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Latrobe Valley Yacht Club 50 years



Ian Cunningham, President, Yachting Victoria, Latrobe Valley Yacht Club Commodore Geoff Conway, Russell Northe MP and Keith Hamilton at the celebrations.

A re-union and celebration of 50 years of yachting for Latrobe Valley Yacht Club was held on Sunday October 5, 2014 at the Hazelwood Pondage Aquatic Centre.

Ninety people gathered to remember and catch up with those with whom they had sailed.

There was a great deal of chatter and admiring of the new honour boards and other displays set up in the centre.

The official speeches began at 2pm with the current Commodore, Geoff Conway, saying it was no mean feat for any club to celebrate fifty years. He continued - things which appeal have changed, but resilience through the tough times has kept the club going. There have been issues such as not enough water and blue-green algal blooms. But the friendships and camaraderie

have prevailed.

Hundreds of people have been introduced to sailing, benefitting from and enjoying the sport.

It is a buzz for them all and something to boast about, that they have been able to run the June Long Weekend Sauna Sail each year. There have been elite athletes attending.

A partnership with Sailability has sent a strong message to everyone that sailing is for all abilities, ages and genders. Everyone is welcome and all have done well.

Geoff extended thanks to the foundation members and executive officers of the past, especially those who had stepped up and taken on the role of Commodore. Geoff acknowledged the effort, through his own

involvement, what that role requires. Long standing sponsors - GDF-Suez, Latrobe City Council, Gippsland Fire Services and 'Uncle' SECV were also thanked.

Geoff then introduced Ian Cunningham President of Yachting Victoria. Ian said it was terrific to be present. He remembered being at the Yacht Club in 1974. He said the club's partnership with Sailability had won a Vic Sports award. It was welcoming and inclusive, engendering local spirit.

Ian also commented on the honour boards which he said showed family's involvement over many years.

Ian concluded by congratulating the club for achieving fifty years.

Russell Northe thanked everyone for their

welcome. He too mentioned the trials and tribulations endured by the club, but confirmed the resilience expressed was fabulous. He also commented upon the honour board and displays. The names on the honour boards were of good people he recognised as synonymous with support for our community over many years.

Russell said the club had been a vehicle for members to participate in events over Victoria, Australia and internationally which was absolutely extraordinary. He thanked everyone for their work over the years, and for the tourist dollars it had brought to help our local economy.

Then came the announcement that over
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Churchill Fire Brigade Presentation Night

A large number of Churchill Fire Brigade members, group representatives, CFA personnel and guests gathered at Churchill Hotel to celebrate the Churchill Brigade's year of operation and to present awards.

After entrees and the main course were served it was time for the formalities. Brigade President Allan Larkin was MC for the night. He welcomed everyone present.

Steve Barling, Brigade Captain, also welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He reported that it had been a busy year for the Churchill brigade with 162 fire calls over the last twelve months which included five structure fires and wildfires, including the Hernes Oak and Driffield fires and the Hazelwood Mine fire.

A second defibrillator was purchased by the brigade. The Fire Safe Kids programs for schools continued and ten sessions of community education had been delivered. Steve stated that the brigade has shown strong leadership and participation with the Morwell Group of Fire Brigades. The formation of District 27, the new area created to concentrate solely on the Latrobe Valley and its assets, is a positive response. The brigade is seen to be doing good work in the community. Steve thanked those who are involved with the Fire Equipment Maintenance for their dedication and for the funds it raises for the brigade. Steve commented on the positive aspect for the brigade of having a Facebook page and thanked Chris Gallagher for his contribution to this. Thanks too were expressed to the officers of the brigade for the work they do. He asked them to it keep up with training and developing leadership skills. Members were also thanked.

Special thanks were expressed to partners and family members for their support of brigade members, which is most appreciated. Steve concluded with saying he was very proud of what the brigade had



Lt Shane Renwick, Rob Langston, Lt Graeme Renwick, Pert Penco, Secretary Darlene Parkinson, Captain Steve Barling, Tony Gallagher and Communications Officer Chris Gallagher.

achieved over the last two years. Councillor Darrell White, representing Latrobe City Council, acknowledged the key role of Churchill Fire Brigade in protecting the community. "We have lots of infrastructure and assets. You have an interface with other brigades of a spirit of co-operation," he said.

Darrell also thanked all members for their willingness to undergo training and development of understanding to deal with the different sorts of fires and circumstances present in our area. He concluded by saying "Thanks for your contribution, which is vital to keeping the place safe".

The Regional Director, Mark Potter thanked the brigade for its significant contribution especially over the last summer. He re-iterated the thanks to partners and family for support of the members. Mark then presented the CFA service awards, assisted by Operations Officer Shane Mynard.

- 5 years Certificate - Ashleigh Caldwell
- 15 Year clasp - 1st Lieutenant Shane Renwick
- 25 Year clasp - Darlene Parkinson and Bert Penco.

Mark Potter also awarded Captain Steve Barling a Commendation for Service for his work in the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires

in our area. This was a complete surprise to Steve. He accepted the award on behalf of all who had worked with him under those horrific circumstances.

Steve Barling presented Firefighter of the Year to Graeme Renwick who Steve said was always there for training, when things needed doing, when community events were on and for his leadership and work on Fire Equipment Maintenance.

Rookie of the Year was presented to Lyndon Collins by 1st Lieutenant Shane Renwick, who explained that the award was given to a new recruit who performed over and above what is usually expected.

Most Consistent Award was presented to Chris Gallagher by 2nd Lieutenant Graeme Renwick.

Captain's Trophy was given by Steve Barling to Jack Dixon whose efforts Steve acknowledged.

Recently the brigade decided to recognise the service of members who have served with the brigade for 25 years by awarding Life Memberships. Those receiving Life Membership awards on the night were Steve Barling, Anthony Gallagher, Rob Langston, Darlene Parkinson and Bert Penco.

Following the awards, dessert was served, and people were free to continue to socialise.

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Rainfall for October

The October rainfall in Churchill to the 30th inclusive was 58 mil, this brings the total rainfall to 533.5 mil for 2014 to date.

Hopefully we will get some good rain in the next 2 months ... we are still well below our average for Churchill.



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Churchill Community Garden



Natural control of plant disorders caused by insects:

Firstly identify if your plant disorder is caused by weeds, disease, insects or growing conditions.

Growing conditions:

An unsuitable position for a particular plant as in too shady or sunny.

The soil type may be lacking in the right nutrients or the wrong pH (Too acid or too alkaline).

Drainage - Is the soil too wet or too dry?

Fertiliser - Is it the type suitable to the plant and applied in the correct amount at the right time?

What sprays have you used near the plant?

The plant is very old or not watered appropriately.

Weeds:

It is sometimes difficult to identify if it is insect, disease or weeds that are the problem.

Most weeds are easy to identify.

Insects:

Galls or patterns on leaves are symptoms of egg laying insects (moths etc.).

Chewed or scraped leaves are from feeding insects usually aphids, caterpillars or thrips. Mottled yellow leaves may be caused by sucking insects which can

result in sooty mould and ant activity.

Insect control:

Try to use these natural remedies that get rid of the damage- causing insects and not their predators.

Insects often attack plants in poor health. Correct weeding, watering and fertilising promotes healthy plants.

Remove insects by hand and squash them. A strong jet of water will dislodge aphids.

Not all insects are pests. Some are natural predators of pests eg. The larvae of ladybirds feed on aphids, scale and mites.

Hoverfly larva preys on aphids, caterpillar larva and eggs. Praying mantis feeds on passing insects and predatory mites feed on harmful mites. To attract these predatory insects to vulnerable plants you can plant other plants near them that attract these natural predators. This is called companion planting. Companion planting can also help increase yields in edibles.

Information sourced by from Gardening Australia magazine (September 2010)

Written by Sheina Renton (Secretary for the Churchill Community Garden).

Churchill's Neighbourhood Safer Place

The Churchill Public Hall is currently closed as it is having renovations done to improve the general amenity of the facility. As a consequence of this closure, Latrobe City has advised that during the coming summer season the Churchill Public Hall will NOT be available for use as Churchill's Neighbourhood Safer Place.

Churchill and neighbouring community members should take account of this advice should your last resort plan have been to attend the Neighbourhood Safer Place in Churchill.

There are Neighbourhood Safer Places located at Boolarra (Boolarra Public Hall) and Yinnar (Yinnar

Primary School).

Further information on Neighbourhood Safer Places is available from the CFA Website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare



Old Time Family Dance Jeeralang North Hall, Jeeralang North Road Christmas Dance, Friday, November 28

The Committee is supplying a dinner BBQ before the dance - 6.00 pm.
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Northe's Natter

October as always has been a very busy month in Churchill and District with a number of community events taking place.

Last month I had the pleasure of attending the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club's 50 year celebrations at the Hazelwood Pondage.

At the celebrations I was able to announce that Hazelwood Pondage will benefit from a \$1 million upgrade and development plan through the \$1 billion Regional Growth Fund.

The upgrade will provide great benefits to many members of the community, and boost the tourism profile of the region as a destination of choice for those undertaking recreational water activities.

This will allow a number of water activities to be conducted

at any time of the year including, sailing, water-skiing, canoeing and swimming amongst other purists.

For example recently the Victorian 10km Open Water Swim Titles were conducted at the Hazelwood Pondage, this being just one of many major events hosted locally at Hazelwood.

The very successful Latrobe Relay for Life was also held last month. Well done to Alison Gamble, Sue Van Heurck and the local relay committee for their amazing work and success of the 2014 Latrobe Relay for Life at Gaskin Park, Churchill.

It was pleasing to see over 700 participants and 31 teams participating in this year's event. Latrobe Relay for Life was a

wonderful opportunity for the community to pull together and raise in excess of \$66,000 for the Cancer Council of Victoria in the fight against cancer.

This year's Relay for Life celebrated its 12th year and biggest ever. The event ran from 4pm Saturday October 18 until 10am Sunday October 19.

Well done to Greg Allan MC of the event and the team at TRFM and Gold 1242 for their assistance in promoting Relay for Life, with live broadcasting on the day and promotion in the lead up to the event.

Congratulations must go to the team at Lavalla Legends for raising in excess of \$9,000 for this worthy cause. To register a team to participate in next year's

event or to donate you can visit www.relayforlife.org.au On Sunday October 26, the very successful Hazelwood Car and Bike Show was conducted at Gaskin Park, Churchill.

It was a terrific day with a huge crowd in attendance with plenty of entertainment.

A number of local groups and organisations assisted in making the day a great success.

With the end of the year drawing close, I pass on my very best wishes to all within the Churchill and district community, and I thank you all for taking the time to contact my office, have a chat with me when I'm out and about, and for being active community members.



Russell Northe, MP

Latrobe City Council's Annual Report for 2013/14 is now available to our community. This report provides a comprehensive account of Council's achievements, challenges, aspirations for the future and commitments to the community.

It details the Council's performance against the strategic directions outlined in the Council Plan 2013-2017, and provides an overview of the financial performance for the year under review. Most importantly, this report demonstrates the breadth and diversity of services delivered by Council to our Latrobe City community.

The Annual Report is a key tool to keeping our community, state and federal governments and peak bodies informed about Council's performance. Along with this, there is a requirement in the Local Government Act 1989 for all Councils to present an Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government by September 30 each year.

The Report is available to view on Council's website: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

Council's Major Achievements/ Highlights 2013/14:

Council continued to advocate with state and federal governments

for research and development of innovative uses of brown coal resources to be located in Latrobe City.

It also assisted local wood and paper industries to expand by taking steps towards a "Wood Encouragement Policy" and seeking support from the Australian Minister for Agriculture for the establishment of research facilities in Latrobe City.

It continued to lobby state and federal government for transition needs of Latrobe City in accordance with "Positioning Latrobe City for a Low Carbon Emission Future".

Council undertook a program of councillor meetings with peak industry and community bodies to identify jobs growth opportunities for the region.

It assisted with the growth of a 30% increase in employment at Latrobe Regional Airport.

It commenced a "trial" of regular Public Presentation Sessions designed to allow members of the community, organisations and other stakeholders to speak to Councillors on important issues.

It reviewed Council's statutory planning procedures and delegations, as a result, the number of land use and development planning permit

Darrell White



Cr Darrell White

applications processed under 60 statutory days increased from 33% to 70%.

Council approved five Development Plans creating 2,476 new residential lots across the municipality.

It planted 8330 native plants and trees to offset emissions from Council's vehicle fleet.

Council installed solar hot water systems across four sites at Moe/Newborough Leisure Centre, Lake Narracan and Hazelwood Caravan

Parks.

