

# CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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## Grandfinal Winners

Players from Churchill Indoor Netball Association Junior Competition won the 13&U Grandfinal in the Traralgon Twilight Competition on Monday 4 December.

It was a hard fought and close match with only 2 goals in it at half time, but Churchill dominated in the second half to win Churchill 26 to Whipits 15.

Pictured are the Churchill Team: Back row from left to right - Emma Watson, Alicia Taifer, Sarah Skinner, Jaclyn Quinn, Chloe Maynard and Jessica Middlemiss. Front row from left to right: Sarah Price, Cassie Hill and Erika Peeters.'

Congratulations!

## Churchill Community Celebrates Christmas

Despite the wind and occasional shower all those who attended the Churchill Christmas Fair enjoyed the festivities. The Fair was well supported by community groups and stall holders, with hourly raffles and plenty of support from local businesses.

The highlight of the occasion

was undoubtedly the children from Churchill Primary School (pictured above) who sang Christmas Carols to the delight of a huge audience. They were joined on stage by the toe-tapping Celtic Rhythm Method. The Twelve Australian Days of Christmas, painted by students at Churchill Primary, decorated the

stage. The pride the children took in their work was evident as young Dylan Rowley was eager to show us at the News his contribution! They did a magnificent job! The children also adorned the stage with paper Christmas trees.

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## Gippsland Water moves to Stage 2 Water Restrictions as dry spell continues

Gippsland Water has announced Stage Two Water Restrictions have taken effect and will apply to all Gippsland Water customers. Under Stage Two Water Restrictions, customers are not able to water lawns, and hoses are not to be used to wash vehicles.

Dry weather conditions and low stream flows over the last few months has led to water supplies being much lower than at the same time last year. Gippsland Water Chief Executive Officer

John Mitchell said that the decision to move to the second stage of water restrictions indicates the growing importance of ensuring a long-term supply to customers through the drier summer months.

"Gippsland Water customers who are planning to establish new lawns or turf over the coming weeks are urged to consider the implications of the new water restrictions," Mr Mitchell said.

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CFA's Captain Koala delights children outside FoodWorks in Churchill

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## Churchill Carols by Candlelight

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**EDITORIAL**

Walking into our office at Monash University on Sunday morning to work on this paper we had a stark reminder of the challenges that the community will face during the summer. The sun was red and hazy and ash floated in the air. According to the caretaker, who opened the doors for us, the university is now on standby with the student residences prepared to take fire-fighting personnel at a moments notice if needed.

An horrendous fire season is predicted along with a severe drought. Our thoughts are with the SES and the CFA who do a tremendous job. We now have stage 2 water restrictions in force with the threat of stage 3 restrictions next year. The restrictions are explained fully on pages 1 and 2.

The recent Community Newspaper Association of Victoria's (CNAV) inaugural conference was held in Ballarat (who are already on stage 3 water restrictions!). The Churchill News joined 34 other newspapers for an informative and interesting day. There are an estimated 240 community newspapers and newsletters operating in Victoria. Media academics have identified

community newspapers as a vital tool in disseminating community news and information. The Conference was opened by Hon. John Thwaites who spoke of the importance of community newspapers.

For myself, the conference was a great opportunity to meet with like minded people. I came home with a massive pile of newspapers of all shapes and sizes from all around Victoria and lots of ideas! If anyone is interested in finding out more about CNAV they have a website at [www.cnav.org.au](http://www.cnav.org.au)

On pages 4 and 21 we have a calendar for 2007. Winning photographs from our competition earlier this year are featured on the calendar which we hope all residents will enjoy.

The Churchill and District News takes a break in January - our next edition is in February 2007. However, our re-vamped website is up and running and will be regularly updated with news and views as they come to hand.

All of us here at the News would like to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Ed

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**Shopping Centre: Council Decides**

The application for a planning permit to extend FoodWorks supermarket in the CBD was approved unanimously by council last week. The permit will allow FoodWorks to extend on the northern side of the existing shopping centre, with the rear wall of the extension facing McDonald Way. The floor space of the of the supermarket will be increased and will allow the business to expand and increase its range of products. Owner, Derek Lowe, was pleased with the decision and hoped work would begin within the next 12 months.

The second application for a planning permit from Minster Constructions to re-develop West Place was rejected by council six votes to two.

objections were received. The proposal included the building of a new supermarket, a new block of shops for existing businesses, the realignment of Georgina Place and a new hotel/bistro.

The majority of councilors thought that the development would have a detrimental social and economic impact and result in a net community dis-benefit. Councillor Graeme Middlemiss also thought that the design was poor and a repeat of previous planning mistakes. Any new development needs to be closer to the existing one and that the council owned car park included in the proposal should form a 'bookend' to any future development he said.

Cr Darryl White, who supported the proposal was disappointed with the outcome. He saw the development as a 'rare and unique opportunity to re-invent the shopping centre'. It represented an estimated \$7 million investment in Churchill, he said. The decision, however, is not the end as the developer exploring different options.

"The interest in Churchill regarding commercial development, however, is very positive," said Darryl. "Building in the new development in Canterbury Way and on blocks that have been vacant for many years shows that the population of the town is increasing and that Churchill has a bright future."

**Churchill Celebrations**

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On the same morning the CFA held a free community barbecue outside FoodWorks. Derek Lowe, manager of FoodWorks, invited them to hold the barbecue and supplied the meat and bread. Derek is very appreciative of the work of

the CFA, particularly in their efforts to ensure the safety of their Yallourn North store during recent fires. Derek has lived in Churchill for over 30 years and is a keen supporter of the local community, including local sporting clubs.



**Water Restrictions**

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Customers who have an exemption granted under Stage One Water Restrictions are advised that these do not apply under Stage Two Water Restrictions. They may re-apply for an exemption on the Gippsland Water website at [www.gippswater.com.au](http://www.gippswater.com.au).

Mr Mitchell said that Gippsland Water will continue to keep the community informed about water restrictions and water supply issues over the coming months, with Stage Two Water Restrictions to remain in place until further notice.

Gippsland Water will also monitor behaviour in conflict with Stage Two Water Restrictions, and conduct random audits. The Victorian Government is currently in the process of introducing a penalty system, which will see those who breach water restriction guidelines potentially receiving on the spot fines.

Key restrictions that apply under Stage Two Water Restrictions include:

- For garden beds only:
  - Manual watering systems can only be used between 6-8am and 8-10pm on alternate days.
  - Automatic watering systems can only be used between midnight to 4am on alternate days.

- Hand-held hoses fitted with a trigger nozzle, watering can or bucket, can be used at any time.

- Watering lawns is banned.
- Vehicles can only be washed with a bucket, watering can, high pressure cleaning device, or commercial car wash. (Hoses cannot be used at any time).

- Paved areas or hard surfaces such as courtyards, decks, footpaths or driveways cannot be hosed down.

- Pools and spas can only be filled with a hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle.

New or existing pools or spas of 2,000 litres or less may be filled at any time.

Filling a new or existing pool or spa of 2,000 litres of more requires an exemption.

Stage Two Water Restrictions apply to all towns within Gippsland Water's service area, including:

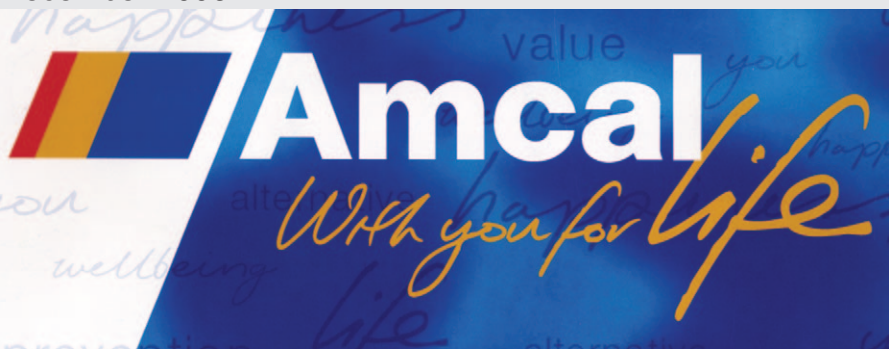
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Full details of Stage Two Water Restrictions and applications for exemptions can be obtained by visiting [www.gippswater.com.au](http://www.gippswater.com.au) or contacting the Gippsland Water Service Centre on 1800 066 401.

Further information about sustainable water management can also be found at [www.ourwater.vic.gov.au](http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au).

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## CALENDAR 2007



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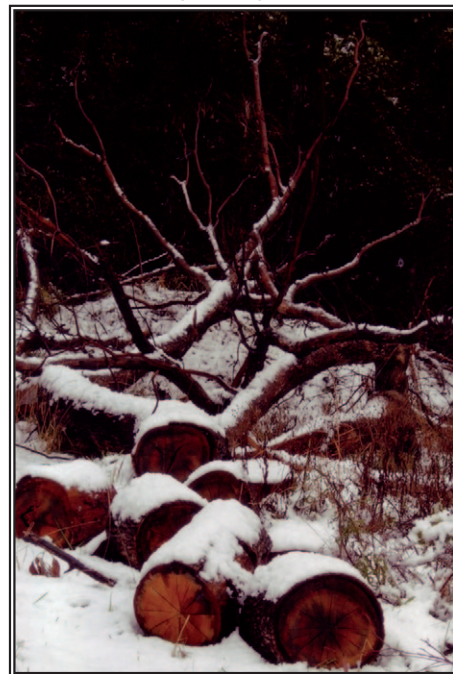
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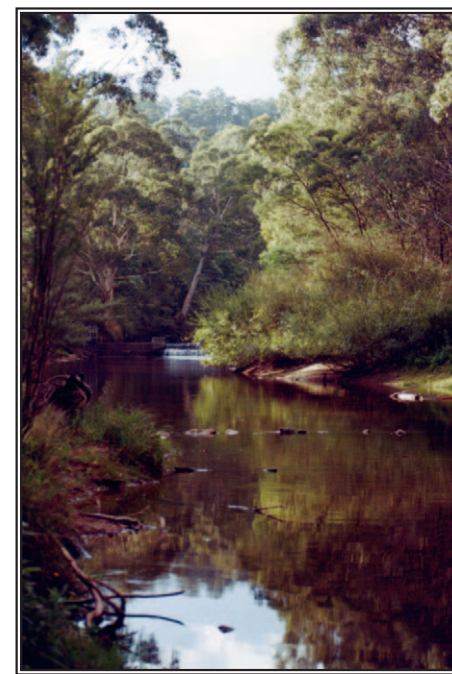
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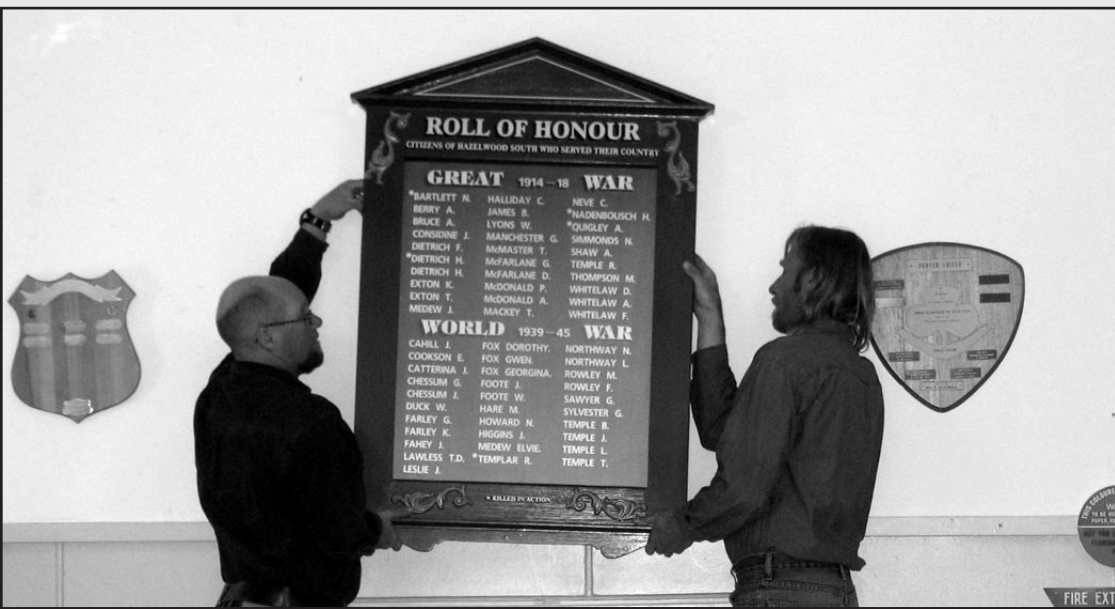
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## Honour Board Re-hung at Hazelwood South Hall

In a simple but moving ceremony Hazelwood South's Honour Board was returned to its rightful place last week.

The Board had been removed amid security fears. "It is a valuable piece," said Marlene Ellis. There

were concerns over its safety as the hall was not being used a great deal. Now there has been an increase in Guiding activity the honour board can once again be viewed by the public.

Churchill and Hazelwood Guides

conducted the ceremony beautifully. Guest speaker, John Holtman, talked about the advent of honour boards and stressed their importance. "They are a testament to hard won victories, they are words on timber" that are our history," he said.



John Holtman and Guide Leader Debbie Gallagher

## Free showerheads for Gippsland Water customer

Gippsland Water is encouraging customers to take advantage of the free showerhead exchange program.

The program was recently launched in the Gippsland region, with an initial allocation of 500 Three Star rated showerheads provided.

For a chance to receive one of the water saving showerheads, customers should call Gippsland Water on 1800 066 401. Customers must be connected to a reticulated water system to be eligible, and the showerheads are not compatible with gravity-fed hot water systems. Approved customers will be provided with a new water saving showerhead in exchange for their old showerhead.

Chief Executive Officer John Mitchell said that the Three Star showerheads help households save water, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and have the potential to save up to \$60 a year on water and energy bills.

"Showerheads are one of the cheapest and most effective ways to

cut household water use, with each showerhead potentially saving up to 20,000 litres per year," Mr Mitchell said.

"Gippsland residents have done a great job conserving water, and this is another chance for them to save water, and save on their household bills."

Gippsland Water customers are also being encouraged to take advantage of the Victorian Government's rebate scheme. The Water Smart Gardens and Home Rebate Scheme allows people who purchase an efficient showerhead or other water-saving products to claim a rebate.

The showerhead exchange program is being rolled out across Victoria with the potential to save about two billion litres of water each year.

The Victorian Government has worked with water authorities across the

state to distribute the showerheads through a range of programs as part of a \$6.5 million initiative.

For more information please contact Gippsland Water on 1800 066 401 or visit the Victorian Government's Our Water, Our Future website at [www.ourwater.vic.gov.au](http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au).



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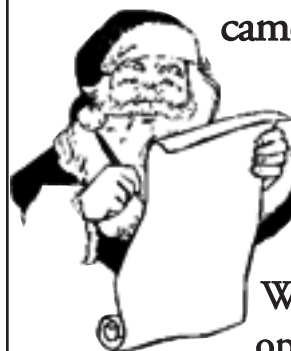
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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### CHURCHILL

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**9.30am Christmas Eve:** Sunday December 24th

**6.30pm Christmas Eve:** Sunday December 24th -  
Crib Service

**11.00pm Christmas Eve:** Sunday December 24th  
Combined Parishes Service at Boolarra

**9.30am Christmas Day:** Monday December 25th  
Lyn Porritt

**9.30am Christmas Day:** Monday December 25th  
Yinnar - Bob Brown

**9.30am New Years Eve:** Monday December 31st

### LUMEN CHRISTI

**8.00pm Christmas Eve:** Sunday December 24th

**9.30am Christmas Day:** Monday December 25th

#### CHURCHILL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**10.00am Christmas Eve:**  
Sunday December 24th



## Church Snippets



To start the month a Social Justice Sunday was celebrated with emphasis on the concern faced by our own Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples. Leading up to the service we were asked to spend a week using prayer points which highlighted the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The 11 November was the culmination of two days of preparation for our Garage Sale. Not only did we have a wonderful array of great bargains, which were cheap, but unusual, we catered for those who like to indulge in a Devonshire tea, with the scones freshly baked on the premises. Then to attract the buyers we had the tempting smells of a sausage sizzle. For those who did not want to bake, a range of cakes and slices

was also on sale. It was a sunny warm day which attracted a steady flow of seekers and buyers. The organising committee were pleased with the amount that was raised.

