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Grant to improve Boolarra's Railway Park



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Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, said the project would include universal design features, enhance the aesthetics of the area, and attract further visitors to the area.

"Boolarra Park is strategically positioned at the head of the Grand Ridge Rail Trail and is very popular with tourists and cyclists," Mr Northe said.

"A Latrobe University study found that rail trails contribute up to \$142 per visitor to the local economy and with the Grand Ridge Rail Trail attracting up to 1500 visitors a year,

upgrading Railway Park should attract even more users. The project involves landscaping, building a more functional path network for greater accessibility, upgrading existing park furniture and facilities, painting existing structures and installing new screens, renewing and adding new park furniture including bicycle infrastructure, and public art.

The works will be carried out by contractors and suppliers appointed by Latrobe City Council, creating local jobs."

Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Danny O'Brien, said both tourists and local residents would benefit from the project.

"Boolarra is a beautiful scenic part of Gippsland and these upgrades will help further

enhance the park and tourism experience for people visiting and living in our region," Mr O'Brien said.

The Victorian Government funding towards the \$210,000 Railway Park Boolarra Upgrades and Beautification project will be provided through the Regional Growth Fund to Latrobe City Council, which will contribute \$70,000.

"The Regional Growth Fund is investing in community-led projects to strategically drive jobs, investment and innovation in rural and regional Victoria," Mr O'Brien said.

"Since it was established in 2011, the Regional Growth Fund has delivered more than \$400 million, generating well over \$1.6

billion of total investment across almost 1500 projects."

In Latrobe City, the Regional Growth Fund has invested \$16.6 million to support 57 projects, leveraging \$59.3 million in total investment. Those projects include:

\$1,100,000 towards the \$1,550,000 Moe Outdoor Pool Refurbishment project

\$600,000 towards the \$683,514 Gippsland Plains Rail Trail Traralgon - Glengarry project

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The Railway Park Boolarra Upgrades and Beautification project is expected to be completed in May 2015.

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Introducing our New Local Area Commander - Inspector Dean Thomas

It is with pleasure we introduce our new Inspector for the Latrobe Police Service Area, Inspector Dean Thomas.

Dean comes to us on promotion direct from his last position as the Officer in Charge of the Latrobe Criminal Investigation Unit. He joined Victoria Police in 1987 and has spent the majority of his career in crime investigation, having worked at a number of Crime Investigation Units in metropolitan Melbourne, including the Homicide Squad and the Lorimer Task Force.

Some of the crime related issues Dean will lead his troops in tackling, include the increase in robbery and assault offences, together with an increase in theft from motor vehicle and wilful damage offences.

He says police have commenced an ongoing operation targeting our robbery and assault offences, focusing in and around our licensed premises, parks, public transport hubs and other areas where the public gather.

“My priorities are to provide an effective and efficient policing service to the community of Latrobe and to improve community safety,” he says. “I intend to work closely with all stakeholders in this area to ensure we can make a difference.

I will ensure we focus our road policing efforts on speed, drink and drug driving, hoon driving and mobile phone offending.

The Latrobe Highway Patrol and our general duties members work very hard to make our roads safer and to reduce fatal and serious injury collisions.

There is a very strong likelihood you will be required to undertake a roadside breath and/or drug test whilst driving on our roads and that your behaviour and speed behind the wheel will be monitored.

I am currently based at the Morwell Police complex and I look forward to working with the community and stakeholders to make Latrobe a safer place to live, work and visit.”

Inspector Thomas is keen to receive input from the local community saying “If you believe we can do things better or you have any other suggestions, please contact our Community Liaison Officer, Leading Senior Constable Brett Godden, so that he can pass it onto me. You can contact Brett on 5131 5085.”



Valley Trophy Centre has new owners

For the past fourteen years Annette and Wayne have run the successful business Valley Trophy Centre. The business has serviced Morwell and the surrounding area. In that time they built the business rapport and relationships and made good friendships. It has been a very positive experience.

They have catered for a range of trophies for schools, sporting groups, personal use, jewellery items, items for the CFA and fishing competitions have all been produced.

Churchill and District News would

like to thank Annette and Wayne for their support of the paper and the Junior Fishing Competition over twelve years.

Annette and Wayne would like to sincerely thank all those who have supported them in the business especially family and friends.

The new owners are Jenny and Mick Kokshoorn, who are Churchill residents.

Annette would like to wish Jen and Mick all the best in this venture as would Churchill and District News.

Churchill's 25th Anniversary Logo Winner

Sermain Milne was the winner of the 25th Anniversary logo Competition. Her prize comprised a set of glasses and a T-Shirt with the logo on.

She dropped one of the glasses, in for us to see. The photo shows Sermain's winning logo on the glass.

Sermain says she has used the glasses constantly for the past 25 years, but the T-shirt is well worn out.

Thanks Sermain for sharing that memory with us.



Rainfall For July

By Ron Bunn

We had a good spread of rain during July when a total of 72.5 mm was recorded.

This brings our total for the year so far to 372 mm.



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Latrobe Valley Australian Plant Society

Plants in my Garden 93

By Mike Beamish

Species:

Eremophila maculata

Family:

Myoporaceae

Derivation:

Eremophila: From the Greek, eremos, meaning solitary or desert, and -philus, meaning loving, thus desert loving in reference to where the majority of species grow.

maculata: From the Latin macula, meaning a spot of colour, and used in the botanical sense as meaning 'with coloured spots'.

Common Name: Spotted Emu-bush, Spotted or Native Fuchsia.

Distribution: Widely distributed throughout the arid areas of QLD, NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, usually occurring on heavy clay-loams which can be subject to periodic inundation.

Opinion: There are heaps of different forms of this species which are usually named from either their colour or their collection site. To add to the chaos, there are also heaps of hybrids out there, which makes keeping track of provenances a nightmare. Mike



Beamish says "We have seen lots of them growing naturally in our travels over the years. The best display we have seen of different coloured plants in one location was from the Gluepot Sanctuary Airfield Walk a few years back; lots of plants in flower, with cream, yellow, orange, pink and red all present on one claypan. Add in crimson chats and splendid fairy-wrens with their iridescent, metallic blue plumage and it was a riot of colour."

"My largest plant is the typical pink-flowered form in the photos and usually has flowers on it all year. It is only a foot high, but sprawls out a couple of metres across the surrounding garden bed on the north wall of the house.

My other plant is on the western wall of the house and is the form known as E. maculata 'Aurea', as it has yellow flowers with no noticeable spots. It is a little bit taller and doesn't sprawl as much, but is also much shyer flowering, with only a couple of flowers appearing mainly in spring."

The Latrobe Valley Australian Plant Society (LVAPS) meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the back of Kernot Hall in the TAFE's horticultural building. You are most welcome to attend. Meeting starts at 7:30pm



Churchill Past Players Reunion

On Saturday June 7, the Past Players held their annual reunion, with over 60 people attending the day. This years theme was the recognition of all past officials who have served the club so meritoriously, as well as the celebration of the 2004 A grade netball premiership team.

The Past Players event, like in previous years was lucky enough to have Barry Whitehead attending to the MC duties, and as always he did a wonderful job. Pedro Neille gave a run down of the past 12 months achievements, and the new senior football coach, Allan Chandler, gave an overview of the team, as well as answering questions from the crowd.

Over the years we have been blessed with our guest speakers and this year was no different. Mark Answerth has worked in various roles on the committee, has been club president, senior club captain, life member and overall a hard working member of the club for over twenty five years.

Mark gave a very entertaining speech that recognised some of the more colourful characters that have served the club. Putting it forward as a rather amusing football team, the crowd enjoyed this immensely, with many of this team present on the day.

It was great to see some familiar faces that have not been around for a while. Terry Goldsbrough, Brian Bettles, Col Riley, Colin Brick, Phil Thompson and Peter Junker all made an appearance.

Two notable past players who attended were 50's teammates Bobby Wolfe and the evergreen Eric Rowley. Eric turns 100 in August this year, what a champion! Of the netball fraternity it was great to see Megan Marks, Amanda Noblett, Nolene McDougall and Genna Flanigan representing the 2004 Premiership team.

We hope that in 2015 and the years to come we can build on the number of new old faces. This year the Past Players Association struck two medals recognising the best player on the day for both the senior football and the A Grade netball sides. In two hotly contested games, Bobby Thompson presented

Travis Brighton and Kat Hutchinson with their medals.

These events would not possible without the support of our sponsors. We were lucky enough to have our major sponsors in attendance; Guy representing the Churchill Pub, and Bobby Thompson representing Lakes Oil.

On the day we also had Mark Answerth (Midstate Credit Collect), JohnWoodbridge (Woodybuild), Shaun Answerth (S&K Building), Kevin Hogan (Churchill Tyre and Brake), Robin King (Sambos Cleaning) and Kevin Turpin (Churchill Maintenance and Fabrication) providing their support.

Catering on the day was provided by the past players, with all the partners spending weeks preparing for the big day.

Sue Kelly led the successful group consisting of Bernice Neille, Anne Cook, Chris Stevens, Marguerite Williams and Julie Johnson who prepared and served the delicious food on the day.

Overall it was a great day spent with old team mates catching-up, spinning some great yarns, having the odd drink or two, and enjoying each others company.

Cheers till next year,
The Past Players.



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Russell Northe

Under the Government's reforms, the average Fire Services Property Levy payable in Latrobe City for an average residential property would be around \$127. This is \$86 less than the average under the old insurance based levy. Under the rates which apply from July 1, 2014, the average business in the CFA area will see their levy reduced by \$1,141, and the average farmer will see their levy drop by \$323 when compared to the old insurance-based levy. Eligible pensioners and veterans will continue to benefit from the \$50 concession, easing cost of living pressures in our local community. The Victorian Government is investing \$140,000 from the \$1 billion Regional Growth Fund in a project to upgrade and beautify Railway Park in Boolarra.

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Young people in Boolarra and the wider district will be geared up and supported to get involved in their local community, thanks to \$5,000 in Victorian Government funding.

Through the Victorian Government's Equip Grant Program, funding will be provided to help support rural youth and provide social and practical knowledge, skills and experiences for young people in Boolarra and extended district.

Young adults often don't have opportunities to participate in social and recreational activities due to circumstances such as parental unemployment, economic disadvantage, drug and alcohol misuse, and the lack of transport, access to recreational activities and social experiences. This project will provide that chance.

The Boolarra and District Youth Group will receive \$5,000 to purchase sports equipment, camping equipment, camera and video player.

Minister for Youth Affairs, Ryan Smith said the Government's \$67,000 Equip Grant Program, had boosted 16 local councils and organisations in rural and regional Victoria.

To find out more visit www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

More than 300 events to inform, support, engage, celebrate and share small business expertise are on offer during the upcoming small business festival and the 64-page program to plan your calendar is now available.

The Victorian Government has published a comprehensive Small Business Festival Victoria 2014 guide, which presents the events that will run in Melbourne and regional Victoria during August.

The easy-to-read event program details more than 300 informative business events taking place across the state.

I encourage all small business owners and people thinking of starting a business to get the festival program, find out what is on offer and get involved celebrating business excellence.

Local events include:

Solar Energy and Your Business, August



28, 12pm-1pm, Premiere Function Centre, 29 Grey Street, Traralgon

Getting Online in Latrobe Valley, August 19, 6pm-9pm, Latrobe City Council Traralgon Service Centre, 34-38 Kay Street, Traralgon.

Small business operators and budding entrepreneurs can download or request a copy of the program and book events right now at business.vic.gov.au/festival or call 13 22 15 for further information.

Darrell White

Town Centre Works – Northern Car Park

Works are continuing on the reshaping of the northern car park. The levels of the car park have been changed to improve the operation of the area, including its drainage. Sections of the car park will continue to be re-opened as they are completed.

The challenge of planning for the Town Centre has been reinforced over the past month, with new requirements for bus stops leading to last minute changes to plans for the bus shelter. Public Transport Victoria, Latrobe Valley Bus Lines and Latrobe City Council staff have reviewed the options for bus arrangements, aiming to provide a better long-term solution than that originally proposed. Instead of being located on the "uphill" section of Georgina Place (heading towards the west), it is now proposed to locate the bus stop and shelter on the "downhill" section. The solution also requires establishment of a bus interchange area near the Town Centre.

Town Hall Plaza and Pathway:

Construction of the retaining wall for the

pathway is now well under way. Once this has been completed and "fill" added to form the base of the pathway, the erection of balustrades and lighting will take place.

Flag poles will be installed near the Town Hall, beside the new War Memorial that will be located there. This will support the future civic uses of the precinct for events such as Anzac Day services.

Call for Latrobe City "Sporting Hall of Fame" nominations:

Latrobe City Council is calling for nominations for its Sporting Hall of Fame, a celebration of local sporting history and heroes. There are two categories: legends and members.

"Legends" are athletes who achieved sporting excellence by competing at the highest level, perhaps by gaining selection to a national team, or by excelling at the highest possible level for their chosen sport.

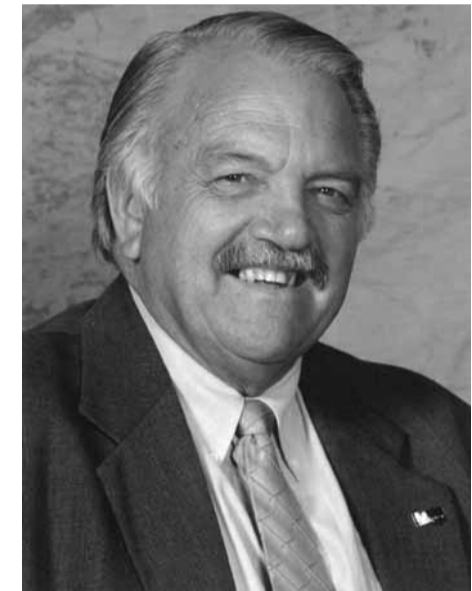
The "Member" category is designed to recognise the contributions of individuals who

may not have actually competed, but have made a significant contribution to their chosen sport. This might be for example a coach, official or umpire who has been involved at an elite level.

Since August 1, our community can nominate candidates, whether they are past or present players or athletes or club managers, officials or mentors. The nominees must have lived in or played their chosen sport in Latrobe City.

Since the inception of Latrobe City Council's Sporting Hall of Fame in 2006, there has been a rich history of inductees to both categories. Many sports are represented, including boxing, athletics, volleyball and cycling which is testament to the quality and achievements of our local sporting champions. Check Council's website for the history of past inductees.

Nominations across both categories in a wide range of sports are encouraged and successfully selected candidates will be honoured at a ceremony on Australia Day in



January 2015.

Nominations for the Latrobe City Sporting Hall of Fame opened on August 1, 2014 and close on October 10, 2014. For further details and to obtain a nomination form, visit the Latrobe City website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au or one of Council's Service Centres.

