside gave the room little light. The house was silent except for the distant noise of passing traffic and the pounding of rain upon the roof.

The girl opened her mouth to speak but only a whisper came out "Starlight, starbright, the first star I see tonight. I wish I may, I wish I might, have the wish, I wish tonight."

Stella sobbed and with all her heart she wished that her father could be returned to her, but her father did not return, could not return. The sea had not had its fill with Irving Winter so Stella would just have to wait.

Every Night Stella wished upon a star that her father would return, every night the same thing happened, nothing. Life went on and the young girl grew.

After a great amount of time Mrs Winter got lonely and could no longer believe, as her daughter did, that her husband would return. Mrs Winter was happier than she had been in years and was now about to remarry, much to the displeasure of Stella. Mrs Winter had fallen in love with a good-looking man by the name of Lester Spalding. Lester had blond hair, blue eyes and made money by writing short, meaningful verses for gift cards. In Stella's opinion he was the most boring man ever and she told her mother so at every chance she got.

Mrs Winter was worn out with Stella's continuous complaining and shouted "Stella you have to grow up. Don't you understand your father has been dead for five years now, get it into your brain." Mrs Winter was so mad you could almost see steam coming out of her ears,

"When Lester and I marry you are not to mention your insane ideas of your father still being alive. Lester is a good man and you would like him if you just give him a chance". At that moment Mrs Winter's knight in shining armour walked through the door.

Mrs Winter gave Stella a fierce look - if you dare disobey me I'll make your life not worth living - Stella understood only too well and ran to the refuge of her bedroom.

No matter what she did she would not stop believing that her father was alive and would not give up hope of meeting him again. Stella did what her mother asked and got to know Lester, he didn't turn out so bad after all, but he was not her father. Stella was overjoyed with the birth of her baby sister and was doing really well at school, now in year nine. She seemed to be content but underneath lived an incredible emptiness that could only be filled by her father.

"Starlight, starbright, the first star I see tonight. I wish I may, I wish I might, have the wish, I wish tonight," Stella said as she wished, hoped, begged, pleaded for her father return but Irving Winter did not come back. Eight years is a long time, she thought but Stella would not give up hope, he will return.

Five more years had passed and Stella was now a young lady although she didn't look a great deal different from the time she learned that her father was missing. Stella's life had changed dramatically over the past few years, she had left home, got a job and was finally ahead in life but she could never forget her father.

It was a cold stormy night and the wind howled loudly and made the building shake. Stella shivered. She sat at her desk sipping hot cocoa, staring out of the window at the rippling waves on the ocean, when she heard the crackling static response of the two-way radio.

"This is 'Starfish Point' coastguard can you tell me where you are?" Stella radioed back, "Why are you out in this weather?" she added after seeing that the boat was being thrown about by the waves and looked like it was about to smash upon the rocks, then it swung back around away from the jagged outcrop.

"I'm looking for my 'Little Sea Star'" came the voice, hardly distinguishable through all the static.

Stella hoped above hope. She turned to look at the star littered sky and uttered, "Oh starlight, starbright, the first star I see tonight. I wish I may, I wish I might, have the wish I wish tonight" and wished with all her heart that her father would be returned to her. And on the radio from across the sea, through the static, came the familiar voice of her father, "So do I Stella, so do I!"

THE Churchill & District News would like to thank everyone who submitted and entry to the Short Story and Poetry Competition.
More winning entries will be published over the coming months.

Competition Winners

'The Breaking of the Mare' by Marie Townsend was awarded first place in the U18 Poetry section of the Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition 2003, and 'Starlight, Starbright' was awarded first place in the U18 Short Story section. Congratulations to both winners.

Jacko's Jumble Words

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Game Cheats

By the Computer Ruler

“Populous 2”

Cheat Mode

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Level skip: The following will take you to the level number next to the code.

Type it in on the screen where it tells the name of the level.

Type in the word.

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400 QUABAG

500 EGGHAC

600 VENEAT

700 INCCAQ

800 LDQUAB

900 OMUBAG

999 WOITAB

(Don't type the number, just the word)

“Populous 3”

This is a game where you conquer the enemy tribe/s Cheats

Hit the Tab and F11 keys together to enter text entry mode:

Type in byrne – this activates cheat mode.

During the game hitting – Tab and F3 gives all spells

Tab and F4 gives all buildings

Tab and F5 gives full mana

Shift and F11 gives Level skip

NEXT TRIAD

THE TRIAD OF LATTER-DAY MORONS

I do not have much time to type this in this week.

I am going to short review a new song/single just come out.

It is “Weak and Powerless” by A Perfect Circle.

It is the newest single by this group and the new album will be released one week after I type this.

I feel this is an amazing track.

It is a change from most A Perfect Circle tracks with a much lighter film clip.

This is all we have this week so we are going to fill the rest with meaningless stuff.

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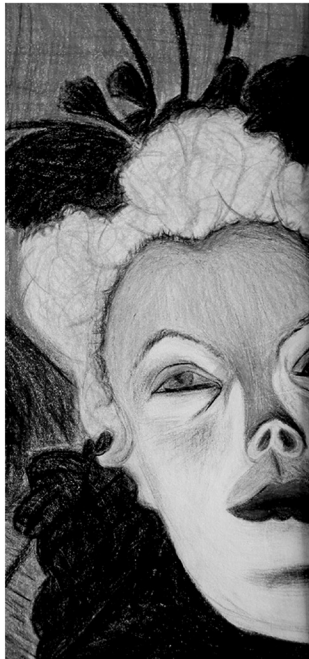
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I am the fish.

I am going away now.

Now.

Yup now.