Rev. Dr. Bob Brown helped to organise the church service held in the grounds of Yinnar Primary School on their 125th Anniversary. The service celebrated the assistance the school had provided for the community over the years. Rev Lyn Porritt spoke on the Beatitudes, connecting their theme to the way we should live our lives, promoting those ideals in our children.

Christmas Club began in November and will conclude in December. Thank you to all those wonderful members of the congregation who help not only by being

there on the days but those who contribute in so many ways from baking biscuits, making little cup cakes, to cutting out and collecting all the requisites, to contributing money to buy, or buying themselves, some of the materials needed.

Saturday Breakfast was an entertaining look at what it is like to be a Quarantine Officer. The serious side of the job was also emphasised, by guest speaker Malcolm Grant. That was our last Saturday Breakfast for 2006. The next breakfast will be held on the fourth Saturday of February.

Members of the Community Life Panel participated in the Community Fair held on the 2 December in the old shopping centre, having a stall to sell their Christmas wares.

## REFLECTION

By Rev. Dr. Bob Brown

While attending the Sunday celebrations of the 125th Anniversary of Yinnar Primary School, I overheard a couple of students talking about their up-coming respective family's Christmas holidays: Christmas lunch with grandparents and then a holiday by the beach in one instance and in the bush by the other.

Christmas is a wonderful time for children and people of all ages: for good news; unwinding, relaxation, being with those we love. Nevertheless, we adults need to be more circumspect about the context surrounding the Christmas story. And so it is that this year I enter the Christmas story through the eyes of the shepherds tending their flocks in first century Palestine (Luke 2; 8-20).

"Night was coming on, and it was cold," the Shepherd said, "and I was terribly hungry. I had finished all the bread I had in my sack, and my stomach still ached for more. Then I noticed my friend, a shepherd like me, about to throw away a crust he didn't want. So I said, 'Throw the crust to me, friend!' and he did throw it to me, but it landed between us in the mud where the sheep had messed it up. But I grabbed it anyway and stuffed it, mud and all, into my mouth. And as I was eating it I thought 'the bread is very good' So I opened my muddy man's mouth full of bread, and I yelled to my friends, Gosh it's good brothers!' And they thought I was a terrible fool, but they saw what I meant. We saw everything that night, everything!

"Can I make you understand, I wonder? Have you ever had this happen to you? You have been working hard all day. You're dog-tired, bone-tired. So you call it quits for a while. You slump down under a tree or against a rock or something, and just sit there in a daze, for half an hour or a million years, I don't know, and all this time your eyes are wide open looking straight ahead some place, but they're so tired and glassy they don't see a thing. Nothing! You could be dead for all you notice. Then, little by little, you begin to come to, then your eyes begin to come to, and all of a sudden you find out you've been looking at some-

thing the whole time except it's only now you really see it - one of the ewe lambs maybe, with its foot caught under a rock, or the moon scorching a hole through the clouds. It was there all the time, and you were looking at it all the time, but you didn't see it till just now.

"That's how it was this night anyway. Like finally coming to - not things coming out of nowhere that had never been there before, but things just coming into focus that had been there always. And such things! The air, wasn't 'just emptiness any more. It was alive. Brightness everywhere, dipping and wheeling like a flock of birds. And what you always thought was silence, stopped being silent and turned into the beating of wings, thousands and thousands of them. Only not just wings, as you came to more, but voices — high, wild, like trumpets. The words I could never remember later, but something like,, 'Glory to God in the Highest...'

"Oh well. If you think we were out of our minds, you are right, of course. I can see us still. The squint-eyed one who always complained of sore feet. The little one who could out-swear a Roman. The young one who blushed like a girl. We all tore off. Across the muddy field like drunks at a fair, and happy we were splashing through a sea of wings and moonlight and the silvery wool of the sheep. Was it night? Was it day? Did our feet touch the ground?

"Shush, you'll wake my guests, said the Innkeeper we met coming in the other direction with his arms full of wood. And when we reached the shed out back, there was the baby peacefully asleep on a mattress of straw in a dirty old feed trough. It must have been feed time, for one of the cows was pawing the ground and pushing its face against the trough. I too was hungry. I'm always hungry. God knows. And my hunger goes deep into my soul. But I will tell you a strange thing. The more I looked at the baby the more I forgot my hunger pains and the more I was filled full of peace. All of us were moved by the spectacle. And we worshipped him, and wondered; could he be the bread of life? Amen.



## Last Saturday Breakfast For 2006

By Keith Enders

The last Breakfast for this year was held on the 25 November at the Co-Operating Churches with 21 people in attendance. Malcolm Grant (pictured right) was the guest speaker and spoke about his experiences as a Quarantine Officer in Tasmania.

Malcolm has a Bachelor of Science in environment and wilderness management as well as a Bachelor of Antarctic Studies (Hons) from the University of Tasmania.

Malcolm explained what his duties were in helping protect Tasmania from illegally imported fruit and animals via ships or by air. This meant he worked at airports as well as inspecting ships at various ports in Tasmania.

He also had the task of being the Quarantine Officer on a luxurious cruise ship that travelled around

Tasmania. He had the job of ensuring the tourists did not breach quarantine laws when visiting various tourist places along the Tasmanian coast.

On occasions while on duty at the Hobart airport he had to call on the assistance of the Australian Federal Police when some passengers caused problems.

His job included reminding passengers as they disembarked, of the quarantine requirements including the Prime Minister and other visiting dignitaries. Airline staff were not exempt from these requirements either and sometimes had their luggage searched.

Malcolm's talk was given with great enthusiasm, interspersed with humorous accounts of incidents as well as expounding more serious matters.

The first Saturday Breakfast in 2007 will be held on the last Saturday in February at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill.



# End-of-Year Celebrations

By Margaret Guthrie, President

CDCA receives some funding from Latrobe City Council each year for township Christmas decorations and celebrations. Through this program we have been able to support local schools to make decorations for community display.

This year Churchill Primary School made a series of painted panels, themed on 'The Australian Twelve Days of Christmas' (by Michael Salmon). These were on display at CDCA's annual Churchill Community Christmas Market and Celebration, along with a string of brightly coloured 'Christmas Trees' made by students at the school.

Our thanks to CPS teacher, Melissa Pavey, for coordinating these student art works. The panels will be on display in the windows of the Glendonald shops in Churinga Drive over the Christmas/New Year period.

Students at Churchill North have been working on 'Christmas bunting' for community display. This will be used around Churchill shopping centre, along with the Christmas flags and bunting made in previous years, which will be displayed in the FoodWorks foyer. Likewise, last year's contribution from CPS - 3 metre-square Christmas paintings - will be on display at West Place shopping centre.

Funding was also used to support the Christmas Market held at West Place on Saturday 2 December. A highlight of this was the performances of students from Churchill Primary School. Our thanks go to teacher, Charlie Twomey, for his assistance in this endeavour. Charlie is also a member of the Celtic Rhythm Method Band, which provided musical entertainment on the day.

The event aimed to be 'family friendly' with free face-painting, clowns, balloons and a visit from Santa for the children, along with free tea, coffee and Christmas cake for the grown-ups. The Lions provided low-cost catering and have donated the proceeds to our fund-raising efforts for the Churchill Community Hub. Similarly, stallholders donated a portion of their profits to this cause.

2006 has seen the development of detailed plans for the Hub and successful funding applications, so we are hopeful that construction will begin sometime early in the new year.

CDCA conducted several raffles at our Christmas celebration, with all proceeds going towards the Hub. We would like to acknowledge and thank the MUGSU shop at Monash Uni, Churchill Post Office, Future Flicks Video, Amcal Pharmacy, Churchill Newsagency, Cutting Corner, Grubb Shack, Katz Hairdressing, P & J's Fish & Chips, Churchill Chinese Restaurant, Churchill Fish & Chips and Cafe Le Mac for providing donations to be used as raffle prizes.

Latrobe City Council has asked the Churchill and district community to set a target of \$50,000 to be raised by residents, as a community contribution for this new facility. Whilst that sounds a lot of money, it works out at about \$10 per head. Donations can be left with our Treasurer, Bev Thompson, at 13 West Place.

We would also like to make special mention of FoodWorks' support for our local CFA. The CFAs are very busy at this time of year, providing 'Santa support' at many local events, along with their essential role as fire fighters and emergency personnel. Let's hope they get few call-outs, lots of rain and plenty of

community support for their Christmas gifts!

A very different end-of-year celebration will be the completion of Latrobe City's Hard Waste Review. A draft report and recommendations will be presented to the Review Group's last meeting prior to Christmas. Presuming the report is fully endorsed by this Group, it will be presented to Council at its first meeting in February.

The Review has recommended that a variety of hard waste disposal options be offered to residents of Latrobe City, including some limited collection services.

If Council accepts the report, the next step would be to cost these services and then, subject to budgetary restraints, introduce them via a tender process. This will all take time, and residents should not expect any Hard Waste Collections to commence in the very near future.

Therefore, wherever possible, residents are encouraged to dispose of hard waste items appropriately, to make maximum (appropriate) use of the 3-bin system and avail themselves of any opportunities for free recycling and waste disposal (such as the recent free green-waste disposal days timed to coincide with the commencement of the fire season).

Further information about current free and costed services, including Transfer Station (tip) fees and 'freebies', can be obtained by contacting Council on 1300 367 700 or Dasma Environmental Solutions on 5133 6000

CDCA can be contacted at PO Box 191, Churchill, or call the Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602. CDCA does not meet in January. Our first meeting in 2007 will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 14th February in the Grubb Shack meeting room.

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## New Members Revitalise Morwell Red Cross

An aging membership, unable to manage some of the Red Cross services, had lead to much anxiety, with the feeling that the time was coming when the group would just disband. However, the will to try again, led the group to have an evening rather than a daytime meeting to see if that would attract members who work during the day. To the joy of the unit, 15 new members attended at the new time of 6pm.

Val Giles, the new Chairperson, welcomed new members who arrived from Morwell, Churchill, Moe and Trafalgar. With this influx of new energy, services such as those that are required to meet emergency catering as for fires etc. are now possible. It is hoped to also re-

instate some of the other valuable services run by Red Cross when training and availability are established. All this means that services can be instigated now during the day, night and weekends.

The unit plans to continue to hold alterative day/night monthly meetings, as one unit, rather than having two separate groups. Meetings are held at the Fire Station in McDonald St. in Morwell.

If you are interested in joining this great community service, please ring Mavis on 51222868, and she will be happy to give you any further information you require.

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# Boolarra Primary School

## Lawn Bowls

We are very grateful to the Boolarra Lawn Bowls Club for allowing our grade 5/6 students to participate in an exciting bowling competition on Friday afternoons. This opportunity has definitely uncovered some potential bowling champions!

## More Bike Ed Success!

Our sensational Bike Ed team recently placed 2nd in the state Bike Education final. This is a phenomenal achievement as they competed against students from much larger schools from all across Victoria.

## Magnificent Student Leadership

Our JSC have done a brilliant job this year taking responsibility for making our school a safer place and raising money for good causes. Recently they received "Safety Club" certificates in recognition of their excellent work. They are presently busily organising after school discos to raise money to save penguins.



## Transition Program

Throughout term 4 we work hard to ensure that our pre-school students are gently eased into school life and our grade 6s receive lots of support so they move smoothly into secondary college. We are confident that the many activities both groups have undertaken assist them to feel ready for the next big step in their education.

## Earn & Learn

Our P/1/2 students have been enjoying setting up a range of businesses and competing for a share of the consumer market during the 'hands on' retail and shopping experience provided through the "Earn & Learn" program.

## First Ever Equestrian Team

We are very excited to be entering our first ever team in an equestrian event in Melbourne thanks to the efforts of parent Cherie Howard and Business Manager Wendy Jones. Good luck to our team that comprises Madelyn (grade 3), Airtrea and Daina (both prep' students).

## 2007 Planning

A lot of work has been going in to set up the best possible grade structure to maximise our students' learning next year. We are very fortunate to be able to run 4 classes of approximately 20 students each; these low numbers ensure that our students receive lots of individual teacher attention. In 2007 we intend to operate 'flexible' grades which will see some of our talented stu-

dents working in higher grades for subjects in which they are particularly strong. We are committed to continuing the Reading Recovery program as it undoubtedly does assist to develop our grade 1 students' literacy skills in a highly effective manner. Our school Library and ITC lab will become our Thinking & Learning Centre next year managed by Ms Karen Tingay who will provide exciting new opportunities for our students to harness information technology and traditional research in their enquiry learning endeavours. The magnificent, creative work our students undertake in our Budgeree Art room with Ms Karen Twomey will continue as will the excellent skill and fitness development that occurs in our specialist Phys Ed classes with Mr. John Duck. We hope all our students rest up over the holidays and return to school eager and ready for another year of academic excellence and social development.

## Forthcoming Events:

- Friday 15th December: End of Year Reports Go Home
- Tuesday 19th December: Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
- Wednesday 20th December: 7:00 pm End of Year Concert, Boolarra Memorial Hall:
- Thursday 21st December: Last Day of the School Year



Wednesday 31st January: 2007 School Year Commences

Boolarra Primary School extends best wishes to all Churchill & District News readers for a safe and happy festive season! We look forward to sharing more news with you about the exciting things happening at our school in 2007.



# Churchill Primary School

## City Camp

It was an excited group of Grade 5/6 students that arrived at the school after their City Camp. They had had the opportunity to be with classmates for three days while exploring Melbourne attractions including Melbourne Museum, Old Melbourne Goal, IMAX, MCG, Rialto, National Gallery, Melbourne Aquarium and Parliament House. Students have used words such as awesome and fantastic to describe the experience. Eating out was also a special treat.

Well done Churchill Primary School students. Your excellent manners and appreciation of this learning activity, were noticed and commented upon. You have been excellent ambassadors for the school.

A big thank you goes to all those who helped to make this excursion a success, especially the teachers who were on the job 24/3 while taking the responsibility for these precious students.

## Community Fair

The Churchill and District Community Association conducted the Community Fair on Saturday 2 December at West Place Shopping Centre. The schools Prep-2 students presented a

bracket of songs to the delight of those present. The children were enthusiastic, and their recent experience in the school musical held them in good stead, as they confidently delivered their items. Thanks to teacher Charlie Twomey for organising this.

The Grade 5/6s who had not been able to go to the Melbourne Camp had the special task of helping teacher, Melissa Pavey, design and complete a set of panels depicting the Aussie 12 days of Christmas which were on display.

## Kinder/ Grade 6 Transitions

Excited and apprehensive kinder kids made their first visit to Churchill Primary School some time ago. This was followed by another visit, which saw the children's confidence boosted. These visits are often their first experience of the world outside of their comfortable and secure environment of Kinder. Teachers and Principal, Sue Davis, commented on how well the children had adjusted to the school routine. During their visits they had taken part in classroom activities as well as having morning play lunch and play time outside with the rest of the school students. The final day for Transition Preparation came on Tuesday 5th December, which is the State wide day. This is also the day the Year 6's complete their transition program into secondary colleges. The majority of Churchill Primary School students will be attending Churchill Kurnai Campus.

## Car Boot Sale

This fund raising effort was well supported with many people taking advantage of having a chance to sell their goods at the school on Saturday 11 November. With the pro-

ceeds from the Sausage Sizzle the amount of \$509 was raised.

## Paul's Collect-A-Caps

Thanks you to all those who saved their Paul's milk caps and sent them to the school. The sum of \$370 was raised all because you collected the caps. The school intends to continue to collect caps in 2007, so please keep saving them and sending them along. This is a valuable and easy way to raise much needed funds.

## Gippsland Motor Cycle Toy Run

This event, run by the motor cycle clubs in Gippsland, is growing year by year, with last year raising over \$42,000 and supporting 1000 families at Christmas. This year Churchill Primary School was asked to assist in this activity, by being a collection point.

The school community supported this effort by collecting 3 large boxes of food items and toys. On Tuesday 27th Nov., members of the motor cycle clubs visited the school to receive the goods, thank the school for its contribution, and also give the students a safety demonstration. Lurking in the background, waiting for the appropriate time was the old man in red, who made his appearance, this time on a motor bike!

## Community Helpers Thank You

The Principal, Sue Davis, and all her staff, wish to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to all those community members who so willingly give of their time to carry out service to the school in many ways, but especially in the areas of Walking School Bus and Breakfast Club. These two programs have been of great assistance in reducing the well above State average absenteeism status of the school a few years ago, to one of below State average. You have contributed to this huge improvement and you deserve to feel proud of your commitment.