Government Ensures more Frontline Police in the Morwell Electorate


The Victorian Government's record investment in law and order in Victoria has resulted in a major increase in police across the state including in the Morwell electorate, Member for Morwell Russell Northe said today.

"Extra police have been allocated at Boolarra, Churchill, Morwell and Traralgon police stations which is good news for public safety and crime fighting

in the Latrobe Valley."

Mr Northe said there were also another 478 police completing their final training, who were yet to be assigned a permanent regional location.

"Public safety is paramount, and the Victorian Government is doing its part to ensure our streets are safer and community expectations are met." Mr Northe said.



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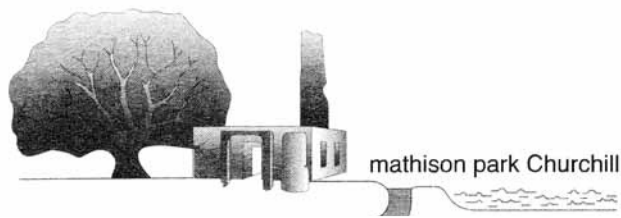
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Mathison Park



Eurasian Coots

Four dedicated volunteers came to the July working bee. A lot was achieved. Thanks Max for organising the cuppa. Thanks Dave and Neil for your ute and trailer, they made our workload much easier.

The many people who walk, ride or run in Mathison Park will have noticed that some maintenance work has begun. This work will include widening the boardwalk. Please keep your eyes open for Allan and his dog Angus as they complete the work.

People have already commented on how good the mended fence around the Koori Garden, and the new handrails on the bridge near the old house, look. A seat has been re-positioned and sand brought in to bring pathways up to boardwalk and bridges.

A new pathway has been constructed near the toilet to allow people to walk from the main path to the fishing platform along a smooth surface.

The committee is looking for a person who would

volunteer to use their tractor to rip some ground prior to planting trees on the east side.

Also if you know of any tree lopping businesses which have mulch to dispose of and they would be willing to donate it to Mathison Park, please let us know.

We will need lots of mulch for the beds to be created on the east side of the lake.

Does anyone know of a person who is a qualified operator of a chainsaw who would give some time to helping remove dead trees from the park? If so please let us know.

The next working bee is August 16. Some of the usual workers will be away, so if you can make it you will be heartily welcomed.

Phone Max on 5122 1781 or Ruth 5122 1961 to let us know if you can help with our requests or want to know more about the working bee.

Churchill Police

Phil den Houting
Sergeant 22664
Station Commander - Churchill Police

During the months of May and June, we had a period where there were no reports of thefts from vehicles.

This was an extremely pleasing result, and I had hoped that the message in regard to people locking their vehicles may have been getting through. Unfortunately, we have had reports of a number of thefts from motor vehicles for the month of July.

Once again, these were all from vehicles that had been left unlocked, and with valuables left in them.

Churchill Police have had a number of items handed to them that have been lost/left at the Woolworths Supermarket, Churchill. If anyone has left or lost items at the supermarket, I would encourage them to contact us on 03 5122 1790.

I would urge people to make sure that they do not leave valuables inside, or certainly in view, in their cars, and they LOCK them. This includes driveways and car ports. Isolated properties are not immune from thieves either.

Once again, I would urge people to take care when driving in fog. We have had a number of collisions in the local area where drivers are not taking what I would consider to be the appropriate action.

When it is foggy, SLOW DOWN, and ensure that your headlights, not just parking lights are on. We had a collision recently at the intersection of Monash Way and Brodribb Road, where a vehicle has collided into a turning vehicle in heavy fog.

This led to a further two collisions between vehicles travelling on Monash Way



when all of a sudden, they were confronted with the collision in front of them. I reiterate that some modern vehicles that have an automatic headlight function will not turn on the headlights if it is foggy in daylight hours, and this can be extremely dangerous (and illegal) if headlights are not lit during fog and other extreme weather events. Utilise the manual override to turn them on.

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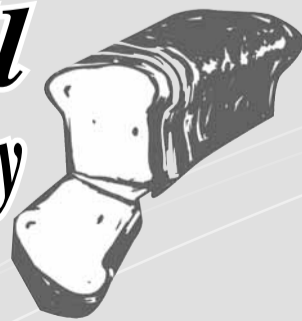
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Church News

Co-Operating Churches Snippets



Our first service for the month was held at Boolarra and was a whole parish gathering to commission our parish councillor and elders, and to pray for God's blessing on their work, as they carry out their responsibilities. It was very pleasant to share morning tea in the warmth of the meeting room.

Planning is under way for the combined churches involvement with the 50th anniversary of Churchill. A combined church service and tree planting are two of the considerations, to coincide with the Proclamation Day of March 15, 2015 celebrations. Other events are planned for later in the year but dates have not been set yet as we wait to hear what else is being planned.

Another social meal was held at the Churchill Hotel early in

the month. It was a lovely time of fellowship with some people coming for the first time.

Our July 13 services at Churchill and Boolarra were termed our Winter Warming. It was an opportunity for the congregations to give thanks for the blessings we have, and to think of others who may be less fortunate. Gifts of non-perishable food items were given, to be used as needed.

Coffee Connections held a games day. There was lots of fun and laughter along with some memories being stirred as games not played for a long while, were resurrected.

A Movie Night with popcorn and coffee was held on Friday July 18. The film was 'Quartette'.

It was a great success with the film being enjoyed by all.

The Junior Youth Group was held on the last Friday of the month with the theme "My Kitchen Rules". Three teams of young people were each presented with a Mystery Box of ingredients and two recipes.

They had to choose which recipe they would prepare and have their course on the table in front of the judges and other contestants in a specified time. One team was responsible for the entrees, one for the main course and one for the dessert.

The Ladies Fellowship held their Winifred Kiek service recently. Reverend Marilyn Obersby was guest speaker.

The theme was building the body of Christ. The message was about being the best we could, to do as Jesus taught us, knowing we each have the human body, different parts which can use different talents to achieve a whole effect.

A retiring offering was given to the fund to help women who are doing extra study to improve their mission work. The ladies did a wonderful job of presenting the service, and deserve our applause.



Church Times

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Brenda Burney
Willams Avenue,
Churchill.
Tel: 5122 1480

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

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
Tel: 5122 2226

Father Francis/Father Darek
Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm
Sunday: Mass: 9.00am
1st and 3rd Sundays:
Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am
2nd and 4th Sundays:
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

Week 1 - 11am at
Christ Church Boolarra
Ang. HC

Week 2 - 11am at
Christ Church Boolarra
Ang. PPP

Week 3 - 11am at
Uniting Church Yinnar
U C A. H C

Week 4 - 11am at
Uniting Church Yinnar
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Week 5 - 11am at
Yinnar South Anglican H C



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Proposed Facilities for Synthetic Sports Field

By Margaret Guthrie

Readers may know that the Synthetic Sports Field, home of our local Churchill Hockey Club and the Latrobe Valley Hockey Association (and used by the Churchill United Soccer Club, Kurnai College and students from Federation University), is still without any facilities, such as toilets, change rooms, shelter or spectator seating.

The sports field has been 'home' for local hockey, league games, inter-league and even State games. This 'state-of-the-art' synthetic surface, suitable for use in all weather, has led to a large increase in people taking up hockey.

Unfortunately, the lack of shelter or facilities for players and spectators is causing considerable discomfort for users and preventing the field from being used to its maximum potential.

Latrobe City Council, in its 2013/14 budget, funded the development of plans for a pavilion including lounge, kitchen, clubroom, and change facilities.

"Concept plans" have been

developed and the final plans are close to completion. These plans have been designed in consultation with all users. The sports field is on Federation University land. The University has agreed to provide the land and a financial contribution towards the pavilion. The final pavilion plans will be presented to Latrobe City Council for endorsement. Council will then need to approve a capital works budget and an application to the State government for funding of the project.

Churchill and District Community Association would like to invite interested residents to attend our next Community Forum (to be held in conjunction with our Annual General Meeting) to hear a presentation on the Concept Plans for a proposed pavilion and facilities to be constructed at the Regional Synthetic Sports Field in Churchill.

Linda Reid, representing the Hockey Association, along with Alan Scarlett, representing Federation University Australia, will present the draft 'Concept Plans', complete with

design drawings, to our next CDCA meeting.

This meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday August 19, at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre (formerly known as 'Green Inc') in McDonald Way. The venue is the Board Room, which is entered through the main doors at the car park.

The meeting is also our AGM and all residents are welcome to stay after the tea and coffee interval for the business part of proceedings. This will include tabling of the Annual Report and Financial Statement, election of the 2014-15 Committee and Notified Business.

A brief Committee meeting will be held after the AGM. As per CDCA Rules, our Office Bearers are appointed by the Committee at its first meeting after the AGM. The Committee will then meet in September, on the third Tuesday of the month, commencing at 5.30pm. Observers are welcome at all CDCA meetings.



All local residents are welcome to contact CDCA to raise matters of local concern. Visit our website at <http://cdca.org.au/> for more information, meeting agendas and minutes or to contact us. We can also be contacted by writing to CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing info@cdca.org.au or phoning 5122 2997.

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Hazelwood Rotary Club



long - term club member Ian Wilson.

Ian's commendation read: "Ian is a deeply committed Youth Director and is a regular enthusiastic and willing worker at Club fundraising events, in particular the barbeques and his personal support for Very Special Kids. His help with getting student nominees to activities such as the National Youth Science Forum, Model

United Nations Assembly and in the running of the Go Youth camps has been very much in the spirit of Rotary. His friendly enthusiasm is also very much in evidence at our meetings. His roles as Club Sergeant have been a delight."

"The PHF award was bestowed for Ian's long established commitment to projects which underpin Hazelwood Rotary at a wide variety of different levels. He has been an enthusiastic and strong supporter of our club," Leo said.

Members of the 2013-2014 Hazelwood Rotary Board are Ray Beebe, Brenda Burney, Ian Wilson, Geoff Thornhill, Ross Ollquist, Carol Crewe, Reg Kemp, Richard Henshaw, Mac Wood and Leo Billington.

Local History Grants

The Hazelwood Rotary Club congratulates the Churchill and District News (CDN) on receiving a State government local history grant worth \$1,233 to support printing 200 copies of "Looking Back - an oral history". Our club, as an incorporated organization, will auspice all payments for this project as they come due. It's a great honour to support CDN in this exciting endeavour.

If interested and to learn more details about Rotary please contact Ray Beebe on 5122 1366.

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

By Leo Billington

Year 8/9 students

Hazelwood Rotary is keen to make contact with Year 8/9 students who are interested in attending the 2014 Science Experience at Federation University Churchill on September 29, 30 and October 1 (September school holidays) Cost per student is \$115. For further information, please contact Hazelwood Rotary Secretary, Ray Beebe on 0408 178 261

A New Rotary Year

Like all Rotary clubs throughout Australia, Hazelwood's 2014-2015 Presidential is now well underway. Our Presidential Changeover Dinner was held on Monday, July 14. The new President is long time Churchill resident Ray Beebe, who joined Hazelwood Rotary 21 years ago.

With over 45 guests attending, outgoing President Leo Billington welcomed special guests including District Governor, Charlie Speirs and Rotary Club Presidents, Ron Elliot from Traralgon and Tom Shanahan, Morwell. Representatives from Strzelecki District Scout Association were also among the guests.

In-coming President Ray Beebe thanked Leo for his term of office, congratulating the achievement of his goals. Ray announced he will guide the club towards initiating and completing innovative community projects in Churchill and Morwell.

A highlight of the evening was awarding of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship award (PHF) to



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Feature

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CHURCHILL: IS IT ALL A BLUNDER? People Don't Want To Live There

Reprinted from Latrobe Valley Express Wed July 13, 1966

CHURCHILL: IS IT ALL A BLUNDER?

People Don't Want To Live There

Excellent four bedroom brick veneer houses were available for sale at Churchill on \$200 deposit but the Housing Commission was having difficulty getting people to live there, Morwell Council was told last week.

Fears that Churchill could be a multi-million dollar "white elephant" has caused Morwell to call an urgent conference with the Housing Commission and the State Electricity Commission.

Already in a bid to fill empty houses at Churchill the Commission has considered lifting several of the main restrictions imposed on potential purchasers.

Likely to go are the necessity for applicants to have children, and the \$60 per week minimum income limit required of the breadwinner.

Already well in excess of \$2,000,000 has been spent on the new town which has received international publicity as Victoria's "model city."

School Needed

Grave concern at the failure of the authorities to provide more essential services in the early stages of the town's development were expressed at Morwell Council's meeting.

Shire secretary Mr. Reg Lord said people would be more likely to live in Churchill now if the Education Department had provided a school initially, which for a temporary period could also be used for a public meeting place.

Shire Engineer, Mr John Connan, said lack of "corner shops" in the plan meant people were unable to buy the immediate household necessities readily.

"Yet they are building shops which make Chadstone look stupid," Mr. Connan commented.

SEC Criticised

Cr. R. Liddicut said he doubted if there were 50 people prepared to live in Churchill, let alone 300.

He claimed the SEC had been mainly instrumental in blocking Morwell attempts to increase the area of land available for light industrial development, and until more light industry was fostered the numbers would not be there.

"This is the beginning of a white elephant unless something is done on a higher level to develop light industry.

"We must keep the family unit together in this area, not in Melbourne where there is a keen demand for labor."

Cr. W. Jones, supporting a conference with the Housing Commission, said the SEC should also be present.

It was at their instigation that this place was built in the first place. One of the local big-wigs in the SEC claimed if he had 300 houses tomorrow he'd fill them.

"Just as well he's overseas now or he'd have a great opportunity to try his skill," Cr. Jones claimed.

It was not the SEC's fault, he added later, that light industry had not come to Morwell. Land had been available in sufficient area for those companies which had looked at the centre in the past.

Details of Housing Commission's Plans for Churchill

Reprinted from The Advertiser Oct 11, 1965

Details of Housing Commission's Plans for Churchill

The Housing Commissions plans for all aspects of Churchill have been submitted to Morwell Shire Council by Sir Herbert Hyland, MLA for South Gippsland.

Sir Herbert's letter, received at Thursday's meeting of the Council, gave the following information -

Schools - This Commission as usual has planned sites in conjunction with the Education Department to whom you are referred for details of dates of establishment.

Sale of Private Blocks - Fully roaded and serviced lots should be ready for sale (on the west side of Jeeralang West road close to the town centre) by March 1966.

Method of Selling - These sales will be advertised in metropolitan and local papers. It is anticipated that sites will originally be offered for purchase by tender and those unsold subsequently offered at a set price.