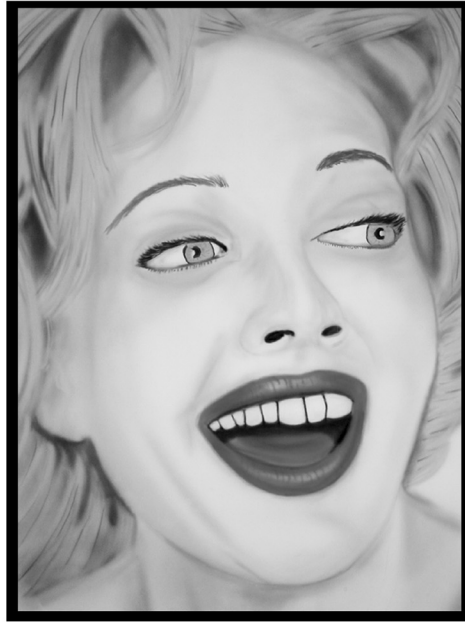
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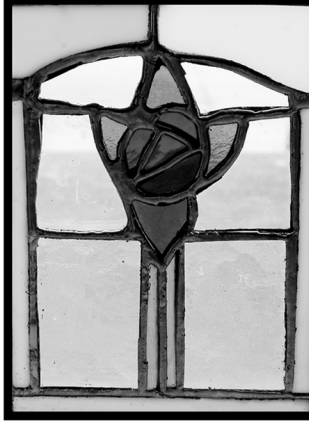
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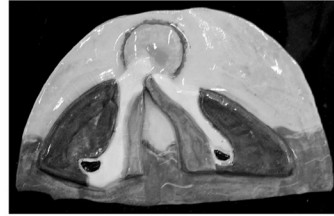
Art classes at Kurnai Churchill strive to teach many different aspects of art. This enables the students to experience a wide variety of skills, as shown in these photo's. Students can experience through 2 Dimensional classes; drawing with a variety of materials, computer graphics, airbrush and graphic design. In 3 Dimensional classes there are ceramics, leadlighting and 3 Dimensional Design incorporates any materials that are accessible; paper mache', wood, sheet metals, wire, fibres, foam, etc.. Churchill students have a fantastic choice! The Arts is increasingly important to our children as it can provide an outlet for relaxation and expressing creativity, as well as provide a grounding for future job opportunities.



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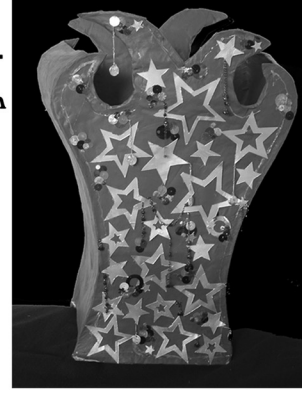
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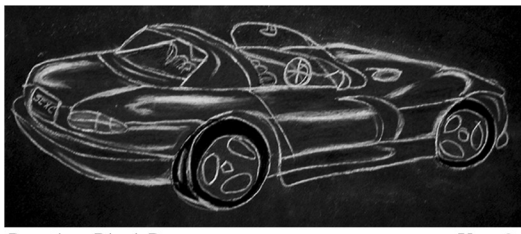
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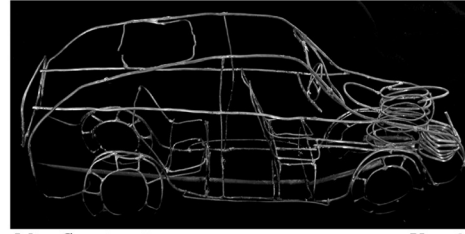
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Wire Construction Year 9

WHY I THINK PEOPLE OF ALL AGES SHOULD JOIN L.V. & GIPPSLAND MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY!

By DONNA CHRISTIE

I THINK people of all ages should join L.V. & Gippsland Martial Arts Academy because it does not matter how fit you are, you will always get more fitness out of being involved.

The chief instructor that runs my Tai Kwon Do class, Jeff Robinson, helps us with our self-esteem, discipline, confidence, fitness and self-respect. Jeff helps most of the club members in his own time. Jeff also helps members with their discipline, respect and self-defense outside of the club.

Now back to my reasons why I think people of all ages should join L.V. & Gippsland Martial Arts Academy - if they have been bullied & bashed like I have, the Martial Arts Academy training will bring back their self-esteem and help them to learn self-defense. Jeff helps you regain your confidence.

The reason I joined Jeff's Tai Kwon Do classes was for the fitness and to learn self-defense. I joined when I was 14. I started with a white belt, and then I got my yellow tip a couple of months later. In April of this year I got my yellow belt and in August I got my yellow belt green tip. In November I will be going for my green belt. The belts go from white to black.

Since I wrote the above article about the L.V. & Gippsland Martial

Arts Academy, I have interviewed the Chief Instructor, Jeff Robinson, on his views on Martial Arts.

Donna: What benefits can you get out of Martial Arts?

Jeff: People can get many things out of Martial Arts including: Fitness, as it is highly energetic, Self Control, Confidence and Discipline, as well as the benefits of being able to defend yourself.

Donna: In what situation will self-defence become handy?

Jeff: Martial Arts can be helpful in many situations such as: when you are walking alone at night, and someone approaches you on the street that won't leave you alone, or when you're at a party or a night-club and someone who has had too much to drink pushes themselves upon you, or when someone who can't defend themselves is being picked on or attacked, you can help them.

Donna: How are Martial Arts different to other sports?

Jeff: Martial Arts are different to other sports because they are not only fun and exciting, they teach you how to defend yourself/others by using nothing but yourself. It is also suited to all ages no matter how fit you are.

Jeff holds classes in Churchill, Traralgon, Toongabbie and Glengarry. You can contact him on 0428 584 622 if you are interested in having a go. I look forward to keeping you up to date with what is going on with the club.

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MATHISON PARK FEATURE

By CATHY COCHRANE

Life in the old farmhouse

AN empty stone shell is all that remains of the old Hare's Farmhouse in Mathison Park. There is no roof and the floor is now dirt and weeds. It's not even a shadow of its former glory.

Still, it holds many fond memories for Pat Dobbin who grew up in the house many years ago.