See you in 2007, and please tell your friends and so that they may come and help also. There is still a great need for more volunteers, with

extra programs for classrooms and perhaps a new walking School Bus in the plans.

## Christmas Club

The students for Grades 1-4 have been attending Christmas Club at the Co-Operating Churches. They have enjoyed learning about the Biblical story of Christmas, and actively participating in the craft activities. Excited children returned to school, gladly sharing what they had made. The school wishes to thank the people of the Co-Operating Church for giving their time and love to put on this much loved and anticipated program.

## Christmas Raffle

This is the last fund raiser for the year. Contributions are gratefully being accepted at the school office where ticket for the raffle can also be purchased. Members of the community are also welcome to contribute and/or buy tickets.

## Farewell and Thanks

The school staff and community are sad to be saying farewell to two staff members- Melissa Pavey and Charlie Twomey. Both have made considerable contributions to the school over their long involvement, not only in their classroom delivery, but in the many other extra activities which both have so willingly taken on; sports, grounds development, art panels, art work in businesses, to name but a few.

Melissa will be moving to Grey St. Primary School in Traralgon, and Charlie is going to Yinnar Primary School

The staff and students wish both Melissa and Charlie all the best in their new appointments

## Graduation -Grade 6

The Grade 6's will have their Graduation at Monash University. It will commence with a catered meal and then be followed by the Graduation Ceremony in one of the Lecture theatres. The school wishes the Grade 6's all the best as they take that next step in their education.



# Hazelwood North Primary School

## Snippets:

- \* Following the recent one hundred and twenty fifth celebrations, students, staff and parents have placed items in a time capsule. The time capsule will be opened in another twenty five years time.
- \* Our Year 3 to 6 Camp was held in November. We went to Camp Rumburg, near Foster.
- \* Sixteen Year 6 students are trained hard for the RACV Energy Breakthrough at Maryborough which took

place in late November. We appreciate the parental support necessary to organise such a venture.

\* As with all schools we are planning our grade structure for 2007. Enquiries regarding enrolment are welcome at any time.

\* The Parents' Club organised an Election Day market at the school on November 25th.





**Morwell/Churchill Schools Cluster**

The Morwell/Churchill Cluster of Schools is made up of the Kurnai campuses and their feeder schools. For Churchill that includes Churchill, Churchill North, Hazelwood North and Yinnar South Primary Schools.

This Cluster has been promoting Information Communication Technology (ICT) programs, and some wonderful outcomes have been achieved by the students working with teachers, across the secondary/primary boundaries.

**Outcomes**

One of these outcomes has been the learning by Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) students, of the Kahootz- a computer software program. These students then, under teacher supervision at the Gippsland Education

Precinct (GEP), taught grade 4-6 children from the feeder schools. The success of the program was entered in the state wide competition, where the students were asked to talk about what they had done. They were thrilled to win the cluster award. The prize was a free full day of training in the Kahootz program by the team who developed it. The training day was a huge success. Students who participated from Churchill and Churchill North Primary Schools had the opportunity to upgrade their knowledge and skills with the team. A second outcome came for students at Yinnar South, Hazelwood North, Churchill North and Churchill Primary Schools has been the opportunity to experience working with another computer program- Snap Shot- to advance their technology skills.

Snap Shot is a movie making program. Each school had a team of up to five students. They took part in a two day training course at Drouin with Michael Green of Drift Media. They learnt pre-production, production and editing skills of film making. The students then made 2-minute movies, which had the theme of 'What is special or great about living in our community or town?'

On 21st November at the GEP, the students had the opportunity to present their edited movies, at a Premier Performance. It was a grand occasion.

**2007 Intentions**

The intentions for the 2007 Cluster group is to improve and enhance these programs and do more cross age tutoring between the primary and secondary schools so that they can learn from each other.

To support this work financially, the Cluster will be using funding from the Innovations and Excellence Funding, which has been given to Kurnai Cluster.

**Success for Boys**

"Success for Boys" funding is an initiative of the Commonwealth government. The Cluster made an application for funding, and was successful. \$70,000 has been given to allow trained experts to support professional learning for teachers in the Cluster. They will look at professional modules designed to upgrade educational knowledge and understanding in the concepts in boys education, and to give teachers strategies to address boy's needs in their schools, in particular Information Communication Technology. The experts will also be able to work with the boys directly.

**Kurnai College**

**LOTE Night Extravaganza**

Kurnai College celebrated LOTE at the campus with great style and panache during their recent LOTE Extravaganza. Students from Years 8 and 9 organized and presented the evening. The Year 7 classes educated the audience with traditional tales from German history and the jungles of Indonesia. The Year 8 and 9 students provided light entertainment with a play and a movie highlighting what may happen when they escape the school environment. The evening concluded with a light supper provided by the catering group and displays of schoolwork.

**Kurnai College Art Show**

The Annual Kurnai College Art Show opened to a large and appreciative audience at the Gippsland Education Precinct [GEP]. For the first time the centre of the GEP provided the venue for the popular exhibition of works from students in Years Seven to Twelve from all campuses of Kurnai College. Local art critic and doyen of the Arts in Gippsland, Mrs Di Bolding, opened the show. Mrs Bolding spoke highly of the achievements of the Arts in Gippsland and the developmental role played by Kurnai College.

New Kurnai College Principal, Mr Anthony Rodaughan, praised the students and their teachers for the quality and diversity of works on display. Having taught art at Churchill Post Primary School when it first opened, Mr Rodaughan was

well placed to comment on the healthy state of Art at Kurnai College today. The music of Mr Joseph Bonnici and students and staff of the Kurnai College music program accompanied the opening. Among the exhibits were ceramics, paintings, graphics, metal sculpture, jewellery photography and sculpture. Many students were presented with awards for their achievements. The quality of the work was a testament to the hard work of the students and teachers involved.

**PaperlinX Scholarship Winner**

Claire Dent is the 2006 PaperlinX Scholarship winner. A Kurnai College Churchill Campus student, 15-year-old Claire from Yinnar will spend the next year living and studying in Germany.

After a rigorous selection process, Claire was chosen for her all-round achievement in school and community activities. As an active contributor to the education of those younger than herself, Claire was chosen for her exceptional leadership skills and friendly personality.

Currently in Year 9, Claire wishes to travel before going to university, where she is contemplating a degree in education. She looks forward to immersing herself in the German culture, and hopes this will allow her to expand her love of the German language as well as experience life outside of Yinnar.

"There will be times when I will be lonely and miss home, but the chance to experience another culture and become part of a second family far outweighs a little bit of homesickness," she said.

Claire's English teacher at Kurnai College describes her as a calm and competent young woman whose relationship with staff and peers are excellent.

"Claire is a model student who has focus and determination to achieve both academically and in the development of interpersonal relationships," she said.

Parents Russell and Leanne and younger brother Craig believe Claire will welcome the excitement of meeting a new family and enjoy

the challenges of new people, places and cultures. While they will miss her, Mum Leanne is confident Claire will involve herself fully in her new family, school and community.

Congratulations Claire.

For more information about the PaperlinX/AFS Scholarship and about AFS exchanges, please contact AFS on 1300 131 736, email aussendme@afs.org or visit www.afs.org.au

**Awards Night**

Tonight, a celebration of the year's achievements will be held at the Binishell. All the students and their parents have been encouraged to attend and celebrate with the school community, the considerable number of memorable moments through the 2006 year, as well as academic, social and physical prowess of the students. Much effort has gone into making the evening a success by providing, musical entertainment, power point presentations, and having the fun and excitement of wondering who will win the awards!

**Retiring Staff**

Sadly for the school, Mr. Kim McDuffie and Mrs. Helen MacRae will retire at the end of this year. Both of these teachers have made a significant contribution to the school community, and

the well-being of the students over the years they have served on the Churchill Kurnai Campus Staff.



Claire Dent

**Gippsland Education Precinct Gippstafe**

As one of the partners in the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP), GippsTAFE now provides Churchill students with vocational education and training close to home.

Tony Dell, Team Leader of GippsTAFE Education Delivery at the GEP, is very supportive of the innovative concept. He says the structure of the Precinct provides great pathway options for students, and allows them to achieve an education that is applicable to their unique needs.

Tony said that the beauty of the GEP concept is that it matches desires with outcomes and allows learning to be a life long undertaking.

Not everybody needs to go to university to achieve their career goal. The GEP offers students the opportunity to access a range of choices, and encourages them to make informed decisions for their education and training to equip them for their future working life.

Tony is full of ideas, which he hopes will be integrated into future developments at the

Precinct. He would like to see more courses interacting, and providing resources for each other. Further initiatives will be ongoing as the scope of this concept is far reaching.

For the partners - Kurnai College Senior Campus, Monash University Gippsland Campus, GippsTAFE, Gippsland Group Training and Latrobe City Council - coming together to achieve this positive outcome has been a huge learning curve and has required a big relationship building process, but Tony is very happy with developments so far.

According to Tony, having all the partners together allows students to take advantage of the options of school then TAFE, then Uni; or School then Uni then TAFE; or TAFE then Uni, to name but a few. The combinations are numerous.

Tony's role is to oversee the planning and delivery of TAFE education offerings, and facilitate smooth pathways for the students.

The programs offered by GippsTAFE at the GEP include:

**Nursing Division 2.**

This bridging course, officially called

Certificate 4 in Health Nursing, was designed to help students to develop the skills needed for work in the health sector, or to apply for University. The course allows students to gain confidence in their ability and to fill gaps in their learning, to gain their desired qualification. Most graduates of this Certificate work in Aged Care or Mental Health fields.

**Sport, Recreation and Fitness.**

This program equips graduates with skills in sports management, sports development and massage. Many graduates go on to become fitness instructors or personal trainers.

**Multimedia Studies.**

This is an arts-based course, which was a pilot project at the GEP this year. It is based on a film, television and radio package, and aims to teach people pre and post production of film and video. The course involves 3D modelling and special effects. This course provides skills in many areas, and is a stepping-off point for higher studies at University, or for people who want to work in the industry. Course co-ordinator Gary Dunbier describes it as "the nuts and bolts

crew of the pre film production, rather than the director aspect of movie making".

According to Gary Dunbier the Precinct arrangement is "working a treat", with all the partners working exceptionally well together and the effect of this great working partnership is rubbing off on the students.

Initially, Gary says, parents were worried that having Year 11 and 12 students mixing with university students. However, he says that the Year 11 and 12 students have developed a maturity which shows in the classroom.

"It's all positive. The Tutors love it," says Gary. For more information about the role of GippsTAFE in the Gippsland Education Precinct, visit the Institute website at www.gippstafe.vic.edu.au



## Fund helps families rebuild their lives

Gippslanders love the natural environment, whether it is our waterways or bushland. But

Gippsland residents also know the pain of bushfire, flood and other major disasters. Many people are concerned about the current bushfire season, with areas near Yallourn North and Erica already experiencing bushfires this year. This is magnified by the impending threat of fires in the forested public lands in north Gippsland and in the north east of the state which may impact private land towards the south.

The ongoing dry conditions and below average rainfall has some experts saying Victoria is the driest it has been in 10 years. With the threat of devastating bushfires this summer, the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund is urgently seeking donations to enable it to provide timely financial assistance to bushfire victims.

Previously known as the Gippsland Bushfire Relief Fund, the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) provides financial support to those affected by floods, bushfires and other natural disasters. The Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund is managed by a committee of volunteers, of which Gippsland Water Chief Executive Officer John Mitchell is President.

"The Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund is locals helping out other locals in a crisis," Mr Mitchell said. "The quick response of the fund enables people to start rebuilding their lives when they might otherwise be in limbo. The wider community often wonders what they can do to help when they see fellow residents in trouble. With the fund, people can help before there is a disaster, which allows people to receive assistance quickly when situations do occur."

Gippsland Water has adopted a corpo-

rate social responsibility policy, which encourages staff to be active in volunteer organisations and help the community.

"Gippsland Water's corporate social responsibility policy outlines the authority's commitment to improving the social, environmental and economic sustainability of Central Gippsland," Mr Mitchell said. "This includes identifying and pursuing opportunities wherever possible for contributing to local environmental, social, and economic objectives."

As the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund has no overheads, this allows 100 per cent of donations to reach the disaster victims. All donations are tax deductible as GERF is a registered charitable organisation.

Established in 1978 after the 1977-78 bushfires, GERF covers six shire councils - Baw Baw, East Gippsland, South Gippsland, Bass Coast, Wellington, and Latrobe City. Since its inception, the

Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund has raised and distributed more than \$1.16 million, including \$150,000 after the 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires, and a combined \$835,000 for floods that hit Gippsland in 1990, 1993, and 1998. The fund also provided more than \$150,000 to victims of the East Gippsland bushfires in 2002-03.

The Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund is currently seeking donations from local businesses and community members to provide much-needed funds for the 2006-07 bushfire season. Donations can be made via post or any National Australia Bank in Gippsland. Donation cheques can be posted to PO Box 508, Traralgon, 3844.

For more information on the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund contact President John Mitchell on 5177 4635, Secretary Andy Tegart on 5176 1362, or Treasurer Ron Boskma on 5135 5181.



## Lioness Club Of Churchill & District - Two New Members

By Margaret Barker, Publicity

At our November meeting we had the pleasure of inducting into our club another two lovely ladies, being Margaret Collins and Mandy Ellis. This brings our membership to 17 - this is fantastic. Welcome ladies.

Along with all ongoing projects we catered for the Latrobe Valley Express Outdoor and Leisure Show and the Gem and Collectables Show, both held at Kernot Hall. These were great shows and were very successful for raising funds. As we raise funds we also distribute our funds. In the last month we have supported Ronald McDonald House Monash and the Lions Spinal Cord Fellowship. We also have funds earmarked for outdoor seating for Hazelwood House residents.

We continue to maintain the gardens at Hazelwood House and as a 'thank you', our members were invited to their Volunteer Luncheon which was held at the

Dalkeith Hostel. This was a lovely luncheon. We were also entertained and had a tour throughout this beautiful facility which was very enjoyable.

We have passed on more rugs for "Rugs 4 Kids" to the Open Family Foundation and further baby knitting and Emergency Toiletries Packs to Latrobe Regional Hospital. These are gratefully received and while there is a need for these items we will endeavor to supply them.

On behalf of the Lioness Club I would like to thank members of the public that have helped with our projects. If you are community minded and would like to join just contact President Sue Lowick or Secretary Vicki Burgess on 5122 1614 or ask any member you may already know.

We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Latrobe City's Councillors and staff extend Season's Greetings

to all residents and advise that the following arrangements have been put in place for the Christmas and New Year period.