It received the "Wurreker Award" for recognition of Latrobe City Council's contribution to growing success in facilitating Aboriginal employment opportunities, education and training.

It collaborated with Destination Gippsland to increase tourism focus on Latrobe City.

It upgraded local playgrounds and equipment across nine sites.

It developed the Latrobe City Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

It delivered the Sister Cities Festival in line with Latrobe City International Relations Plan 2011-2014.

Council hosted the Taizhou, China student delegation to Latrobe City, with the opening of the Award winning "Australian Garden" in our Sister City, Taizhou, China.

Churchill and District Community Hub "Draft" Strategic Plan 2014 - 2018:

A requirement of the current Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee "Terms of Reference" has been the need to develop a four year Strategic Plan for the period 2014 - 2018.

Following consultation with the

community and the 'users' of the Churchill and District Community Hub, the Hub's Advisory Committee has developed a "draft" Churchill and District Community Hub Strategic Plan 2014 - 2018, which has been designed to guide the direction and priorities for the Churchill Hub over the next four years.

This Plan aims to build on the successes achieved since the commencement of the Churchill Hub on May 1, 2009, and includes actions designed to further enhance the Hub's services and community use into the future.

Council resolved at its October 13 Ordinary Council Meeting:

to release the "draft" Churchill and District Community Hub Strategic Plan 2014-2018 and seek public comment and submissions for a period of six weeks that a further report be presented to Council at the Ordinary Council meeting on December 15, 2014 to consider submissions received.

Members of the community are encouraged to obtain a copy of the "draft" Strategic Plan from any of the Council's Service Centres, including the Churchill Hub, with community feedback being very much welcomed.



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the next four years one million dollars had been committed to upgrade the facilities, such as installing a reticulated sewerage system, and refurbishment of amenities and toilets on site. These improvements will add to the tourist attraction to this great area and the retention and service to yacht club participants.

Russell finished by saying "Go from strength to strength."

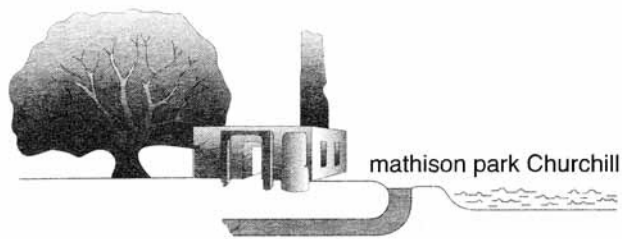
Keith Hamilton, a long standing member of the club shared his memories of some significant past members including Rear Commodores, the wives of the early Commodores and of their setting of high standards on which the club has continued to be run on proper traditions, and strict discipline. Keith recognised those who had passed away, for their contribution to laying strong foundations also.

Keith mentioned that the Yacht Club had started out at Lake Narracan and moved to Hazelwood Pondage where it enjoyed a great relationship with the SECV as many members were employed there.

Keith recalled Sauna Sails in the mid 70's with 500 boats and 1500 people around the site all day and most of the night.

A presentation was made to club member Leanne who had done a mighty job in organising the day. Leanne said it had been a challenge but well worth the effort.

A delicious afternoon tea was served accompanied by much more catching up chatter, and viewing of honour boards and displays, bringing back many memories.



mathison park Churchill

Mathison Park progress



With two working bees and four sessions of planting trees, October has been a very busy but productive month.

We had received 500 trees through the 70,000 trees for Latrobe City, Latrobe being a fire affected area. We had also planned a project to make new garden beds and plant out parts of the east side of the lake. We have had great help and support from Sandra at Traralgon West Nursery in planning what is to be planted, and in creating the beds in which to plant the chosen trees and shrubs. Thank you Sandra so much for your help, advice and patience.

The first planting session came when the Prep-2s from Churchill Primary School came down and helped plant 150 trees they had applied to plant, and 50 of the committee's trees.

Thank you to all those eager young students who enthusiastically tackled the task.

The second planting was by adults who came for the working bee on October 18. It had been too wet to deliver the soil for our new garden beds on the east side of the lake, so trees were planted and then the willing workers tackled fallen limbs around the park.

It was wonderful to have Shelley, Gary, Sue and Lauren join us that day. Gary and Shelley saw the plea for help in the Churchill News.

We also have had some Rotary Club members join us and we are indeed grateful for those extra bodies.

Everyone enjoyed themselves, felt a sense of satisfaction at the work achieved, made new friends and enjoyed a delicious morning tea supplied by Faye.

The soil was delivered for the second week's working bee. Special thanks go to Allan for using his machine to spread out the soil which had been dumped on the garden beds, and beginning to add the mulch from the pile to a bed.

Allan also installed a new gate so we could get the truck into another part of the east side. Thank you so much Allan.

Jim needs a special thank you also. He used his

tractor to rip and disc hoe the soil, and spray the new bed areas for weeds. Then at the second working bee, he was there early and began spreading out the mulch from the pile until it was gone. Thanks so much Jim.

These two men with their machines gave their time and their resources freely and willingly.

The second week, October 25, we had nearly all the previous working bee's people plus an enthusiastic group of Joey Scouts from 1st Churchill, who came with their leader Bree and willing parents. Aaron from Scouts also came.

They all participated in tree planting, and raking the mulch over the new beds.

What was planned to take all day was finished by 11am. It was amazing to behold. The committee members are so grateful. They all deserved their special morning tea, again provided by Faye. Thanks Faye.

The fourth planting took place on Tuesday October 28, along the fence line north of the Kurnai College oval. Peter from the Kurnai staff had mowed the grass so the trees could be planted by some willing students and their teachers from Kurnai College Junior Campus, who belong to Hands On Learning group. Two hundred trees were planted in less than an hour. Wow! What a terrific lot of teamwork. Thanks a lot to you all.

Soon after that, trees arrived from Traralgon West Nursery to be planted in the new beds. Thank you goes to Sandra and Phil who did a lion's share of the planting, along with Chris who had helped earlier in the afternoon. Chris uses his 4WD vehicle and trailer for carrying so much to working bees.

Thank you to four Fed Uni students who saw them there and offered to help. So lovely.

A special thank you goes to our committee members and our regular volunteers who put in over and above in effort and dedication for these new tree planting projects and month by month involvement. It has been an amazing month of work.

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Community Forum and General Meeting

5.30pm, Tuesday November 18, 2014

The Board Room, Gippsland Enterprise Centre
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Guest Speaker: Mr Ben Leigh, CEO,
Latrobe Community Health Services

Topic: Churchill site redevelopment
(Latrobe Valley University Training and Dental
Prosthetics Laboratory)

All local residents welcome. Tea & coffee provided.

Please note: This is a one hour General Meeting and Community Forum. It will be followed by a CDCA Committee meeting, at which observers are welcome.

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Pet Blessing Services

The month began with two pet blessing services; one at Churchill in the church and one at Boolarra in the Railway Park.

The service celebrated the happiness our pets bring to us while acknowledging God's wonderful creation and our God-given responsibility to look after God's creation.

At Boolarra, Jean Quick, animal rescue provider brought some animals she is looking after and spoke about her work. Lunch was eaten after the service.

Coffee Connections

A happy group of parishioners came to Coffee Connections to join in for a cuppa and some friendly conversation. The devotion was followed by a True or False Trivia Quiz which caused some discussion.

Youth Group Sleepover.

The Youth Group enjoyed a happy night of games, craft, a movie and learning about the Christian perspective of All Hallows as opposed to Halloween.

Saturday Breakfast

Russell Hadley was the guest speaker and his talk was titled: The 1934 MacRobertson Air Race. Where racing planes and chocolate meet! This air race from England to Melbourne

was a competition between specialised British racing planes and fare paying, passenger carrying, commercial aircraft from the USA.

Russell's talk was illustrated by some models of participating aircraft. The life of Sir MacPherson Robertson and his confectionary was also be explored.

A more detailed report appears elsewhere on this page.

Combined Service October 26 at 10am

As part of our relationship with Gahini Diocese in Rwanda, Africa, we were asked to be the commissioning parish for the Alternative Schoolies week students from St Paul's and Gippsland Grammar who are going to Gahini for a week. These are special young people who have decided to celebrate the end of their secondary education in such a positive and worthwhile way. While they are in Gahini, Sarah, the initiator of this project, will be asking the students to go to the villages and paint wood with black paint to make blackboards for the children at the schools.



As our contribution to the Gahini Diocese Sarah suggested we collect some money to buy the paint. We were also able to collect a supply of chalk to take. Teachers in Gahini get one stick of chalk per day with which to present their lessons.

Our SRI teachers approached our local schools to see if they had chalk no longer required. We had marvellous support from them. We can also make donations of chalk.

It was wonderful to see all those enthusiastic

young people wanting to go to Gahini to make a difference. Reverend Brenda prayed for their health and safety and for their experience to be memorable. She also prayed for the leaders of the group and the students' parents.

Children's Talks

Through the month the children have been following the stories of Moses and the exodus from Egypt. Sharon has been doing some very interactive children's talks and the children have been doing some wonderful craft work to follow based on the stories.

Saturday Breakfast

The 1934 MacRobertson Air Race

Russell Hadley gave a presentation of photographs and models (made by his grandchildren) of some of the aircraft that participated in this air race.

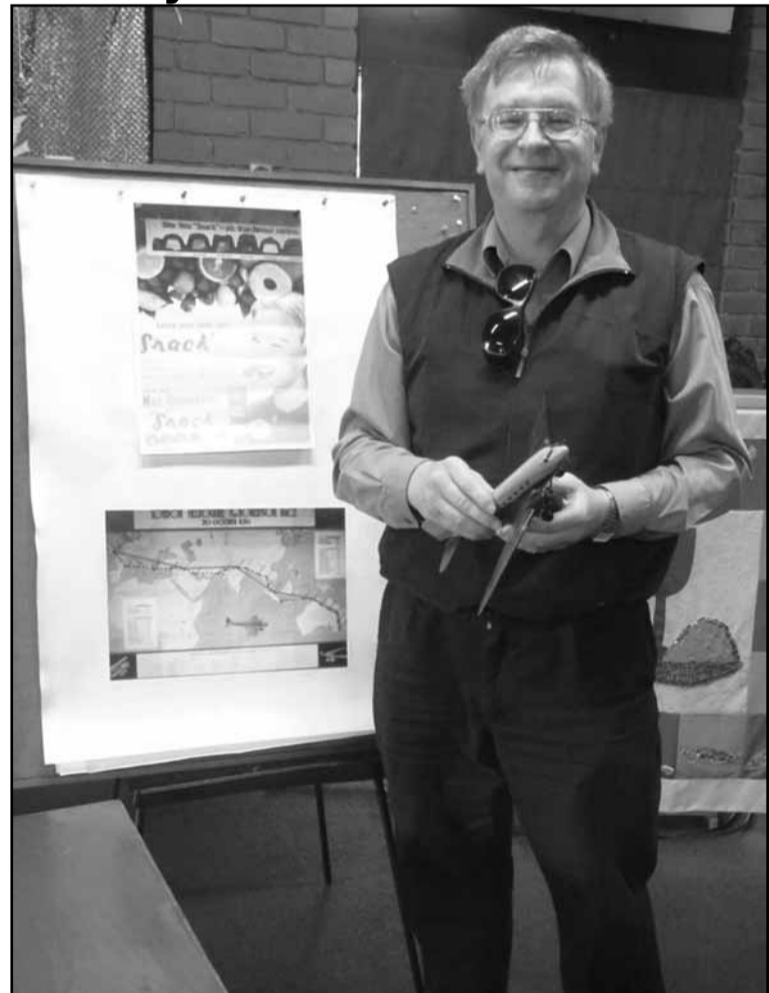
The 1934 air race was part of the Melbourne Centenary celebrations and the major sponsor was MacPherson Robertson, the founder of the MacRobertson confectionary empire.

The race was from Mildenhall in England to the Flemington Race Course in Melbourne. The expectation was that a trip that took up to 15 days would be reduced to three days.

The first aircraft across the line was a specially designed English racing plane the DH88 Comet. This two seater plane achieved the three days target. The second across the line was a Dutch owned, American designed, DC2 passenger liner carrying fare paying passengers and air mail! The third place went to another American passenger liner, the Boeing 247D which was subsequently developed into a famous World War Two bomber.

MacPherson Robertson created the MacRobertson confectionary empire from very humble beginnings, and introduced such treats as Freddo frogs, cherry ripers and snack bars. This business was taken over by Cadburys in the 1960's.

Robertson also donated vast sums of money to create the MacRobertson Girls' High School, a bridge over the Yarra, a Herbarium in Domain Gardens, and a fountain on the corner of St Kilda and Domain Roads. He also financed an Australian Antarctic expedition



to an extent where a bay is named after him on that continent.