Post Office - The PMG has been offered a shop on the first stage of the Town Centre for which tenders are to be invited soon, for use as a temporary Post

Office and Telephone Exchange until the Town Centre expands sufficiently to permit establishment of these facilities in a permanent position.

SEC Housing Requirements - Latest forecast is contained in the SEC's letter of May 7, 1965 which gives a present waiting list of about 100 with a prediction that a further 200 houses could be occupied by December 31, 1965 and a future rate of 200 per annum for some years ahead. Of the above total SEC demand, a large proportion were required at Churchill itself.

Population - This is difficult to forecast as the rate of private building is unknown but could be at least: By June 30, 1966, 350; 1967, 1500; 1968, 2500; 1969, 3500.

Shops - Engineering Contracts (earth moving etc) have been let for the first group in the Town Centre, and tenders for the first shops and offices will be let next month.

Churches - Following discussions with the various Church authorities a 5.4 acre site has been set aside as a combined Church of England, Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Christ denominations in McDonald Way and Williams Avenue.

Ambulance As Required

Reprinted from The Advertiser June 21, 1965

Ambulance As Required

Latrobe Valley Ambulance service has tentative plans to build an ambulance station at Churchill "when the time comes."

Superintendent D. B. Matthews, said the station would not be built as soon as Churchill was occupied. "The service will be built as soon as it is warranted."

He warned that this might not be for a few years. "It depended," he said, "on the rate of growth of the satellite town."



Clearing the land for Hazelwood Power Station



The original shopping centre

New fire truck



Water for Churchill

Reprinted from local paper Sept 15, 1965

Water For Churchill

Water will be available for all building sites at Churchill in the near future, as the town's first reservoir fills.

Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board Chairman, Mr J B Mulvaney, said today the Board commenced filling the five million gallon reservoir last week.

He said water was being fed into the old Morwell water supply main from Billys Creek. He expected the storage to be full by next week.

All sites being progressively developed at Churchill had been reticulated and builders' would have a water supply for each block.

Mr Mulvaney was confident the reservoir would be adequate for at least five years.



The construction of Hazelwood Power Station

stories from the first 25 years

Churchill's 50th

Morwell Advertiser and the Latrobe Valley Express

No Crime at Churchill – No Police Station.

Reprinted from Latrobe Valley Express June 9, 1967

No Crime at Churchill – No Police Station.

It would probably be at least three years before a police station was opened at Churchill, Inspector Neil Crowe told last week's Latrobe Valley Development Advisory Committee conference at Morwell.

Inspector Crowe said it was Police Department policy not to establish a station which could not be manned 24 hours per day. By the use of fast mobile units from Morwell it was possible to have a constable on hand quickly and effectively.

The population of Churchill was made up, in the main of young couples bent on settling into their homes, Inspector Crowe said.

Crime was practically non-existent in the area, although some minor acts of vandalism have occurred and isolated reports of anti-social conduct mostly of nuisance had been received.

The township was visited regularly by mobile patrols from Morwell, generally during the night. General routine duties and inquiries would continue to be performed by personnel

from Morwell Police Station.

The position would be reviewed from time to time. In October, 1967 a further report as to the necessity of a police station, would be submitted at a stage where a better appreciation of the potential development of the area could be made.

Reprint of article from Local Paper June 17, 1965

Solution to Churchill

Morwell Shire Council considers that Sir Herbert Hyland has the answer to the Churchill township name dispute.

It will tell Housing Commissioner Mr Lindsay Thompson that it concurs with the

suggestion by Sir Herbert to solve the dispute.

Sir Herbert has asked that Lake Hyland, in the new township, be renamed Lake Churchill and the township's name reverts to Hazelwood.

Council will also tell the Minister that the Hazelwood Citizen's Committee unanimously supports Sir Herbert's proposal.

Yesterday's council decision was reached

on a 6-5 vote and a division was called.

For the motion were Crs. V. Hourigan, B. Walsh, K. White, M.F. Walker, F.A. Shellcot and A. Hall.

Against were Crs. W.I. Pettigrew, L. Bond, R.H. Liddicut, J.W. Jones and A.L. Hare.

Whether council's decision will sway the Minister is doubtful. Mr Thompson has been

adamant that the name of Churchill will be retained.

Hazelwood Citizens Committee met last night and expressed its appreciation of council's action.

They hoped it would be the turning-point in the long battle to have Hazelwood's name restored.



Construction of Churchill Primary School

Schools for Churchill to be 'Portable'

Reprinted from a local paper October 4 1965

Schools For Churchill To Be 'Portable'

School age children of Churchill residents will be educated in portable classrooms, the District Inspector of Schools, Mr. J.N. Roscholler stated today.

The classrooms and the teachers will be ready for the next school year Mr Roscholler said.

As yet the Department of Education has not decided where to place the classrooms.

Three sites have been suggested –

Mr Roscholler said, "that the Department was considering either placing the classrooms in an established school – Hazelwood North or Hazelwood Estate – or on a site at Churchill.

However Hazelwood South seemed the most likely site."



The first pupils at Churchill Primary School

No Priority

He said, "that Churchill did not have the same priority as other schools still waiting to have other classrooms constructed."

This meant that it would be some time before permanent buildings were constructed to house Churchill's State School.

Mr. Roscholler also stated that despite the

Public Works Department calling tenders to install a heater at "Churchill North S.S. 2382" in Thursday's Advertiser, the school was still called Hazelwood North State School.

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What's been happening at MUGSU?

The new semester has begun, and MUGSU has run many social events to allow new and existing students the opportunity to interact and make new friends. The uni has received a record number of mid-year enrolments - something we're very excited about and hope continues next year!

We regularly have a good turnout of students at our free pancake tuesdays and bbqs on Wednesday, as well as hosting popular DJ Tigerlily at our first week Fancy Dress party!

Elections are coming up soon, and nominations are open to students to fill the board positions for 2015. We are also looking for a new Community Representative for our student board to help give insight to the board members about what is happening around Churchill, and how we can support the community. For more details, please visit www.mugsu.org



Al-Anon Family Groups My Son is an Alcoholic

My son had become an alcoholic. It was having a tremendous impact on my family and his disease has become our family disease. We were paying his bills, buying his food, propping him up etc.

We tried many ways to make him stop. All this was to no avail. It just led to more arguments and threats. We were sick of the promises and the lies and at that time he was climbing out the window so we did not know what he was really doing.

I was crying all the time. I didn't want to talk about it to anyone. Then one day I was at a luncheon when someone was talking about their son and how much his drinking was affecting them, and that she had found Al-anon family groups.

I had never heard of them. So I spoke to her after the luncheon and she told me I was welcome to come along with her.

I went along and was surprised at the support I received from my very first meeting. The most

comfortable feeling was that I was not alone. At the meeting I was surprised to find that they didn't talk about the drinker. I also learned that I could not stop him from drinking; this he had to do himself. I was told that I was there for me; I was there to learn skills on how to live with the problem.

I found that I was as sick as the alcoholic and I kept my eyes on the alcoholic and not on me.

There are lots of people in my own community who are also struggling with this family problem. As time went by, attending the meetings, I learnt to listen and learn from other's experiences.

I came to look forward to the meetings. Al-anon really works. I took back my life and I have a better understanding of alcoholism and a renewed understanding of my son.

This could be the story of a husband, wife, daughter or any other family member.

For more information call 0419 864 377

Churchill 50th Anniversary Committee

The Churchill 50th Anniversary committee held its second meeting at the Green Inc. building on Wednesday July 16.

In attendance were Alan Scarlett, Pete Ellerington, Mike Answerth, Bruce Stephenson, and Linda Reid. Andrea Ross was welcomed to the group and will be reporting on their activities.

The unveiling of a plaque commemorating the town's 50th anniversary was the main item of discussion.

The committee discussed what material the plaque will be made from, where the plaque will be located, and the wording that will appear on it. The details have yet to be finalised.

The committee expressed their wish for all locals and people associated with Churchill's early days to be in attendance at the plaque's unveiling. A number of names known to committee members were put forward, with some of these people to be contacted shortly.

Other issues discussed were signage for the event's promotion, possibly to be placed at the northern and southern entrances of Churchill and on the Princes

Highway near Moe; promotion of the anniversary on radio; a possible shop sale and street trader event; street closure of Philip Parade on the day; and an ecumenical service and barbeque to be run by the Cooperating Churches.

The committee invites all people of Churchill and District to come forward and share their stories, photos, and other memorabilia. They are also seeking names and contacts of people associated with the early years of Churchill.

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Gippsland Small Business Festival kicks off

The inaugural Gippsland Small Business Festival will be held during August, with a collection of events and workshops aimed at encouraging and inspiring business capability, leadership and collaboration. Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson, said that the festival provided a fantastic opportunity for businesses in the region to grow.

The events and workshops aim to promote businesses in Latrobe City and the wider region, as well as providing practical solutions and training to ensure they remain competitive. Three workshops will be held in Latrobe City covering topics such as starting your own business and using on-line and social media resources to learn and network. Many of the workshops are free and form part of a broader range of activities taking place across the region," Councillor Gibson said.

"The Gippsland Small Business Festival is a locally organised event to complement the statewide Small Business Month. It's a great way to showcase the diversity of our local commerce and smaller organisations. Events like these also encourage

networking and sharing knowledge amongst local businesses, as well as reminding the community to think local when it comes to shopping or services. We would encourage the business community to take advantage of this opportunity to be a part of a regional festival that celebrates small business," Councillor Gibson concluded.

For further information on the festival please contact the Business Development Unit at Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700 or busdev@latrobe.vic.gov.au or visit

www.latrobe.vic.gov.au The workshops are hosted by local government, private organisations and peak bodies.

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Progress continues at Hazelwood Cemetery

By Leo Billington

Over recent years, the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust has implemented measures to improve the cemetery's environment and precinct making it cleaner and more orderly for everyone.

According to Hazelwood Cemetery Trust chairperson, Leo Billington, as a general use community facility, the cemetery has been an integral part of central Gippsland's history since 1879.

"Visitors now constantly remark about how clean the cemetery environs are looking. There are plenty of wheelie bins which are all used to their full capacity. Two years back, three new rubbish bin enclosures were installed and have proven to be successful. Wheelie bins are housed in these enclosures

preventing used and discarded items such as artificial flowers and wrapping paper from being blown around during inclement weather," Mr Billington said.

"Continuing with this task, the Trust regularly disposes of broken items – ceramic and glass containers, toys and unwanted flowers and wreaths. Unfortunately windy days do provide a significant challenge distributing light-weight items across a large area creating an untidy vista.

Fresh and artificial flowers placed in containers provided by the Cemetery Trust may remain. The general public is very understanding and for this, the Trust extends its sincere thanks."

The new gazebo, which was completed in September last year, is proving popular as a place to sit, rest and reflect. Roses, planted last season around the structure, have given their first bloom and now are ready for pruning.

"Funding assistance from GDF Suez and Hazelwood Rotary Club enabled the gazebo to be built and a rose garden has been established with more roses to be planted later this year," Mr Billington explained.

"We have self-funded a solar panel to power a water pump to provide water to taps throughout the cemetery. Our mains water supply suffered significant damage last September and mains water has not been supplying the cemetery since then.



The Hazelwood Cemetery Trust is presently exploring a wide range of funding opportunities to assist in replacing the 1.5 kms pipe necessary to provide mains pressure water once again. It has been a period of angst for many but the general public can be assured we are trying.

The old galvanized pipe installed in 1983 by the then Morwell Shire Council has now disintegrated. We are proposing to lay specific purpose poly pipe to ensure longer term supply of mains water.

Meanwhile, visitors will notice a clean-up commencing in the adjacent southern area which will one day house a new extended memorial section," Mr Billington added.

Dick Bishop Prize 2014 Winner Revealed

The 2014 Dick Bishop Memorial Prize has been awarded to Nicole Moorhouse from Churchill. The Dick Bishop Memorial Prize is an ongoing recognition to Richard (Dick) Bishop's (1929-2004) commitment to supporting emerging artists. Throughout his life, Dick Bishop provided arts education, support and encouragement to many members of our community and assisted them to fulfil their creative potential.

Latrobe City Council's acting senior curator, Shelley McDermott, said that an interest in discarded objects as artefacts of textural and tonal significance inspired Ms Moorhouse's exhibition 'Artefacts of Aesthetic'.

"In this exhibition, an ever expanding collection of objects is used, with repetition and pattern emphasising the differences and similarities that can emerge within these objects.

Moorhouse's art revolves around the idea of the object as a trigger for memory. She is interested in

the interconnection of forces within life that shape our existence, and the exterior forces that we use as a means of understanding. The use of imagery can trigger and alter memories, knowledge and experience.

The repetition of objects within the paintings is a way of illustrating that even mass manufactured objects will become unique through differences in exposure and circumstance," Ms McDermott said.

"We would like to congratulate Ms Moorhouse on her winning entry to this prestigious local prize. We received the most entries we have ever had this year and it is encouraging that the local art scene is thriving.

The exhibition will be on display from Saturday August 23 to Monday September 21, 2014 with an opening to be on Friday September 12, at 6pm. Please RSVP by Wednesday September 10, on 5128 5700," Ms McDermott concluded.

Lantern Parade and Festival Shining the Light – Communities recovering together

Event date - Friday October 17, 2014

An information evening for all interested community members, organisations and schools was held recently. At this meeting we outlined the festival program and provided some lantern patterns. We also discussed what materials were needed to make the lanterns.

We have secured the use of Traralgon South and District Associations Community Men's Shed for making medium to large lanterns in workshops facilitated by experienced lantern builder Don Ashby. Individuals and groups wanting to make the lanterns can attend as many of these workshops as required to complete their lanterns.

The workshops will be on these dates;

Saturday August 16
1.00-5.00pm and 7.00-9.00pm
Sunday August 17
10.00am-4.00pm
Saturday September 6
1.00-5.00pm and 7.00-9.00pm
Sunday September 7
10.00am-4.00pm
Saturday September 27
1.00-5.00pm and 7.00-9.00pm
Sunday September 28
10.00am-4.00pm
Saturday October 11
1.00-5.00pm and 7.00-9.00pm
Sunday October 12
10.00am-4.00pm
Several local schools have shown interest in their



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students making lanterns. We will keep in contact with the schools and support them with patterns and some materials.

Some Soroptimist International Gippsland Members are hoping to join some of the planned activity groups run by the Gippsland Multicultural Services. They will help the group members from the various ethnic groups make small to medium lanterns.

Community members who want to be involved in the organisation of this event are welcome to attend the Lantern Event Planning Sessions at Gippsland Massage and Wellbeing Centre, 5 Hopetoun Avenue Morwell on Tuesday August 19, Tuesday September 16, Tuesday September 30.