# Council Service Centres

All Council Service Centres will close at 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2006 and will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2007 at 8.30am

### LOST OR STRAY PETS

12 noon Friday 22 December 2006 - 8.30am  
Tuesday 2 January 2007  
Contact the Emergencies after-hours number  
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### WASTE MANAGEMENT

Garbage and recycling collection service  
Monday 25 December 2006 - Early start - collection will commence 1am  
Collections on all other days will be at the normal times.  
For service queries over the holiday period please contact Cleanaway telephone 800 007 543

### Transfer Stations - Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Yinnar

Monday 25 December 2006 closed  
Open normal hours all other days  
For service queries during the holiday period please contact Dasma, telephone 5633 6000

### Pine Gro green waste collection centres

Monday 25 December 2006 closed  
Monday 1 January 2007 closed  
Open normal hours all other days:  
Morwell 8.30am-4.30pm weekdays,  
9am-5pm weekends  
Traralgon and Moe 9am-5pm weekends only  
For further information contact Pine Gro, telephone 522 2036

### Moe Landfill

Monday 25 December 2006 closed  
Otherwise, normal hours will apply

### LATROBE CITY LIBRARY SERVICE

Churchill Branch is closed for the school holidays and will reopen Tuesday 30 January 2007  
Traralgon will have amended opening hours 9am-12 noon Friday 22 December 2006  
Traralgon, Morwell and Moe Branches will close at 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2006 and reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2007

### RECREATION

#### Moe/Newborough Sports Centre, Morwell Leisure Centre and Churchill Leisure Centre

Thursday 21 December 2006 Normal hours  
Friday 22 December 2006 6am - 7pm  
Saturday 23 December and Sunday 24 December 2006 10am - 4pm  
Monday 25 December 2006 Closed  
Tuesday 26 December 2006 Closed  
Wednesday 27 December - Sunday 31 December 2006 10am-4pm  
Monday 1 January 2007 Closed  
Tuesday 2 January - Friday 5 January 2007 6am - 7pm  
Saturday 6 January and Sunday 7 January 2007 10am - 4pm  
Monday 8 January 2007 Normal operating hours resume

#### Traralgon Sports Stadium

Closed Thursday 21 December 2006 - Wednesday 10 January 2007  
Reopens Thursday 11 January 2007

#### Outdoor Pools - Moe, Traralgon and Yallourn North

Monday 18 December 2006 - Sunday 28 January 2007 12 noon-7pm  
Monday 25 December 2006 Closed  
Tuesday 26 December 2006 Closed  
Monday 1 January 2007 Closed

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Preschools  
Closed over Christmas/New Year period.  
Preschool staff available for enquiries during opening hours of Council Service Centres

### Maternal and Child Health Centres

Restricted hours during Christmas/New Year period. Please contact your Centre for times or contact your local Council Service Centre to obtain a timetable

### Family Day Care Coordination Unit

The opening hours for Council Services Centres will be observed

### Carinya and Moe Early Learning Centres

Close at 12.30pm on Friday 22 December 2006  
Reopen 7.30am on Monday 8 January 2007

### Traralgon Early Learning Centre

Close at 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2006  
Reopen 8.30am on Monday 8 January 2007

### DIRECT CARE SERVICES

The opening hours for Council Service Centres will be observed. For emergencies clients should telephone 0408 512 953

### SOCIAL SUPPORT

Planned Activity Groups (PAGs)  
Closes Sunday 17 December 2006  
Reopens on Monday 8 January 2007

### Meals on Wheels

No deliveries on public holidays.  
Otherwise meals as usual  
For emergencies clients should telephone 0408 149 854

### LATROBE REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Closes at 12 noon Friday 22 December 2006  
Reopens at 1pm on Wednesday 3 January 2007

### LATROBE PERFORMING ARTS BOX OFFICE

Closes at 12 noon Friday 22 December 2006  
Reopens at 1pm on Wednesday 3 January 2007

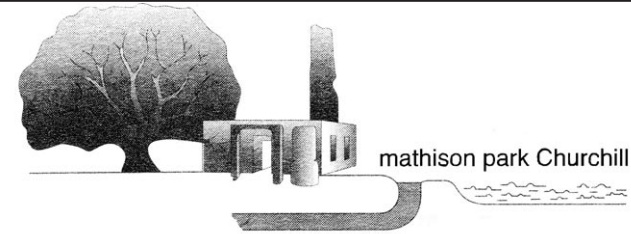
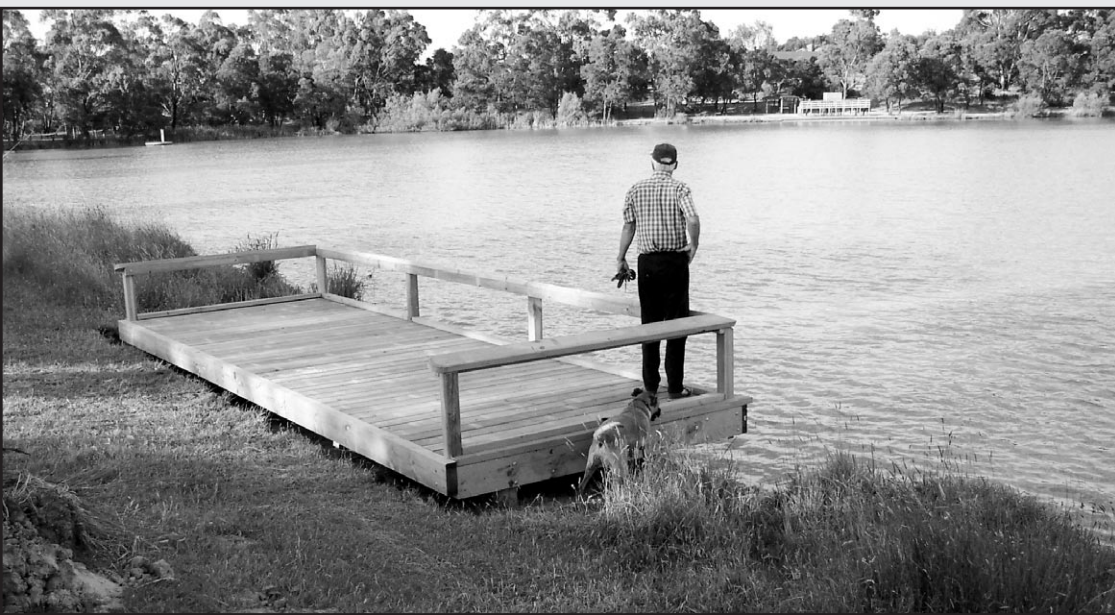
### VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Monday 25 December 2006 Closed  
All other days will be business as usual

## Emergencies

For emergencies within the municipality, outside of office hours, citizens should contact  
**0408 512 953**





## New Fishing Platform at Mathison Park

By RUTH PLACE

Those who like to get close to the water in safety, will be thrilled by the installation of four new fishing platforms around Lake Hyland.

These should all be completed with all ability pathway access, by the time this news goes to press.

More good news! For those who want to know the history behind the old farmhouse, and the underground tanks, which have been restored, a new signpost has been installed near the farmhouse, which will answer many questions.

The park committee wishes to acknowledge the work of David Newberry at Monash, for his expert work on producing this sign.



## Lifeline Gippsland's Thrifty Tips for Christmas Shopping

WE all know that Christmas can be a wonderful time of year but it can also be extremely demanding - particularly on the pocket and particularly for families that are already stretched to the limit financially by high petrol prices, interest rate rises and the like.

'Op' Shops are not often thought of as a good source of Christmas presents but they are well worth a look. Most 'Op' Shops have an excellent variety of merchandise, which often includes new and nearly new items. Here are hints and some important things to keep in mind when you are buying from Op Shops:

\*When buying for children make sure that the item is age appropriate and, check that it is not a choking or other hazard. If in doubt, do not take the risk.

\*For children, unlike adults, quantity can be more important than quality. Lots of little things wrapped will make a big impression with the little ones.

\*Clothes make excellent presents. Keep an eye out for brand names and remember 'vintage' is in this year. Many shops have 'modern' or 'vintage' sections and, if not, the 'dress-up' box and scarves section can be a gold mine for the fashion conscious.

\*Most Op Shops have a huge variety of books catering to all tastes and age ranges. Think of the person you are buying for and their hobbies - chances are you will find something for them.

\*Check out the fabric and craft section in your local 'Op' Shop. You can save a fortune making your own presents.

\*Always cast your eye over the bric-a-brac - you never know what you might find and, as with books, think about the person you are buying for. A pre-loved 1950s vase to a collector of this era will be valued regardless of where you bought it from or how much you paid.

\*Make it fun - get others involved. Why not make the office Chris Kringle into a competition - who can find the best /most outrageous etc present for under \$5 in the local Op Shop.

It is not all about money. Many people choose to extend the concept of recycling to Christmas present buying for environmental rather than financial reasons. Choosing to buy from an Op shop is a valid choice in today's materialistic world.

Think outside the box. Lots of items in Op Shops can be used for purposes other than the ones they were originally intended for. Little knitted baby clothes (not so much in

favour now with real babies) make excellent doll's clothes - you could put together a layette. Magazines, old illustrated books and the like are a great resource for scrap bookers. Petticoats make excellent dress-ups for little girls.

Most importantly try not to get too caught up in the Christmas buying frenzy. It might be a cliché but it really is the thought that counts. And remember that by buying from an 'Op' Shop you are not only saving money but contributing to a worthwhile cause.

Lifeline Gippsland has seven 'Op' Shops located in the following locations all of which are now holding their pre-Christmas Sale. In addition to their usual fare, our shops are well stocked with specially packaged Christmas gifts, decorations and toys.

\*Churchill - West Place (in the shopping precinct) \*Moe - Fowler Street \*Morwell - Commercial Rd \*Morwell Warehouse Shop - corner of Church and Fleming Streets \*Sale - Raymond Street \*Traralgon - Seymour Street \*Wonthaggi - Graham Street

If you or someone you know needs somebody to talk to Lifeline is there, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year on 13 11 14

## CHURCHILL BBQ CHICKENS

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Nick, Debbie and Staff 5122 3327

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We have re-vamped our website! The site has had a complete overhaul and now offers a more user friendly and more up to date news service.

Our aim is to add news as it happens - which is particularly important in January as we will not be producing a paper.

We have many photographs submitted for publication each month - many from local schools. Unfortunately we can not publish them all. However, we will now be putting them all onto the website.

So take a look - and let us know what you think!

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Entertainment for December

Friday 15th  
Saturday 16th  
\*Sunday 17th

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Hound Dogs  
Old Time Dance  
Christmas Party

Friday 22nd  
Saturday 23rd  
Friday 29th  
\*Sunday 31st

Flatliners  
Stoneage  
D. J. Glenno  
Years Eve Party with the  
"Hound Dogs"

Bookings are essential for New Years Eve. Book your Table at Reception.  
\*Function Hall

Telephone: 5134 2455

## Churchill Fire Brigade - New Paging System



A new paging system will improve brigade member's response time, saving valuable time when attending fires.

Churchill Fire Brigade, along with all the State of Victoria, is now using the new pager system called Emergency Alerting System (EAS).

As well as being an emergency pager, it can also be used as an administrative aid, calling various groups together for meetings, for example, breathing apparatus trained personnel for further training for a particular job.

Likewise management teams and individuals can be paged with information. It can be used to call out strike teams, and their replacement crews to wildfires (bushfires and scrub fires etc.) or structure fires (those involving a building).

Individual members can use it as a personal number pager, using an 1800 number to ring family members.

An added advantage is that the pager, apart from giving general information, also gives details of weather, and any other important information required for those working on

the fire ground.

This paging system allows information to be received from across the State not just the local area.

It gives members the opportunity to be away from their brigade area, but still be able to respond to a fire call.

It allows members to return to their fire station and be ready should a further strike team be needed.

The CFA has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to implement this system state-wide. 25,000 pagers have been distributed.

Later the SES, Rural Ambulance and Police will also be connected through this CAD system, located in Ballarat

To ring in an emergency, a caller still rings 000. As people talk to 000, the operator is typing in the information.

They then hit a button and the message comes through to the pagers within 15 seconds.

The Alert message is sent out via Ballarat to a satellite, and transmitted throughout Victoria through base stations spread across Victoria.



Firefighter Rob Langston shows off the new pager

## Merry Christmas from the Wattle Club

The clients of Wattle Club have had a lovely year of activities and fellowship. Kerri and Ann, the supervisors would like to extend a very special "thank you" to the valued volunteers who make the program run so smoothly.

Congratulations go to Ann Riley who has taken on the job of Planned Activity Groups (PAG) Co-ordinator. Our Churchill clients will miss Ann, but her cheerful face will still be around for members to say "Hello".

The year has been a busy round of trips and outings to various locations and to events. A lovely day was had with the trip to Inverloch. After a fish and chip lunch, which is compulsory if you go to Inverloch, the folks had a sight-seeing excursion along the coastal drive, with much oooing and aaaaahing at the beautiful scenery.

Cup Day and the Spring Racing Carnival were celebrated this year not by a decorated hat day, but with a special lunch.

Last week the group went to Walhalla once again to have a ride on the train, to re-live some nostalgia of days of steam and soot, and to complete the day with a barbecue lunch.

The staff and clients of the Wattle Club wish all the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.



## Merry Christmas Churchill Shopping Centre Christmas and New Year Trading Hours

### VIDEO EZY

Open every day normal hours except Christmas Day  
4.00pm-10.00pm

### CHURCHILL NEWSAGENT

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Closed  
Monday January 1st 2007 Closed

### AMCAL CHEMIST

Saturday December 23rd 9.00am - 4.00pm  
Sunday December 24th 9.00am - 4.00pm  
Monday December 25th Closed  
Monday January 1st January 2007 Closed

### KATS

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Closed  
Wednesday December 27th Closed  
Monday January 1st 2007 Closed  
Tuesday January 2nd 2007 Closed

### FOODWORKS

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Open 8.00am-9.00pm  
Monday January 1st 2007 Open 9.00am - 8.00pm

### DAINBRIDGE SERVICES PTY

Closed between - Saturday 23rd December and  
Monday 15th January 2007

### CAFE LE MAC

Saturday December 23rd Closed at 12.00pm  
Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Closed  
Saturday December 30th Closed  
Monday January 1st 2007 Closed

### HAZELWOOD HEALTH CENTRE

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Closed  
Monday January 1st 2007 Closed

### CHURCHILL HOT BREAD SHOP

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Closed  
Monday January 1st 2007 Closed

### CHURCHILL CHIROPRACTIC

Closed between Friday December 22nd -  
Wednesday January 3rd 2007

### CHURCHILL PIZZA

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Closed  
Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd  
January 2007 Closed

### CHURCHILL CUTTING CORNER

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Closed  
Wednesday December 27th Closed  
Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd  
January 2007 Closed

### CHURCHILL POST OFFICE

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Closed  
Monday January 1st 2007 Closed

### SIGHT & SOUND ENGINEERING & NEW AGE SHOP

Closed between - Saturday 23rd December and  
Monday 15th January 2007

### SALOON BAR

Open Normal hours every day except New Year's  
Day - Midday - 6.00pm.

### CHURCHILL LAUNDROMAT

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Closed  
Monday January 1st 2007 Closed  
Tuesday January 2nd 2007 Closed

### COMMONWEALTH BANK

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Closed  
Monday January 1st 2007 Closed

### CHURCHILL CHINESE

Monday December 25th Closed  
Tuesday December 26th Open  
Closed from  
Friday January 19th 2007 - 5 pm till  
Monday February 8th 2007.

### CHURCHILL LIFELINE SHOP

Closed Wednesday December 20th 12pm -Monday  
15th January 2007  
Monday 15th January - Friday January 27th open-  
ing hours are 10.00am-2.00pm.  
From Monday January 29th open each day 9.30am -  
4.00pm

### WOODY'S TIMBER & HARDWARE

Closed between - Thursday 21st December and  
Wednesday 3rd January 2007





# Visited the Lyrebird Walk Lately?

By WENDY BROWN

Congratulations must go to the tireless Friends Group who was involved in the rehabilitation on the Lyrebird Walk near Mirboo North, which was officially re-opened last year.

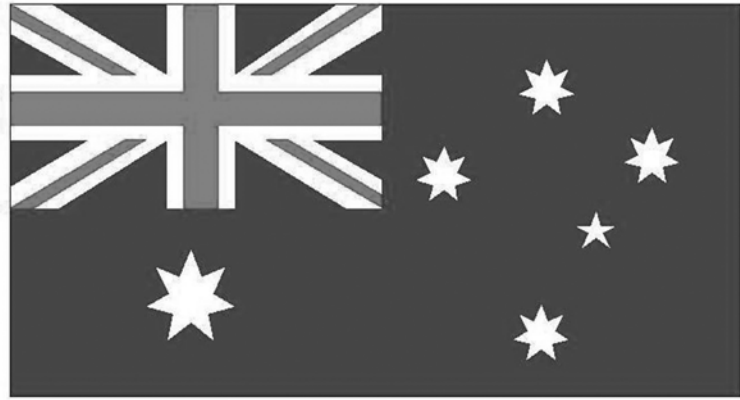
The Latrobe Valley U3A bush-walking group recently visited the

Lyrebird Walk for a picnic lunch after walking the Rail Trail. The first 800 metres is now a pleasant and safe walk for all abilities along the Little Morwell River, with seats strategically placed along the way for one to sit and enjoy the stunning views, or just to rest and contemplate. Beside the track, we admired

the little orchids, pink heath and towering Mountain Ash trees. After crossing the bridge, we made our way along the track edged by coral ferns and more wild flowers, before arriving back at the picnic and parking area. The Lyrebird Walk is well worth a visit and great for a family picnic.