He died just after World War Two.

Russell Hadley

Next Saturday Breakfast

This will be held on November 22, at 7.45am at the Co-Operating Parish Church.

It will be a DIY session where attendees are asked to bring along their favourite jokes, funny stories or humorous incidents and tell to the group.

People attending should contact Keith Enders at 5122 1148 or by e-mail at ken.15967@bigpond.com by Thursday November 20.

Church Times

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Week 4 - 11am at
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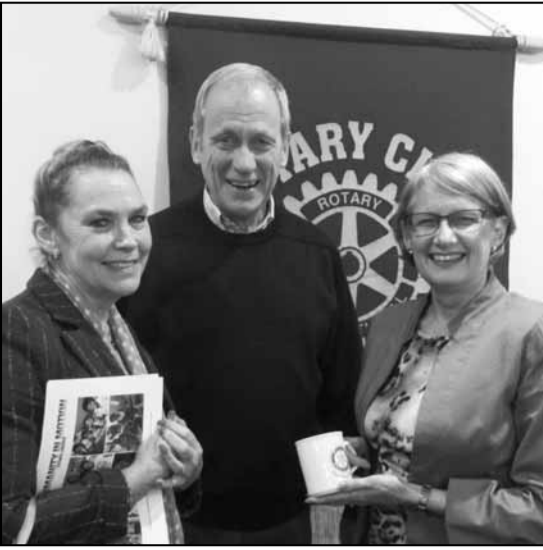
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Hazelwood Rotary



By Leo Billington

During October, the Hazelwood Rotary Club has continued to push ahead with a stunning array of activities underscoring the club's ability to "punch above its weight". Readers of the Churchill & District News are always invited to enquire about learning more about the club.

Guest speakers

Highly respected Gippsland pharmacist, Anne Leversha, was a guest speaker early in October. Besides having a stellar career in pharmacy, Anne was recently invited to conduct a six day seminar on clinical pharmacy for local pharmacists from the Solomon Islands, in the capital Honiara.

Following a successful seminar conducted by Anne and a colleague in Vanuatu, last year, an invitation was extended to offer a similar educational program in Honiara.

Included in the seminar were two days of medication ward rounds and teaching at the National Referral Hospital in Honiara.

Anne was asked to become involved in this educational service because of her professional credentials and extensive pharmacy experience throughout Australia.

Social activities

Recently, club members enjoyed a Bangladeshi meal at the Gippsland Multicultural Services Inc dining room. Cooked by Barti who has been living here about four months, the evening also provided an excellent opportunity to learn about the work being done by GMS Inc under the enthusiastic leadership of Lisa Sinha.

Community activities

One long - standing Rotary project is the annual National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). Basically open to Year 11 students, all the successful Gippsland nominees were welcomed at a barbeque lunch catered for by Hazelwood Rotary at Federation University.

Yinnar South Primary School was a recent beneficiary of funding from the club to purchase a small garden shed to complement their initiative in establishing a community garden. To be used as a storage shed, the building of that shed was completed by a team from Hazelwood Rotary together with extra "hired help". This project was well researched by the school and has been completed to enable the garden to progress further.

We catered at the recent Traralgon Swimming Club Open Water Swim Competition conducted at Hazelwood Pondage. The event was held over two days and many a brave swimmer was seen to swim lengthy distances – one event was a 10 kms swim in

the pondage.

The 7th annual Pistons Car Club Car and Bike Show was held at Gaskin Park on Sunday, October 26. A huge crowd attended – excellent weather helped – and enjoyed delicious barbeque catering provided by Hazelwood and Morwell Rotary Clubs.

Recently organised and co-ordinated by Ruth Place, a well attended tree planting day was conducted at Mathison Park. Hazelwood Rotary members helped here also.

Under guidance and tuition of teacher, Brett Gay, a team of VCAL students have entered the 2014 RACV Energy Breakthrough event to be held at Maryborough (Victoria) late in November. The Kurnai Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) team received financial sponsorship from Hazelwood Rotary to enable their participation in this popular annual event to be a little easier.

Operation Cleft is another world wide Rotary International program and the Rotary club has donated funds to assist the great work being accomplished overseas.

Joining with the Yinnar Primary School, Hazelwood Rotary has supported the Yinnar Primary School - Junior Community Award. A function is scheduled for later in November where Year 6 students will receive their awards. Rotary member, Brenda Burney has led this initiative working alongside staff members at the school.

World Polio Day will be acknowledged this month as Hazelwood Rotary supports this massive world wide effort to eradicate polio.

If interested to learn more details about Rotary, please contact President Ray Beebe on 51 22 1366

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



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Another successful Relay for Life event

The Relay for Life event at Gaskin Park Churchill was held in near perfect weather conditions. The occasion began at 4pm on Saturday October 18 with the opening formalities. Russell Northe, patron of the Relay, acknowledged Sue Van Heurck and her committee for their outstanding organisation. The Oath was read and Sue Van Heurck spoke of the wonderful work of the Cancer Council and the research made possible with Relay raised funds. She added that there are over 70 relays in Victoria each year. Sue said that their sister Relay team in Latrobe Pennsylvania USA sent their love and best wishes for a fantastic weekend.

Included was a welcome to country by Auntie Alexis Atkinson, and, for the first time, a smoking ceremony was offered by Ronald Edwards to cleanse the spirit, welcome and protect. This was followed by the cutting of the ribbon for the Survivors and Carers lap of honour, walking as they started through the smoke of the ceremony. Over 120 participated in this lap, the most for any previous event. They were then served a delicious afternoon tea.

The expected number of participants was 1000 supporting the 33 registered teams.

The organising committee was aiming to raise \$100,000 this year, with participants being able to continue to raise money for four weeks after the event.

Local entertainers provided an array of musical talent and styles. Interspersed with that were contests such as the egg and spoon race, limbo, treasure hunt, purple hour and glow hour, plus movies to while away the time.

The candlelight ceremony was a moving feature of the event, with for the first time, a large blow up screen being used to project images of loved ones. A flute was played during this time which was very evocative. Candle bags with messages of hope and remembrance were placed around the track – brown for those lost to, and white for those living with, cancer. The burning candles lit the path of the walkers throughout the night.

One team - the St Paul's Year 6 class comes every year with their teacher. This was their fifth year and over that time they have raised \$5000 each year. They are able to choose their own research fund and name it.

Sue has been relaying since 2001. She urges everyone to keep doing it as the more research that can be done, the more



Ronald Edwards offered a smoking ceremony to cleanse, welcome and protect.

people with a diagnosis can have a good outcome.

The aim of the Relay for Life is to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and fight back against the disease that takes too many lives.

The Relay committee wishes to thank all their sponsors and supporters without whom they would not be able to run this special event.

The teams from Churchill and surrounds.

MisPrints raised \$1500. This is their fourth Relay
Valley Angels Raised \$1500. This is their fourth year.

Top Gear raised \$600 plus in kind support. It is their second year.

Kurnai College Morwell/University Campus. Over 30 students participated from Year 7-12, and six staff. They raised approximately \$2000. It is their third Relay

Flannelette Roses have been involved for four years.

Happy Wanderers raised \$1200. It is their second year. They like to get together to do something for the community. It is good fun and involves the kids.

Breakaleg Theatre put on a theatre life event each year to make \$1000. It is their fourth year.

Mad Hatters raised \$7,288.50. It is their eleventh year. They have 27 members.

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This month at MUGSU...

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We recently held our annual awards night to acknowledge on behalf of the students the fantastic effort put in by university lecturers and staff. We would especially like to congratulate Ms. Margaret Guthrie who received life membership with MUGSU in recognition of her years of service on our board as our Community Representative.

Our new student board start their term on November 1st, and will soon be planning out new exciting activities and events for 2015! MUGSU would like to wish all students the very best as they finish up their classes and begin studying for exams!



When all the Rivers Run



This exhibit of Indigenous artist's work from Gippsland and the Albury regions and friends was officially opened on Tuesday October 7 at the Switchback Gallery at FedUni.

Rodney Forbes, Head of the Centre for Art and Design at FedUni opened the exhibit.

He and Robyn Heckenberg, of the Koori Studies department, were the curators of the exhibition.

Ronald Edwards, a featured artist, gave the welcome to country.

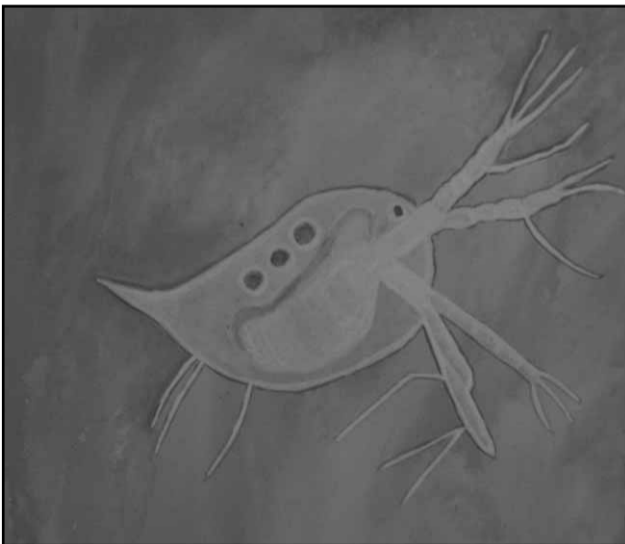
Robyn spoke of the art works as a representation

of Aboriginal people connected to the land through kinship ties, and through representing their connection to their story and place. The Bogong Moth was a means of bringing together the peoples of Gippsland with the peoples of the Albury region, as they met in the mountains to gather the moths.

A range of artefacts was also on display.

Robyn concluded by saying the artwork showed a generosity of spirit that Aboriginal people have for each other.

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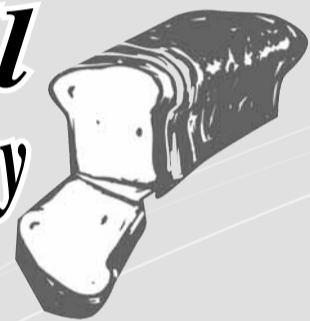
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The Co-operating Churches in Churchill is an established arrangement of co-operation between the Anglican (formerly known as Church of England) Uniting (formerly known as Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian) and Churches of Christ denominations.

The Co-operating Churches are effectively one congregation who use all the diversity of their various traditions. We celebrate Holy Communion fortnightly in our varied traditions and encourage participation and use of people's special abilities. Music is an important part of church life and a number of special banners have been produced to decorate the Church Centre.

There are a number of small groups who regularly meet for prayer, Bible study, discussion of social issues and recreation, Young people, children, women, choir, band and bush walking – this is a list of other groups who meet regularly.

Children are welcome in the worship service which begins at 9.30 am each Sunday. After about 25 minutes, the children go next door to Sunday school and finish soon after the

main worship concludes.

Times when the Church gathers for recreation and sharing are the Annual Family Camp, a Fun Day at Jumbuk Park, Art and Craft Display, Ladies Dinner, Crafty sessions and car tour/BBQ wind-up.

The Church has always sought to support the Churchill Community. At this time, we produce the Churchill News and many of our people are involved in community activities. There is the team of faithful workers who each Tuesday clear the 'Clothes Bin'. Many members of our congregation attend Wattle Club as volunteers. Last year the RE team consisted of 10 dedicated teachers covering 17 classes at Churchill, Churchill North, and Hazelwood Estate.

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Family Camp

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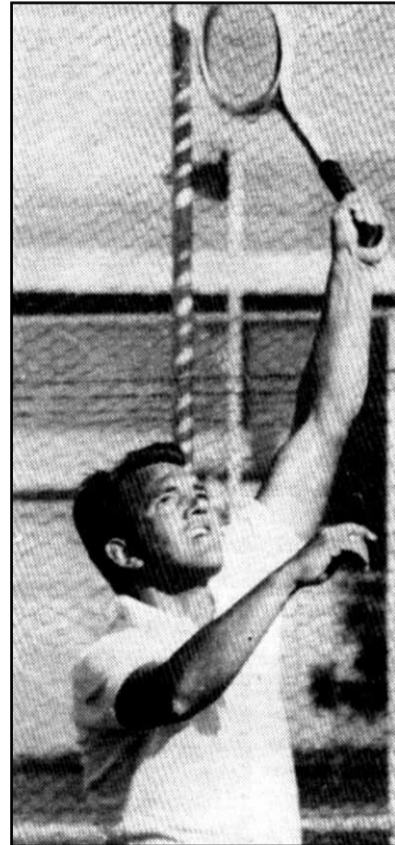
During this four-day camp, visits to the Zoo, the Museum and other places will be organised.