All enquiries about this Lantern Festival: Samantha Brick - President - Soroptimist International Club of Gippsland Inc - samantha.brick@bigpond.com - 0427 824 722

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Winter traffic conditions

With winter well and truly upon us, we have seen some wet weather and foggy conditions around the Latrobe Valley area, and these conditions make traffic conditions particularly tricky at the best of times.

We have already seen a multi car pile up at the Hazelwood Power station turn off in the thick fog, and the road condition due to the heavy rain necessitates the need to slow down when the

roads are damaged (Pot holes etc).

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New Courses in Art and Design at FedUni, Gippsland



For locals contemplating a career in Art or Design, there are exciting new developments at Federation University's Churchill Campus.

From 2015, Gippsland Centre for Art and Design will be offering a Bachelors Degree in Graphic Design Multimedia, with pathways to exciting careers such as Graphic Designer, Web Designer or Multimedia artist. Prospective artists can find out more about the new offerings at FedUni Gippsland's Open Day on Sunday August 31.

Gippsland Centre for Art and Design (known affectionately as GCAD) has been offering programs since 1971 and is known for its cross-disciplinary approach and sense of community. Nestled in a pine forest above the campus lake, GCAD provides an inspiring environment for Gippsland's next generation of artists.

An innovator in Visual Arts distance Education, research and studio teaching, GCAD uses advanced teaching methods such as team teaching and mentor groups. GCAD Director Rodney Forbes, said "Small class sizes and a real sense of community combined with Fed Uni's five star teaching rating (according to the 'Good University Guide') means that our students receive more individual attention and outstanding teaching."

GCAD offers programs at Bachelors, Honours, Masters and PhD level and its' unique distance postgraduate programs reach out to artists across Australia and internationally. It has trained many leading artists, curators and educators and in 2013 the Centre ranked in the top 10% for teaching quality in the wider university.

All studio teaching staff are practicing exhibiting artists and work in an exciting range of disciplines from painting to print making, installation to multimedia.

GCAD has its own in-house gallery, Switchback Gallery, where students can have hands on experience working in a major gallery.

Strong links have been forged with local galleries such as Arc Yinnar, Latrobe Regional Gallery Morwell, Cowwarr Art Space and Gippsland Gallery Sale. The Centre also has strong links with the local Indigenous community with Aboriginal students studying at both undergraduate and Masters level.

Since joining FedUni, GCAD has adopted a more open-access policy to First Year entry. "We believe that the folio interview is a better guide to an applicant's artistic potential than the Year 12 ATAR score" said Mr Forbes, "and first year students receive lots of support with study and writing skills."

The school has produced curators who have taken

positions at Arc Yinnar, Latrobe Regional Gallery Morwell, and major Melbourne galleries. Most secondary teachers in art and design in the region have trained in art at GCAD.

On the subject of careers, Mr Forbes said, "A recent Australia Council study found that the arts industry in Australia is bigger than both the beer industry and the transport industry. There are excellent job opportunities in the Arts Industry and they are expanding all the time because of new digital technologies."

Graduates can move on to postgraduate study (Masters and PhD) leading to a research career in art and design. The Bachelor of Visual Arts is a pathway to postgraduate study leading to specialised vocational destinations. Examples are postgraduate studies in Education which leads to a career in teaching or the JD (Juris Doctor) leading to employment as an arts lawyer. Some examples of employment in the Visual Arts are secondary art teacher, arts management, art therapist, art dealer, photographer, graphic designer, curator, animator, community artist and many more.

For 2015, two exciting new courses will be offered: Bachelor of Visual Arts (Graphic Design/Multimedia), a three year course, offering career opportunities in graphic design, web design and multimedia. This course will prepare students for employment opportunities in a wide range of fields in graphic design/multimedia, including fashion, packaging and publishing in both small design studios and large advertising agencies.

Bachelor of Visual Arts (Fine Arts), a three year course which gives you pathways to art practice, teaching, gallery curating and much more. This course will set you on a trajectory for employment as professional artist, curator, gallery staff, teacher, community arts advisor, arts administrator, or as an innovator building your own art business.

You'll need to have a completed VCE or equivalent with a focus on art or design and to attend a folio interview. These broad multidisciplinary degrees allow students to study the combination of units that best suit their individual or professional aims. The programs are highly flexible and allow students to take a wide range of electives.

Director Rodney Forbes encourages prospective students to call into the Centre for an inspection, attend the FedUni Gippsland Open Day on Sunday August 31, or access the Federation University website for further information.



Rodney Forbes, Director of Gippsland Centre for Art and Design



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Study Learnt - Put into Action



Former Australian Army Intelligence Operator and Gippsland resident, Luke Townsend, has been in Africa over the last few months establishing how poaching can be reduced through intelligence work.

Luke has been serving with the British Army for five years now. He had several tours of duty in Afghanistan, where he used his skills in intelligence and counter insurgency to aid the coalition forces, as Intelligence Co-Ordinator for Brigade Reconnaissance Force.

Luke was very successful in this work and because of this was recently awarded the NATO Meritorious Service Medal. His interest in Intelligence led him to ask his commanding officer if he could apply to go to university to achieve some formal qualifications for his intelligence work. This was granted wholeheartedly, and after applying Luke was accepted into Brunel University in London to study a masters degree. His previous practical experience allowed him to step up to that level, without previous tertiary study, having left school at 16 (year 11).

With a year's leave of absence, on full pay and access to army married quarters not far from the university, he began to study last August. Luke has passed all his subjects with high marks and is well into writing his dissertation (final paper).

Luke heard about the dreadful effects of poaching in Africa and how it was on the rise since 2011. Rhino horn is seen as a cure - all in parts of Asia, and has become a status symbol for the wealthy in Vietnam. Elephant ivory is used for carving in China and the Philippines.

He asked himself, "Is anyone doing intelligence work to support efforts against poaching? The poaching sounds like counter insurgency". He was able to relate poaching to counter insurgency because of the following similarities:

a) long porous borders, creating huge areas to patrol
 b) a protected community (e.g. elephants, rhinoceros)
 c) heavily armed groups - the poachers.

These thoughts evoked lots of opposition from academics at first, but Luke says from his work and presentation, they have come full circle and are very excited about the possible outcomes of the study.

Luke then searched out contacts within the African countries of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Tanzania. People within his regiment were of great help with introductions and invitations, putting him in touch with valuable contacts.

He also asked his best mate from the Australian Army to come and be his guard and interpreter as he speaks Zulu. A fellow student came to record the findings.



Many of the groups they met were what Luke termed 'ma and pa' set ups, where members of a family had taken on this huge task. These people also have a high tolerance for danger as they live that way constantly.

For example, one such group was son Bryce and father Pete in Zimbabwe. Pete had been responsible for setting up the Selous Scouts Special Forces, one of the most highly regarded special forces in history. Pete and his son have massive experience in tracking and dealing with poachers.

The Rangers they train take a year to qualify. These Rangers have been extremely effective in reducing the number of poached rhino in their park. But mounting patrols and paying rangers costs money and they, like many parks in Africa, are dependant on private donations.

If there can be an increase in these patrols, poaching will be lowered.

Luke and his team were able to go on patrols with the locals and better understand the difficulties. Luke has produced a report, which outside parties are finding very interesting.

He has been asked to attend groups and speak about the benefits of his work.

Luke wants to continue with his work and see his ideas implemented, so they can assist the people on the ground to have better results in a more efficient way.

Those 'ma and pa' teams feel alone and that no one cares. They are continually risking their lives and there is a constant battle for the most basic of supplies.

Luke says he and his party were well received everywhere, put up by everyone and given a level of access unexpected.

They were seen as not corrupt; people with whom to co-operate. He believes that his methods, some of which he gleaned from those with whom he spent time, will reduce the amount of poaching by three-quarters in twelve months, by securing the park inside, creating a buffer zone around the park where a network of informants help to harass and catch poachers before they enter, and investing in community development whereby the locals see that preserving the animals will also increase their living conditions.

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"In the Beginning"

By Jean Baudendistel
Event Coordinator
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The Quilt and Photography Challenge,
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magnificent display of Quilts and
Craft from near and far.

Wedding Gowns from
yesteryear, a variety of stalls and
demonstrations will also feature
at the Exhibition.

Photography proved popular
at our previous Exhibition, and
has given a different perspective
to the variety of crafts on show.
The Churchill Neighbourhood
Centre is gearing up for what
should be a most enjoyable
experience.

Once again we have
designed and quilted an AFL
themed quilt to raffle. To add
more variety we are hoping to
have a display by a combined
"Mens Shed".

We still have some vacancies
for stalls, anyone that may be
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with us A.S.A.P.

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"Reactivate Morwell"

By Jean Baudendistel
Churchill Neighbourhood
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How could we help, and
also promote the Churchill
Neighbourhood Centre's
activities?.

Empty shops are like graves,
cold and dark and certainly
don't inspire people to go down
town except to pay bills and
for appointments, certainly not

shopping as there isn't much on offer.

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre
thought that if different groups Not for Profit
were able to display their particular crafts/
products in the empty shop fronts, it would add
more interest to the public and also a means to
promote their own groups activities and talents.

We at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre
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The last of the scheduled Green Walks (although more may be planned) will be held on Sunday August 24 at 10am. The walk will be along the Foster's Gully track and if you are interested in the walk, you will need to meet at the Kerry Road car park. The past walks have been greatly successful with groups ranging from 10 to 30 in size. Some people have returned the next month to complete a different walk. The walks have been enjoyed by each group with a great spirit amongst the walkers.

The council's plans to remove trees along Junction Road was discussed. Concern was expressed about the removal of the many mature trees along the road. Mike, on behalf of the group wrote a submission to Latrobe City Council and this part of the submission (given below) highlights the groups' concern:

"The Friends of Morwell National Park Inc. wish to register an objection to the clearance of native vegetation along Junction

by several species of native animals and birds.

These creatures have found their way into our re-vegetated areas from the surrounding remnants of native vegetation, which includes the vegetation along Junction Road. A substantial link between the two sections of Morwell National Park and to other nearby areas of native vegetation is provided by the trees along Junction Road."

At the beginning of August we had our Annual General Meeting. Thanks goes to Margaret and John who again hosted the meeting for us.

John's Jottings

John has continued with his historical collecting and this month his jotting comes from a tape transcript "Billys Creek – Stewart McFarlane interview with Tom Lawless from February 20, 1994.

"In the 1850's, the Stuart family moved from Port Fairy looking for land to settle. They went to Bacchus Marsh but the decent land was all gone. So they travelled on to Gippsland (a journey of 4 to 5 weeks) to take a holding.

In the 1860's supplies brought in to Rosedale from the sea port at Port Albert, then by pack-horse to the area.

In the 1870's they carried in some chooks and built a "wattle and daub" house. Native cats, called tigercats* were prevalent. They lived in hollows in the trees and caught birds. They caught a disease about 1900 and died out. The

only birds left were the kookaburras.

Rabbits had spread from the Kerang district and became a huge problem. They ate the place out and farming was no longer viable. The big hares which are still here today were native to the area. The fences built to keep the hares out were easily breached by the smaller rabbits which ate the crops."

* *On making enquires there were tiger-cats at Billys Creek in the late 1800's which mysteriously died out around 1900 from the spread of a disease. They were actually a stripped species of Quoll which*



were native to the area.

July Activity Report

At this activity we had John, Neil, Matt, Tamara, Wendy, Beryl, Brenda, Cathy, Mike, Darren and ranger Craig. Great to have a large group together on a damp day.

The park opposite the Billys Creek entrance has been improved over the last month. The many willows along the creek have been removed. This section of the creek contained many large willows which greatly impeded the creek flow.

The group travelled to the Reidy's Road entrance in four vehicles. The trip up the hills moved us through layers of fog and mist and we knew that during the day, sunshine was going to be a rare sight.

The track in was rough and had a few trees growing in it so the vehicles were left outside

the gate and the group carried their gear into the top of Blue Gum Hill. It was surprising that at the top of the hill the ground was very sodden. As we walked in, light drizzle started to fall, as it would regularly during the day.

The group started where the defined track to the top of Blue Gum Hill finishes and started working on the fence there. The group split in two with each group working in opposite directions.

After an hour the groups joined again when one group (heading east) had removed the fence to a cliff where it was not safe to continue.

The groups then worked together up the hill removing barbed wire and star pickets. The rolls of barbed wire and star pickets were collected together for later removal.

The groups worked towards the top of Blue Gum Hill until lunchtime. During that time much barbed wire was collected.

After lunch the group moved again to the top of Blue Gum Hill where they worked across the top and started downhill along the spur track. Craig put some track markers up to help walkers to find the top of Blue Gum Hill. Now with the fence gone, walkers have two paths to the top of the hill.

Next month we will return to try to remove the remainder of the fence beside Blue Gum Hill spur track.

August Activity

Sunday August 17

The group will meet at 10.00am in the Junction Road car park. This month we continue to work upon removal of the fence adjacent to the Blue Gum Hill spur track. We will need the star picket remover, gloves and wire cutters.

You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



Road at Jeeralang Junction. This vegetation contains numerous old eucalypts that provide many hollows utilised by native wildlife for nesting sites, including some rare creatures, such as Powerful Owls.

Members of the Friends Group volunteer considerable time and energy in projects which include re-vegetation of degraded areas in the Billys Creek section of Morwell National Park (which has frontage to Junction Road) and surveys of nestboxes installed into the revegetated area.

More than 60,000 trees have been planted into the Park over the last 25 years, the majority of which are still too young to have formed nesting hollows. Surveys of our nestboxes have shown an increasing trend of occupancy



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Recently, Victoria's fire agencies launched a campaign that aims to increase awareness of the thousands of preventable home fires that are caused by small mistakes each year. New statistics show that in June 2014, there were 283 preventable home fires in Victoria. "So many house fires are caused by small mistakes in the home, mistakes that could have been avoided," CFA Deputy Chief Officer Gavin Thompson said. "Unattended cooking, smoking, poorly maintained appliances or hanging clothes too close to a heater are all common culprits. Our research shows that many people think that traditional messages around home fire safety are directed at children rather than adults, and so don't necessarily engage with them,"

Curtin said. "We needed to do something different to get Victorians to engage with what is a critical safety message, so this year's campaign uses humour to get people thinking differently about fire safety in the home." Instead of telling people what not to do, MFB and CFA have developed an approachable, light-hearted campaign centering on an interactive 'Safe Mistake Zone' where Victorians will be encouraged to get mistakes out of their system so they can't cause a home fire. The campaign uses humour to draw attention to the unsafe mistakes we make in the home by contrasting them to these light-hearted 'safe mistakes' that can be made via the campaign. Make your own Safe Mistake and visit www.safemistakezone.com.au to make a #safemistake online.