## AUSTRALIA DAY

26th January 2007



- \* 8:00am
- \* West Place Shopping Centre
- \* Bring your own chairs
- \* Join us for Breakfast
- \* Citizen Award Presentation



Organised by the  
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Looking Back ...  
Through The Eyes of Local Residents:  
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An Oral History of Churchill

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### P & J

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To all our Customers a Safe and Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.  
Thank you for your support over the year.  
We are closed from:  
December 25th 2006 - January 8th 2007.  
**Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year**

## New Year's Eve Dance

The Old Time Family Dance will be held in the Jeeralang North Hall on New Year's Eve  
**Sunday 31 December 2006**

Dancing from 8.00 pm to 12.30 pm	Admission: \$6.00
Music: Rhythm Trio	Door Prize & Novelties
	Please bring a plate



## Old Time Family Dance

Friday January 26 2007

Dancing from 8.00 pm to 11.30 pm	Admission: \$5.00
Music: Rhonda Richards	Door Prize & Novelties
	Please bring a plate

For more details please ring Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264

# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## Peter and Kay McShane

# They came for six months in 1971 and are still here!

By RUTH PLACE

Those of you who know the McShane's will know how dedicated they are to the Churchill Community. You will also know that Peter is a great thinker, a quick worker, and a bit of a villain. If you read on you will find that that attribute has not developed in adult years but stems from a slightly misspent childhood!

Peter's grandparents were of Irish descent. Peter's Mother was born at Pirronyallock near Colac, in the Western District. His Father was born in Brunswick, and was raised in Geelong. There were too many boys in the family and the parents could not manage to keep them, so Peter's Dad was put in an orphanage- St. Augustine's in Highton. Peter grew up in Geelong also, so he has followed his father's preference and also barracks for Geelong Football Club.

Peter's parents met at a dance. His Father was taken with his Mother when she got up to sing. They started talking, and he took her to the next dance. Peter's Dad was a self-taught carpenter and a bricklayer, which he learnt while at the Christian Brother school at Highton.

Peter's parents married in 1936. In 1939, Pauline was born, then followed Monica in 1937, Eileen Patricia who was stillborn, Mary who was stillborn, Peter in 1943, Bernadette in 1947, and Brendan in 1949.

They lived in Brunswick for 18 months. Then they moved to Ascot Vale, where most of the family was born. Peter was born in the front bedroom of the house. He upset his Mum, because when he decided to be born, she missed out on pancakes for tea!

Peter's Dad worked as a carpenter, bricklayer and plumber. It was in the days before people had to be licensed for these trades. He also was MC at dances around town, especially the Geelong Supporters Club. Peter describes his Dad as having a voice that would turn ships in the bay! He also worked with the Young Christian Workers-YCW, where he umpired football and cricket. He was still playing handball, a game no longer played, well into his 40s. He was a strong fit man. Mum was a housewife. She was a steady, smart character. These attributes she passed on to Monica, who was a clever woman. Peter says Mum stayed home and raised the family and was happy doing it. She was quiet, but she always ended up getting you to do what she wanted.

Peter went to school at St. Brendan's in Flemington. The nuns asked Dad to move him to the Christian Brothers- St. Monica's at Moonee Ponds. Here Peter settled down to school life and bit more. He says the Brothers were hard and tough, but fair. He enjoyed being there. He won a Junior Government Scholarship to St Kieren's, a special school for gifted, clever students for one year. Then he won another scholarship to St Joseph's CBC in North Melbourne. But his, as Peter describes them, 'smart alec ways', lead to him leaving. (Peter remembered the results of his smart alec ways and decided that was not going to happen with his girls! He exhorted them all to study hard.)

Peter got a job at the SEC at Footscray, in 1959, as a Junior Clerk. He enjoyed being around the metropolitan area. He met Kay over the phone. She worked at Remmington Rand Chartres Office Equipment. Peter needed to order some special stencils, and Kay was taking the orders.

In the early sixties, Peter began playing football for the Essendon and District League, with the Riverside Stars. Peter was also on the committee, as the youngest member ever. In 1968 he was made a Life Member.

Not long after Peter began playing, he mashed his knee playing football, and was on crutches, so he decided to go and see the girl on

the end of the line. They met face to face, and decided to go out. They accompanied each other to events. Kay needed a partner for one do, Peter needed one for another, and so the relationship grew. Peter was heavily into basketball in Melbourne for seven nights a week, and they did much of their courting in that context.

Kay was Kay Bailey, born in 1948. Her Mother was born in Albert Park, and her Father was born in Kalgoolie. So how did they meet with such a distance between them? Kay's Dad was a middle weight boxing champion. He was so good that he had had fights in South Africa, and other places overseas, as well as traveling all around Australia as a professional boxer, as they did in those days. The family settled in Port Melbourne. Kay's Dad and Mum met at the pictures in a blackout. Result, Dad walked Mum home, and that was the start of their life together. They were married in June 1935.

Soon after, along came Norma in 1936, Bernie in 1938, Leah in 1940, Wendy in 1942

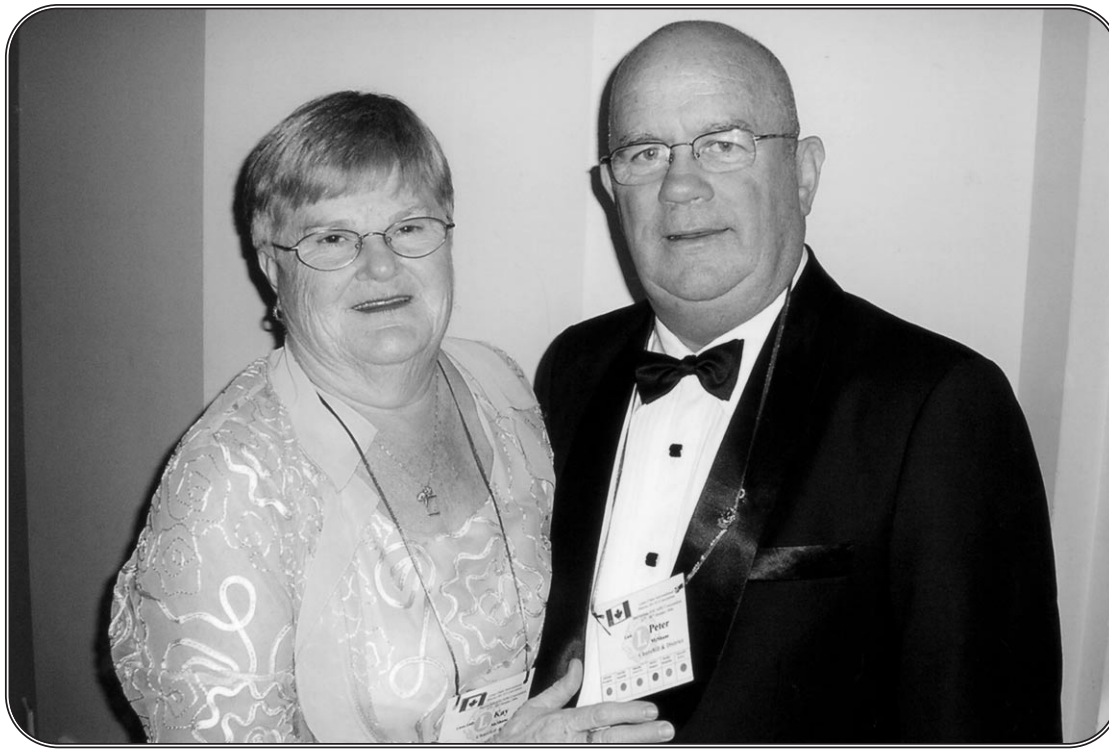
*The SEC blokes had told Peter that Churchill was terrific because there you avoided the stink from the paper mill and the coal dust from the power stations.*

which they rejected, they took up residence in Manning Drive opposite the playing fields, providing open spaces and fresh air. The SEC blokes had told Peter that Churchill was terrific because there you avoided the stink from the paper mill and the coal dust from the power stations.

This decision was not taken lightly, as a deposit of \$200 was required to purchase the home. They had to stay two years or they would have to pay the deposit back. How would they pay it back weighed on their minds. To add to that Kay's Mother was not happy with the move.

Peter declares that life was basic, but satisfying. Their furniture was second hand, procured from the Morwell Auctions. The floors were bare boards, which resulted in a lot of dust

When it came to moving back to Melbourne, the two of them both knew that Churchill was where they wanted to be, so the move back to Melbourne did not occur and the paying back of the deposit was not an issue.



Kay and Peter McShane

and finally Kay in 1948. The reason for the longer gap between the last two children was that Dad had been run over by a bus. He was told that he would never father another child. So Dad and Mum went to Tassie for a holiday using the compensation money, and brought Kay back with them.

Kay attended Graham St. Primary School for half a year, starting in June. This was the Bubs. Then she transferred to Middle Park Central School which went from Bubs to Grade 8. That meant that she could supposedly go to school with her sisters, who were at high school. She declares they were too slow, so she used to take herself off to school on the bus, by herself, from Grade 1, because she didn't want to be late.

From school, Kay went to work at Remmington Rand Chartres Office Supplies, where she met Peter!

In July 1967, they were married at St Joseph's Church Port Melbourne. The weather wasn't good, it was freezing, wet and miserable, but it was a great day. Much amber liquid was consumed. Week days were spent in working, but at weekends they tripped about and found many great spots to visit.

In 1971, the McShanes moved to Churchill for six months. Peter had obtained a promotion to Yallourn SEC, which in turn would lead to a further promotion in Melbourne. Well, they stayed. After an offer of a house in Yallourn,

And why would you want to move back to Melbourne when you had great neighbours, with whom you shared a great relationship? Besides, they both decided that Churchill would be a great place to bring up their children.

Kay became pregnant in 1972, and so began their community work!

Watson Park Kindergarten was established, but there were not enough places there to accommodate the growing number of children in this young town. So Peter and Kay set to work to have Walkley Park Kinder established for their first child, Jacki. The Steering Committee's was formed, with Peter as Inaugural President, the first male president on a kinder committee in Victoria, or Vice President. The committee's first job was to do a survey of homes in Churchill. Their questions:-

Do you have children?

Are you pregnant?

Are you hoping to have children?

These questions and the subsequent answers showed the need for a second kinder so the plans got under way. Pat Williams was the first Directress. In those days there was a ballot for the kinders. After all their work, Jacki missed out on a place at Walkley Park on the first round. Three places had been reserved for children with special needs. As these were unfilled, Jacky was eventually given a place. Kay spent many mornings doing milk and fruit duty. In 1974 Nicole

arrived increasing the family. Nicole did kinder for three years, two of these unofficially as a tag-a-long with Mum as Kay did kinder duty, performed as emergency milk and fruit Mum, before doing her third year as an official kinder kid. Kay says Nicole was spoiled by Pat and Carmen Cook who was Pat's assistant.

In 1976, Janine joined the family at five years of age. It took five years to make Janine's adoption official.

From 1979-80, Kay worked as a cleaner of the student units at Monash. She stopped to have operations on her arm. Then after recovering she went back for a few years before giving it away. Kay preferred to be a Mum who was home when the children came home from school.

As the children finished kinder, they started school. Janine began in Preps, there was school council to be joined, so Peter thought he would go along to see how it functioned. Guess what? Peter was elected to the council, and he was appointed President! And President he stayed for nine years. Both Kay and Peter enthuse about those days as being great ones. Kay worked on the Mother's Club. She was Fete Co-Ordinator. Both Kay and Peter served on the canteen voluntary staff. They also had the responsibility of testing all the incoming preps with the Crossroads program to help establish their strengths and weaknesses. It looked at co-ordination, physical ability as well as fine motor abilities, like being able to use scissors etc.

One of the memorable events in Peter's Presidency was a debate with regional Office about the taking of a portable building. Regional Office said one, the school council wanted the other to go. The deal struck was that if the school paid for the removal of the one they wanted to go, it could go. Peter took the initiative and asked the Highland Plant Hire man to bring around a crane. Peter was apprehensive about how the school would pay and even more apprehensive about telling school council what he had done! When the man did the removal, he told Peter that the job cost was donated. Peter breathed a sigh of relief!

They were good times, hearing reading, accompanying excursions, watching the kids grow, develop and improve.

APEX began and Peter got involved, when they built the playground pieces in Watson Park next to the Churchill Primary School grounds. These have now gone, due to wear and tear. Another project of APEX was the Lake Hyland park area of Mathison Park, now looked after by the Lions Club. Barbecue shelters, play ground equipment, tables and seats were all arranged in the area. There was also the adventure playground built outside Churchill North school ground. Of course the Fun Days at Monash with the bonfire and fireworks were great occasions. Fat Cat of TV fame was a guest once. Rob de Souza-Daw arranged for a New Zealand air force plane fly over from Christchurch on another occasion. Peter describes Rob as the driving force, full of ideas. Peter himself relished the job of arranging the manpower for the projects. Apex was involved in the whole community. It was the Apex Club which instigated the idea of having a blood bank for Red Cross in the town. A survey was composed and sent out, asking for volunteers to run the blood bank and to be blood donors. The blood bank started with help from the 7Morwell Red Cross ladies, and operated out of the Community Health Centre for several years. In that time Peter and Kay did their part by helping with registrations at the door, and as tea lady. Peter made an unusual but chatty tea lady. When Churchill Blood Bank closed, Kay and Peter went to help in Morwell, as did other helpers from Churchill.

When the Blood Bank requirements became too stringent for many volunteers, they dropped out sadly. APEX was a big part of their family life for eight years. In 1983, Peter was made a Life Member. Peter says that his time in APEX was a happy fun time, where he made many solid friendships. It was a community minded club, but it didn't get too serious, which Peter says is a good way to go.

As children do, the girls grew and it was off to secondary school. Janine was one of the first girls in the first year of co-ed classes at Morwell Tech. Kay joined the school council. Then Peter and Kay became involved with the planning of the Churchill Post Primary School at Churchill. Peter was Treasurer, and then President for 3-4 years. When it became Kurnai College, Peter filled the positions of Treasurer, President and Vice President over a number of years. Kay was also on the Churchill Post Primary School [CPPS] council. Kay proudly tells me that Jacki was a student representative on the CPPS council.

Jacky and Nicole started secondary school at Maryvale school in Morwell, before Churchill was established. Then they attended Churchill. Those students were known as Red-Backs because they wore red windcheaters. Peter and Kay were members of all sorts of school committees including the Brick Committee, who's job was to chose the colour of the bricks to be used. Others included were the Grounds and Maintenance Committee and Curriculum Committee. They attended In-Service days with the staff. Generally they had lots of fun.

One of the highlights for Peter was to go as a parent helper, on the school bus trip to Expo in Brisbane. The kids learnt that Peter could be a lot of fun. He came back with the nickname of 'Killer'.

All these effort they believe were for the good

of their own children's education opportunities, but the community was also the great beneficiary. Peter declares that if you want to change things, not just whinge about them, then get involved. It is a great way to reap satisfaction and a happy way to meet people and make friends They did!

Then the girls went off to University, and Kay and Peter started life on their own.

Peter took a package from the SEC in 1989. But six months later he joined ASIC- Australian Securities and Investment Commission when the new building was erected in Traralgon. There he stayed for twelve years. In that time he wrote the Warning and Penalty Notice for companies, and RE-Registered and Re-Instated Companies. He worked in Telephone Call Centre 6.

In 2002 Peter retired. He now works part time at Big W.

For the last twelve years Kay has been an exam supervisor at Monash. Peter also helps out.

Since retiring from ASIC Peter and Kay have had a dose of the travel bug. They have traveled to every state and major city in Australia, been on twelve cruises, visited England, Europe, America- specifically Disneyland, and Asia including Vietnam and Thailand. The trip to Disneyland sparked an enduring love of anything to do with Winnie the Pooh, but especially Eyore, the sad donkey. Peter has a wonderful collection of many representations of this animal, including a car number plate.

Travel has given them a greater appreciation of what we have here in Australia, saying it is the best country in the world!

But travel has not been the only thing to occupy these years. In 1991 Peter joined the Churchill Citizens Association. Murray Homes and Tom Lawless got it going. Peter was President for three years, and has been Vice President since.

1991 was also the year the McShanes moved from Manning Drive to Quigley Crescent. There

was also YMCA Bowling to attend.

In 1993 Peter was inducted into Lions. Apex had folded. Currently Peter is Cabinet Secretary for District 201V3, which takes in the area of Mallacoota to Rye. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Peter was made Vice District Governor. November 2006, Peter became District Governor elect. In July 2007, he will be off to Chicago to represent this area. Peter has held every office in the Lions. November also saw Peter receive the highest International President's Award- The International President's Certificate of Appreciation, as well as the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

In 1999, Peter and Kay became interested in

Neighbourhood Watch, joining the Committee. Peter and Kay did heaps of work getting this organization off the ground. Although Kay has retired, Peter is still vice chair of this group, after a number of years as Chair. He has expanded his involvement to District Manager and into Regional and State committees.