"The first thing that comes to mind was the size of the house," Pat said. "As a child it was huge, it was just absolutely huge, the long hallway down the centre. We used to just run up and down, it was a mile long!"

Similar to the house, Pat recalls the surrounding farmland as vast and spread out through the eyes of a young child.

"The other thing that comes to mind is the big, huge vegetable garden and the fruit area down the back, the picket fences," Pat said.

"Growing up there was probably one of the best things that could have ever happened in my life. Thinking about what my parents did for me as a person, that's what holds the most fond memories."

BUILT in the 1920's by Robert Hare and his family, using stone dug up from a pit at the back of the farm, the house became known as the Hare's Farmhouse.

Mr Hare acquired the land from Thomas O'Halloran who had selected 210 acres of land in the Hazelwood district in 1876. Mr Hare's son Cyril Hare later inherited the property.

He decided to divide the land in two and in the early 1950's sold the northern section to the Dobbins while retaining the southern half for himself. Bill Dobbin moved from Jerralang Junction, where a road is still called Dobbin's Track and a survey tower is known as Dobbin's Hill.

His wife Ann had come to Australia from Ireland after her sister and was the first Shire of Morwell housekeeper- a live-in position. The Dobbins moved into the house and later adopted two children Sean and Pat.

Pat arrived at the home in late 1955, aged 18 months. He lived at the property until the family was forced to shift to Hazelwood North when the Housing Commission compulsorily acquired the land for the new town of Hazelwood (later Churchill) in 1963.

As construction of the town did not start for some time, the Housing Commission allowed the land to be leased for farming in the interim. Originally Bill leased the land but later, as an adult, Pat took over the lease for about two years.

Years later, when the land was not required for housing, most of the Dobbin farm- the northern section of the land originally selected by O'Halloran in the nineteenth century- became a public park. After years without occupants to maintain it, the house had deteriorated and today only the walls remain.

The park was named in honour of Wal Mathison, a distinguished administrator who had served as Secretary for the Shire of Morwell from 1947-1962. It is now controlled by Latrobe City and overseen by the Mathison Park Development Committee. Friends of Mathison Park also make a big contribution with voluntary work ensuring the upkeep of the park.

The section of the farm that was not included in the park had already been used to accommodate Kurnai Secondary College. Pat recalls that during his time on the farm that land was the sheep paddock.

THE farm's gateway was at the corner of Tramway Road and Monash Way. Both the gate and the driveway still exist.

A centre feature of the farm- and now the park- was the creek that ran through it.

"Every time we would disappear from the house we would walk along the creek, see different things," Pat said. "Just walking along the creek was just a favourite of ours but it was a scary thing for parents because if you fell in, you didn't know how to swim, you were drowned. We were well protected, like kept an eye on."

But drowning was not the only hazard- snakes were also a concern. Pat recalls his parents continually warning the boys: "Don't go out there, a



Then: Hare's Farmhouse as Pat knew it. (Photo courtesy Pat Dobbin.)

And now: A recent photo of what remains. (Photo by Ruth Place.)

snake will get you!"

And they were right; the boys would often see snakes. "The creek was an attraction for snakes of course," Pat said.

"I think there were fish, we used to see them in there but catching them was another thing."

Pat recalls that water was pumped up from the creek to the old concrete tank (still standing) next to the house. Water from the roof was considered a bonus. The farm also had two wells or underground tanks- one for the house, the other for the dairy. "What I grew up to know was that they were a well," Pat said. "I suppose when you think about it, the new definition of it would be underground tanks but they are actually, in the old days, called a well."

There were also a lot of dams on the place and two drains that came off the hills. Water was pumped from the small dam for the vegetable and flower gardens.

"Mum was a real fanatic about flowers," Pat said. "She loved flowers and it shows in the pictures. The flowers and all the trees and shrubs and the garden was always kept neat and tidy."

Pat remembers his father building a bridge across the creek, sometime during the early years, when he got a tractor. Previously the cows had just crossed through a shallow section of the creek. The bridge was constructed from two logs- trees that were cut down for the purpose- placed across the creek and planks laid across them. The machinery was not very heavy in the early years so its strength was sufficient.

Rainfall on the farm varied over the years. "There were some wet years," Pat recalled. "I remember the real wet years where the flats used to flood and they were boggy."

The house had electricity and an old party-line telephone, which went through the telephone exchange at Jerralang Junction.

"Gee did we get into trouble with the telephone," Pat recalls. "It was the old type where you would ring the thing and then wait for them to ring you back. And of course we used to get up on it and ring it then walk away."

"Anyway they'd ring back after Mum and Dad got in from the shed to say that 'did you ring?' 'No, no, no.' 'Well the kids must be playing up again.' Oh boy, we were told not to go near the phone... but it didn't stop us, we were kids."

The house was run from the stove in the kitchen. Hot water was heated on the slow combustion stove and then taken to the bathroom and laundry. In the summer, it was sometimes brought back in buckets from the dairy, where there was a briquette/wood heater.

"There was none of this electric hot water," Pat said. "You had to light the fire before you went to get the cows."

The bathroom and laundry were located at the back of the house. Pat thinks there may have been a cooper in the laundry at one stage because there is a chimney there.

THE farm was used to supply the needs of the household and to sell milk commercially. The Dobbins milked around 50 cows for many years, including while they were leasing the land back from the Housing Commission.

"We used to go back everyday to milk cows twice a day," Pat recalled.

They used milk cans. The dairy was run on electricity except when that cut out, which it did

on occasions, and the tractor's engine was used instead. The milking was done by machine. The milk trickled down over a bar cooler, into a tray, through the holes in the bottom into the milk can. Milk was cooled to about water temperature. The milk cans were taken to the side of the road for collection.

"There was always this one bird that used to sit on the milk cans and drink from the top of the lid on the milk if it had a bit of mixed water and milk on it," Pat recalls fondly.