Key Home Fire Statistics:

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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Morwell Red Cross Unit

By Leo Billington

August has always been touted as the centennial birthday for the Morwell Red Cross Unit as well as at the national level. Previous editions of Churchill and District News in the Looking Back segments have written about the Morwell unit being 100 years old this year.

Audrey Conrow, a long time member of Morwell's Red Cross Unit, joined in the early 1960's after moving from Yallourn to live in Morwell. Audrey was a double certificate trained nurse and had worked in the operating theatre at Melbourne's Jessie McPherson hospital for five years, prior to being married and moving to Yallourn when her husband Bill, commenced employment with the then SECV.

As was usual in those days, news soon circulated round town that a prospective member should be "tapped on the shoulder." In Audrey's case, it was Mrs Jean Mason-Wood, the Red Cross Commandant. Meetings were held at private residences on a regular basis, there being no real suitable meeting space elsewhere in Morwell.

Storage of Red Cross items soon became a problem needing a solution. As Audrey describes it, "a little old house in Commercial Road" was available. (This house was at 256 Commercial Road, a site now taken up by a local legal firm.)

Items such as wheelchairs, crutches and general home nursing equipment were stored there under the custodianship of Daph Treloar. The house was generously offered by the then Morwell Shire Council.

Audrey recalls that "meetings were sometimes held in the old house, particularly when donations of clothes and food had to be stored safely, ready for emergencies such as house fires, bush fires and floods."

Audrey witnessed a variety of significant Red Cross activities for which the local community remained most appreciative. Some of these services have either disappeared now or been taken over by larger organizations.

Audrey remembers Meals on Wheels. "Alice Van Der Stoep was in charge and I sometimes assisted. Rosters for two rounds were organized, mostly for Morwell and one meal for a resident at Morwell West. There were many volunteers. On Wednesdays the Red Cross delivered meals. We even had a volunteer drive from Mirboo North to help. There were many who devoted their time and their own cars – and never claimed 'petrol money'.

Some of these volunteers later joined the Red Cross Service Company moving on to do other jobs. "We were all supplied with a Red Cross uniform and hat."

"The meals were collected from the Traralgon Hospital by a Morwell Shire employee (the local traffic/parking inspector) and we would all meet in the main carpark behind the Morwell Shire Offices. Miss Ann Draper was the Shire Welfare Officer to whom we reported any concerns.

The meals came (to us) in large, heavy aluminum containers.



Mavis Thompson 20 year Service 1979



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Mary, Esther and Vi

Soup came separately – we ladled out into waiting saucepans. The menu was reasonably varied. Each Thursday we asked what each person wanted the next week. Generally there was a choice of two mains and sweets. Special dietary meals were available as well. Meals were hot on arrival in the carpark and some people would keep their meals to have in the evening. Meals were not delivered at weekends."

First Aid training was conducted weekly on an evening at "the Red Cross house" at 256 Commercial Road. Red Cross ladies worked alongside St John's Ambulance men. Training

focused on bandaging and splints. Everyone was keen to learn.

Audrey used space at "the Red Cross house" to tutor Home Nursing. Her recollection includes "St John's men coming along and teasing her, but they all passed. It was hard times in that small house to demonstrate how to give a good bed bath."

The Morwell Red Cross Unit held the Blood Bank fortnightly in the old medical clinic (corner Hopetoun Avenue and the former Princes Highway). Audrey writes that "beds were made up, and there were two girls at the front desk taking cards. I did the medical; taking blood pressures and asking personal questions. Donors then waited their turn to give blood. There were two ladies in the kitchen making sandwiches, tea and coffee. This was a good service and we even acquired extra equipment from service clubs as donations. With changes in OH&S legislation, our Blood Bank

was closed and donors were expected to travel to the Traralgon Hospital. Our equipment was subsequently given to the Blood Bank in Traralgon. When the AIDS epidemic hit, the (Blood Bank) service was very strict about needles and tattoos."

Audrey recounts "The Bus – to take workers home from the Vasey Street Sheltered Workshop. We had to have our licences endorsed and Dennis Butcher was the Manager. As this service expanded, a new building was found – the now L V Enterprise facility in Commercial Road. We were once asked to help at the workshop teaching remedial reading. We would drive the bus from Vasey Street along Crinigan Road to other stops in Morwell, then on to Moe and Yallourn North."

Another Red Cross service was a regular trip to Melbourne to accompany children home from Yooralla and The Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. Long term Morwell member, Mrs Cherry Holman went on this trip on Mondays and Fridays for many years.

Audrey's recollections highlight the scope and variety of volunteer work undertaken throughout our district. Her memories conclude with reference to the Service Company with Mrs Jean Mason – Wood as the first Commandant. Mrs Helen Wheatland and Esther Keyzers were others who made valuable contributions giving freely of their time.

Audrey closes with a salient reminder. "There were many interesting and devoted volunteers. Many of these willingly gave a lot of time and energy to this quite vital (Red

Cross) service."

In August 2008, three members of the Morwell and District Red Cross Unit, Kath Hunter, Evelyn Jackman and Mavis Thompson received the Laurel Wreath for long service to Red Cross. This is the award given to members who have served 50 years with Red Cross.

At the time of presentation, Mavis was still serving as secretary of the unit. Evelyn was commended for all the long hours spent volunteering and raising money.



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Kath was still attending single incidents (these include car accidents, house fires and other emergencies) on behalf of Red Cross. Much of Kath's volunteer efforts were done after hours.

When Kath's 50 year service was acknowledged, her reaction was "jeeppers, I've been in it (Red Cross) a long time!" Fifty years of voluntary service is to be admired in any organization and one wonders if new younger volunteers will ever stay the distance.

For Kath, new volunteers are wanted for Red Cross so it survives to be as effective as in past years. "Perhaps Friends of Red Cross is the answer," Kath suggests.

"We've tried evening meetings, even nurtured a Morwell Junior Red Cross many years ago, but the challenge to engage new, committed members is still with us."

Kath recalls her decision to join the Morwell and District Red Cross Unit. "It was the thing to do back then. I made new friends, learnt a great deal about Red Cross and all its connections throughout the world, and was able to help others less well off.

I remember the total commitment and devotion to helping given by, for instance, Cherry Holman, Mavis Thompson, Evelyn Jackman, Mary Hocking, Joy Haney, Helen Wheatlands, Win Bell, Mary Cranwell and Daphne Treloar. These were my contemporaries and our current membership also does a marvelous job in an increasingly regulated world.

We used to wash the feet of and look after first aid posts for bush walkers. The 'Special Bus' [see above] and the Morwell Blood Bank [later transferred to Traralgon] bring back memories as key services required throughout our Red Cross area.

The old house - 'The Red Cross House' - in Commercial Road was a handy acquisition for storage of our miscellaneous items. We generally met at private homes.

Later a room was found just down from the Post Office and meetings were also held in the old Morwell Town Hall basement.

We once had 'a shop' in Morwell's railway subway, very tiny and cold. Now we meet regularly at the Morwell Fire Brigade station in McDonald Street which is more palatial."

Moving locations for regular meetings was a challenge, especially to ensure membership didn't dwindle. Kath remarks that "we just had to tolerate it."

"Our fundraisers included street stalls and I remember the Morwell Shire street caravan, an innovation to help food remain untainted but logistically, if the details were not known in advance about location and keys and clean-up, some tense moments were experienced.

Our annual Red Cross Calling appeal generated plenty of promotion about Red Cross. Mavis Thompson did a lot of the organizing for areas [for collectors] to be allocated. It was often best to do our rounds at teatime when families would be at home. Over the years we would build up a rapport with many households who never begrudged giving a donation.

"Esther Keyzers contributed much of her time as did Thea and Peter Dathan. Peter was treasurer of our unit for many years. Computer literacy is becoming vital for members to be abreast of Red Cross initiatives and these days, more training seems to be required even to undertake volunteer work."

Kath ponders about whether Red Cross volunteer work is gender specific, mostly women are involved. "Well that's the way it was and we could see men volunteered for certain community work - football, scouts, Rotary, Apex, Lions - and women perhaps chose women's things - guides, Red Cross, Church and Fire Brigade Auxiliaries and so on. Nowadays more women are working, our cultural fabric has changed and non-gender specific roles are more easily understood. Nonetheless, in Red Cross as I'm sure for many other organizations, volunteers are required. Australia runs on the massive efforts of volunteers."



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Preschools

Hub Preschool

Today Lockie had his photo taken with his wonderful 3D sculpture he had just built using wooden shapes. The tower was carefully made of 10cm x 2cm cylinders and stood over a metre

tall, with no lean! No wonder he is smiling.

We are also highlighting this month the final stage of a two-year involvement with Bunnings. They created 4 large panels that can be displayed in the outdoors area of the preschool's playground.

Barb from Bunnings came last year to talk about patterns in the community and in the environment. She brought along a jigsaw, which she cut up into shapes. The children played with these to create patterns. Barb and Sue, their teacher, then assembled these pieces into jigsaw style pattern boards.

This year the children have just completed their display by placing their painted hand prints around the edge as a border.

As the picture shows, they will be a colourful addition to the children's playground.

Glendonald Preschool

The teachers and students enjoy having outdoor activities on still, warm winter days.

The children made roads for cars in the sandpit. They then added a pretend garden that included a large "ghost" forest made from statue-like human trees.

Peter, one of the assistants, played soccer with the children, using their new goal nets. There were lots of laughs as the children tried to goal the ball.

Another popular activity involves climbing. The children have the opportunity to climb the monkey bars, the volcano and various climbing frames.

What great activities!



Hazelwood North Primary School

This term the students in 1/2/3A and 2/3G at Hazelwood North Primary School have been looking at how mental images can help us understand what we read.

We have explored how authors appeal to the senses of sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing to help us create a picture in our head. We had a go at trying to describe a scene we had drawn, using some of our senses.

We have tried to use describing words and powerful verbs to help our readers create a mental image.

The House

As I was riding my pony through the country side I came upon a house. I said to myself "I wonder if anyone is home?" So to answer my question I went to take a look. I knocked on the door but nobody answered. The house was a creamy sort of colour and it looked old. It had a purple gate that had lines across and lines through it. Suddenly I saw a golden key hanging on a hook near the door, I grabbed the key and unlocked the door...

By Ally P.

The Mysterious Island

The old rusty key felt cold in my hands, it had a bit of shine, but the rest of it was rust. The gate was old and rusted, the wood had been weathered. It had a key hole in the top right corner. I put the key in the gate, it opened and creaked with age when it swang open.

By Alex, Grade 3

The cottage.

As I drove through the country side I found a little cottage behind a fence. As I stopped my small, red car I got out and looked around. I found a brown key and I wondered what it was for. Then I heard birds tweeting behind me but I ignored them. I grabbed the brown key and put it in the slot to the door of the cottage. Then I went in and smelled soup...

by Olivia.

In the rainforest

The picture is showing 2 birds, 1 tent, 4 trees and a fire is crackling.

The river is flowing and they have a hammock and they went to a waterfall for a picnic with a great view and frogs, fish, ducks, birds, flies and wombats. At night we got some wood to put on the fire.

The forest was going to sleep. The people were having roast beef for dinner. It was FREEZING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! There was a shooting star and the little girl wished for a dog.

By Chanel, Grade 2

Thunder Storm

I imagine the big, thick, grey clouds just raining like mad. The lightning is a yellowy orange and is just hitting the ground. It is lighting up the sky and the rain is cold like ice.

By Ben, Grade 3.

Grand house.

As I came back from the shops I was proud of my home. It looked grand perfecto. The key was a button key and it was under the flower pot. On the left inside was a 12 foot TV screen on the roof.

There are two palm trees out the front. There's a stone drive way. There is a key pad to get in the garage the code is...

Like I will tell you -it's a secret.

By Cooper

RAIN

You watch the river run sweeping rocks away. It is relaxing under the tree, soaking wet and cold. You mainly see red, blue and green. Red is as red as the red sea, blue as the sky and green as the outer rainforest. You are 10m from the main rainforest. You are surrounded by trees, just enough to count 36 in total. It is so relaxing you don't want to get up or go home! You paint a picture of the lovely river. You put the blue paint on the ground. You look at the picture you painted and in your mind you're thinking it is lovely. When you look down the paint is gone! Then you see a bit of the bucket in the river and when you pick it up there is no paint! You decide to look at the river then you notice the river has changed colour! You think

that the paint changed the colour of the river.

BY CONNOR, Grade 2

The key and gate

A small key with a little skull on top of it glowed with rust pouring off in my hand.

I put the key in the key hole.

The gate slammed opened and snapped off its hinges and landed down on the ground with a big BANG!

I walked down the path and found a river. On top of the river there was a bridge and a riddle I had to do with a big ogre. He said, "solve this riddle and you can pass." So I went and solved the riddle and kept going along the path. I started seeing signs that said 'keep out' but after about 200 metres the signs stopped because a beautiful house with unicorns everywhere was standing before me.

By Drew, Grade 3.

FOREST JUNGLE

As I came into a deep forest jungle with a drop of water on my face a lyrebird screeched louder than a lion up close. I jumped up with fright! Then I saw a waterfall and a bridge up ahead. Then I asked myself how can I get myself on the bridge? Then two, little, attractive, beautiful butterflies showed me the way to the bridge up ahead. On the way the lyrebird got louder and LOUDER with each step we took. We went DEEPER in the FOREST JUNGLE to the bridge. And then we had ARRIVED! After swinging on vines we got there in time for ...

By Maddi L

The key and the gate

I walk up and kick something, it is an old key. The key is all rusty and grey and very, very cold. I walk some more and find a gate it is also rusty and old fashion, as it opens it creaks and cracks. On the other side the trees block the way. I see a note it says, 'answer this riddle and you can cross'. How many penguin species are there? I say seventeen. A second note comes, 'you may find your dream home'. I wish for a house made of lollies.

By Evie, Grade 2.

In the forest

This picture is me camping in the forest. The sun is just rising and I am writing in my bed. The birds are starting to sing. There is a very noisy bird outside. I was in a big, grey camper with my mum, dad and my little and annoying brother. I am sleeping on the top bunk. We were camping at the Chinese Gardens in Walhalla. We were pretty much sleeping next to a creek, but you can see the rock through it. We had a hammock for sunny days.

By Imogen, Grade 2.

The beach

I am seeing the blue sea and feeling the sand in my toes and the waves in my hands and toes. The waves were getting louder and louder and louder. Then the sand got wet and the rocks got wet. After that I had a swim. Then I went to Mum and Dad. Then we went to another beach. At that beach we had more fun than ever in my life.

By Connor

Rainforest

It's a sunny day in the peaceful rainforest.

The trees are bending, the birds are tweeting.