Kay and Peter are very proud of their daughters. Their three grand daughters and one grand son are the light of their lives.

Janine lives in Singleton in NSW with her partner. She is the mother of Krystal and Kay'lei Jacki is in Melbourne in a senior management position in a Commonwealth Agency.

Nicole married Timothy Bramsted. They live in Traralgon and have Jacob and Jenna.



## Lions Club Of Churchill & District Christmas Is Coming!



By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

The Lions Club is again sponsoring two Awards through the four Primary Schools in our district this year. One is based on leadership skills and the other on academic skills. Each school nominated a year 6 student to receive the Awards, which will be presented at an appropriate occasion before the school year ends. Churchill Primary, Churchill North Primary, Lumen Christi Primary, and Hazelwood North Primary all agreed to participate this year and we thank them for this opportunity to continue expanding our involvement with youth in our community.

There was a working bee at our sponsored house at Licola Wilderness Village over the weekend of 25/26 November to prepare for the summer camps. The front veranda was fixed and the back veranda finished with a sheet of fibre-glass roofing. Another working bee was held on 2/3 December.

Each year we send a group of children to Lions Village Licola to 'have a break'. Four children have been chosen to attend a camp during January 2007.

Christmas Trees are DEFINITELY AVAILABLE through our club from December 9th. All freshly cut and only \$25 each.

Snippets -

Lions Tom Quinn and John Barker attended a Latrobe Valley Submission Writing Seminar.

The Club is running Citizen Awards again this year. The deadline has been passed and the applications are being judged.

Presentations will be at Australia Day celebration in January 2007.

We catered for the opening of the Churchill Cop Shop Program.

Lion Trevor Burgess attended the Latrobe Regional Hospital thank you function.

The Club ran "Letters to Santa" again this year through the schools.

Lions Christmas Cakes are available - see Carl Hood at Australia Post or any Lions member.

Lioness/Lions Christmas breakup barbecue was held at Hazelwood pondage in early December.

Camp Quality volunteers, Lion John Barker and Lioness Margaret Barker, attended a family Camp at Echuca, ensuring the families had a great time - they also attended the family Christmas party at the Melbourne Aquarium.

We are sponsoring Christmas Hampers to residents in our community - co-ordinated by Salvation Army.

Club members successfully catered for -

Camp Quality at Bunnings on November 12th and Spinal Cord Fellowship at Bunnings on December 9th.



Computer Show in Traralgon November 12th.

Junior Fishing Comp on November 11th. We supplied barbecue sausages and a drink for each competitor as well as \$200 in tackle boxes as prizes.

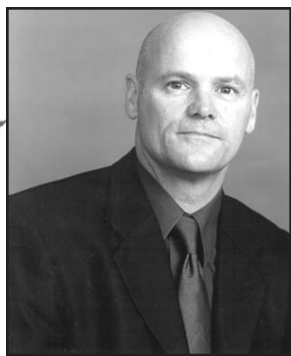
Churchill Community Market December 2nd with proceeds going to the Community Hub.

REMINDER - The Lions Club of Churchill and District Junior and Senior Citizen of the year Awards - presentation at Australia Day 2007. Details in this issue.

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Lucinda Martin and Daniel Truscott were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in November. All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join. IS YOUR CHILD A MEMBER? IF NOT, WHY NOT? Make sure your child is registered - just follow the instructions in the Lions Birthday Club list published each month in the Churchill News. WE NEED MORE MEMBERS.

To all the families in our great community of Churchill and surrounding district, we thank you for your support and wish each and everyone a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. Need to contact us? Our address is The Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District, PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842.

It has been a privilege to represent the people of Churchill and Latrobe Valley over the last 10 years.



Wishing all readers a healthy and safe Christmas and New Year.

**Brendan Jenkins & Staff**

# ~~~~~ Youth Yard ~~~~~

## "Farewell, it's been fun"

BY Lonely Heart

It is a sad but undeniable fact that Youth Yard shall not be starting up again next year due to Mister McDuffie retiring. We are all sad to see him go, but we all knew this day would come. We wish him a happy retirement.

But due to that, in fact to the dismay of students, it is unlikely that any teachers will be opening it up next year. So I shall close with some comment from Youth Yard contributors.

"Well it's been great, finding an outlet for my poetry and it's a bummer that we have to say bye" - Lonely Heart.

"I have had fun submitting some of my literary works

to Youth Yard. It will be sad to see the end of such a great program....." - JazzmanX

"It will be sad to see you go; I wish you all the best for the future." - Tifa

"It was great writing articles for Youth Yard, I had fun. It is going to be sad not writing articles anymore." L.O.D

"Youth Yard has been one of the better things about Kurnai, and that's mostly because you were running it. Unfortunately the kids next year won't have the same experience." - Rosco J. K.

So we will miss you and Youth Yard next year Good Luck and farewell.



## FAREWELL, TO YOUTH YARD

BY Owen Guthrie

Although it doesn't affect me personally, because I am going to the GEP next year, it is a shame that Churchill Kurnai's "Youth Yard" will not be continuing next year. I have been involved in Youth Yard since its beginnings in 2003. For those who don't know, the reason it is not continuing is because Mr. Kim McDuffie, the teacher who runs it, is retiring at the end of the year.

Over the last few years Youth Yard has changed a lot. At first it was about five students and Mr. McDuffie meeting either in the drama room or the computer room during Friday lunchtime. In 2004

Youth Yard really took off. It started to get a lot more people regularly coming on Friday lunchtimes, and it was moved from the drama room to its permanent home in a computer room (CR2). It has continued in pretty much the same way since then.

We have had many people come and go. Some contributed regularly, others just dropped into have a chat about things and maybe help other people write things. It is a great shame that Youth Yard will not be continuing next year, as next year's students will not have the same opportunity to get together on a Friday lunchtime for talking and writing

# Game Reviews

## New Super Mario Bros. - Nintendo DS

Rating: 7/10 \*\*\*\*\*

This game is suitable for people of all ages.



Description: This recent Mario game is for the first 2D Mario game on Nintendo DS. This game has many new pickup items that cannot be found in any other Mario games. These items are the Invincible Blue Shell, Mega Mushroom, and the Tiny Blue Mushroom. There are more types of enemies, and there are also some of the original creatures from the older Mario games. Some of these new enemies are obviously the bosses,

- Mini goomba, Snailicorn, Snow Spike, and some others. There are 8 worlds, there are 3 coins, except for the toad houses which can give you extra lives, or could change your backup items (pickups).

Single Player Mini Games: Try them out for your-



self, they can be fairly fun, depending on who you are.

Multiplayer: This game mode can be single-card play, or multi-card play. There are 2 types of multiplayer modes which are mini games and 1-on-1 battle.

The mini games are much the same as the single player mini games, but you battle to see who the person with the best skills is. The 1-on-1 battle gives you a choice of some arenas to play in, then you choose to be either Mario or Luigi, and your opponent is the one you didn't choose. Then you battle to see the game to see who has the best skills for the game.

### Controls

- Left D-Pad - Move Left
- Up D-Pad - Enter Pipe
- L Trigger- Scroll Map Left
- Start- Pause Game
- B Button- Jump, swim up
- Y Button- Dash, pick up items
- Right D-Pad - Move right
- Down D-Pad - Enter Pipe
- R Trigger- Scroll Map Right
- A Button- Jump, swim up
- X Button- Dash, pick up items

## Pokemon Mystery Dungeon

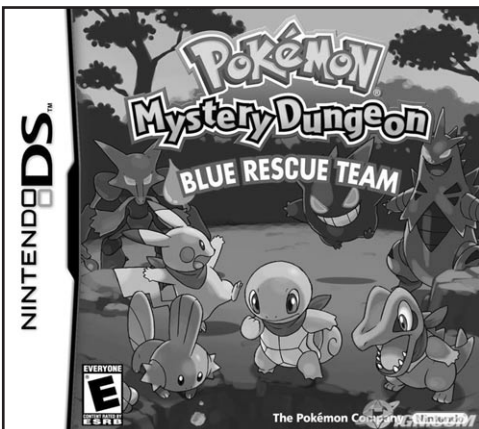
BY L.O.D.

Name: Pokemon Mystery Dungeon - Nintendo DS (Blue version) and Game Boy Advance (Red version)

Rating: L 7/10

Stars: \*\*\*\*\*

This game is suitable for people of all ages, (Rated G)



Description: This new Pokemon game was recently on both the Nintendo DS and Game Boy Advance. It is

an RPG/Strategy game that involves you being turned into a Pokemon (the one you become is determined by the personality questions you answer at the beginning of the game) knowing that you were once human, but with no memory of it. Another Pokemon comes and helps you (you get to choose out of a number of Pokemon) then you start a rescue team. The rescue team does many missions and recruits many other Pokemon to try and help others (and some only to gain recognition).

### Controls (NDS)

- Left D-Pad - Move Left
- Up D-Pad - Move Forwards
- Start/Select - Unknown
- B Button - Show menu or Cancel
- Y Button - Change Direction when also using directional buttons
- L Trigger then R Trigger - Use Set Item
- L then B - Show Message Log
- Right D-Pad - Move right
- Down D-Pad - Move Down
- A Button - Normal Attack
- X Button - Show Menu
- L then A - Use Set Move

Skater/Comedian/Actor for his other movies but this TV show he is just perfect for. The show has everything such as the dumb sidekick, a Latino House-cleaner, Trailer trash and a wide array of hilarious characters. Every episode Earl must correct one bad thing he had done in his life and cross it off his list but there is always something standing in his way. I watch this show every week and will never miss it; I give it 5 stars out of 5. Tune in yourself on 8pm Thursdays on Prime.

## "My name is Earl" Review.

BY Brett Student

In my opinion "My name is Earl" is one of the funniest shows on TV. A show about a low-life, scumbag that is righting all of his wrongs to avoid Karmic Retribution, I believe it is an incredibly appealing concept. I was already a big fan of Jason Lee (Earl) who was a Pro-

## What Cheezes ME Off?

BY Meagan Townsend

The thing that cheezes me off is yucky feet.

I can't stand them especially if the nails are long and the foot is dirty.

The sight of yucky feet almost makes me sick.

I actually quite like my own feet. Not long ago I saw a person (not naming names) with the most horrid feet.

Yuck, I really can not stand horrible, dirty or smelly feet.

I think that people with yucky feet should make an effort to improve them and people with nice feet should make sure that they stay that way.

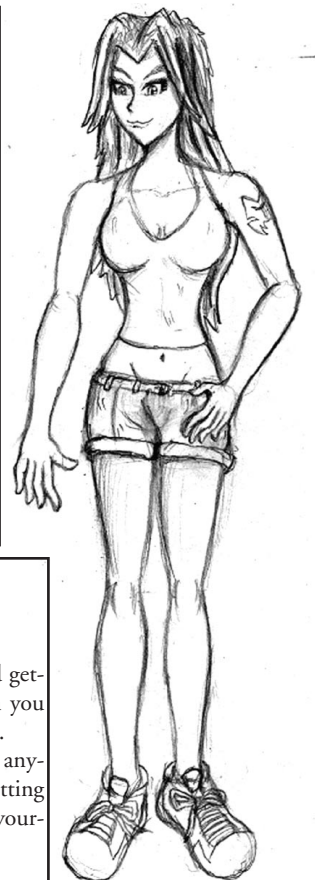
## What Cheezes ME Of?

BY Cathy James

What cheezes me of?

When bullies start to pick on people and getting about with it annoys me because when you tell the teachers they start to bully you more.

Any who is getting bullied at school or anywhere else needs help. If you see someone getting bullied you should stand up for them and yourself.



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## Why Can't I Use My Wisdom?

By Lonely Heart

For me this is how it is,  
How I live,  
Love others,  
And try to forgive.

I have a problem,  
That I know,  
But I just ignore it,  
And let it grow.

I know how to end it,  
To get the remedy,  
But I just can't stop,  
This pain that's building in me.

I should let them out,  
Let my feelings go.  
But I bottle them up,  
And that's unhealthy, I know.

Yet I give advice from others,  
And I give it from my heart,  
But I myself need help,  
I know, and that's a start.

My problem is I care too much,  
About others, like family.  
I don't pay attention  
To my needs, and me

Go ahead and laugh  
And tell me this can't be true.  
But remember, when you needed help,  
I never laughed at you.

I gave advice and console  
To help you with your life,  
I helped you stop your cutting,  
To throw away that knife..

Or when you went through that breakup.  
The one that made you cry.  
But after I helped you though it,  
Now all you do instead is sigh.

So why can't I help myself?  
practice what I preach?  
Maybe I need to learn more,  
About what I so willingly teach.

You see my problem is,  
That it's my problems I ignore,  
As I try to help you  
I tend to push my feelings away more and more.

Inside I cry,  
I scream I shout,  
As I calmly and kindly  
Try to help you out.

I let my feelings swell,  
I let them manifest,  
But deep inside I know that,  
That isn't for the best.

It's time I let them out,  
And I have a nice long cry,  
For when feelings are pushed aside,  
The never really die.

## Poem

BY Tifa

You told me you loved me  
You told me you cared  
I gave my heart to you  
And the love that we shared  
But you took my heart and burnt it  
You burnt it to the ground  
And when you were through with me  
I heard naught but one sound  
I heard your distant voice  
Your laughter, jeers and jokes  
Although you have no idea  
Of the feelings you provoke  
I cannot count the nights  
I laid there and cried

Thinking about you and counting  
Just how many times you lied  
You destroyed my confidence  
You smashed against the wall  
Now I wonder if you did this  
Just to watch me fall

When you first turned to me  
And said I miss you, I care  
I couldn't resist your eyes  
Your eyes and your stare  
But now you have gone  
And left me all confused  
After all I have done for you  
You left me feeling cold, hurt and abused

No why after all  
After all you have done  
After you destroyed my hopes  
Of what we could become  
Why do you still have me  
Wrapped under your spell  
Why can't someone free me  
Free me from this hell

Now there's just one question  
One question I must ask  
I pray it come quickly  
With healing, without tasks  
Do I not deserve?  
Why can I not learn?  
To love someone.....  
Who loves me in return?

## Singing??

What is with the people who can't sing?  
Not to name names, but particularly people with high pitched nasal voices who sing along to good songs and completely ruin them!

It is ridiculous! It's bad enough when you're walking along and they are singing to the rubbish they listen to but when they start singing along to good songs and completely ruin them, it is really frustrating.

Then you get the compete losers who

start doing that at school, in the middle of class!

I mean you're sitting there trying to concentrate while some jerk sitting two tables across from you start singing along to Californications by the Red Hot Chilli Peppers. This is a really good song and they completely ruin it by singing to it loudly, with a whiney voice! It is horrible! Sing like that in the shower if you have too. But NOT in Public!

## I'm Not a Super Hero

BY Lonely Heart and L.O.D

I'm not a super hero.  
I can't fly,  
But I'll still jump off a building for you.

I'm not a super hero  
I'm not bullet proof,  
But I'll still stand in front of a gun for you.

I'm not a super hero.  
I can't run a thousand miles per hour,  
But I'll still run away with the bomb.

I'm not a super hero.  
I can't with stand a ton of weight,  
But I'll still run in front of a train for you.

I'm not a super hero,  
But I'll still try to save you.

## People

BY Jade Rawling

People care about who die.

People care about people who cry.

But people don't care about who are depressed or who try to kill.

We are free spirits.

Yes, we are.

We are strong and brave all the same.

My friends think that I am to blame for the problems they have but I don't care because I didn't create them, yell at me, if you want someone to hate.

## A CRITICISM

BY Brett Student

If there's one thing that makes me mad, it's people who don't eat their McDonald's meals in the right order.

It is an unwritten rule that you must eat your chips before your burger, the drink doesn't matter, you can drink it any time.

The reason you eat the chips first is because they get cold quicker.

Then there are those freaks that put their

chips in their burger.

What kind of sick twisted individual would do that and why?

I don't even want to talk about the "Sickos" that alternate between chips and burger.

Enough said, just please, I beg you, eat your meals in the right order.

## Plan

BY Cathy James

When life doesn't go to plan  
You need to plan

If that doesn't work you make a better plan  
Never give up, You just need to plan

## Jack's Web Page of the Month!!

This Jack's webpage of the week. This week at school where is this cool new website/game called 'Line Rider'. The thing you have to do is to make 'Line Rider' travel along your line and avoid him crashing.