The cost of this Camp will include all meals, accommodation and entrance fees. The cost will be \$50 per adult and \$15 per child.

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Everyday wear was protected from spills and spots by wearing an apron. An apron made of sturdy and practical material had many uses – protecting clothes, hand cleaning, wiping a child's grubby face, and with the bottom folded up, carrying produce from the garden and eggs from the chook pen to the kitchen.

A ballerina length dress for after five wear was very fashionable. For that important night out at the local ball, ladies dressed in floor length evening

gowns, many with short puff sleeves, a stole over the shoulders for warmth and long white gloves. The men were resplendent in their blue double breasted suits with subdued coloured tie and highly polished leather shoes.

Ladies often sewed their own frocks and had many different materials to choose from, like georgette, crepe, lace, satin, double knit jersey, brushed nylon, cotton, lawn, twill and quilted nylon. Winter clothes such as skirts, suits, overcoats and winter frocks were often

made from warmer pure wool fabrics.

Times of shopping like this are long gone – fifty years ago we waited at the counter and asked the shop assistant for what we required – we were then shown the range of goods that the shop had in stock. After making our choice, the shop assistant would wrap the article, hand write and receipt the docket as we paid in cash.

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Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

John's Jottings

John has continued with his historical collecting and this month his snippet is on the formation of the Park, which was lifted from an article: THE MORWELL NATIONAL PARK by Dr. L.H. Smith, M.Sc., D.Ph. (Oxon), F.R.A.C.I. Director of the National Parks Authority of Victoria.

Continued from last month "Acquisition."

The key to the solution of this problem was still finance. However, following negotiation in which the Shire Council, the Authority and the Minister of Lands all played a part, on 9th. December 1965, the Treasurer approved a grant of \$10,500 to the Shire to meet half the cost of purchase, provided that the Council agreed to surrender the land to the Crown for dedication as a national park, and to provide the public access. As only Parliament may declare an area of land to be a national park, obviously these arrangements were subject to the approval of that body; hence the need for the legislation to ensure that the land having been purchased by the Government and Shire Council in collaboration would in fact become a national park. At the date of writing, the land transfer is proceeding, and is expected to be registered during the next few weeks.

Description of Area. The land in question consists of Allotments 22 and 23, Section A, Parish of Yinnar, and contains 341 acres and 3 roads. The area consists of a number of steep sloping ridges with a creek running in a small channel 30 to 40 feet deep. The slopes are well timbered, although they show the scars of the early years of settlement and of the 1939 fire. The main gully, which is in fact a tributary of Middle Creek which in turn is a tributary of the Morwell River, is the principal feature for national parks purposes. This is a truly beautiful area with magnificent Blue Gums and Grey Gums. The gully has developed a plant community of Pittosporum, Blackwood, Blanket-leaf, Austral Mulberry, Musk and Christmas Bush."

To be continued next month

October Activity Report

This month we had two activities. The first was a morning Orchid Walk while the second was the annual Koala Count. At the first activity we had John, Matt, Tamara, Beryl, Brenda, Darren and Ranger Mark. Joining us were 13 people from the community keen to come along and discover the orchids to be found. The walk was very well promoted and this helped us to have a large and

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interested group searching for orchids. The group was given the choice of walks and elected to try the longer Stringybark Track which promised the larger selection of orchids.

Matt guided the walk and identified the prize orchids along the way. A range of diverse orchids were located at different stages of the walk. Once the group had stopped to investigate an orchid a range of other flowers would also be located.

The youngest walker had the keenest eyes and she spotted some of the rarer orchids. A few walkers commented that although they enjoy the wider environment, it was great to have their attention drawn to the smaller details and to take in the beauty of these small flowers. These small details are often overlooked.

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In the second activity for the day we had Matt, Tamara, Beryl, Darren and Ranger Mark for the Koala Count.

We were joined by ten keen community members, two of whom had stayed from the earlier Orchid Walk. We had enough walkers to survey three walks.

Matt and Mark took one of the walkers up the Jumbuk Road fire trail and located three koalas. These koalas were located on the top of the ridge and one was found very close to the ground.

Beryl and Tamara took a couple of walkers along Stringybark Track and located one adult koala with a baby cub. This was the same koala located earlier in the day on the Orchid Walk. At least on this return trip to this walk it was possible to identify that there were two koalas not one.

Darren took the larger group around Foster's Gully. This keen group did not locate any koalas in the first half of the walk but we saw an Agile Antechinus (which one the children was able to touch) and a lyrebird.

Later in the walk we located three koalas relatively close together. That brought the total koalas located during the day to eight.

November Activities

Sunday November 16

The group will meet at 10.00am in the Kerry Road car park. The group will work upon two tasks – the Butterfly Orchid survey and track maintenance around the Kerry Road section of the Park. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

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Lions Club Citizen Awards 2015

The Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc. will once again be organising a community function to celebrate Australia Day in Churchill.

The event has proven very popular in recent years.

To enhance the event, the club will present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months. This Award is now adopted as a tradition

and we ask that residents again nominate candidates.

Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions

Club of Churchill and District Inc. at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on January 26, 2015.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2015.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on January 26, 2015.

**Closing Date:
December 19, 2014.**

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The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on January 26, 2015. Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible.

Members of the Lions Organisation are ineligible to nominate. The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district.

All information is confidential. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

2015 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
Citizen of the Year Award

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
Young Citizen of the Year Award

Must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2014

Name: Other Names:

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Other significant contributions and achievements:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
The Secretary - Bob Lowick
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.
Phone: 0408 377 781

FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:
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CHURCHILL 3842
or Fax: 5122 1116

Proposed LCH redevelopment



By Margaret Guthrie

Planning is underway for a proposed site redevelopment at the Churchill (Philip Parade) site of Latrobe Community Health Services.

Guest speaker at this month's CDCA Community Forum and General Meeting on November 18 will be Mr Ben Leigh, CEO of LCHS, who will present an overview of the proposed development. This will be a terrific opportunity for local residents to hear details of what may prove to be the next major development in Churchill.

Concept plans have been prepared for a new 'Latrobe Valley University Training and Dental Prosthetics Laboratory' at the Churchill site, which will require a significant extension and upgrade of the current building.

Funding is yet to be secured for this project so there is no starting date for construction.

However, the development of detailed plans, along with obtaining all the necessary approvals required, makes the project 'construction ready' and assists with funding bids.

All local residents are welcome to attend this Community Forum, which will be held in conjunction with a CDCA General Meeting at 5.30pm on Tuesday November 18, in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre (formerly known as Green Inc.) in McDonald Way, Churchill.

Attendees can expect the Forum to last approximately one hour, with a question and answer

style discussion about the concept plans included in proceedings. Tea and coffee will be available and there will be a short break after the Forum for informal conversation.

CDCA will hold a brief Committee meeting afterwards (observers are welcome). This will be our last formal meeting for 2014. We will be taking a break over the summer and will not meet again until February.

Our volunteers will still be active - there are festive decorations to display in the Town Centre in December that CDCA funds and/or organises; planning for Churchill's 50th anniversary commemorative celebration will continue; an art project at the Monash Way pedestrian underpass will begin over summer; and our Churchill War/Service Memorial (to be erected in the Town Centre Plaza, adjacent to the Town Hall) needs an accompanying plaque to be commissioned once the 'right' wording is finalised.

The Churchill Town Safety Group (a sub-committee of CDCA) will meet in December to consider any local safety issues that have arisen. This Group meets every second month and so will also reconvene formally in February 2015.

CDCA can still be contacted by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing info@cdca.org.au or phoning 5122 2997.

All Churchill and district 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.

Crime Stoppers and 000

Police remind the community if they see something suspicious they should ring 000 or if they have information in relation to an offence contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or make an online report on the Crime Stoppers web site at <https://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime/>



8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday except public holidays.

Please be aware of unsolicited door knocking where tradesmen are offering driveway surfacing, roof repairs, painting etc.

Crime Prevention Tips - 'Do Not Knock' Stickers

Are you sick of door-to-door salespeople knocking on your door and pressurizing you to purchase items you do not need, sign up for a service you do not want or switch from a company you are happy with? Door-to-door salespeople are only permitted to knock on your door between the hours of 9 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. They are prohibited on Sundays and public holidays unless you have previously given your consent. They must leave your property when you ask them to.

The Consumer Action Law Centre provides 'Do not knock' stickers which you can put on your door to warn sales people that they are breaking the law if they knock on your door. The sticker clearly states salespeople are not welcome at your address.

In the Latrobe Valley you can pick one up in Morwell at Consumer Affairs Gippsland - 25 Ann Street; at Anglicare Victoria - 162 Commercial Road or at Gippsland Multicultural Service - 100 Buckley Street.

If you would prefer you can send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Do Not Knock, PO Box 16193, Collins Street West VIC 8007 and they'll post one out to you. You can ask for more for your friends if you wish or you can print one up at <http://donotknock.org.au/>

Door to Door Scam Season has Arrived

Every summer seems to bring the annual arrival of travelling conmen gypsies and we have had reports this has already commenced this year in Gippsland.

These people move through our area offering services for an upfront deposit, and then move on either without providing a service, or receiving payment and then doing a shoddy job.

If money is exchanged and a service provided it is not a criminal matter for police but falls under the domain of Consumer Affairs Victoria which you can find on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ConsumerAffairsVictoria?fref=ts>

However, police are always interested in suspicious behaviour and police are happy to attend and check out anybody acting suspiciously in your street.

You can report travelling conmen at Stop travelling conmen or find out more at Consumer Affairs at <http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/travellingconmen>

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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Long time success and loyalty

By Leo Billington

Established 30 years ago, Churchill Maintenance and Fabrication Pty Ltd is Churchill's oldest business. Founded by Kevin Turpin using rented space in a shed in Switchback Road, the company has successfully carved out its niche in the tough steel fabrication industry by concentrating on delivering a customized manufacturing service within Victoria.

A year after Kevin commenced his fledgling business, around the corner in Churchill's industrial estate C.H.L Apparel (Kayser), lingerie manufacturers, opened their large factory providing employment prospects for about 250 people. It was an era when Australia's Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) industry was bullish with similar manufacturers choosing to establish themselves in Victoria's regional areas.

In the Latrobe Valley, the Kayser factory at Churchill was able to shore-up local confidence in jobs growth, because two years later, Morwell Shire's largest employer of women, L.M Ericsson, closed its electronics manufacturing facility located in Church Street, Morwell.

Some Churchill residents may recall the larger-than-life Hal Moss who owned and ran the Hilton and Kayser lingerie brands for more than 30 years. Hal died in 1999 and the two brands still command a strong presence in Australia's retail market.

For Kevin, larger floor space was required but difficult to source in Churchill. He relocated to Latrobe Road Morwell to a shared site next door to the Morwell Sunday Market site. An opportunity to build his own specific purpose workshop in Churchill drew Kevin to McCormack Street in 1990.

Prior to going out on his own, Kevin initially did his apprenticeship with Tuba Steel, assisting as a sub-contractor on the construction of Hazelwood Power Station. He then worked as a boilermaker with former Morwell based company, Plant Fab. Further employment followed with Maryvale Engineering and Dasma, albeit the entrepreneurial spirit was urging Kevin to establish his own business.

After completing his secondary education at the then Maryvale High School, Rob Turpin completed a four year apprenticeship with Kilpatrick Green, then based in Morwell. Rob qualified as a boilermaker [at one stage while in school, Rob thought he might try veterinary science but to no avail] and obtained work with Primaweld.

Rob takes up the story. "There was heaps of work around. This included working on projects for Hallyburton at Barry's Beach, liquid storage tanks at the APM Maryvale, plenty of SECV work and on pipeline work at Hastings for Esso.

This experience gained while working for Kilpatrick Green and Primaweld was instrumental in deciding to join with Dad



when the opportunity arose. He managed the workshop and I managed various work-sites being responsible for delivery and erection of steelwork.

Locally, we provided steel for the Traralgon Centrelink Call Centre, Traralgon's Amigo Restaurant, Clark Rubber Traralgon, the GippsTAFE Waratah Restaurant, Moe RSL upgrade, Churchill footbridge over McDonald Way, the then Monash University Library and a retirement village in Hampton. It was all go you could say."

In 2000, Rob and his wife, Donna went into partnership becoming co-directors of the family business. They had managed it for about a year prior.

Rob described the first day as "exciting." He remembers waiting for the phone to ring and orders to follow. One of the early jobs was providing steel for a building at the Collingwood Football Club. This was such an irony – Donna supports Collingwood and Rob is an enthusiastic Hawthorn supporter. The Hawks memorabilia in his office testifies to this.