The milk cans were collected by a semi trailer truck that would drop off as many empty cans as it took full ones. The number of cans

depended on the time of the season. The boys were strong enough to lift the lids of the cans and then climb in. On one occasion, Sean put the lid on whilst Pat was inside and then couldn't get the lid off. Sean went home alone, prompting their parents to look for Pat.

"I was sitting there, comfortable, hoping he'd open up the lid. Of course when he didn't open it he went home, which was a good move, lucky me," Pat said.

However, dairying had to be abandoned when fire destroyed the milking shed. This occurred during the construction of a new road from Morwell to Churchill. One of the bulldozers started a fire that burnt right down to the house, taking the shed, despite the quick response from the fire brigade.

Immediately after the fire the cows were milked at Cyril Hare's farm. "That was one good thing about the people in those days, if someone got into trouble you weren't left alone," Pat said.

"It was everyone into help, didn't matter who you were or what you did if you were in trouble the community was there to help you, not like today, you're on your own."

Dad continued to lease the property but ran beef cattle instead; as did Pat when he took over the lease. "That was the end of milking cows," Pat said. Hay cutting is also a prominent memory of farming for Pat. He recalls that his father would cut hay in the summer and one year extended the hay shed to allow for more dry storage.

"I remember one time, Dad was telling me this, 'you're lucky, I remember one year,' he said, 'I'd cut my hay, this was on the top paddock, and when I got up the next morning it was all washed down into the creek it had rained so much,'" Pat said.

Some years he would cut silage on the top hill on the Morwell side of the property. It was a very labour intensive process. Silage was put in using a tractor and cart. To feed it out of the stack it was cut in blocks by hand with a hay knife, forked onto the trailer and then forked off to the cattle in the paddocks.

It was hay carting that led to Pat's worst childhood memory- when he lit a bush fire!

"I remember... hay season, dobbling myself in here now!," Pat said. "They were rolling the hay. They used to roll it into little squares... anyway we were sitting in the car and playing around and we happened to find some matches."

"And 'oh, what happens here?' and started a bush fire as little kids and it burnt the opposite side of the road but it burnt all the way along. Anyway, we got a small hiding out of that one!"

The bulls caused problems for the boys- thankfully far less dramatic than the bushfire! "The drive way wasn't fenced in. It was always open and I remember one time dad had to take us by car to get around the bull because we were scared of it," Pat said.

"In those days the bulls were fairly docile but every now and then you'd get something that'd stir it up. The quieter bull is the one you've got to watch. He was a monster that one."

PAT also has many memories of growing up in the Hazelwood district. He remembers starting school at Hazelwood South and many of the families in the area at the time.

"We used to ride a bike to school," Pat said.

"Riding backwards and forwards, that was a bit of fun. We used to clash with the Lawless boys and girls and the O'Connor boys... none the worse for wear though. We always got home somehow."

Church life was another feature of growing up. "I suppose there was times when Mum and Dad would have the Parish Priest out, there would be a meal, the roast would come out, sweets and the whole three course meal would come out," Pat said.

The Sacred Heart Church in Morwell, which the Dobbin family belonged to, held its Altar Boy Picnic at the farm a few times. Around 40 boys attended the picnics, which included big barbecues.

In those days, when the main road from Morwell came over the hill behind the briquette factory, the distance to travel to the picnic would have seemed far greater and certainly did take longer. The boys travelled in cars or a bus.

Other family members have also lived in the farmhouse over the years. Pat recalls that in the early years his grandfather was still alive and he lived in one room in the house. He liked the horse races and would listen to them on the radio in his room.

"Grandad had no control over us, poor grandad," Pat said.

The family also welcomed visits from Dennis Cook. He was older than either Pat or Sean and had come out of an orphanage. He came to stay on his holidays, something which the boys very much looked forward to.

Later, at the age of sixteen, Dennis wrote to Pat's parents asking if he could come and live with the family and get a job in the local area. He was welcomed by the Dobbins and gained employment at a tyre factory in Morwell. Dennis rode his bike to work each day.

The boys had a number of chores that they were required to do.

"I suppose my time was around the cows, calves, feeding the calves, bringing in the firewood," Pat said. "There used to be a wood heap out the front of it [the house]."

"Also, Mum did help on the farm as well as do the cooking and the washing. Our job was to help wash the verandas and kept it all clean. We were brought up to keep places clean and tidy."

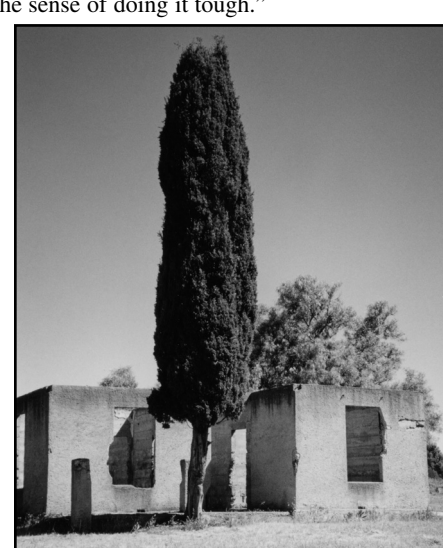
"It was pride in what you did and how you did it. Mum and Dad were very proud people. They took everything on and did the best they possibly could."

The firewood was brought in after storms, mainly from along the edge of the creek where there were a number of trees. The boys also helped milk the cows, brought in the eggs, fed the chooks the scraps and picked the fruit- pears, quinces, apples and plums, which their parents would bottle- in the autumn.

"There would be bottles of it, just bottles of it, just to get you through the year," Pat remembered.

"You never went out and did shopping like you do today. It was not heard of. Mum used to make her own butter, with the garden you always had vegies, the meat came from lambs mainly, eggs."

Despite the few hiccups along the way, life on the farm and in the old farmhouse was good, according to Pat: "Growing up, it wasn't hard in the sense of doing it tough."