I have constructed some pretty wicked tracks myself, but the ones to beat are ones on YouTube. Go to

YouTube and put 'Line Rider' in the search engine. There's some awesome videos of 'Line Rider'.

Line rider:  
<http://www.deviantart.com/deviation/40255643/>

YouTube  
<http://www.youtube.com/>

## Friends

BY Jade Rawling

Find Friends they are forever and always  
To stick by your side and be by your side through thick and thin

Be by their side and never let them go  
For the fact that friends are close and always by your side

Never let them go. Be strong for when they go away  
And think of them everyday

Be friends forever and never apart and know that they will always be in your heart.

"Greg"

BY Brett Student

There once was a man named Greg.

On his nose he wore a wooden peg.

He said it was because.

He hated to smell of frogs

So he lived the rest of his life in a "Vic Bitter" Keg

## Colours

BY Cathy James

When the rainbow came out, Helen said I like those colours. Why can't the world be like that? I said there are too many things going on in this world.

Helen went off sad so I decided to make our room colourful. But first I had to ask my Mum and Dad. So a couple of hours later I went to ask them and they said yes.

So I got my pocket money out and they drove me to the paint shop in Morwell so I could go and get the colourful paint. But

I was \$10.05 short of money. Then a nice gentleman gave me the money so I could go and paint our room. I thanked him dearly. So I was off home to paint our room. But Helen was still out. But Dad had already planned it out. It took about 5 hours to paint and 1 day to dry.

When Helen came home she was very shocked, but thanked me gratefully for making apart in this world colourful.



Some of the staff and resident's family dress up for the occasion on Melbourne Cup Day. If you look closely you will notice that their glasses are empty. The residents enjoyed a special afternoon tea while watching their horses (hopefully) cross the winning post first. Pictured above are the staff and Sarah dressed for the Melbourne Cup.

## Hazelwood House Happenings



The Latrobe Valley Ballroom dancers visited the hostel in their bright Christmas outfits and guess who also visited the residents?!



Each year the Greyhound Valley. Hazelwood House's dog was Association nominate a greyhound to some of the local organizations in the Jamazz. The trainers brought Jamazz to the hostel to visit the residents.

*Merry Christmas*  
**from the  
 Lions Club of  
 Churchill &  
 District**

**\$25**

**Fresh cut  
 CHRISTMAS TREES  
 available from  
 9th December.**

## Morwell River NEIP proposal complete

The proposal for a Morwell River Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan (NEIP) has now been completed and submitted to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of Victoria for its approval.

The proposal, which outlines an intention to prepare a detailed plan for the Morwell River similar to the one completed for Traralgon Creek, has been the focus of the NEIP steering committee for the past seven months.

This steering committee, which comprises representatives of a wide range of organisations including government agencies, the power and forestry industries, community and environmental groups, landowners, community representatives, Monash University, and Latrobe City, has met on a regular basis and developed broad objectives and a vision for the long term management of the river catchment and tributaries.

Following approval from the EPA, the steering committee will develop a detailed action plan to address the major issues of concern which have been identified as part of the proposal process. Some of these issues include the management of public reserves, better recreation facilities for visitors, and the reduction of vandalism and

instances of littering along the river.

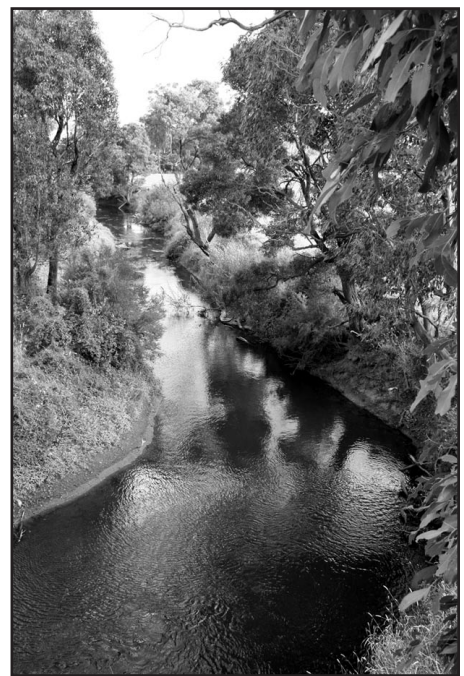
Representatives of the Boolarra Development Group, Yinnar & District Community Association and Churchill District Community Association have all been an integral part of the community input to the proposal as well as information gathered from public workshops conducted in Yinnar and Boolarra.

Written support for the NEIP has been received from West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Grand Ridge Plantations, International Power Hazelwood, TRU energy, Victorian Farmers Federation (Yinnar Branch), Monash University, Mathison Park Committee and from the three community associations mentioned above. The twenty partners of the NEIP have all signed an agreement to develop this plan 'in a spirit of openness and active participation by all partners'.

Latrobe City NEIP officer, Mike Answerth, has said that the steering committee members have already displayed remarkable commitment.

"The members have also demonstrated a great spirit of co-operation in working towards a successful outcome for this project, and I am sure that this will continue during the development of the plan," Mr Answerth said.

Copies of the Morwell River NEIP proposal can be obtained from the Latrobe City Headquarters in Morwell or by ringing Mike Answerth, NEIP Officer, on 5128 5074.





# Partysafe!



In conjunction with the Premier's Drug Prevention Council, Victoria Police operate the PARTYSAFE program. PARTYSAFE is a key crime prevention tool operating in your local area.

Registering your party with PARTYSAFE will provide your local police with the information they will need if they are called to your party to deal with a disturbance. PARTYSAFE is about minimising the risk of having intoxicated guests or gatecrashers ruin your party.

PARTYSAFE registration forms are available from local police stations or via download at [www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au).

Always remember if you are unable to handle any situation that may occur at a party, call Victoria Police on '000'.

To help minimise the risk of having intoxicated guests or gatecrashers ruining your party, follow these simple PARTYSAFE tips, which are also contained within a PARTYSAFE brochure available from your local police station upon registration, or downloadable from the Victoria Police internet site:

## Food and Drinks

Providing the right food at your party is a great way to discourage the excessive consumption of alcohol:

- ❖ Ensure food is readily available to guests. Remember, food does not prevent people from becoming intoxicated, but eating can help slow down the rate at which alcohol is absorbed into the body.
- ❖ Avoid serving salty snacks as they can make people thirsty and encourage them to drink more.
- ❖ Provide a wide variety of non-alcoholic drinks such as mocktails and fruit juices.
  - + If you are providing alcohol, offer low alcohol drinks such as light beer.
- ❖ Limit the provision of spirits, champagne, wine and full strength beer.
- ❖ Only make alcohol available from one area and have a responsible adult serving.

## Looking after your guests

As a host you have the right to set the standard of acceptable behaviour that is maintained at your party:

- ❖ Keep noise levels to a minimum.
- ❖ Parental supervision or the presence of other adults may help maintain a trouble-free party for younger people.
- ❖ If trouble occurs, try to be verbally assertive when maintaining control.
- ❖ Remember it's your party and you have the right to ask people to leave.
- ❖ Encourage parents to collect their children

at the end of the party.

## For Hosts

Whilst you have a right of expectation in regard to the behaviour of your guests, you also have a responsibility to ensure you provide your guests with a safe party environment:

- ❖ Register your party with PARTYSAFE.
- ❖ Entrance to your party via invitation only will discourage gatecrashing.
- ❖ Use your invitation to make the start and finish time clear.
- ❖ Consider using entrance passes, you could send them out with the invitations.
- ❖ Place your PARTYSAFE alert sign in a prominent entry point position, to warn intending gatecrashers and to reassure invited guests that your party is registered with the police.
- ❖ Providing the alcohol at your party might make it easier to control the amount that is consumed.
- ❖ Have a responsible, sober adult serving the drinks.
- ❖ Advise your neighbours in advance and consider inviting them.
- ❖ Keep noise levels to a minimum. Locate speakers away from neighbours. If possible keep noise located within the premises.

## For Parents

It is advisable to know some of the details about parties that your children are attending. It would be reasonable to obtain a telephone contact number for the people who will be hosting the party and/or the house or venue where the party will be occurring.

- Speak with the host to find out:
- ❖ How many people are attending?
  - ❖ Is attendance by invitation only?
  - ❖ Has the party been registered with PARTYSAFE?
  - ❖ Will food be provided?
  - + Will alcohol be provided or otherwise available?
  - ❖ What time does the party finish?
  - ❖ Will adult supervision or crowd control be on hand?

To ensure that your children get to and from a party, especially one where alcohol is being served, consider dropping them off and picking them up at designated times. This will discourage them from congregating outside, before and after the party. If not, ensure that they have some safe method of transport available.

Laws still apply to providing liquor to and the consumption of liquor by persons under 18 years. Parents cannot give their children permission to break the law and therefore young people may encounter difficulty with police if they are found

to be in possession of alcohol products, if for instance on their way to a party, even if their parents have approved its' consumption.

## Drink Spiking

The term 'drink spiking' refers to drugs or alcohol being added to a drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) without the consent of the person consuming it (Australian Drug Foundation 2002). It is often confused with Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault, which is a criminal offence that may or may not relate to the spiking of a drink.

There remains very little forensic evidence to justify the attention that alleged Drink Spiking incidents receive in the media.

## Advice for the community

- ❖ Don't spike the drink of another person - for any reason. You may be committing a criminal offence
- ❖ Plan the night out, let someone know where you are going & the time you expect to be home
- ❖ Encourage one person to be the designated driver for the evening. This person can watch the drinks and the behaviour of those in the group
- ❖ Always have someone responsible watch your drink
- ❖ Be wary of accepting drinks that you haven't seen poured
  - + If you start to feel very drunk, very suddenly, seek help straight away from a trusted friend. If you are on your own in a bar or club, seek assistance from staff
- ❖ Do not attempt to leave on your own
- ❖ DO NOT isolate yourself from friends or staff by going to the toilets alone

## Assistance to Drink Spiking Victims

- ❖ If you believe that your drink has been spiked, seek help from a friend or staff member if on managed or licenced premises.
- ❖ If you suspect that a drink you are about to consume has been tampered or interfered with, ask the bar staff to replace the drink. If they are unwilling, it is recommended you apply the "If in doubt, throw it out" rule.
- ❖ If somebody tells you that they believe their drink has been spiked, DO NOT leave them alone or in the company of people unknown to you or them. Seek medical assistance as required. An ambulance can be called on telephone: 000.
- ❖ Consider contacting the police for advice or to report the matter.

## Referrals

Although the vast majority of Drink Spikings are believed to be for 'prank purposes' and are not associated with any further criminal behaviour, referral advice for victims of rape and sexual

assault is as follows:

Victims of rape and sexual assault can access assistance from anywhere in Australia for the price of a local call, 24 hours a day. In Victoria, consideration should be given to the following services:

Victorian Sexual Assault Crisis Line:

- ❖ Metropolitan - ph: 03 9 3491766
- ❖ Rural only - ph: 1800 806 292

There are a number of Centres Against Sexual Assault (CASAs) located throughout Victoria, who offer crisis support and referral services. To identify the CASA nearest to you, you can call CASA House (Melbourne) on ph: 03 9 344 2210 or visit [www.rwh.org.au/casa](http://www.rwh.org.au/casa)

Police:

- ❖ If you require an emergency response from police ph: 000 (24 hours).
- ❖ For general information and advice contact your local police station. A list of individual police station telephone numbers can be located in the White Pages Business & Government Directory, under 'V' for Victoria Police.
- ❖ Crimestoppers - ph: 1800 333 000

## Standard Drinks

The Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing have calculated the Australian Alcohol Guidelines to assist Australians minimise the health risks associated with the consumption of alcohol. The recommendation is that:

Men should drink no more than 4 Standard Drinks of alcohol a day on average and never more than 6 a day.

Women should drink no more than 2 Standard Drinks a day on average and never more than 4 a day.

Everyone should have 1 or 2 alcohol-free days per week.

Labels on over the counter purchased alcoholic drink containers state the number of Standard Drinks in the container. Check the label to see how many Standard Drinks are contained within the bottle or can that you are drinking from. The Standard Drink Guide provided opposite, provides this information at a glance.

Standard Drink amounts do not equate to the amount of wine for instance, that you pour into a glass at home or that a restaurant serves. Standard Drink information is also not to be confused with Blood Alcohol Concentration amounts relevant to drink/driving. For further information visit

<http://www.alcoholguidelines.gov.au/>

Remember these Alcohol Guidelines are exactly that - guidelines! It is always best to err on the side of caution in relation to alcohol consumption.



Win Roberts

## Golden Oldies and Glenwood Craft Ladies Caring for Injured Wildlife

The Craft Ladies from Glenwood Assisted Living in Traralgon and the Golden Oldies Club of Churchill presented 104 pouches they have made throughout the year to Cheryl Bickton. Cheryl - otherwise known as the Possum Lady from Calignee cares for injured animals. The pouches will be used to help sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, such as the possum being cuddled by 94 year old Win Roberts.

A big thank you goes to all those ladies who helped - your work will be much appreciated, particularly since we are facing a horrendous fire season which will potentially have a serious adverse effect on local wildlife.



Presenting the 104 pouches from L-R: Anita, Ann, Win, Cheryl (Behind) Joan Gardner (Craft Co Ordinator) Joan & Doris

# BIRTHDAYITES



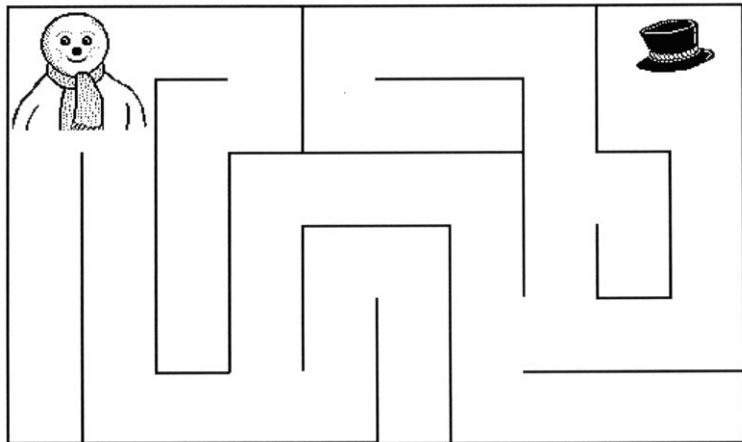
Daniel TRUSCOTT  
12 years on the  
27th November 2006

Lucinda MARTIN  
7 years on the  
18th of November 2006

These "Birthdayites" were all smiles as they were each presented with a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District.

They were chosen at random from the November list. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".

## HELP FROSTY FIND HIS HAT!



## HA HA Christmas Jokes HA HA

- What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?  
*Tinselitus*
- What does Santa Claus like to do in his garden?  
*Santa likes to hoe, hoe, hoe*
- Why did the elf push his bed into the fireplace?  
*He wanted to sleep like a log*
- What do you call a gigantic polar bear?  
*Nothing, you just run away!*



# Christmas Colouring Competition Win a Santa Sack Full of Goodies

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### To Enter

Colour in the picture above  
Fill in your name, address and telephone number.  
Send your entry to: Competition, Churchill & District News, PO Box 234, Churchill or put it into one of our Drop Off Boxes at Cafe Le Mac, Churchill Primary School, Co-operating Church or Churchill Library  
Closing Date: 18 December 2006



## LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

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Hi Kids,  
If you are under 12 years old you can join the club. Ask your Mum, Dad, Guardian or Carer to ring the Editor of the CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS on 5122 2589 or write to

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB  
PO BOX 110  
CHURCHILL 3842

with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL (all information strictly confidential).

The lucky "Birthdayites" last month were  
**LUCINDA MARTIN and DANIEL TRUSCOTT.**

**BIRTHDAYITES FOR DECEMBER**

Brandon BENNETT	10 years
Emma GUNN	1 year
Meegan KEARNS	10 years
Tyler MISSINGHAM	6 years
Dylan ROWLEY	11 years
Oliver THAIN	11 years
Jake WARDELL	8 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" this month are  
**BRANDON BENNETT and OLIVER THAIN.**

Congratulations, you have each won a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency. We will contact you soon.