The river is running and the air is so fresh I want to live here.

By Jackson, Grade 3.

The forest

I rode my lovely chestnut pony through a dark forest. Then I found a BIG, mysterious, heavy, brown key. I picked it up and opened the gate and knocked on the door then...

The house was of full monsters. I could see through them. And a monster went through me. My horse got spooked by that monster. She jumped. How many are there? A monster shouted "Hello" to me. I ran out the door, got on my pony, locked the gate and galloped away.

By Isabelle.

The house.

I was running in the street. I fell down at the end of the road. I looked to my right and I saw a house for sale. There was a fancy gate with a key on it. I went to the gate, got the key and I unlocked the gate and opened it. I went to the door opened it and went in. I went to the couch. I sat down and I turned the TV on. And I heard a car. People walked in and they said that I could buy the house.

By Archer

The gate

I can hear a crocodile walking.

I can see a gate and two trees. There is a footpath and a brick wall and little door. The gate is blue.

From Kyan.

THE RAINFOREST

THE ROCKS ARE SMOOTH AND THE SUN IS RISING UP IN THE MORNING. THE MUM AND DAD AND THE TWO KIDS are THERE LOOKING FOR A PATH TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE of the river AND A BIRD has STARTED SINGING ON A TREE. IT WAS STARTING TO RAIN OUTSIDE AND THEY FOLLOWED A PATH. THE THUNDER rumbled AND THE BIRD THAT WAS SINGING FLEW AWAY.

BY CODY, Grade 2.

Miss Collings and I camp in the jungle.

Our gate has a parachute and a flying fox and a spinning wheel. The spinning wheel has an arrow and it also takes us places.

Our key is a rainbow key. The flying fox is totally awesome. One day Miss Collings and I went to McDonalds to buy a Big Mac an Apple Pie and a Chocolate Sundae. So I spin the arrow and got our parachutes and weeeee - off we go. I totally love the playground. Then it was time to go to church. So I clicked my fingers then we had the stuff just like at the start. Then..... weeeeeeee , we landed slowly down to the church car-park.

Rainforest

The sun is rising but it is starting to rain. There are coconuts, they're so yummy, up there on the mountains. People are there too. There is a big coconut tree and a beautiful butterfly. There are also lots of other things.

By Kayla Grade Two.

Ken 10.

On one scary night I walked to a fancy House. I saw a pod. It opened. "COOL" I said.

It hummed. What is it? I picked it up. It JUMPED AT ME!!!! Now I had a name; Ken 10. "Dad, dad" I yelled. I turned the face. I saw an image. I pressed it. One minute after that I was an ALIEN. "AAAAGGGGHHHH" I screamed.

By Riley A

Rain forest

The grass is small and the grass is cold. The trees are purple and tall. The water is blue and high. There are rocks that are gold in the river.

By Mitchell, Grade 3.

Rain forest

I see Waterfall

I see a waterfall that it was so cold that if you swam in it you might freeze.

Rain

I saw a lot of rain and it was so wet that if you stand under it you would be saturated.

Trees

I saw some trees that were swaying in the breeze.

Pebbles

I saw some pebbles that were so smooth that I could fall asleep.

Bushes

I saw some bushes that were so leafy that they made me itch.

Butterfly

I saw a butterfly that looked so beautiful that it made a rainbow.

By Jazmine, Grade 3

The Island

The small island looked normal at first, until I saw a small white gate. As I walked closer I could make out that some of the paint

had come off in the rain. I suddenly felt a cold object under my foot, I stopped and bent down to see what it was. It looked rusty and old but I couldn't see it clearly from under the sand. I picked it up and wiped off all the sand. The gold figure was a key. I walked closer and closer to the gate until I was right in front of it. There was a small key hole in the gate. It looked perfect for the old key to fit in so I put the key in carefully and twisted it.

The gate swung open and snapped leaving only one plank of wood left. I walk through. What was left of the gate slammed shut behind me. I looked behind myself, on the back of the plank was a carving 'BEWARE'.

I felt a chill down my neck. I kept walking until I saw another sign, this one read 'Proceed and be cursed. Suffer the fate of many who enter'.

There was another sign, it read 'this shall be the l a s t t h i n g y o u d o'. Some of the letters were faded.

I looked up and saw some stepping stones across a river. I went forward forgetting about the signs. I stepped on the first stone. I looked to my left and saw a skeleton leaning on a wall which made me jump. I continued on until I saw another sign. It read 'this was all a trick, all that's in front of you is a house, not just any house though, it's a magic house. While you are in this house you can wish for anything and have it come true'. I saw the house and ran inside slamming the door behind me.

Story by Jarrod, Grade 3

THE WHALES

I could hear the whales going up and down. I also heard the whales splashing. The sun shone on the waves.

By Lachlan

The haunted fence

I was driving in the forest and I suddenly saw a fence with a fancy gate. I stopped the car and I had a look.

We found a key on the path." I think that's the key for the fence".

"I'm really scared!"

By Levi.M

THE HOUSE

One day a boy called Henry was driving in a forest and found the weirdest thing - a house! It's illegal to have a house in a forest. He got out of my car and saw it properly. In front of the house was a golden, glimmering gate. On the gate door was a golden, glimmering key. He grabbed the golden, glimmering key and opened the golden, glimmering gate slowly. He took one step and..."AH"... he woke up. He didn't remember falling asleep. There were animals in every direction. He couldn't get home so he lives in the forest now.

By Troy

Spooky House

Once there was a cottage. It was in the rainforest. The sun was shining at the house. There was a small door and a big and a little window. Everything was quiet and spooky because no one went there. The gate was covered in vines. Then a boy was collecting wood for the fire. The boy stared at the cottage. The boy saw a key. It was like a gold key. He walked into the house - boom!...

By Oskar

SAVING

Once when I was wandering through the sand I heard somebody crying. I wondered who it could be? So I sped through the sand trying to find who it was! Until ... I discovered a tiny little lump in the water also two fins. I knew it would be a dolphin. But I wondered why the dolphin was crying?

THE GHOST

I was walking through the thick fog and I came to a gate a fancy gate. There was a golden key on the gate. I got the key and went through the gate and walked to the door of a mansion. The mansion had cracked and boarded up windows. It looked haunted. Suddenly I heard a window smash.

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I ran and ran and I threw the key on the ground. It was a GHOST!!!!

The Palace in Bush

Once when I was walking in the bush, I found a crazy gate and a humungous tree with a shiny silver key from the tree. When I walked up the green steps I got all the way up to the house. I noticed it was really shiny! I went in and it was like a palace. I went further in, I found a bedroom. I saw two amazing basketball trophies!

By Corey T

The key and gate

On the island there was a fence and I could feel something between my toes in the sand. It was cold and so I picked it up and it was a key so that was what I could feel between my toes. A key! I picked the key up and mashed it in the gate then the gate flung open making a creaking sound with age. When I saw the other side I saw a house, when I ran inside all my dreams came true, like, I wanted some knitting

and it came true, I wanted a new book shelf full of books, I wanted a cat and I wanted a dog and they all came true, all at the same time! I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw that all of my dreams came true all at the same time. I ran home and told my whole, whole, whole family. We then went back to the SMALL, SMALL, SMALL island and picked up the KEY AGAIN and jammed the key in the gate and it flung open.

By Tahlia, Grade 2.

The Mysterious Yellow House

It was a wet day as I was driving. I saw a yellow house. It looked like mansion. I went up the pathway. I tried looking for a key. I checked every rock. Then I found it! I wanted to open the door but it was too windy. I got back into my car and went home. I wondered who lived in there?

By Ashton

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The Rainforest

In the rainforest there is a river. In this river there is some fish and a crocodile. There is a train on an old track. A gecko is climbing a tall tree. Two bees are collecting nectar. Two scientists are studying. It's very green.

By Hunter, Grade 2.

MY RAINFOREST POEM

The tree leaves were swaying side to side. A colourful butterfly is fluttering around. Green nature around you is a bit dense and wet. Rose petals and leaves are soft and moist. The moss is very slippery and slimy. A splashing waterfall is leading to a running stream. A beautiful bluebird is happily flapping. The

sunbeam is shining making lots of shadows. A frog is on a log. The bluebird and butterfly are heading towards some pollen in a flower. A rainbow is glowing and there are some beautiful flowers as pretty as can be. There is a nest in a tree with three shiny, blue eggs. A rusty steel bin is standing on moss because no one has used it in weeks.

Inside the mossy log is a spider on a spider web. There is a little red bird house on the wood of a tree along with some shining green moss.

By Zoe, Grade 3

One Dark Cold Night...

One dark cold night I walked on a path. I stopped upon a wobbly bridge that felt like lots of long, wet grass but it was just the wet wood. It also felt like mud, but it was a slithery snake. The snake was a python.

I saw the python skull a bird. I felt scared and wobbly inside.

By Isaiah.

Yinnar Primary School



It might seem like a while ago but our Day in May celebration is still worth talking about. Our school leaders organised the day without any assistance at all from staff. Children were divided into multi aged groups and rotated round a whole set of exciting activities all related to music and movement. During the day the children listened to, played, constructed and moved to music. The children had a great experience and gave the day a huge tick!! We think it mightn't be the last Day in May we have.

We have had some wonderful pillow case making happening in the grade 3/4 area as they prepare for their camp to Rumbug later on this term. The pillow cases were the idea of our teachers, Katie and Jess, but we have had such wonderful help from many of our parents and grandparents to make it all happen. These have been worked on for weeks, with the choosing of material,

cutting both it and stencils and then doing the actual sewing. When the children finally come back from their camp in September they will always have a wonderful memento of that time and the growth mindset it took to learn to sew!!!

In June we had a fabulous NAIDOC day, run by our Koori educators with the help of a fabulous dance group and some wonderful members of the Koori community. The children got to play traditional games, listen to traditional stories and decorate boomerangs, amongst a whole range of exciting activities. The day commenced with a welcome to country and then we had some fabulous cultural dancing that the children first watched and then enjoyed joining in with.

After it was over, Laurie cooked us all a fabulous BBQ and if the sausages weren't good enough, there was always some kangaroo or crocodile to try- yum!



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Boolarra Primary School

School Turtles

Our Junior School Council fielded numerous requests from our students to have a school pet. Thanks to a generous donation from one of our families, we now have two turtles. We are currently working on naming these. Anabel of grade 6 provided the following information to assist our decision making: "The scientific name for a long necked turtle is chelodina longicolliso; so we can call it Chelodina (pronounced Shell - o - deena) or Shelly for short". Ruby of grade prep advised that her Dad suggested Myrtle the turtle whilst her Mum thought Terri/y Turtle was a good choice. Kyia of grade 2 suggested "Bubbles". We will undertake a vote at a forthcoming assembly to select our turtles' names. We are very grateful to Angus' Mum, Tania, for taking steps to improve our (currently nameless) turtles' living conditions. Tania has lots of expertise which she has generously offered to share with our students. With her help we are going to set up a "Turtle Club" which will meet during lunch-time on Tuesdays. They will find out more about the care of turtles and take responsibility for the wellbeing of our turtles.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

We recently obtained some valuable insights from these important exchanges. Good communication such as this between the school and home is essential if we are to work together to achieve the best results for our students.

Instrumental Music Lessons

Rosemary Abutz-Rouse provides keyboard lessons for interested students on a Monday and David Paxton provides guitar lessons on a Thursday. These sessions are provided on a 'user pays' basis.

Girls' Football

Our combined Boolarra / Yinnar team recently competed against the Cowes Primary School team to determine who would represent Gippsland in the state finals. In this match that was played at Leongatha, our team was competitive, which was a fabulous effort as they had no opportunity to practice together due to time constraints. However, whilst they managed to get some minor scores on the board, the Cowes team were more effective

in front of goals, kicking a 'major' in each quarter. Our girls were very excited and enthusiastic about joining with Yinnar to take on this challenge and reported that they really enjoyed the experience; especially being able to tackle!

Powerful Learning

At our Cluster School staff professional development day, renowned British educationalist James Nottingham put us all "in the learning pit". He asked probing questions that challenged our understanding of concepts we thought we had clear. It was confusing, stimulating and thought provoking. Our teachers are now meeting with their colleagues who teach the same levels (P/1/2; 3/4 and 5-8) at Kurnai College, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Churchill, Churchill North and Hazelwood North Primary Schools. We are collectively developing our capacity to foster powerful learning in our Cluster.

Fabulous Fundraising

Our Art teacher, Ms Karen Twomey has worked with the students to design the mosaic they will soon create to beautify the students' toilets. This project results from a JSC request and is possible because our parents fundraised to cover the costs of the materials. It will be a wonderful addition to our school and will provide another positive example of what teamwork can achieve! We are now hoping to raise funds to buy a class set of I-pads.

Next Fundraising Venture

On Friday September 12, we will hold a social evening with the theme "Ye Oldie Days", featuring a dress code of "Op Shop Formal" and a delicious meal of old-time favourites. Sasha and Indily's Mum, Gabrielle has kindly offered to coordinate this venture. If you are interested in attending what is sure to be a fun filled evening, please contact the school on 5169 6471!

LV Sports Camp

Our grade 5/6's were set the challenge of writing a persuasive piece outlining why they should go on this forthcoming camp. They did such an impressive job we hope that all are able to attend. Following are some excerpts from Jemma of grade 6 and Emre of grade 5's submissions:

I am writing this letter to tell you why I think I should be one of the students to go to Sports Camp. Firstly, I think I would be a good choice, because I am a sporty person by nature. I have a good attitude, I give everything a go and I always put in 100%. I promise I will be on my best behaviour at all times and be helpful to the instructors and teachers who are on the camp. I also think I have good leadership skills and this camp will give me the opportunity to test those in group activities. I promise to look after all the equipment that I use and return it in good condition.

These opportunities don't come around very often and I really don't want to miss out on this one. I love sport and being active. I think this camp will be lots of fun and I would be very grateful to be chosen. If I went, I'd show good sportsmanship and I'd really look forward to playing tennis, which is a sport I haven't had a good go at yet.

I don't play a sport at the moment, since I had to quit football last year. It was a bit rough but lots of fun and this camp would show me lots of different sports I maybe haven't tried yet. I miss playing sports because when I play sports I feel good being so active. I like to make new friends too, and playing sport is a great way to meet new people.

Thank you for reading my letter and I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,
Emre

I believe I should go to the International Power Annual Gippsland Primary Sports Clinic because I'm responsible and sensible. I missed out on Sports Camp last year and this is a perfect opportunity to make more friends, get me more active and increase my sport knowledge.

In my opinion I should be allowed to go to this Sports Clinic because I am sensible and responsible. I have never been sent home early on camp and this is a perfect opportunity to show off my increased maturity. I understand I am responsible for my actions and responsible if I am sent home early. On this Sports Clinic I will be the most mature I have ever been on a primary school camp!