The Glendonald Residents Group Inc. and The Neighbourhood Renewal Project

Weedbuster Week 2003

Who is Woody Weed?

A reminder that Glendonald Residents Group in conjunction with Latrobe City Council are holding a weedbuster activity at Glendonald Park on Saturday 18th October, starting at 10am. Come along and join in with other local residents and families.

We will be meeting at BBQ shelter. We will weed-buster for a couple of hours or until the weeds run out! For information contact Peter on 0412 426 958.

On the net? visit www.weedbusters.info.au



Churchill Features in Digital Story Telling

Recently three members of the Glendonald Residents Group attended a 3 day training workshop in Melbourne to produce a short 'digital story'. These stories bring together photographs, sounds, music and voice narration using a computer. Churchill residents told stories of their housing, neighbourhood and passions in life. There are four stories in Churchill. A premiere event is being planned, after which the stories will be available to the public - keep watching for more details.

Glendonald Residents Group email address GRG_Inc@yahoo.com.au or PO Box 245 Churchill 3842

Walking School Bus

Latrobe City and Churchill Primary School are doing route planning for the first walking school bus for Churchill!! It is planned to commence in Term 4 of this year. This promises to be a fun, safe and healthy project for the children.



If you have a child or children who goes to Churchill Primary, and would like have more information about helping or being a volunteer. Please contact the school on 5122 1343 or Elizabeth Tomlins, Walking Bus Project Worker at Latrobe City on 5128 5621.

This is a great initiative and is supported by Glendonald Residents Group - so lets get behind it and make it a success for the children.



Upcoming events

Saturday 18 October - 10 am,
Weedbuster Day, Glendonald Park.

Tuesday 28 October 6.30pm,
Regular Monthly meeting of
Glendonald Residents Group.
Churinga Drive Kindergarten.

Tuesday 16 December -
Christmas Party at Glendonald
Park.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS BIRTHDAY CLUB

Hi Kids,

If you are under 12 years old you can join. Ring the Editor of the CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS on 5122 2589 or write to
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LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT INC
PO BOX 110
CHURCHILL 3842

with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL

The lucky "Birthdayite" for September was Shannon Hayes.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR OCTOBER 2003

Tyson CURTIS	8 years
Dana LAWSON	8 years
Maddylen LOCK	4 years
Trent ROSEWELL	2 years
Grant WILLIAMS	8 years

The selected "BIRTHDAYITE" for October is
Maddylen LOCK

Congratulations, you have won a \$10 voucher for Churchill Newsagency and a \$10 voucher for Churchill Future Flicks.
We will be contacting you shortly.



A Picture of A Clown To Colour
Make him nice, bright and cheerful!

Fire Survival Rules

By RUTH PLACE

LAST month we told you how to go about setting up a Home Fire Escape Plan.

Hopefully, you and your family have had a think about it and now know what to do in the awful event of your house catching fire. It is better to be prepared than to be in a panic. We hope you never have to use your plan!!!!

FIRE SURVIVAL RULES

1) Stop, Drop and Roll if your clothes catch on fire. Stop so the air is not fanning the flames. Drop so you are ready to Roll. The rolling will smother the flames. Fire needs oxygen to burn. To help someone else on fire, throw a woollen blanket over them to smother the flames.

2) If there is SMOKE, Get Down Low and Go, Go, Go. In a fire, the coolest and cleanest air for breathing is close to the floor. Smoke fills a room from the ceiling down.

3) Check Doors for Heat. Use the most sensitive part of your hand, the back, to check a closed door for heat. If it is warm to hot, use another EXIT, e.g. a window. Can your family get out of all your windows safely, even if their room is on the second storey? Are some of your windows stuck up with paint?

4) Cool a Burn. Clean, cold water can cool a burn and lessen the pain and severity. Use of butter, ice, cottonwool and ointment are definitely NOT recommended.

Leave burnt clothing in place on the skin for the doctor to remove.

5) Be Prepared. Install some fire fighting equipment. Every home should have a properly maintained fire extinguisher and a fire blanket (Australian Standards Approved).

6) Know the Fire Emergency Number. Have it close to your phone. Dialling 000 can be used across Victoria, but in some remote areas, a direct number is more efficient. Teach your children how to contact emergency services.

These rules are practical and have saved many lives and much property!



Associated Angling Club Inc Junior Fishing Competition

Saturday November 8

Lake Hyland, Churchill

All Junior Anglers aged between 4 and 16 Welcome

LOADS OF PRIZES

Registration Starts at 8.00am

Fishing Starts at 9.00am - 3.00pm

Entry Fee: \$6.00

includes

Registration

Sausage Sizzle

Drink

Raffle Ticket to go into the draw for a Bike



COMMUNITY SAFETY MONTH

October is Community Safety Month!

Is your home safe?

Around 48% of presentations to the Local Hospital Emergency Dept. are injured in the home.....Spot the hazard using our simple checklist and make your home safer for you, your family and visitors!

Hazards...	Suggested Actions	Safety Checked	Hazards...	Suggested Actions	Safety Checked
Protect from fire	Fire blanket handy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting & Security	Well lit entrance hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knives & sharp implements	Fire extinguisher handy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire detection & fire escape	Security doors installed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burns & scalds	Use child-resistant catches or relocate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trips, slips & falls	Working smoke detectors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slips and falls	Turn pan handles away	<input type="checkbox"/>	Free of obstructions	Emergency escape planned	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medication & cleaning fluids	Place guards on stove	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails in place	Well lit	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Clean up spills immediately	<input type="checkbox"/>		Free of obstructions	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Slip-resistant floor surface	<input type="checkbox"/>		Handrails in place	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lock away clearly mark items	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Hazards...	Suggested Actions	Safety Checked	Hazards...	Suggested Actions	Safety Checked
Hot water scalds	Hot water at tap no more than 50°C	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hot water scalds	Hot water at tap no more than 50°C	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cosmetics and Cleaners	Re-arrange storage or lock away	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cosmetics and Cleaners	Re-arrange storage or lock away	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slips & falls	Clean up spills immediately	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slips & falls	Clean up spills immediately	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical goods	Install slip resistant mats	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical goods	Install slip resistant mats	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water, drowning hazards	Install handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water, drowning hazards	Install handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Move hair dryers and razors away from water	<input type="checkbox"/>		Move hair dryers and razors away from water	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Install safety switches	<input type="checkbox"/>		Install safety switches	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Raise buckets and secure lids	<input type="checkbox"/>		Raise buckets and secure lids	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Total supervision of small children	<input type="checkbox"/>		Total supervision of small children	<input type="checkbox"/>