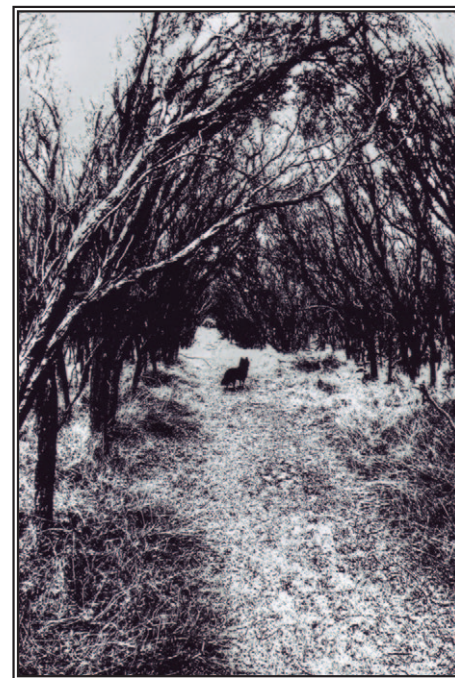
John Barker      Publicity

# APRIL 2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
30						1
2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7	8 Easter Sunday
9 Easter Monday	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Anzac Day	26	27	28	29



Rainbow  
by  
Emily Miles



Zero on  
Trippy Track  
by  
Jarrod Lees

# OCTOBER 2007

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# MAY 2007

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Pelican Pair by Robin Manger



Sea Fog - Port Albert by Bev Maguire

# NOVEMBER 2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Melbourne Cup	7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

# JUNE 2007

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11 Queens Birthday	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	



Stranger in a Strange Land by Kevin Alford



Sunset Over Dam by Jarrod Lees

# DECEMBER 2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
31 New Year's Eve					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30

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## Sports



# Good Bowling!

Yinnar Bowls Club

By GEOFF MARSHALL

The Christmas Break is almost here and our Second team have finished on top in Division 5 and the First team are keeping their heads up in Division 3.

**Dates for the bowling diary:**

**Yinnar Triples:**

December 13 2006

December 20 2006

January 10 2007

January 17 2007

**Greenkeepers day:**

January 8 2007

**Twilight Bowls:**

Wednesday January 24 2007

Wednesday January 31 2007

February 7 2007

Twilight bowls includes a barbecue so come along and enjoy good food and bowling!

**Men's Pairs:**

February 4 2007

February 11 2007

February 18 2007

The wife of the Club's most highly-strung skipper was talking to her opposite number during a social game.

"I've finally cured my husband of biting his nails," she said.

"Oh good!" said the other, "What did you do?"

"I hid his teeth!"

## Activities for Young People - Volunteers Needed!



teachers and supporters of our children's activities program.

On a Wednesday afternoon, volunteers assist with homework, supervise the use of the laptop and the playing of games, and prepare afternoon tea. On Mondays after school, volunteers provide a range of supervised recreational activities for local children in Glendonald Park, and prepare a wide selection of fresh fruit, which is very popular.

We've had some special activities and 'treats' for the end of this year's outdoor program in the Park. The theme has been 'Fun and Surprises'. One week we played 'Follow-the-Leader' around the play equipment and ate icy poles and on another occasion we decorated homemade cup-cakes. The last session for this year is next week on Monday 18 December.

GRG's children's activities would not be possible without our volunteers and new people will be needed for these programs to continue next year. Whilst membership of our group is only open to residents of Glendonald, volunteers are sought from across the Churchill community.

We provide insurance coverage and training opportunities for volunteers and are able to provide Participation Certificates and reference letters to add to résumés. Volunteering with our Group can also be used to help meet Centrelink's 'Mutual Obligation' requirements. It's a rewarding and fun way to interact with local children too and provides a service to our community.

If you would like to be a volunteer please contact the President, Barbara James, on 5122 1407

Next year we hope to provide some activities specifically for teenagers. We have commenced fund-raising for this purpose and will be conducting several raffles early in 2007. We are seeking donations to be used as raffle prizes and would appreciate contributions from the local community.

Our thanks to Bunnings and Price-Line at Mid-Valley, who both donated goods that were raffled at the recent Churchill Community Christmas Market. The money raised by GRG from this raffle has been put aside to be used for further fund-raising next year. We've also applied for funding to conduct a teen activity in Churchill next year as part of Victoria's 'Youth Week' celebrations in April.

We'll be taking a break over the Christmas holiday period, but plan to hold an 'End-of-Holiday' event on January 26 in Glendonald Park. This will be a late afternoon activity for children and a community barbecue.

Our first meeting in 2007 will be at 7pm on Tuesday 30 January at Glendonald Pre-school. GRG can be contacted at P O Box 245, Churchill 3842



## Women and Depression

Professor Don Jefferys  
Deakin University

attacks.

Mood disorders, particularly major depression, are more common in women than men across most age groups. Why this occurs is yet unknown. Any future explanation is likely to highlight a combination of factors including differences in brain structure and function, differences between the sexes in thinking styles, hormonal factors specific to women and the higher incidence of psychosocial and economic stress experienced by women.

The last factor is significant if one accepts the widely held view that depressive episodes are connected with stressful life events. Genes clearly also influence the above factors. For example, we know that a child has two to six times more chance of developing depression when a parent also suffers depression.

The diagnostic criteria for female and male depression is similar (see Table 1), however, the presentation and course between the sexes differs. Women are more likely to oversleep and have difficulty falling asleep. They experience carbohydrate cravings and over-eat resulting in weight gain. Suicide attempts are also more common in women but successful suicide less; 65% of successful suicides are men as they use more lethal methods in their suicide. Depressive episodes in women tend to occur earlier, last longer and are more severe than in men. The episodes are associated also with a greater incidence of somatic symptoms including headaches and anxiety symptoms including panic

Hormonal and reproductive factors clearly influence the onset and course of depression in women. Girls who experience puberty, prior to or at the age of eleven, are more likely to experience depression than girls who experience puberty later. The perimenopausal and menopausal periods in a women's life are also associated with an increase in depression. Between 3-8% of women experience what is known as premenstrual dysphoria disorder characterised by severe depression, irritability and tension that occurs prior to menstruation.

Childbearing also enhances the risk of depression. While we hear much about post natal depression, which affects between 8-20% of women, recent studies suggest that the incidence of depression during pregnancy is in fact higher. Influencing the onset of depression during these times is whether the individual has previously experienced a depressive episode.

Tragically, until recently, depression in women was often undiagnosed. Regardless of the cause, depression needs to be diagnosed and treated. The sufferer once diagnosed ought to become educated about their condition and undertake treatment. The most efficacious treatments today are pharmacotherapy and supportive psychotherapy. When undergoing treatment, aim to become symptom free.

To learn more about depression, you can visit my website: [www.pamguide.com.au](http://www.pamguide.com.au)

Table 1

### Symptoms of Depression

- *A depressed mood*
- *Reduced interest in pleasurable activities including sex*
- *Feelings of agitation and lowered self-esteem*
- *Sleep disturbance*
- *Appetite changes*
- *Difficulties in attention and concentration*
- *Fatigue*
- *Suicidal thoughts*

## Sports

**"the Cougars"****2007 Football Coaches**

The 2007 Season football coaches have been appointed.

The Seniors football coach will be Leigh McDonald. Leigh played junior football for Churchill early in his career progressing to the senior's team. He played in the 2002 premierships team and gained a senior's best and fairest award and North Gippsland Football League best and fairest award.

He moved to Broadbeach in Queensland in 2003 to play state league football and subsequently won that club's best and fairest award. The following year he returned to Victoria to do pre season training with Richmond football club in the AFL and played for Coburg in the VFL. He has spent the last two seasons playing for the Belconnen Magpies in Canberra during which time he enjoyed many successes and won several personal awards.

Mathew McNamara and Chris Burke have been appointed Senior's Assistant Coaches.

Mathew was the Senior's captain in 2002/2003 when Churchill won back to back premierships and also won the clubs best and fairest. He then went to Foster in South Gippsland for two years during which time he won the club's best and fairest award. In 2006 he had the year off and pursued his other love, surfing. Chris is a club champion and winner of last year's best and fairest and most valuable player awards. He played in the clubs two premierships in the North Gippsland league playing an integral part in both games. He has captained the club for the past few years and the club is very excited about him moving into a coaching role.

Chris Harding has been appointed coach of the reserves team. Chris is Churchill born and bred, has played his entire football career from juniors to seniors with the Cougars and over the last couple of years has been a runner for the reserves and under 18s.

Everyone knows him as Dino (pronounced Dyno, not Deano). He played most of his senior career in the ruck and on the back line. Chris is married with four children (including twins) and his family has been involved with the club for over twenty years. Ken, his dad, was treasurer back in the eighties and mum, Jan, was involved with the Ladies committee at the same time.

Neil Thompson will take over the under 18's coaching position. Neil is a club senior player and over the last few years played in a defender's role with great success. He also played junior football with the club. He is a great example of a local person working his way through the ranks from juniors to seniors and then giving something back to the club by way of taking on the under 18s coaching role. "Thommo" is very mature for his age and has already demonstrated his ability to work with young footballers by helping the juniors out with training and clinics over the past couple of years. He will be a great role model for the under 18s and is a credit to the club.

We at the club are very excited about all the coaching appointments for the upcoming season and look forward to the experience and knowledge they bring to the Club. Hopefully they will move us forward in 2007 and beyond.

If there are young people that would like to play Australian Rules Football you are all most welcome at the club. Feel free to come and join in. Any enquiries can be directed to Rob Jenkins on 51222003.

**2007 Netball Coaches**

The 2007 season netball coaches have also been appointed.

Nolene McDougal has been appointed A grade coach. She is a life member of the club and could be said to have had a stellar career to date. This is Nol's first season coaching the A grade team and she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role. She has been a member of the A

grade team for a number of years as well as playing for the Latrobe Valley regional team.

Rachell Esther has been appointed B grade coach. She played for B grade last year. This is her first season coaching an open age team and she will bring a fresh perspective to the coaching staff.

Roxy Shields is C grade coach for 2007. She was an A grade player for the last two seasons and was runner up club best and fairest last year. She coached B grade in 2006 under very trying circumstances with a number of player changes and injuries disrupting their season. The only way is up for C grade and Roxy will bring a new dimension to the team and their game.

Stacey Sanders will coach D grade in 2007. She has played A grade for the last two seasons. This is her debut as a coach and she will bring a new outlook and positive influence to the developing D grade side.

2007 will definitely be a season of change for the Cougars netball players, new coaching staff, new players, and a new administration. 2007 will see them achieving great results on and off the court.

**Junior Football**

Junior Football is gearing up for next season

To date the juniors have not decided their coaches for 2007. The Churchill Junior Football Club has been accepted into the Traralgon League. This will mean Under 10's through to under 16's will compete in the same competition. They will still be at Churchill and will still have home games and train at Churchill. It is just a different League from last year and they moved so that they can progress all the way through their age groups into the senior grades. They are hoping for a bigger and better year in 2007 with a new committee and a joint effort with the senior club to run clinics. They will also run promotional days aimed at getting interested

**Churchill Football / Netball Club**

young people to play football at Churchill. For any information please phone Cheryl on 51661797. There will be a lot more information re coaches and our big move in the next issue.

**Cougars Café**

Cougars Café is closed over the Christmas break.

The Friday night meal at Cougar's Café will close from after 15th of December and will re-open for Friday 12th of January. There will be a Christmas Dinner menu on Friday the 15th and Julie says it is essential to book for this one. Each week the menu for the following Friday evening is posted on the club website at [cfnc.vcfl.com.au](http://cfnc.vcfl.com.au) by Wednesday evenings. Telephone bookings can be made via Julie Larkin on 51221762. Table format is round, seating 8 to 10 persons, rectangular, seating 6 to 8 persons, and square, seating 2 to 4 persons. At present credit card facilities are not available but that is being looked into. Bar facilities are available. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Cougar's Café.

**At the Bar**

If you're missing that Thursday after work social interaction session since the pub closed, wander down to the footy clubrooms and renew that wanted feeling. Every Thursday from 4.00 till 7.00 pm the members bar is open with happy hour from 5 to 6pm

and a chook raffle conducted weekly. The Thursday night drinks and chook raffle will knock off for the Christmas break on 14th of December and resume on the 18th of January

Overheard #1: Nineteen year old granddaughter was discussing her employment at takeaway shop and pondering as to why her employer would expect her to be a mind reading octopus. Took me a while but eventually worked it out.

Overheard #2: Did president Rob Jenkins have a wild carefree night out on his birthday? No, he spent it at a marathon committee meeting getting season 2007 underway.

**Bingo**

Bingo will shut down over the Christmas season with the last night being the 13th December. It will resume on Wednesday 17 of January and will be held on every Wednesday evening throughout the year.

The members of the club wish everyone in Churchill a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Good luck to you all and may 2007 bring you that which makes you and your families happy. See you next year.

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**Churchill Monash Golf Club Results**

**Saturday Men's Comp: 28.10.06**  
**Monthly Medal CCR69**

Scratch: R Scurlock. A Grade: R Scurlock (8) 67. B Grade: W Sutton (23) 71. C Grade: G Blizzard (26) 66. DTL: K Garlick 69, L Stein 70, B Kilday 71, B Barnes 71, E Winters 72C/B. NTP: 3rd R Hodgson, 5th S Wotton, 12th R Hodgson, 14th M Brereton. Birdies: R Hodgson. Putts: G Blizzard 26.

**Sunday Comp: Open Mixed**  
**Canadian: 29.10.06**

A Grade: T Dent - Jo Leslie 86 - 14 ¼ = 71 ¾. B Grade: T & H Hockley (Garfield) 88 - 18 ¾ = 69 ¼. DTL: K & V Flanigan (Yallourn) 72, R & K Fraser (Cent Park) 72 ¼, B Peters & M McConville 72 ½, M Brereton & K Raber 72 5/8. NTP: 12th Rs Blew, 5th J Beck, 14th K Fraser. NTP Men: 3rd K Flanigan, 12th J Kidd, 5th M Brereton, 14th L Stein. Visitors Trophy: P & G Cartwright (Morwell) 89 - 18 3/8 =

70 5/8.

**Tuesday Ladies Comp: 3&4 Person**  
**Ambrose Drop Out 31.10.06.**

A Grade: M McConville (22), V Rowley (37), T Buxton (45), E Baker (45) 65 3/8.

NTP: 3rd S Cooke. 12th J O'Reilly. Longest Drive: 36 - 45 H Croft. 0 - 35 V Verheyen.

**Saturday Men's comp: 4.11.06**  
**CCR67**

A Grade: R McGee (18) 42pts. B Grade: C Barnes (29) 45pts. DTL: J Sterrick, R Hodgson, A Auld, V Monument. NTP: 3rd J Sterrick, 5th G Blizzard, 12th P Ludlow, 14th V Monument. Birdies: J Dickson 14th, K Hills 12th, R McGee 14th.  
**Sunday Men's Comp 5.11.06**

A Grade: J White (17) 40pts. DTL: C Barnes (28) 38pts.  
**Sunday Ladies Comp 5.11.05**

A Grade: J Blizzard (26) 41pts. NTP: 3rd J Blizzard.



**Tuesday Comp: Melbourne Cup**  
**7.11.06**

Mens: CCR67. A Grade N Hutchinson (24) 41pts. DTL: V Monument (28) 40pts. NTP: G Beyer 3rd, J McKinnon 5th. Birdies: P Ludlow 3rd  
Ladies CCR70

A Grade: K Moroney (21) 42. DTL: A Hibbert 42 C/B, M McConville 41, B Beebe 41, Heather Croft 41. NTP: 3rd C Ellis, 5th / 14th 0-35 J Beck, 36-45 A Hibbert.

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 Charles Dickens**



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**Christmas Colours in the Home**

In some ways colour is more important than actual design elements. When mixing colours it may be helpful to remember that most colours of equal depth will "go" together. Here are just a few of the endless colour combinations that you may wish to use for your Christmas decorations:  
 Red and green, red and white, all white, any colour and gold, any colour and white, any colour and silver, white, blue and silver, bright purple, blue and green, icy blue, lilac and silver, autumn tones of beige browns, golden yellows and rust, forest green, burgundy and gold, primary colours such as red, yellow and blue.

**Pre - Christmas check list**



Before the big day arrives there are two things all householders should be checking!

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**AND**
2. Check that your security door wire is in good condition.

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1. Sprinkle dry soap into garbage cans after they have been washed out and allowed to dry; it acts as a repellent.
2. Place tansy near your kitchen door or where flies tend to cluster. Other repellents include oil of cloves and mint springs.
3. Set a sponge in a saucer and soak it with oil of lavender to repel flies.
4. A pot of basil set on a window sill or table will help reduce the number of flies in the room.



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