I powerfully believe I should go because I

missed out on going to Sports Camp last year and I will make more friends than ever before. Who knows what I missed out on not going to that camp last year? This will make up for that. Every camp I have ever been to I have made new friends!

I totally believe I should go to the International Power Sports Clinic because this clinic is a can't miss opportunity to increase my sport knowledge and help me to be even more active. If I go to this camp I won't be slugging around at home which I normally do. As the saying goes, 'Knowledge is power' and if I knew more about sport I could probably make it to the Olympics! Lacrosse might be a sport I want to play further on in life. It doesn't hurt to try something new!

Why I believe I should go to the International Power Annual Gippsland Primary Sports Clinic: Being responsible will get you far in life. I love making new friends and I missed out on going to Sports Camp last year. I want to get more active instead of slugging around. I want to increase my sports knowledge. Thank you for reading my exposition.

By Jemma

Special activities planned for term 3

August 11 - 15 - Our Grades will be exploring the Children's Book of the Year books

Monday August 18 - We'll vote for our favourite 'shortlisted book'

Monday 18 - 22 - We'll be marking Science Week, with a specific focus on Farming

Thursday August 21 - the P/1/2s (with help from the 3-6s) are catering hamburgers for lunch for everyone at the school.

Monday August 25 - Friday 29 we'll be marking Environment Week. Our focus will be on developing our 'green thumbs', activating our worm farm, exploring a 'frog bog' and getting in touch with nature. Our grade 4/5/6s have already registered some of their activities at <http://www.enviroweek.org/teams/456-e/>

Thursday August 28 - Will be "Nude Food Day". We will all try to reduce the waste in our lunch boxes and eat as much natural food as possible.



Caterina reciting the Welcome to Country at Assembly



Our Grade 3-4s enjoyed the Melbourne Football Club Clinic



Spuds - Dublin and Jed



Some students enjoying the new sandpit toys purchased by our JSC

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Churchill North Primary School



Churchill North Grade 2,3,4 students with the Demons

to give a huge thank you to the La Trobe City Energy Basketball Team for letting us borrow their uniforms on the day, and to all of the parents and relatives that came to support us.

garden hedges, sweeping paths, raking sandpits, cleaning cage areas, rubbish removal and of course, planting beautiful flowers in our many garden beds. It was great to be part of a national initiative.

Churchill North Primary School Language Support Program

2014 has seen the Language Support Program working on their holistic approach and they are having meetings every term to evaluate the program. This has the child's teacher, aide, language program coordinators, principal, ES staff and speech pathologist present to exchange information about test results, work in the classroom and in withdrawal sessions, and any general observations discussed by all to continue to monitor each child in the program. This information is then used to set

AFL SuperClinic

On Tuesday July 22, 13 players, including Jack Viney, Jack Fitzpatrick, Mitch Clisby and Jeremy Howe from the Melbourne Demons Football Club came to Morwell to provide a SuperClinic for the middle grades. All students from cluster schools were able to enjoy the clinic and it was great to see all school students working together and getting along. The players ran the following drills; handballing kicking, marking, tackling, sprint runs and we also listened to two of the younger players tell

Churchill North Primary School Basketball Team

On Friday July 25, Churchill North competed in the Hoop Time Basketball Competition held in Warragul. Churchill North played a total of 7 games, winning 5 and only dropping 2.

The team played fantastic throughout the day, everyone in the team scored and they showed great teamwork in all of the games. Churchill North made it to the grand final and with the support of our parents and relatives,

Swimming P/ID

This term P/ID have attended six sessions of swimming. All of the students have become more confident in the water and their mobility skills have improved. The children all

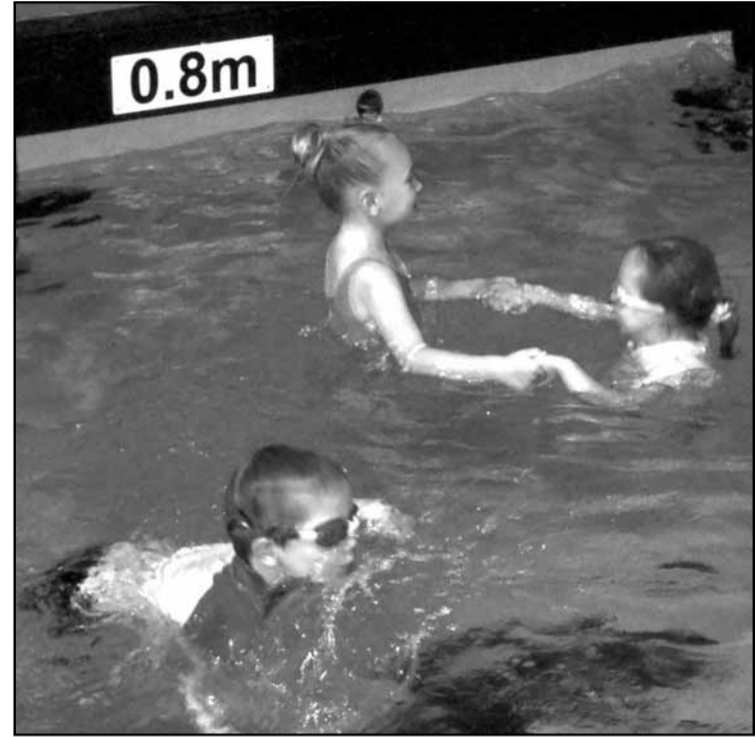
get a lesson with qualified Australian teachers and also have an opportunity to play which is an important aspect of their learning.

Plant a Tree Day / Working Bee

On Friday July 25, CNPS participated in Planet Ark's

National School's Tree Day. This day provided all of us the opportunity to do something positive for the environment and reconnect with nature. We decided not to plant trees as they have been a hazard in the school, so instead we planted flowers around the school and also incorporated a whole-school Working Bee on the day to tidy up our school grounds.

Each class was allocated an area in the school and attended to jobs such as weeding, removing fallen trees and branches, trimming



Preps learning to swim



Miss Pearce, Jayden, Hayden, Jaylan, Danielle, Jarrah, Hannah, Riley and Zac from the Winning Hoop Time Team

about their journey to become AFL Stars. Students were energised, inspired and ... exhausted afterwards.

and some very good basketball, WE WON!!! All of the players received a basketball to keep for winning. Churchill North would like

up the next terms program with the guidance of the Speech Pathologist. Each child has their own individual Learning Plan with goals that we aim to achieve by the end of each term. Communication by all those involved has improved with each child getting consistent prompts and follow up in each area of the school. The Language Program is continuing to improve and has had much success recently with bilingual children showing great improvement in their language skills.

Kurnai College Junior Campus

Churchill Campus is very pleased to welcome five new students who have recently arrived from China to study year 10 at Kurnai College. The students are here to become used to the Australian system of schooling and to improve their English skills before tackling VCE at the Precinct Campus. Grace, Amber and Spring all come from Xi'an which is well known as the home of the Terracotta Warriors. Khuna and Nanyin come from Taizhou (not the Taizhou which is our sister city) and Hangzhou, both of which are on the coast south of Beijing. We have another 'new' student, Neil, who has been at Kurnai for three months. Neil hails from Kou'an school, our sister school, on the outskirts of our sister city, Taizhou, between Shanghai and Nanjing. So far, the students have received very favourable impressions of Australia. They have commented on our beautiful and clear fresh air, our clean water and our blue skies. They have sampled a variety of new foods. Grace has particularly enjoyed trying out muffins while Amber is getting used to potatoes. The students explained that Churchill Campus is much smaller than their schools at home. Spring's school in China has 5,000 students. Her class has 70 students. Secondary students in China also have much

longer school days, usually from 6.30 in the morning until 9.30 at night. By all accounts, our new arrivals have settled into Year 10 very well and we wish them every success with their studies in the future.

Year 10 students have all been beginning their MIPS program. MIPS (Managed Individual Pathways) is an on-line program supported by our careers team. Initially MIPS assists students to think about their career and life goals and aspirations. As they advance through the program, MIPS supports students in planning their pathway through senior secondary schooling into tertiary education and career training. As the world progressively becomes more IT focussed, prospective employers will expect to be able to access prospective employees resumes and career paths on-line. MIPS will enable

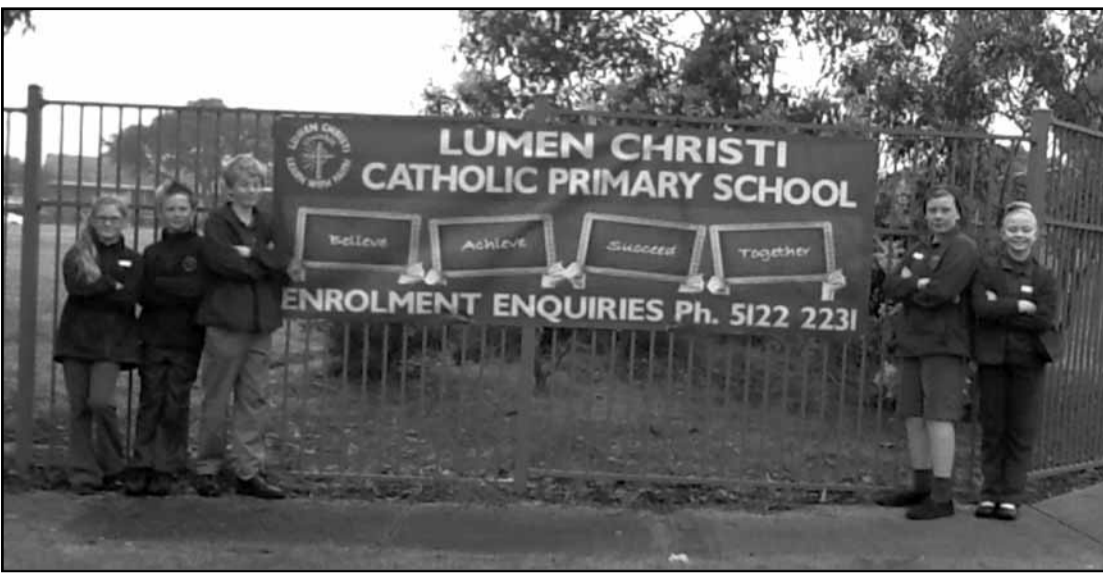
this to occur.

As part of the Year 10 pathways program, we recently had a speaker from JMC Academy. This tertiary institution offers IT focussed courses in music production, computer

animation and set design. Our students are strongly encouraged to take every opportunity to learn about a whole range of careers and courses including in areas which they may not have considered at all.



Lumen Christi Primary School



A Sign of the Times

The saying 'Many Hands Make Light Work' has been proved beyond doubt by the students from Grade 5/6 as they recently volunteered their lunchtime to install a new sign at the school. The sign, in the school colours of green and gold, also displays the school's maxim, Believe, Achieve, Succeed, Together. The students worked well together using their skills and talents to achieve the set goal.

Chips Ahoy

There was the comforting aroma of hot chips wafting through the senior corridor as the chefs of Grade 5/6's Michael Kitchen's Kitchen prepared their weekly feast. All students agreed that the chips were very tasty and needless to say all were devoured before they had a chance to cool down. Fear not health fanatics, these Home Made Chunky Chips are from the Healthy Together Victoria website

and used Red Rascal potatoes and olive oil. Bon Appetit!



Class 3/4

Last term 3/4 had a history expo where we had to write about a country. In that we had to look at contributions that they have made to Australia, when they immigrated and

why they did. We were in a group and we had great country's like England, Mexico and USA then we made a food from that country. We had a few people come in to talk about the country they came from, we had Malaysia, Spain, Philipines and South Africa. Some of them made us treats like banana pancakes and paella.

Riley H

Its been a great start to term 3 in 3/4 at Lumen Christi! We've done lots of exciting things. This term in literacy we're focusing on Roald Dahl, we're reading one of Roald Dahl's books called 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,' we're nine chapters in and already our class is so fixated on it.

In science our class is looking at the moon, sun and earth. We've done lots of learning and learnt lots of stuff. We have done lots of activities including one activity were we had to guess how big the earth, the sun and the moon were, it was lots of fun and we had a laugh. Also in history we have been looking at the first fleet, we have watched scenes from a movie called 'Oliver'. Oliver is an ordinary boy who was put in an orphanage, he finds a way to get back to his home and explores London.

Bailey P

Footy Clinic

At the Melbourne footy clinic my favourite player was Jack Viney and his number is 7 on his top. My favourite activity was tackling.

Kiara

The footy clinic was fun, I got my drink bottle signed by Jeremy Howe. I loved having other schools there, it was more fun



and exciting, even though I don't barrack for Melbourne Football Club I still loved it. My favourite player is Jack Viney and Jeremy Howe.

Shennae

I had a great time at the Footy Clinic because I saw Jack Viney. My favourite activity was bumping with Jack Viney and Dom Tyson. I loved how nice all the players were to everybody and I liked when we got photos with the players but I thought Jeremy Howe should have been in the marking. Riley



Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary School launched term three with a whole school Expo Night. The younger students shared what they had been investigating in Developmental Curriculum sessions and the older students shared their Education Research Projects. The students were very proud to spend time sharing their learning with their parents. The evening started with a community BBQ, students also performed the song they are singing at the upcoming Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. We concluded the evening with a short information session about our use of Gen Ed for reporting of student progress.

Other activities this term have included a Responsible Pets incursion and a wonderful

tree planting excursion at Billys Creek. With the support of the Latrobe City Council, students, staff, parents, and five local Landcare volunteers, we planted 257 plants. A great effort.

We are looking forward to further developing these community relationships as we start to grow seedlings in our new greenhouse for future re-vegetation projects.

Yinnar South Primary has started taking Prep enrolments for 2015. Our 2015 transition program will begin soon. If you are looking for a school where Learning comes to Life, then ring Principal Katy Grandin to arrange a school tour. Phone: (03) 5169 1540



Churchill Primary School

The third term has now begun for schools and everyone is back into learning, refreshed from the two week break. Churchill Primary school is now ready for ten weeks of fun and has lots of engaging and stimulating learning happening this term.

Our always popular Victorian State Schools Spectacular is on again and our first Melbourne rehearsal is early this term and we are looking forward to the ultimate experience in performing arts! Our "House Lunch" system for students on the first Thursday of every month is still be happening, where students can wear their house colour t-shirts and have lunch in their lunch groups, always a good day. We also have two incursions with visiting performers this term, our Grade 1/2s are heading to Healesville Sanctuary for a day and our rehearsals will begin for our school musical of "Peter Pan Jnr", to be staged early in term 4.