"We then picked up other contracts – a Prep to 12 school in Maryborough (Victoria), the Gippsland Education Precinct (Churchill), the Warrnambool Sports Stadium, Safeway Petrol Plus in Albury and Orbost Foodworks," Rob said.

"We have worked alongside the popular television show 'The Block' providing steel for buildings in Albert Park and South Yarra. Our connection with their contracted builder underscores the value of strong, respected and trustworthy relationships. This is what business is about.

I enjoy the industry in which I work. Any idea of being a vet was purely 'wild thinking' – I didn't like seeing blood when I did some work experience back when in Year 11. Perhaps that's why I turned to boiler making.

I keep a critical eye on the state of current apprenticeship training and the notion of early release makes me wonder about the high level of skill so necessary for my industry. Any apprenticeship training should not be cheapened."

Rob reflects on changes in technology, certainly when compared to his own apprenticeship and to what his Dad had to learn. "For example, years ago, welders used electrodes – stick welding we'd call it. Now it's MIG welding which is faster using 20 kg rolls; much cleaner and you just pull a trigger.

Work sites are much safer; improved tenfold. Ladders are banned and scaffolding is used extensively.

Together with scaffolding, scissor lifts, boom lifts, hard hats, ear protection and plenty of sunscreen are all part of a work site in this industry. High visual clothing has replaced t-shirts and shorts.

In the office, CAD (computer driven drafting) has replaced pencils and rulers; even the T square is ancient. Computer programs, including Tekla and Strucad, 'talk' to us now. It's an electronic world which means we are all subjected to global competition impacting on rates for drafting and value of contracts and tenders."

Currently, Churchill Maintenance and Fabrication employs 13 – an apprentice boiler maker, riggers, boiler makers and office reception staff. They are presently working on a contract involving erection of a new Bunnings store in Collingwood.

Rob and his team at CMF Pty Ltd is a success story proudly "flying the flag" for Churchill. Their loyalty to this town is to be congratulated.



Birdlife Australia Challenge Count Day



On Saturday, December 6 members of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club, their relatives, friends and anyone who is interested in birds, will take part in the Australia-wide Bird Challenge Count Day.

We have been doing this since 1998 in an area from Yarragon to Traralgon, Tyers to the Morwell National Park. Participants are organised into groups with an experienced "bird" person as leader, and set a series of sites in which to observe and count birds. Some

members are able to identify birds and others assist by spotting them.

Data on the types and numbers of birds recorded are sent to Birdlife Australia.

This information provides ideas about bird populations and movement in the area.

It provides a great opportunity for people to learn about the local birds.

If you are interested in joining in the fun; please contact the organiser on 5127 3393.

It's all about the Spud

The Thorpdale Potato Festival will return on Sunday March 8, 2015 at the Thorpdale Recreation Reserve in the beautiful Strzelecki Ranges, West Gippsland.

Celebrating the 68 wonderful varieties of potatoes grown in the Red Ferrosol soil of Thorpdale, events such as sack races, digging for the golden spud, cooking demonstrations, potato-peeling will be run.

Also two-person team mashed potato eating competitions, potato displays and of course the ubiquitous

'baked potato', are all set to tempt the fun-loving, the sporting and the gastronomes.

There will be a Potato Triathlon to test the fittest folk and the old-time potato sack will be rejuvenated into fashion with our "Hessians on the Field" competition.

For more information, contact: Barbara Butterworth, Marketing and Public Relations Officer, Thorpdale Potato Festival Committee, Thorpdale. potatofest@gmail.com, or Ph: (03) 5634 6242

Lumen Christi service at cemetery



A Rosary service was held at the Hazelwood cemetery with parishioners from Churchill and Morwell on Sunday, November 2.

A hymn was sung and the service was led by Fathers Francis Otobo and Antony Rebelo. Held in cold and windy conditions, parishioners gathered in and around the rotunda to pray for the souls of the departed.

The intention of the Rosary was to pray not only

for the members of the Christian community who may have died, and for loved ones and family members who have departed, but for all the departed.

We are encouraged by the words of the prophet Isaiah that "the Lord will prepare a banquet of rich food for all peoples".

Father Frances offered blessings over the gravesites of departed loved ones of those present at the service.

Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group

This is to advise that the next meeting of the Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group will take place on November 26, 2014, at 10am at Gippsland Disability Advocacy, 8 Hopetoun Avenue, Morwell. People who provide care for a loved one with

a disability are invited to attend, to share a cuppa and chat with others like themselves in a welcoming and non-judgemental environment. For more information, please ring Dot Kitwood on 0402 457 241.

Government helps plan for future growth in Yinnar

The Victorian Government is set to invest \$7,500 from the \$1 billion Regional Growth Fund to support the planning of community infrastructure in the Latrobe Valley, Member for Morwell, Russell Northe announced.

The Yinnar Community Engagement project will engage a consultant to undertake community planning with input from Yinnar and the wider community.

"The population of Yinnar is expected to double over the next 20 years," Mr Northe said.

"New residential developments and an increasing desire for people to live a rural lifestyle will contribute to this growth.

Existing infrastructure in Yinnar doesn't support the activity and aspirations of the present community, let alone cater to the significant demands that a growing population will create.

For example, there are no publicly accessible meeting spaces in the town and the local community association has to meet in a back room of the local hotel."

Mr Northe said the community

engagement process with the Yinnar and district community was an important step towards constructing a new community centre as part of redeveloping the memorial hall and neighbouring pre-school facility in town.

"To deliver the project, a consultant with expertise in community engagement and capacity building will be engaged to help develop a shared vision for their community's future," Mr Northe said.

"The aim is to engage with as many Yinnar and district community members as possible, including groups who have used the hall in the past, potential service providers, and people living nearby," Mr Northe said.

Mr Northe said the Victorian Government funding towards this \$15,000 project would be provided through the Regional Growth Fund to Latrobe City Council, which would contribute \$7,500.

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



Boolarra Primary School

Athletics

Congratulations to Grace, Eve and Jemma on representing Latrobe Valley schools at the regional athletic final. This was a fabulous achievement. Jemma won through to represent all of Gippsland in High Jump at the state-wide athletics in Melbourne. Jemma's report outlining her experience is included below:

Albert Park was so huge I can't even describe it. There was the field (shot-put and discus), mid field (high jump), tracks and the seats. The seats were like the kind you find at the MCG except it was smaller and it was easier to access. My event (12 year old Girls High Jump) was delayed a little over half an hour. The girls I competed against were very flexible and very athletic. There were meant to be 16 other girls (including myself) but some didn't turn up. I came ninth. That means I'm the ninth best 12 year old girl at high jump in all of Victoria! I can't believe I made it that far!

By Jemma Napier



High Jump Champion - Jemma

Bike Ed

Congratulations also to our Bike Ed team on the magnificent job they did representing the LV Schools in the regional challenge. James S. of Grade 4 put in such a fine performance. He won an overall encouragement award.

Cyber Bullying

Cyber Bullying is an increasingly alarming problem. When we talk with our students about bullying their greatest concerns relate to social media and phone apps such as KIK (used to communicate with one another in 'chat mode'). These programs are not accessed at school but have at times caused student angst that has impacted on their school life. One of our ICT Coordinators, Ms Tammy Estcourt, has organised some Cyber Smart training for senior students, staff and parents. Other interested community members are also welcome to attend the parent session which is set for 7:00 pm on Wednesday November 19, at our school.

Walk to School Day

Our Junior School Council managed to choose a day when the weather was glorious for this event. It provided a great opportunity to socialise and get some exercise. Boolarra is so beautiful that it was a pleasure to be out and about enjoying the scenery.

School Pool

The recent warmer weather reminded us that the pool needs to be made ready for use. We are very grateful to the wonderful team of parents who get the pool ready and maintain it. Yippee!

We now have five mini-ipads thanks to the magnificent fundraising efforts of our parents. Our next scheduled fundraiser is the end of year Christmas Hamper raffle.

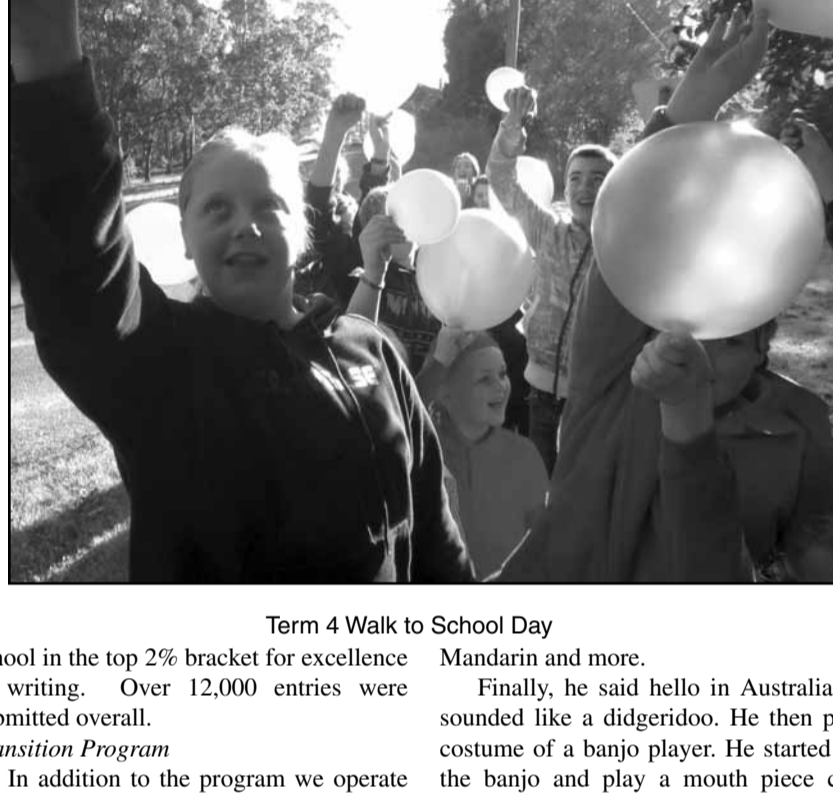
New Family Murals

One of our parents, Kirra' Enders came up with the idea of providing families with the opportunity to add their art-work to the display

we have around the car park / bus loop. Kirra' then volunteered to coordinate and manage this venture. As the work currently displayed was created under the coordination of a paid artist, we didn't think there was any chance of other families getting to add their creations. The theme of this project is "What we enjoy about living in Boolarra". We're looking forward to having some lovely new murals to beautify our school.

Recognition of Our Students' Writing Prowess

Some of our senior students recently entered an Australian wide "Write4Fun" competition. We were very excited to learn that ten of our students' entries made it through to the short-listed category, placing our



Term 4 Walk to School Day

school in the top 2% bracket for excellence in writing. Over 12,000 entries were submitted overall.

Transition Program

In addition to the program we operate to support our incoming Preps and our outgoing Year 7s, this year we have decided to trial a school-wide transition program. This is because the teachers identified that the shift from the 'junior section' to the 'senior section' can entail a big adjustment for some of our students. Therefore, in the lead up to state-wide Orientation Day, when we operate all our classes for the following year, we will have some sessions where students will move to 'new classes'.

These aren't the classes that will necessarily operate next year—a lot of work is still to be done to finalise these. However, we hope that this weekly experience of being with different students and teachers in less familiar surrounds will help all our students to get used to some elements of change. We'll also be asking our students to identify who they would like to have in their class next year, so this can be taken into consideration when grade placement commences.

Recently during discussions in this vein, two Grade Prep boys, who are great mates, both said they shouldn't be in the same class next year because they stop each other from learning and can still play together at play-time. This was very impressive as we've had much older students struggle to come to terms with such necessities.

Arts Shows

Recently our students enjoyed Christof the Clown's visit. Below are some reports provided by some of our students.

Christof the Clown came to our school as one of our visiting shows.

He had a whole case of dress ups.

My favourite part of the show was when he did the balloon trick. He also made his voice go all funny and he said "it's not funny, so shut up!"

He also put water in his ear and he spat it out his mouth.

At the end we all had a dance.

Overall it was funny and exciting.

By Tahlee (Grade 2)

My favourite part was when he changed his voice. I also liked when he sprayed water in his ear and it came out his mouth.

We had a little dance.

I laughed and laughed and laughed.

He had a balloon balancing on his nose.

It was very, very, very funny!

I loved it.

By Kyia (Grade 2)

On the 20/10/2014 Christof the Clown came to our school. After assembly all the students went into the L.T.C and sat in a red rope rectangle. He said "let's say hi in Australian" but then he said hello in all these other languages like Greek, German, French,

Each bell made a different tune and they had to stand in an order from highest to lowest note. He had a duster and when he pointed at someone they had to shake their bell. When they all shook together a thing from inside J.S's bell fell out and it was really funny. When they finished they bowed and sat back down.