Hazards...	Suggested Actions	Safety Checked
Trips & falls	Clear access	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection	No rugs or trailing cords	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security	Suitable bed height	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No smoking	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Working smoke detectors	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Night light installed	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Flashlight handy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Emergency telephone numbers handy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Emergency Only contact Police, Fire, ambulance

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Give location, phone number and major problem.

DID you know that Latrobe City along Hume City has been celebrating this event annually since 1996?

Since that time the event and the programs to promote safety have grown and diversified to reflect the range of activities that impact upon our sense of and actual safety.

One central theme for safety month has always been to encourage individual action to promote safety. Whether it be in the home (the scene of most actual injury) or whilst we're working or transporting or engaged in sport/recreation.

An analysis of data (1999-2001) collected from Latrobe Regional

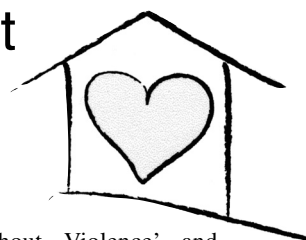
Hospital reveals that most locals are hurt whilst at home (around 48% of all presentations) in the workplace (13%) on the road, street or highway (11%) and playing sport or recreation (10%).

95% of all emergency department presentations at Latrobe Regional Hospital were in relation to unintentional injury events the remaining 5% because of intention violence (self harm or imposed by others).

Globally, in the year 2000, injury accounts for one in ten deaths. Five Million people were killed of which road crashes accounted for One and

a half million (road trauma is the greatest area of increased especially in developing countries. Despite this, Australia is one of the safest countries but preventable injury still killed around 6000 people last year. Here in Latrobe city, our road trauma deaths 'jumped' from one to eleven between 2001 and 2002. Apart from greater law enforcement, responsibility lies with us as residents, families and community – make safety a consideration in all that you do – whether living, playing, working or learning. Taking the steps to safety ensures wellbeing for all.

Walk Against Family Violence



To mark the 'Week Without Violence' and Community Safety Month' the Gippsland Family Violence Prevention Network is holding a Community Walk to raise awareness of Family Violence.

Everyone is invited to come along and 'make a noise,rattle those pots and pans'.

There will be musicians, art, family activities and guest speakers including Ben Williams, former Big Brother Winner. Councillor Lisa Proctor will be opening and closing the event.

The Walk will take place on 31 October, starting at 5.00pm from Kay Street Gardens in Traralgon.

For more information contact Chris on 5136 5407 or Sarah on 5143 1600.

Art Show

Melrossa Art Studio will be holding an Art Show, titled "Parade of Treasures" from October 17 to 19 2003.

The show will be opened by Lisa Proctor at 8.00 pm on Friday 17. Entry will be \$5.00 which will include wine and a light supper.

The show will be open from 10.00am - 5.00pm on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October. Entry will be by a gold coin donation.

The show will be held at the Band Pavilion, Town Common, Cnr Chapel & Elgin Street in Morwell.

All process will go to the Latrobe Regional Hospital Special Care Nursery, Thomson Ward.

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Bowls

A Sport For All Ages

By NOEL WILLIAMS

THE Yinnar Bowls Club is situated in the centre of Yinnar opposite the Primary School.

This year we are celebrating our 20th year and we are very proud of the facilities we have created. We are, however, constantly seeking new members of ALL ages, both male and female.

Bowls is no longer considered an old person's game with more and more young people playing and enjoying our game.

The Australian super singles champion, Steve Glasson is only 34.

Many of our members live in Churchill and enjoy our facilities with the club being close to the town.

We have sides playing Triples and Pennant in the M.G.B.A. and G.D.L.B.A. and new players are always required. We have social mixed bowls at regular inter-

vals with Twilight bowls being a very popular concept (at \$5.00 for men, ladies bring a plate). The Clubhouse is very spacious and our ladies catering is second to none.

Our Club is licensed with a well stocked bar selling most varieties of liquor.

Coaching is available weekly with qualified coaches in attendance.

There are plenty of bowls available at the clubhouse with the only requirement for new bowlers is flat soled shoes.

On Sunday 26 October we are having an OPEN DAY starting 1.00pm. Everyone is invited to come and try the bowls, have a laugh and enjoy a social afternoon.

For further information on the Yinnar Bowls Club please contact Noel Williams on 5163 1215, Evan Williams on 5163 1444 or the Club on 5163 1606.

Morwell Juniors Win Victorian Country Masters

TWENTY-TWO Morwell Tenpins Juniors ventured up to Sale Supa Bowl to contest the Victorian Junior Country Championships which culminated with the masters final.

The girls scratch division saw two Morwell bowlers make the final cut and bowl off for the coveted Scratch Masters trophy.

Both Debra Bosma, current State team member, and Kate Gilchrist made the top four in the step ladder final with Courtney from Geelong and Melanie from Sale.

The seedings in the final were, Courtney followed by Debra with Kate and Melanie making up the top four placings.

In the first match Melanie bowled off against Kate who seemed to struggle with the conditions at Sale and finished up losing by 32 pins.

Melanie was then matched against Debra whose confidence was gaining momentum. She came out firing, showing her state team experience by shooting 183 and 187 to outclass Melanie and win the match by 62 pins, and setting up a finals match with Victorian team mate in Courtney Murdoch from Geelong.