Prep 2015

Enrolments for Prep in 2015 are open at Churchill Primary School. If you would like to have a look at our school, please phone 5122 1343 to make an appointment. We welcome those parents who have enrolled their children already. It is very helpful to make our plans for classroom structures, when we know how many Preps we are expecting. Orientation and Transition programs for our new preps will begin shortly.

Learning at Churchill Primary School

At Churchill Primary School we believe everyone can learn and our staff and students talk about this at school when discussing how people learn. Our basic belief is that it is essential that 21st education focuses on developing young people's attitudes and appetite for learning, both in school and out. All young people in all kinds of schools can be helped to become more confident and capable learners. By developing openness, inquisitiveness, resilience and imagination we help all our students to learn, whether they are really high achievers or those being the best they can be from day to day. This type of thinking about how we learn and being resourceful and creative learners also helps students do better in tests; there is no necessary conflict between raising standards and developing learning aptitude. We already know a great deal about how to do this at Churchill Primary – but there is a lot more to find out about making sure we provide the right environment to produce both powerful learners and great test-takers! Learning at Churchill Primary is our main focus and we are striving to cultivate the habits of mind that will serve children well in our future.

Cluster PD

The teachers of Churchill Primary School attended a day of their own learning with James Nottingham. His topic on the day was Challenging Learning. This is a follow up from our previous Cluster day and built up our knowledge of what helps children learn. The Churchill Cluster consists of teachers from Churchill, Churchill North, Yinnar South, Hazelwood North, Boolarra and Yinnar. We are all taking our learning

from James and the learning from talking to, and working with, our colleagues from the other schools back to our schools and classrooms.

Football day

On Tuesday July 22, the grades 3 and 4 went to a footy clinic in Morwell. They were able to practice footy skills with players from the Melbourne Demons. The players were by all accounts friendly and helpful and they signed autographs for the students, the teachers and the parents. Mrs Hunter said it was the best day of her life!

Ryder Lesiw reports: We met some of the Melbourne footy players. They did footy activities with us. We got to bump them, we handballed footballs into a target, we got to kick to them and they kicked the balls back. We were shown how to do speckies and tackling. We asked them questions and talked to them. We practised kicking into goals and got photos and autographs. My favourite player was No. 7. My favourite thing to do was the bumping. There were some other schools there as well. We were put into groups with students from the other schools. We had chats with the other kids. I was really excited and I think



that everyone had a great time. The photos show our students having a great time with various members of the Melbourne club.

Peter Pan

The Churchill Primary rehearsals will get under way shortly for the Musical "Peter Pan". This show will be held at the end of October. The main characters have been chosen after having auditioned for the parts in a very highly contested and

well attended session last term. All students from our school, grades prep to 6, will be involved in some way with our much anticipated and very exciting production.

Responsible Pet Ownership

The Prep, 1 and 2 classes were involved in sessions with Berri, her dog, Pip, and our presenter, Julie. They taught us how to approach a friendly dog and some of the students were able to model this. They also talked to us about looking after a dog to keep it healthy and happy. We were also given strategies for



when we are in the presence of an angry dog. They were very informative sessions for our junior students.

Victorian State Schools' Spectacular

Twenty of our students have begun rehearsals for the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. They headed off very early to Melbourne using the much loved Yinnar and District Community bus on July 30, for the first of the combined rehearsals. The students and staff are very excited about being a part of this "spectacular" event.

Tickets are available from Ticketek for the two shows on September 13. The first show is a matinee at 1:00p.m, the second show is at 6.30p.m at Hisense Arena in Melbourne. Please call the school if you would like more information or get onto our website www.churchillps.vic.edu.au.



Latrobe Valley Hockey Association



Craig White (Churchill) takes a sideline hit during July competition.



Churchill go into attack. Players (left to right) are: Rob Amos (Yallourn), Andrew West (Churchill), Jake Snip (Yallourn), Luke Sawyer (Churchill), umpire Leon Langstaff, Mathew Wells (Churchill) and Chris Read (Yallourn).

Latrobe Valley Hockey Association round 12 played July 19/20 2014.

Good conditions produced good hockey for the round of matches played at Federation University campus. Teams are beginning to gear up for finals and are beginning to fine tune their games and this means that the quality of games is very high.

There are just three rounds remaining until the association moves into finals.

Good games in juniors

The junior competition produced generally pretty high scores and good games.

In under 8's Traralgon defeated Churchill 3 - 2. Traralgon's goals were scored by Chris Bolton (2) and Charlie Tratford. Churchill's goals were scored by Blake Billing and Tiana Reid. Best players for Traralgon were Lara Huffer, Tom Bolton and Chris Bolton. Churchill's best were Tiana Reid, Blake Billing and Sophie Almond.

In the second game, LDT defeated Yallourn 3 - 1. Goals for LDT were scored by Jude Marsh (2) and Zizi Pozzebon. Bresciano Wilson scored for Yallourn. Best players for LDT were Zizi Pozzebon, Jude Marsh and Esther Miljohns. Dean Read, Jackson Amos and Jayden Henry all played well for Yallourn.

The first under 12's game produced a 6 - 0 win for Churchill over Moe. Churchill's goals were scored by Hayley Proudlock (2), Ihraam Zafar, Azaan Zafar, Eeman Zafar and Nathan Stokes. Best players for Churchill were Hayley Proudlock, Eeman Zafar and Nathan Stokes. Best for Moe were Damien Whelan, Claire

Cake and Connor Kurzawa.

In the second game, Yallourn narrowly defeated Traralgon 2 - 1. Goal scorers for Yallourn were Bresciano Wilson and Genevieve Piercy. Lachie Gilbert found the net for Traralgon. Best players for Yallourn were Hannah Van Breugel, Genevieve Piercy and Jess Pisani. Best for Traralgon were Art Pozzebon, Sebastian Poole and Caitlyn Meyer.

Under 16's produced a high scoring 6 - 2 victory for Traralgon over Moe. Traralgon's goals were scored by Harry Broad (2), Art Pozzebon (2), Will Pozzebon and Rami Zafar. Jared Cake scored both Moe's goals. Hannah Lawrence, Will Pozzebon and Chloe Medew were the best players for Traralgon. Hayyan Ahmed, Cameron West and Jared Cake were Moe's best players.

In Women's B grade, Rovers Lightning scored a 3 - 1 victory over Moe. Lightning's goals were scored by Grace Lawrence, Sam Pollerd and Angus Pollerd. Jared Cake scored for Moe. Best players for Rovers Lightning were Loretta Mitchell, Hannah Lawrence and Cheryl White. Best players for Moe were Emma White, Jenny Massey and Taya Magnusson.

The second game produced a 1 - 0 victory to Traralgon Blue over LDT in another close match. Ali Ravenhall scored for Traralgon Blue. Best players for Traralgon Blue were Art

Pozzebon, Ali Ravenhall and Susan Poole. LDT's best players were Chloe Medew, Hannah Lawrence and Claire Cake.

In women's A-grade, Rovers Thunder defeated Churchill 4 - 2 in a good game. Goals for Rovers Thunder were all scored by Penny Kerr. Melissa Wangman and Nathalie Goodfellow scored for Churchill. Best players for Rovers Thunder were Isis Bramall, Jasmine Langstaff and Penny Kerr. Churchill's best were Tamara Kemp, Leanda Linn and Nathalie Goodfellow.

In the second game, Traralgon Yellow defeated Yallourn 9 - 1. Goals for Traralgon Yellow were scored by Aoiffe Coughlan (2), Callum Lipman (2), Ash Bury (2), Kim Tanti, Jo Wade and Maeve Coughlan. Marion Vince scored for Yallourn. Best players for Traralgon were Aoiffe Coughlan, Kim Tanti and Callum Lipman. Best for Yallourn were Marion Vince, Kate Charalambous and Kahlia Hillbritch.

The men's games both produced very skilful games. Churchill defeated Yallourn 3 - 2 in a game that looked as though it would go to Yallourn until the last 10 minutes of the second half, when Churchill produced two goals. Goals for Churchill were scored by Mathew Wells, Falkirk Janssen and Steve Mburu. Chris Liddle and Chetan Kanda scored for Yallourn. Best players for Churchill were Lachlan White, Falkirk Janssen and Sam Phoenix. Best for Yallourn were Peter Stewart, Chris Thompson and Andrew Read.

The second game produced an 8 - 1 win to a very in-form Moe side that were too strong for the young Traralgon side. Moe's goals were scored by Simon Murrell (4), Bryan Cake (3) and Mick Tong. Lachlan Knowles scored for Traralgon. Best players for Moe were Mick Tong, Simon Murrell and Bryan Cake. Best for Traralgon were Andrew Edgar, Jarryd Wright and Lachlan Knowles.



Luke Sawyer (Churchill) looks on while Lachlan White (Churchill) and Chris Read (Yallourn) vie for the ball.

CHURCHILL TENNIS CLUB Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 7.30pm at the Clubhouse, Manning Drive

The Annual General Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, at 7.30pm and current and prospective members are invited to attend.

In addition to election of office bearers, discussion will be held on the forthcoming tennis season and number of teams to be entered in both senior and junior competition. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to enquire about playing competition, please phone: Juniors - Sally Kirstine 0403 282 630, Seniors - Carol Scott 5183 6168.

The Club also has a Social Membership and enquiries can be made to Carol on 5183 6168. Social tennis is held on a Monday at 1pm (varied in summer months) - enquiries again to Carol. Play is just organized on the day for those who can attend - if you have previously played and would like to enjoy tennis again, give Carol a call.

The recent Community Meeting held to discuss the future of the Club was well attended with action to be taken to improve the financial outlook for the Club.

For any enquiries regarding coaching, you can contact Sally Kirstine on 0403 282 630.

KEEP FIT - PLAY TENNIS

Elaine Andrijczak, Secretary

Churchill Monash Golf Club results

19.7.14 Stableford Winner A Sharrock (16) 33pts. D.T.L. B. Baldock (17) 30pts. G. Down (28) 29 pts. N.T.P. 5th B. Baldock. 12th B. Kidlay. 14th R. Welsh
22.7.14 Stableford. Winner B.

Beebe (33) 24 pts D.T.L. E Leggo (36) 23pts N.T.P. 5th E. Leggo. 14th L. Peake 26.7.14 Monthly Medal - Stroke A. Grade (0-18) D. Byer (12) 72 - Medal Winner. B. Grade (19-36) G. Mooney (36) 78 D.T.L. G. Beyer 74, K. Hills 74, A.

Sharrock 75, T. Sterrick 76. N.T.P. 3rd K. Hills, 5th G. Beyer, 12th V. Monument, 4th D. Ellwood. Count Putts P. Smart 25
29.7.14 Winner J. Beck (32) 27 pts D.T.L. M. Munckton (33) 23pts N.T.P. 3rd J. Blizzard.

Latrobe Valley Triathlon Club



Latrobe Valley Triathlon Club's (LVTC) world famous winter triathlon is back bigger than ever and is now part of the GDF Hazelwood 100 Multisport Festival.

The two day event scheduled for Saturday and Sunday September 20 and 21, at Hazelwood Pondage will see competitors ranging in standard from beginner through to elite, battle it out in a variety of triathlon, open water swim and endurance events. This event is gearing up to be an exciting drawcard for competitors and spectators alike.

Competitors can also take pride in knowing that they are supporting the children's wards at the Latrobe Regional Hospital and West Gippsland Hospital with

\$5 from every entry going to 'Give Me 5 For Kids'.

Saturday's events cater for the beginners through to more experienced triathletes and open water swimmers with the famous Latrobe Valley Winter Triathlon across the Fun, Sprint and Olympic distance categories followed by the Rocket Science Sports 1.5km open water swim.

Sundays feature event the GDF SUEZ Hazelwood 100 will test the endurance of competitors brave enough to take the challenge of a 2km swim, 80.5km bike ride and 17.5km run. With a prize pool of \$5,000 up for grabs this event is already attracting the attention of a number of amateur triathletes who are taking on the elite pros

toe to toe for the dough!

In addition to the above LVTC are also running an event within the existing events. Dubbed the 'Hardman' and 'Hardwoman' competitors are required to complete both the Olympic Distance Triathlon on Saturday and GDF SUEZ Hazelwood 100 on Sunday. The male and female athletes with the fastest combined times will each be crowned the 2014 Hazelwood Hardman/Hardwoman and win \$2,500 each!

Early registrations are encouraged as event entries are strictly limited. Last entries close on August 31, 2014.

For more information on this exciting event including prize and entry details please visit www.lvtriclub.com.au



Churchill Blue Devils

The Squad Tournament was held at Morwell on July 19 and 20, and our Churchill Blue Devils squad teams attended.

Our association sent seven teams in three age groups- U10's, U12's and U14's.

Our under 10 boys and under 12 boys sent 2 teams each, one in A grade and one in B grade.

The B grade teams gave a number of younger kids a chance to play in their first ever tournament and gain valuable experience.

Our U12 boys and girls entered A grade for the first time this year and were met with some tough opponents.

The boys narrowly missed out on making the grand final.

The Blue Devils under 10 A grade team had the most success of the tournament.

They were undefeated all tournament but met Sale in the grand final who were just far too strong.

Sale U10A have had a very successful year and went home once again with the win. Churchill Blue Devils are hosting their very own tournament on August 22, 23 and 24.

This will be the first tournament held by the Blue Devils so the committee is working



hard now to ensure it is successful. We are hoping it is the first of many.

Photo of the U10 boys A grade team with their runner up trophies. (from back left) -

Lachlan Kerr, Ethan Dunn, Benjamin Woodward, Mack Rienets, Jack Dowd, Lleyton Hecker, Hunter Little, Corey Thorburn and coach Jason Sutherland.



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Have your say on National Landcare Programme

The Australian Government is calling on regional communities to share their views about the National Landcare Programme.

Federal Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester, said Gippsland residents are encouraged to go online from August 4 and complete a consultation survey at www.nrm.gov.au.

The survey will be available for four weeks, seeking views on the design and delivery of the regional stream of the National Landcare Programme.

Mr Chester, who is a member of Landcare, said it was important that local people had a say on how the National Landcare Programme could benefit their local area.

"Landcare groups play a vital role in preserving some of Gippsland's most important natural attractions, while also bringing people together to help the environment," Mr Chester said.

"Whether it's re-establishing riverside vegetation, controlling pest plants and animals, improving the water quality of the Gippsland Lakes or reducing erosion on private property, the work of volunteers and staff provides practical, long-term benefits to our region.

We want to work with Landcare groups, community organisations and individuals to deliver simple solutions to environmental challenges. To achieve this, we need Gippsland people to have their say."



The Australian Government will also shortly announce details of funding for future small projects and a one-off grants programme to coincide with the 25th anniversary of Landcare.

Information on the consultation survey and community sessions is available on www.nrm.gov.au

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