He took off the costume and put on another. This one was of a clown from Greece or Italy. He pulled out one of those long balloons and blew it up, he tied off the end and put the balloon on his nose and balanced it there. He called up Georgia D and balanced the balloon on her nose and she kept it there for three seconds until it fell down. He put it on her nose again.

This time it looked like she had a trunk. Christof grabbed two plates and put them behind Georgia as ears, she then looked like she was an elephant. It was very funny. He pulled off the balloon and tore it in half and then gave it to Georgia but when Georgia went to take it the balloon went flying. They bowed and Georgia sat back down.

Then he got out his banjo and said for everyone to stand up and dance. We all stood up and danced to the music. When we stopped we sat in a circle for the last five minutes and asked him questions about his show. I wanted to ask him if he had met Co-Co the Clown but didn't get the chance.

By Caleb (Grade 6)

World Teachers' Day

This prompted our students to share the following insights:

Charlotte G – I like Ms Smith because she is really funny and if someone makes a mistake she makes a joke of it.

Charlotte G – I like Ms Sands because she teaches us some really good dance moves.

Alex – I like Ms Emond because when someone hurts themselves or gets stuck she comes and helps them.

Ethan A – I like Mr Kilday because he helps me get harder sums correct in whole school maths.



Term 4 Count me in - Paint me a Song

mini Kazoo out of a straw. He accidentally swallowed it so it made his voice high-pitched. It was hilarious.

He picked Jude to assist him. He spun a plate on his finger and then put it on Jude's finger. Jude then had to throw the plate on his finger to a stick Christof was holding. Then Christof caught the plate and he asked Jude to get him a second stick. Then three sticks and then four sticks but on the fourth stick the whole thing fell down and nearly hit Jude on the head. He quickly put a crash helmet on Jude's head. He tried again but only did three sticks. He then took it down and they bowed and he took off the costume.

Next he dressed up as his Papa Gluke. Gluke means happy and lucky. He told us that Papa Gluke made and sold music. He then chose six people to go up the front. Those people were Jacob, J.S, Declan, Mr Kilday, Madison and Alana. He gave them each a bell.

Charlotte M – I like Ms Twomey because

I really want to be an artist and Ms Twomey shows us what to do.

Rosie – I like all the teachers because if you don't have anyone to talk to you can talk to the teachers about it.

Eve – I like Ms Hilton because she is good at teaching Literacy.

Caitlyn G – I like all the teachers because they are kind and listen to what we have to say.

Madison J: Ms Estcourt works hard to make sure that we are challenged.

Jemma – I like every teacher because they let people grow in every way.

Brooke – I like Ms Webster because she is hilariously funny and good to talk to.

Meila – I like Ms Dryden because she is active.

Hazelwood North Primary School

P.E.
If you don't know, P.E is sport and it is very fun. You play games and it can be hard because you push yourself to the limits. Some of the games we play are fish bowl/Chinese walls/football/soccer/lacrosse/dodgeball/netball/basketball/tag tail/gang up/scooter boards/leg ball/ king ball/bat tennis/jail break/capture the flag and t-ball. Our sport teacher is Mr Twomey. He is a great sport teacher as you can see with all those games. P.E is my favourite thing to do at school because it is fun and keeps you fit.

By Adrian Lawrence.

Physical Education

P.E is my favourite subject at school because I like to be active.

Why should you be active? It is good for your health. It stops you from being lazy and gets you off the couch and off your phones and iPods and away from the TV.

That's why you should be active!

In P.E this term we are doing a course that involves running as many laps of the oval as you can in five minutes and doing as many sit ups and chin-ups and push-ups as you can in five minutes.

By Brenton Hawkins.

Camp Rumbug

On Wednesday October 22, Grades 3-6 from Hazelwood North Primary School went to Camp Rumbug in Foster.

Day one:

On Wednesday when we got to Camp Rumbug we unpacked the bus and had lunch. After lunch Moz and Jack told us what room we were in. Moz and Jack were our group leaders and they also told us what group we were in.

First everybody did the fun and fitness course. It is where you have to go up and down hills, through a tunnel and a deep mud pit with a partner.

Then we had afternoon tea and after that we split into our groups and did nitro crossing. Nitro crossing is where you have to get your whole team over the mud pit by swinging on a rope with a bucket of mud. Then we went to environmental ropes. You have to go through a course on ropes the whole time without touching the bark on the ground. Then we walked up Wombats Track, we had showers and had dinner. We had lamb and vegetables and for dessert we had ice cream and fruit salad. Then we went on a night walk back down Wombats Track to the bonfire to have toasted marshmallows. We walked up to Emu's Flat and sang a Rumbug song, then we went back up Wombats Track and had supper. We had chocolate cake and milo and went to bed.

Day two:

In the morning everybody woke up and went to the dining room to have breakfast. We had cereal and bacon and eggs. Then everybody went back to their rooms and cleaned up for inspection. Then we walked down Wombats Track and did some more activities, then had morning tea. After that we went to do two more wet activities, then walked up Wombats Track. When we got up Wombats Track we got changed and had lunch. We had rolls. After lunch we went to another activity where we had to work as a team and collaborate. Then we went to abseiling and abseiling was really fun. We had a break for afternoon tea. We had fruit and then went to Mount Falloffalot. Mount Falloffalot is a rock climbing place. We walked to crazy wombat dodge, it is really fun. Then we walked to the scare bear to watch the teachers go on the giant swing. We walked back up the hill to have a shower and get ready for tea. For tea we had lasagne and veggies. For dessert we had jelly and ice cream. We got ready for bed then went into the rec room to watch "The Lion King", then went to bed.

Day three:

In the morning we had breakfast and had a room inspection and we packed everything ready to go. We did two activities, which were

archery and the scare bear, then had lunch and fruit then we got on the bus and left for school!

By Calista Lazaris and Kayla Parmenter.

Hazelwood North Primary School Values

This term the whole of Hazelwood North Primary School has been working on five main School Values. The five Values are Challenge, Collaboration, Curiosity, Responsibility and Resilience. All of the classes had to choose an overarching goal, which means that we chose a goal to work on. Then we had to choose a strategy, which means we had to think of ways to achieve that goal. My goal for Challenge is to tell the teacher when the task is too easy.

By Charlotte Di Toro.

Prep 1, 2's at school.

Day1: The Preps, 1s and 2s came into the grove building and the 3s, 4s, 5s and 6s left to camp Rumbug. Mrs Duncan stayed and taught the Preps, 1s, 2s and the kids who couldn't go to camp.

Day2: Sarah, Liam, Deklan and Dylan got together and did sport rotations in the afternoon with all the Preps, 1s and 2s and it was fun.

List:

Sarah went on the playground.
Liam and Dylan did poison ball on the basketball court.

Deklan did gang up on the oval.

Day3: Last day: The Preps, 1s and 2s played 'deal or no deal' and Liam, Deklan and Dylan did board games in the afternoon.

List:

Liam did UNO.
Deklan did connect four.
Dylan did battleships.
And then the 3s, 4s, 5s and 6s came back.
By Deklan Twyerould.

New Teacher:

Our new teacher for the fourth term of 2014 is Miss Blucher. Miss Blucher is 26 years old. Miss Blucher has replaced Miss Murray (456K). Miss Blucher is nice, kind, responsible and honest but she mainly supports us.

Miss Blucher gives great examples, describes the text and classifies the event. Miss Blucher does great communication with us. Miss Blucher tests our thinking and she organises us and our work.

Miss Blucher is by far the best teacher in the whole world!

By Dylan Dunstall and Charlie Grimes.

Hazelwood North Primary School Values

At Hazelwood North Primary School we have five school values. The school values are responsibility, resilience, collaboration, curiosity and challenge. That's all our school values. If you have different ones at your school and you follow them then you've done a great job and well done guys. I know a good way to follow the school values and I'll tell you right now. A great way to follow the school values is to listen at all times, watch the teacher at all times and the most important one of all is to look at the teacher. Ok? So there they are. If you haven't got school values at your school please follow mine. It's ok to follow other peoples' school values. If you don't have school values you could ask your principal and he/she might even say "Yes, that's a great idea." I hope you love your school values because I love mine.

By Ebony Fitzgerald.

Camp Rumbug.

This term Grade 3 up to grade 6 went to Camp Rumbug on October 22 and 24. When we got there we unloaded our bags. The first day was wet and muddy and the first activity was the fun and fitness test where you have to partner up and go through the fun and fitness track.

Lardner Park came too because we did not have enough people so 12 people from Lardner Park got offered to come as well. The next activity was the drawbridge where we had to cross an amount of obstacles to get across the water to the other side.

The other activities were the titanic raft, the environmental ropes course, the scare bear (my favourite), abseiling, archery, nitro

crossing, Mount Falloffalot (a rock climbing wall) and the adventure bridge.

It was a really fun camp and I can't wait to go there in two years, grade six.

By Gracie Kearns.

The Nasty Gate

There once was a nasty gate that always closed onto vehicles and it would shut when it wasn't meant to. But little did the gate know, all along the sky had been watching. One day the sky made a big storm and blew a tree down right on top of the gate. The gate was crushed! It took them a long time to fix the gates and ever since then, the gate never did anything naughty again.

By Liam Heffernan.

How the town saved the cows.

At dusk on one summery day a farmer was just about to put some hay out for the cows when he saw a fire. He had to do something about it so the cows didn't get burnt. So he called the fire brigade and his mates, they all came down with their mates and before you knew it the whole town was there.

While the fire was getting put out by the fire fighters, everybody else was moving the cattle into another paddock so they didn't get burnt. About two hours later the fire was put out but there wasn't much grass left and his favourite cow was lying in the middle of the paddock. So he had to bury it but his tractor was broken.

Then everyone helped dig a hole to put the cow in. After they had finished digging they all put him in the hole. Then the farmer asked if anyone wanted a coffee or a drink, and most people did so they all went inside and had some cake and a drink. Everybody chipped in and bought a new cow for the farmer.

By Regan Sultana.

Performing Arts!

Last term in Performing Arts, - Mr Twomey and Mr Mendez decided to direct a play called 'Aladdin'. Of course I wanted to be in the play because I knew it was going to be fun! And it was. We had tryouts on the first day of term 4... well I didn't practise over the holidays because I was busy (sleeping) and the holidays went really fast.

At last we were all back at school and did I forget something? Oh yeah, it's tryouts and I forgot all about it... an announcement said it was 'Aladdin' tryouts today at eating time in lunch. Lunch finally came and we all had to read a script. Some of the girls knew it off by heart (gulp) and I wanted to be Princess Jasmine and a lot of people wanted to be Jasmine.

We did the tryouts and Riley was Aladdin, Bonnie was Eargo, Amy was Jafar and then it was Jasmine's turn. We were all crossing our fingers. The teacher read out the name and... it was ME! I got to be Jasmine. We did the play and it was amazing, we ALL did great. And we wish to do more plays in the future! We also do skits, miming and other funny types of stuff. I love making people laugh and brighten up their day.

And that's what we do in



Kiara Evans, Charlie Grimes, Adrian Lawrence, Oscar McLardy, Max McLardy

performing Arts.

By Sophie Brown.

School Camp

From October 22 to 24, Hazelwood North students from Grades 3 to 6 went to Camp Rumbug. There were only 12 people from Lardner Park Primary School that were attending the camp, so our school agreed to them joining us.

We left at 9:15 and travelled there by bus. When we arrived we had a snack, unpacked, then had lunch. Afterwards we went down a 1km long and very steep hill to go on a fun and fitness course. The fun and fitness course was full of steep hills, obstacles and of course; mud. Then we had afternoon tea and started doing the adventure activities.

The adventure activities are like obstacle courses that have more challenges than normal ones. The adventure activities were; nitro crossing, adventure bridge, drawbridge, Titanic raft, archery, scare bear (giant swing), absailing, crazy wombat dodge, Mount Fallalot, initiatives course, environmental ropes. A lot of the activities have mud, I thought it was really fun!

We were there for two nights. We did mostly wet activities on the first day, on the second day we did wet and dry activities, and on the last day we did all dry activities. On the first night we did a night walk and cooked marshmallows, on the second night we had a disco and watched 'The Lion King'. On the last day we packed up with mostly muddy clothes, (thanks' to the mums that washed our clothes), and went on the bus back to school. I think it was the best camp I've ever been on.

THANK YOU TO THE RUMBUG STAFF!!!