Courtney started off well and both girls were keeping within touch of each other without anyone really looking dangerous.

Going into second and last game of the Masters, Debra established a lead, and then proceeded to bowl three strikes in a row and win her first Junior Country Masters Title.

Debra, who is still only sixteen years old, will be travelling to NSW this week to bowl in a major tournament, and feels that finally her game is coming together and is looking forward to a top 10 finish in Sydney.

The results were: 1st: Debra Bosma (Morwell), 2nd: Courtney Murdock (Geelong), 3rd: Kate Gilchrist (Morwell), 4th Melanie Hawthorn (Sale).

The boys Scratch Masters was a fantastic result for Morwell tenpins. Brett Lacey, won his first Victorian Junior Country Masters Title. Brett can now match his mother Cindy, who won her 1st Masters title last year in Sale as well.

This makes it a very unique double in the Lacey family. It makes you wonder whose trophy gets pride of place in the trophy cabinet!

Brett went through undefeated, and bowled some very high scores on the way to his title win. In his first match Brett started off with an excellent 222 game, to really set the scene for the day.

He finished up winning by only 20 pins as his opponent clawed back 50 pins in the second game, to nearly upset Morwell Tenpins best junior bowler in his last year as a junior.

In his second match, Brett was struggling early on

and went into the second game 20 pins behind Alan Manners from Sale Bowl.

Brett, not happy with the way he was bowling, changed his equipment and proceeded to completely dominate the second game.

Not only did Brett make up the 20 pins he was down, but finished up winning the overall match by 61 pins to really stamp his authority on the tournament.

Going into the next round, Brett was matched up against Jarrad Payne who at this stage was also undefeated. The match turned out to be the best for the tournament.

Both boys threw some great shots under immense pressure, as the winner went straight into the grand final, while the loser had to play another 2 game match to make the finals.

Jarrad drew first blood by shooting a 206 to Brett's 195, neither bowler opened a frame. The second game was going to be a beauty.

Brett started off with an open, but was relieved to see that Jarred was starting to struggle halfway through the second game.

This seemed to fire him up and with a couple of strikes in a row took the lead, and maintained it right to the finish, winning the match by 8 pins, the closest match all weekend. It was a real shame to see one of these boys having to lose.

The Grand Final saw Brett come up against the tournament favourite in Luke Ross who had come through the hard way to make the final.

His match against Jarrad was a one-sided affair, as Jarred had no answer to Luke's powerful game shooting 425 for the two games and winning by 131 pins, the biggest margin for the weekend.

The Grand Final started off really well for Brett asserting his authority by bowling a flawless 204 against Luke's 167. Brett looked in control, and it was only a matter of staying clean to earn his first Masters Title.

However Luke had other ideas, and started to put some pressure on Brett who seemed to have gone off the boil for several frames.

It looked like Luke might overtake Brett, until he left a spilt to leave the door ajar for Brett, and closing the last couple of frames saw Brett sneak in by 9 pins. It was a worthy final and the top best bowlers in the tournament played a fantastic game.

Brett's next tournament will be in the Latrobe Valley Championships, and later on in the year, he will be leading the Morwell team to Werribee to bring back the Junior Shield that they won 2 years ago.

The results were: 1st: Brett Lacey (Morwell), 2nd: Luke Ross (Sale), 3rd: Jarrad Payne (Sale), 4th: Alan Manners (Sale).

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September Golf Results

Saturday Mens Comp; Final Round
4BBB Championship, 2.8.03

Champions: P Kearns/S McCafferty
94pts, Runner: T Roeder/L Morrison
94pts after play off.

Day Comp: T Roeder/L Morrison
49pts, Runner Up: P Kearns/S
McCafferty 46pts. DTL: T Gowland/E
Fashogbon 44pts, S Andrews/B
Matthison 44pts, M Brereton/G Morrison
44pts. NTP: 3rd C Johnson, 5th I Wilson,
2th C Speekenbrink, 1th C Johnson.
Birdies: G Beyer 5t, D Gardam 12th, G
Fraser 12th, B Mathison 12th, C Johnson
14th.

Sunday Mens Comp: 3 Person
Ambrose, 3.8.03

Winners: R Jenkins, J Ambrosini, G
Morrison 59 1/6. DTL: S Andrews, D
Bell, L Maher 59 1/6 C/B, L Welsh, G
Beyer, J Jeffery 59 1/3, J Shield, D
Blackford, A Davis 101 1/6, P
Hrynyszyn, K Hamilton, Con 61 5/6, P
Ludlow, B Bertoli, C Thomas 62 1/2, D
Thomas, D McCafferty, I Wilson 62 2/3,
G Switzer, P Hutchinson, B McQuillan
63, G Down, M Hutchinson, B Murphy
63 1/3, M Answearth, S Bailey, W Peter
64 1/6, C Barnes, D Williams, J Dickson
64 1/2, L Ambrosini, M Wetherall, T
Darby 64 2/3. Secret Prize: H Croft, S
Jeffery, J Maher, D Thomas. NTP: 5th J
McCafferty, 14th D Williams, 18th K
Rennie. NAGA: H Croft, S Answearth, G
Welsh.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Monthly
Medal and Silverspoon Final, 5.8.03
CCR 70.

Scratch: Di Scurlock 95. Handicap:
Carol Gardam 76nett C/B. DTL: E
D'Alterio 76nett, H Croft 77nett C/B.
NTP 3/12 0-33 - 33/45 H Croft, 5/14 0-
32 C Gardam, 33 - 45 L Ollquist. Putts:
C Gardam 30. Silverspoon Winner: E
D'Alterio

Saturday Mens Comp: Par, 9.8.03
A Grade: 0-20 G Morrison + 4. B
Grade 21-36 T Roeder + 1 C/B. DTL: P
Ludlow + 3, J Ambrosini + 1, D
McCafferty -, C Flannigan - C/B. NTP:
3rd J Ambrosini, 5th D McCafferty, 12th
—, 14th G Blizzard. Birdies: G Fraser
5th, D McCafferty 5th, G Blizzard 14th.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford,
10.8.03

Winner: G Down 39pts C/B. DTL: I
Wilson 39. NTP: 12th G Down.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford,
10.8.03 CCR70.