By Kelly Nickson

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Election Day Activities
Saturday 29th Nov

Sausage Sizzle

Cake Stall

Car Boot Sale

Raffles

CFA

Plants

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Lumen Christi Primary School

2014 continues to bless Lumen Christi with many successes and opportunities. While it is easy to fall into the trap of counting the days until Christmas, both staff and students are working hard to 'Make the days count', rather than 'count the days' – Planning is well underway for 2015 but it is fantastic to see all the fabulous learning and improvement that is happening at Lumen Christi.

Year 3/4 Technology Excursion

Last term our LOTE teacher Mrs. Leviston was successful in applying for Lumen Christi to be part of a Languages Grant. One feature of this program was for students to utilise Green-Screen technology to present work. Our Year 3-4 students travelled to Melbourne to learn more about using this technology by completing a program offered by the Australian Centre of Moving Images [ACMI]. A great day was had by all and we look forward to seeing these students lead the school in the use of this technology next year in our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 classrooms.



Year 5/6 Science Focus

Our Year 5/6's are thoroughly enjoying this term's science focus on electricity. They have been scientists in creating, testing and evaluating different electrical circuits from scratch, and learning how to accurately draw circuits using correct electrical notation. Plans are even underway for them to design and produce a toy vehicle using their new knowledge.

Catholic Mission Awareness

Each October every year is devoted to raising awareness of the many, and varied, Catholic initiatives around the world that support people in need. This year the senior students were given information about how Catholic Mission is making a difference in Jamaica. From this input students then actively participated and led a number of fundraisers across the week to raise important funds. Activities included selling icy-poles, cake stalls and money lines. In total approximately \$500 was raised – Congratulations and thank you to all those who got involved.

October-Month of the Rosary



October is traditionally a time when Catholics focus on saying and learning more about the Rosary. The school was thrilled to be part of the Parish Rosary chain, with classes taking responsibility for the Rosary chain on Fridays during October. Classes took time to visit the church on Fridays to quietly or in chorus recite this beautiful prayer. The teachers also took advantage to teach and deepen the students' knowledge of some of the key scripture used in the Rosary. The month's activities ended with a Mary Mass celebrated by our new Assistant Parish Priest Father Antony.

Active After-School

Miss Middlemiss has been very busy coordinating two great free after-school activities this term. On Tuesday the chosen sport is cricket, while Thursday is frisbee golf day. Contact the school office if you would like your child to be involved.

An Invitation to the Community

We would love to extend an invitation to the Churchill Community to attend an upcoming event. Our Advent Pilgrimage will be held on Thursday November 28. For further details please contact the school office or one of our school families.

Staff Professional Development

A major focus of our year has been enhancing the assessment procedures we have in place for all our students. Earlier in the term we were very lucky to participate in a Reading Assessment Workshop with our fellow school Sacred Heart, Morwell. The staff of both schools participated in a very successful day and we already have noticed improvements in students' performance directly linked to this important training day. On a different level, the staff also completed their First Aid update so rest assured if you are wandering past Williams Avenue and collapse we are ready for action!!!

Linking with Churchill Tennis Club

This term the school has partnered with Churchill Tennis Club to introduce all senior students to the game of tennis. Glen Kirstine has been wonderful in teaching the students the basic skills of the game, scoring and general court etiquette. We hope through this activity we have exposed a few potential recruits to the sport and our tennis club at Churchill.

Walk-tober

Throughout the year Lumen Christi supports the 'Walk-to-School' concept and during Walk-tober we stepped up our efforts. Every Tuesday we had students heading off on our regular path and we were very impressed with the number of participants, and encourage families to keep walking to school. With beautiful weather promised for the final weeks of school we hope to see lots of walkers continuing to arrive at school each day!

Gnome Sweet Gnome

Dressed in their glaringly bright orange vests, their smiling faces framed by bottle green floppy school hats, these four senior students bear a striking resemblance to ceramic garden gnomes. Garden gnomes, believed to originate from Germany in the late 19th century, can now be found in gardens throughout the world. The gnomes in this photograph can also be found in gardens, in this case the gardens of their school, Lumen Christi. The Garden Gnomes, as they are known, are in demand with all sorts of garden tasks and are photographed here in the process of re-planting hanging baskets.

Latrobe City Children's Expo

During the month the junior students accepted the offer to attend Latrobe City's Children's Expo. This annual event was again held at Morwell's Kernot Lake. Judging from the reports from the students as they returned, a great day was had by all – especially those Preps sporting their new CFA helmets!!

Raconteurs of the Future



Our Grade 5/6CG students have been busily coming up with arguments either for or against selected topics. After prerequisites were established, topics were narrowed down to three. Children decided on an Affirmative or Negative response and worked in teams of three. A few requirements were put into place and then the students were off researching, discussing and compiling.

"Animals in captivity" was a tried and true topic and debated contentiously. This class debate was delivered in front of our Grade 3 and 4 students.

For some students, getting up in front of such an audience was a challenge but they all excelled themselves. There were some heated arguments between participants at the conclusion of the debate. Fellow students acted as adjudicators.

Our next topic was about "Civilisation Failing" and there were some varied and interesting arguments put forward for both sides.

The standard for rebuttal was excellent and students showed that they had more of an ear towards the crux of the opposition's arguments. The topic itself, while appearing daunting at first, proved to be the opposite and all students involved in this debate also exceeded their own expectations.

Our final debate, "Computers Should Replace Teachers", was quite provocative but relished a little too gleefully by the Affirmative. Luckily the Negative side also came up with many arguments for keeping teachers!

Once again, the standard of content and delivery was very high with scores being very close at the end.

Creative poetry (Grade 5/6CG)

SPRINGTIME

September, October and November are the months of spring

People begin to enjoy the outdoors

Running around and picnics in parks.

It starts to warm up but we still get spring rain

New nests and baby birds begin to appear,

Green grass is growing

The flowers blossom and the baby animals

are born

Insects begin to buzz around

Many things are changing

Everything is beautiful.

By Kiera (Grade 6)

BASKETBALL

Big chubby umpires stroll onto the court

Jump high into the air and tap the ball

but miss!

Turn to chase the ball

Grab it and pass to another.

Sprint down the court, bouncing the ball

Lay-up but foul!

Umpires ignore so temper runs high

Coach attempts to soothe but comments not helpful

Grab the ball many times but umpires call 'foul'

Three more fouls follow and clock ticking down!

No one has scored

Tensions in the air

Ball is passed to me

Lay-up happening

Ball goes in and a win to us!

Excitement galore!

By Meg (Grade 6)



Kurnai College Junior Campus

Kurnai Idol

The grand final of the Kurnai Idol had three award winners from Kurnai College Junior Campus at Churchill. Crystal Libreri was placed third, while Michelle Hawkes was Runner Up. Their accompanist on guitar was Dylan Goodwin who won the same prizes as the two girls for whom he supplied accompaniment.

Simultaneous heats were held over the three campuses starting in Term 3. By the end of Term 3, the final three entrants from each campus were chosen for the semi-final held early in Term 4, and narrowed down to the best two competitors each for the grand final.

The semi-final was the first time they had competed against each other.

Crystal was the youngest and a first time competitor. She says she thinks she went quite well even though she was very nervous and was getting a cold. She sang 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars and 'Positive' by The Legally Blonde Broadway Cast.

Michelle sang 'Back to Black' by Amy Winehouse and 'Make you Feel my Love' by Adele. She was pretty pleased with her performance also. Only six points separated all the competitors on the day which shows how



close the contest was.

Dylan, who has been accompanying entrants since Year 7, says it is a big task for the accompanist to learn all the songs because there is only a week between the semi and grand finals. Learning the songs was a challenge, but stimulating as "you get to put your own twist on it to suit the acoustic guitar."

The top three place getters received a trophy from Valley Trophy Centre, and a monetary voucher from A & P Electronics. Kurnai College is the third sponsor of the Idol.

The winners' names are engraved on the Championship Shield which is housed in the foyer of the campus winners.

This year the winners were from the University Campus and were Amy Jenkins and Mitchell Pattie.

Teacher Joseph Bonnici said Crystal, Michelle and Dylan all displayed a positive working relationship, which was unique to them. He said you could hear the result of collaboration and the amount of time spent in rehearsal, often outside school hours.

Beacon Project, Kurnai and the Department of Justice

Kurnai College and the Department of Justice have been matched up as part of a Beacon project, the aim of which is to help students link the world of work to their everyday learning in the classroom. Some Year 8 teachers and representatives of the Department of Justice have been participating in a number of workshops and meetings over the past months in preparation for this new project. Whilst the focus is on Year 8 students, it is also a key objective of the project to include parents, families and the school community. These strong relationships are the key in inspiring young people and supporting their learning journey and future aspirations. The relationship

between the Department of Justice and Kurnai College is still developing and Kurnai staff, along with a team from the Justice Department, are continuing to identify how they can best co-operate to give the best benefit to our students. The first combined activity was the Year 8's visit to the courthouse in Morwell.

Students cover the topic of Citizenship in Year 8 Humanities. The focus in this topic is "Teenagers and the Law". Over the past four school weeks, students have had the opportunity to visit the Morwell Courthouse. A Magistrate talked to them about what occurs at the Courthouse and some of the legal issues facing young people today - in particular sexting, violence and the use of drugs such as ICE. Students then had the opportunity to sit in a court and listen to 'real-life' cases. This gave the students an understanding about actions and consequences and how they are more severe in the 'real world' than at school.

Later in class, students wrote a report about their visits:

"The trip to the Morwell Courthouse really gave us a better understanding on all the stuff we learnt about civics and the law. We have been learning about how the decisions we make can be affected by alcohol and drugs. This was backed up greatly by most of the court cases. I enjoyed listening to Magistrate Hayes. She told us how the Children's Court works and what sorts of cases are dealt with there. I also enjoyed it when we got to talk to the policewoman as we all got to ask any questions we had."

By Mitchell
Transition Program for

Year 10s

Year 10s from Churchill Campus went to Federation University and spent some time doing a study skills session. It was about learning how our memory works and how we could improve our memory through some basic skills.

This session was effective as students realised they had the capacity to improve and it was a confidence booster for them as they move to the new campus for 2015.

Then five current university students spoke about their life on campus and their experiences of study. There was then an opportunity for the Kurnai students to ask questions. Questions ranged 'How much study do you do?' to 'What is the social life like?'

Kurnai Junior Campus Idol winners
Left to right- teacher Joseph Bonnici,
Crystal Libreri, Michelle Hawkes and
accompanist Dylan Goodwin



Smith Family at Kurnai

Student Wellbeing and Engagement Lunchtime Activities

Students at Churchill Campus enjoyed getting fit with Cheerleading Coach Grace Knight at lunchtime. Up to 80 students took part in the hour long sessions, where they learnt and performed a choreographed cheerleading routine. Many students showed much artistic creation in the free runs and all enjoyed spending their lunch learning new moves and working together as a large group.

Skills and Student Outcomes

HVP Native Plant Donation

Hancock Victorian Plantations Gelliondale Nursery kindly donated 250 native plants to Kurnai College. The plants will be used by students for 'potting on' projects and eventually they will plant them around the school grounds. It will not only be a great learning experience for the students, but will also provide improvement to the schools grounds.

Careers and Pathways

AGL Visit

In August, six members from the AGL Loy Yang Mine Management Team came to the Morwell Campus for a day with the Hands on Learning students.

The day was spent building garden beds and sprucing up the school's entrance. The students and AGL employees had a great day working together and chatting about pathways and career opportunities for the students in the local area.

Women in Business Forum

In conjunction with AGL Loy Yang, a forum based on women in the workplace was brought to 40 Latrobe Valley Year 10 female students, 18 of whom were Kurnai College students.

The event was emceed by TRFM Breakfast Radio Host Mikkayla Mossop along with guest speakers from AGL Loy Yang, Federation University and The Smith Family. Topics included 'Working in a Male Dominated Industry', 'Pathways', 'Resumes', 'Interview Techniques', 'Social Media', 'Why Stay in School?' and 'Workplace Bullying and Conflict'. The students all found the day very informative and enjoyed the content delivery, which was entertaining and engaging.

Parental Engagement

Pathways Information Stall

The first point of call for parents at the end of Term 3 Parent Teacher Conversations was the Pathways and Higher Education Options Stall arranged by the KEHP team. More than 30 parents and students received information handouts from Federation University, Federation Training, as well as information on 'Pathways to Higher Education' and 'Bulls-Eye Charts' matching students' interests with

possible careers. Parents and students were very enthusiastic about receiving the information,

many stating that they had not been aware of the information that was available.

It's never too early to gain knowledge on pathways and set goals.



Kurnai College University Campus

Precinct Campus Name Change

Earlier this year the Gippsland Education Precinct Board of Management decided that the changes to education in the Latrobe Valley since the creation of Federation University meant that the GEP was no longer relevant or necessary. As a result the GEP was closed down in the middle of the year. This created a problem for the Precinct Campus when there was no Precinct.