Winner: M McConville 35pts. DTL: J
Bush 32pts. NTP 5th & 14th M
McConville. Birdies: M McConville 5th.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stableford,
12.8.03 CCR70

Winner: Di Thomas 38pts. DTL: C
Gardam 32pts, M McConville 29 C/B.
NTP 33-45/3rd/12th P Hrynyszyn, 0-32
5th/14th Dianne Thomas.

Saturday Mens Comp: Greenkeepers
Revenge, 16.08.03

A Grade: 0-17 S Andrews 74nett. B
Grade: 18-36 J White 74nett. DTL: G
Beyer 77, C Thomas 78, E Fashagbon 78,
K Hills 80. NTP: 3rd K Hills, 5th K
Hills, 12 R Scurlock, 14th G Fraser.
Birdies: K Hills.

Sunday Mens Comp:
Stableford, 17.8.03

Winner: S Andrews 40pts. DTL: R
Scurlock 38 C/B. NTP: 3rd Dael
Scurlock, 12 r Scurlock, 5th L Maher,
14th Dael Scurlock. Birdies: S Andrews
5th.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford
17.8.03 CCR710

Winner: Di Scurlock 33pts.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 4BBB
Konica, 19.8.03

Winners: M McConville & J Blizzard
41pts. DTL: C Gardam & Di Scurlock
40pts. NTP: 3/12 33-45 J Blizzard, 5/14
0-32 D Thomas, 33-45 P Hrynyszyn.

Saturday Mens Comp: Stableford,
23.8.03 CCR67

A Grade: 0-17 L Stein 40pts. B Grade
18-36 J White 42pts. DTL: S Andrews
39, Ron G Jones 39, J Dickson 37, M
Brereton 36, G Morrison 36. NTP: 3rd P
Williams, 5th S Andrews, 12 J Jeffery.
Birdies: S Andrews 5th, R G Jones 14th.

Sunday Mens Comp: Hemmingway,
24.8.03

Winner: G Morrison 41pts. DTL: J
Blizzard, F Sedjak 39. NTP: 5th G
Blizzard.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford
Hemmingway, 24.8.03 CCR70

B Grade: M McConville 31pts. NTP:
5th M McConville.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Canadian,
26.8.003

Winners: Di Scurlock/D Thomas 81
6/8. DTL: M McConville/G Gardam 85
2/8. Longest Dive: 0-32 Di Scurlock, 33-
45 J Blizzard.

Saturday Mens Comp: Monthly
Medal, 30.8.03

A Grade 0-18 T Spark 72nett. B
Grade: 19-36 & Medal Winner: J White
69nett. DTL: T Roeder 74, G Fraser 76,
I Wilson 76, K Hills 76 C/B. NTP: 3rd C
Flannigan, 5th G Down, 14th P Williams.
Putts: A Casey 25.

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Prawn Crackers	2.50	Lamb's Fry' bacon and vegies	9.50
Bowl of Fries	2.50	Roast of the Day	10.50
Garden Salad	4.50	Fish and Chips with salad	10.00
Chicken and Sweet Corn Soup	4.50		
Our Spicy Miso Broth	4.50		
Wedges with Sour Cream	4.50		
Nacho's and Sour Cream	6.00		
Our Famous Noodles!		Kid's Menu	
Hokkien Mee - pork, shrimps, bean shoots,caps, bok choi	8.95	Dim Sims or Potato Cakes or Chicken Nuggets or Fish all with chips	5.00
Satay Chicken - onions, caps, spring onions	8.95	Milkshakes	3.00
Singapore Chicken - baby corn, carrots, bok choi, shallots, caps	8.95	Ice Cream with Topping	3.00
Chilli Beef - onions, capsicum, bok choi, spring onions, mushrooms	8.95		
Mediterranean - salami, sundried tomato, olives, onions, capsicum	8.40		
Vego - basil, chickpea, zucchini, onions, caps, sundried tomato	7.50		
Laksa Lemak - coconut curry, onions, sweet pork, shrimp, bok choi	8.70		
Stir Fry Beef - cahews, snowpeas, caps, mushies, spring onion	9.95		
Rice's of the World!			
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World Famous Pasta's			
Gnocchi, Fettucini, Tortellini, Penne, Spagetti, Risotto			
Bolognaise - home made rich tomato bolognaise sauce	8.20		
Thai Chicken - coriander and coconut milk, onion, caps, bok choi	8.40		
Carbonarra - bacon, onion, garlic, pepper, parmesan cheese, egg	8.75		
Vego - basil, chickpea, zucchini, onions, caps, sundried tomato	7.50		
Cajun - chicken, onions, capsicum, tomato wedges, spring onions	8.75		
Con Pollo - chicken,onion, bacon, mushroom, parmesan, egg	8.90		
Sweet Soy Beef - marinated beef, caps, onion, mushies	8.95		
Traditional Lasagne - with Noodle Bar fine salad and crispy chips	9.60		
Our Famous Schnitzel's			
Beef or Chicken			
- All served with Noodle Bar salad and chips		Small	Large
Parmie - onions, caps, herbs, tom, concasse, melted cheese	8.95	8.95	10.95
Satay Cheese - spicy satay sauce and melted cheese	8.95	8.95	10.95
Bolognaise - topped with bolognaise and melted cheese	8.95	8.95	10.95
Hawaiian - topped with pineapple, bacon and cheese	8.95	8.95	10.95
Ozi Outback - bacon, onion, egg and melted cheese	9.45	9.45	11.45
Home made Dessert's available		4.00	