The College Council decided to apply to the Department of Education for a change of name and we have heard that this has been approved. From the start of 2015 we will be officially known as Kurnai College, University Campus.

Indigenous Youth Leadership Awards

Kyralee Murphy and Sam Solomon have been awarded Indigenous Youth Leadership awards to reward their signs of good leadership skills and initiative in volunteering.

The school nominated them both as they were impressed by their diligence.

Kyralee has volunteered to run a Hip Hop Workshop.

Sam is the oldest member of Dedlee Kultja Dancing group and has become like a leader.

He enjoys doing performances and teaching non-indigenous students about it. They show interest which pleases Sam. Sam has won a Smith Family scholarship.

Kyralee has won other scholarships - Blue Stocking and Wannick and attended leadership camps. Wannick scholarships are awarded to support high achieving Koori students. She wants to go to university to be a nutritionist, do dancing, travel to outback indigenous communities and teach them about nutrition and Hip Hop Dancing too.

Sam would like to go to university for the performing arts. He is still exploring ways to go forward.

The school is very proud of these two students and their achievements.

Celebration Day

Year 12 Captains, Sarah Mayo and Hayden Stephens, reported that studies were finished, exams were almost over and it was time for the students to celebrate the end of their secondary education.

To do that the 150 Year 12 students held a Celebration Day on the golf driving range. With the school's support they had been able to acquire a giant slippery slide, a jumping castle,

inflatable boxing ring, with fairy floss, popcorn and a BBQ creating a carnival atmosphere. Students could also come dressed up as they wanted. It was a time of saying good-byes and wishing fellow students good luck for exams and for their futures, as well as having a social time.

Sarah and Stephen were asked to list the highlights of the year for the students at University Campus. They said it seemed their time at the campus had gone like a flash. But special memories included Uni Camp in Melbourne, lots of hard work, achieving the use of 3D printers and computers, having the library divided so that quiet study could take place, the swimming carnival, athletics meet, class parties on the last day of the class for the year, with lots of students achieving the obtaining of their driver's licence, Year 12 jumpers, School Deb Ball, Ski Camp, various career expos and experiences, subject based excursions and the Bob Hillman English lecture.

Students Visitors from Tasmania

Tasman and District High School students have come to Victoria on a reciprocated visit after the University Campus VCAL students

visits to Tasmania. There were four students, two male and two female with two staff members visiting.

They spent time in Callignee helping with some of the Black Saturday recovery projects like tree removal and general clean up, fitting windows in a new home in the construction phase and garden clean up.

The focus was on relationship building with the Kurnai students and the community in which they worked. Four Kurnai students, two of whom were doing work experience, were working on site with them with local trades people. They were given a tour of the Kurnai campus and saw how it works compared with their own school.

The program has been a very positive one for both schools. Financial support for the program has come from Hazelwood and District Rotary Club and the Smith Family. Kurnai College is supporting the program. The Traralgon South District Association has supplied the bus for transport. The Smith Family has been able to obtain tickets for ten pin bowling and the movies. KFC have supplied food. The visitors have been hosted by two local families



School Captains - Hayden Stephens and Sarah Mayo



Indigenous Youth Leadership Awards - Kyralee Murphy and Sam Solomon



Visitors from Tasmania and VCAL Students

Preschools

Churchill Preschool at the Hub

The preschoolers have had a productive month learning about the Police Force and how they can be safe, as well as studying life-cycles in animals.

A visit from the Churchill Police further enriched the children's understanding of community helpers. They talked about 'stranger danger' and what to do if someone approached them. Getting lost at Mid Valley Shopping Centre was also discussed and they talked about strategies the child could use to get help, and who they could approach and stay safe.

The compulsory wearing of seatbelts and bicycle helmets was also reinforced as measures to keep them safe.

The various roles of police officers and their modes of transport were also explored. One child was very disappointed that they didn't come on horseback.

The visit to the 4WD police vehicle, being able to sit in it and see the lights, hear the siren and see the radio was an exciting and special finale to the visit.

Silkworms cocoons are a silk thread. The children have been looking at items of clothing made of silk and marvelling at how many silk threads from a cocoon it took to make them.

Some tadpoles brought in from a private swimming pool have allowed the study of life-cycles and metamorphosis in the animal kingdom.

Busy minds learning interesting knowledge.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Churchill North Primary School

Churchill North School Concert

On Thursday September 18, the students from Churchill North put on their school concert, making it one of their best yet! Students roared with laughter and parents smiled with delight as they watched the performances. After weeks of practice and preparing costumes, then two days of performances, students and teachers were exhausted, but were all very happy with their efforts. Thanks to the wonderful support from staff, friends and family and the local community who gave their time, which made the event possible. Keep an eye out for next year's production. It will be a sight to see.

The Summit 3-6 Camp October 2014

Article Written By Tommy Leisemann (Grade 6) and Jake Fowler (Grade 5).

On October 9, Churchill North's Grades 3 to 6 went to The Summit Camp, Trafalgar East. There were six activities which we rotated through. This included snakes and nails which is two activities joined in one. One was walking across a set of nails and the other was where we went outside to hold a snake called Mitch.

Another activity was the Inflatables, which is a massive blow-up arena where two teams competed to get their team through the obstacle course first. The Rock Wall activity challenged us, as we had to climb up small rocks connected to a wall, with a harness on. The Cave was terrifying. We had to climb down

a trapdoor into a pitch black tunnel and find our way through it alone. Some people felt terrified and wanted to turn back, but we had some very courageous people who kept on going to the end. The Flying Fox was magnificent. It is a long zip wire where you wear a harness and get to see the whole view of The Summit. The Giant Swing tested our courage as it is the highest giant swing in Victoria, and it goes up

impossible - James, Henry and Chewy. Thanks for being great guys!

Old Gipps town Excursion

On Friday October 10, P/1D and P/1B from Churchill North Primary School went to Old Gipps town in Moe to learn about life in the olden days, which is part of their integrated studies unit this term. The children had a

lovely day playing olden day games, watching a blacksmith make a leaf, going to olden day school, riding a fire truck and exploring an olden day store.

Churchill North Primary School play at Regional Basketball Finals in Dandenong

Earlier in the year Churchill North entered into the McDonald's Hootime Basketball Tournament in Warragul. We were lucky enough to win the grand final, which got us invited to the Regional Finals, which were held on Monday October 13, in Dandenong. Churchill North took eight Grade 5/6 students to compete in the Hootime Regional Basketball Finals, where there were 40 other schools battling out for the top spot. We played four games altogether on the day. Our first game was very close and we ended up losing by two points. We won the next game by four points and were very excited! Our next two games were very close and we ended up losing them both by just two points. We ended up coming 4th in our section which meant we just missed out on finals. Overall it was a great experience to attend the Regional Finals and all of the students who attended had an awesome time. We were very proud of how well we went and we are looking forward to entering another team to compete next year.



Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary School has been enjoying another very busy month. Our new Preps have visited and it was lovely to spend time getting to know them better. What a gorgeous bunch they are.

The whole school visited the Zoo. The students explored some of the animals and

habitats that they have been learning about in their Investigations/ Educational Research Projects.

We caught the train into the city which was an adventure in itself. The Grade 3-5 students stayed longer and squeezed in a visit to the Shrine. We were able to experience some of

the history we have been researching. After that, we went to China Town and had tea. York, our Mandarin Assistant, came with us and it was fantastic having his

perspective. We tried some very yummy food. We returned at 8.49 pm a very tired but happy little crew.

Over the holidays some wonderful Hazelwood Rotarians came out and built us a new shed for our garden.

They also donated \$500 towards the costs of the shed. We are very grateful for the ongoing support Hazelwood Rotary has given our school.

The students joined in with the Music Count Us In, activity this week, where students from around Australia joined in and sang the same song at exactly the same time.

Our students joined the National Event by live streaming. The song is very catchy and the students have been singing their way around the school. Wonderful!

Yinnar South Primary School is steadily



growing. At the start of next year we will have almost tripled in size over the past three years. With small class sizes, high teacher ratios and an education that is individually tailored to maximize your child's potential. We hope you visit soon and see our innovative and exciting educational program.

Please phone Katy (Principal) on 03 5169 1540 to arrange a school tour.



Churchill Primary School



Peter Pan

The Musical, "Peter Pan" was held at Churchill Primary School on three nights at the end of October. The students were both excited and nervous to start with, but by the fourth performance the cast was into the groove. The main characters were played by the following students: Peter Pan was Rhys Luxford, Tinkerbell was Caitlyn Sorby, Wendy was Dakota Wilden, John was Mitchell Bruerton, Michael was Shanelle Love, Mr. Darling / Captain Hook was Matthew Courtis, Mrs Darling / Tiger Lily was Chelsea Minster, Nana / Smee was Shelby Love. The whole school student population was involved in some way. The Preps were very cute pirates, led by the 5/6 pirates, Grade 1 and 2 were the lost boys also led by the Grade 5/6 never- to- grow up lost boys. The Grade 3/4 students morphed into fairies, mermaids and Indians. Mason Porykali played the formidable Indian Chief and a bevy of Grade 5/6 girls were the main cast fairies and mermaids. We even had the ticking crocodile, played by Tristan Lehrner,

whose very presence turned Captain Hook into a quivering coward. As with any production, there were many people back stage helping to make it a great success. Jacki Comber directed the musical, Hollie Woodman managed sound and lights as well as running rehearsals with Jacki. All in all, it was a great team effort.

Athletics

At the State finals in Melbourne, on a wet, thundery and windy day, Courtney Henshaw came eighth in State for the 100 metre sprint. This is a tremendous achievement for Courtney and we wish her all the best in her athletics career. In the previous Gippsland Zone finals, Courtney came second in both the sprint and the high jump. Unfortunately, she was stuck in



Melbourne traffic and missed the High Jump event at Olympic Park.

Tree planting with the P - 2.

The Grades Prep 1 and 2 students walked down to Mathison Park and planted 150 trees there. They were all very excited and did a great job. First they had to have a hole dug, then carefully extract the tree from its tube, plant the tree and then put in a guard with a stake. They mastered the task with the help of parents and members of the Mathison Park Committee. Thanks to the Committee for organising the site, their help with the planting and for the hole diggers. After planting trees, the children then ate their lunch down at the site and came back to school. This event capped off our study of the environment, habitats and native animals. The trees were funded by the Latrobe Council, who had secured funding for replanting trees and revegetating areas after the Morwell Mine Fire. We know the students will watch the trees grow with interest and pride.

Art Exhibition at Latrobe Arts Centre

Art work by Churchill Primary children

was on show at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre for a month over October/ November. The opening was held at 4.30 on Wednesday October 15. Parents were invited and the paintings have received positive comments from the community. Thanks to Mrs Jordan who has organised this showing with the Arts Centre personnel. We are very proud of our talented artists, who based their work on the Masters.

Kurnai Band Visit

The Churchill Primary School students were treated to a 45 minute concert by the bands of Kurnai College. It is always exciting to see some former students challenging themselves to master a musical instrument and read music. The singers entertained with popular songs and many of our students joined in the romping finale with the Katie Perry song, "Roar". One of our Grade 2 students, Moncidel Strack, gave a cameo performance on the electric piano during this concert. Thanks to the Kurnai students and Mr. Joseph Bonnici, who inspire our students to develop their talents.



Top Left: The Fairies from Peter Pan
 Top Right: The Pirates from Peter Pan
 Middle Left and Right: The Lost Boys
 Bottom Left: Picnic at Tree Planting Mathison Park
 Bottom Right: Brandon planting a tree in Mathison park

Hazelwood Car and Bike Show

Lots of families came out to see more than 300 cars and bikes on display at this year's Hazelwood Car and Bike Show at Gaskin Park, Churchill.

The show helped the Pistons Car Club raise over \$ 9,000 for Adam Evens, who has Progressive Hereditary Spastic Paraparesis, which has left him wheelchair bound. Adam's disease started when he was 15

years old, he is now 36 and his condition is deteriorating, and he needs full time care of his needs.

Adam's family does not have a car that his wheel chair can fit into. The money raised will go towards a car that can fit Adam's wheelchair in.

Some of the vehicles travelled from as far as Melbourne just for this show.

The range of vehicles included: vintage cars, hot rods, street machines, early model Holdens and Fords, a range of bikes, trikes, custom cars and modern performance cars.

The SES did a great job demonstrating the techniques they use to cut up a car.

For the kids there was free face painting, jumping castle by Fitzpatrick's audio pro, temporary tattoos by Tattooed Sister and Henna Art, by Ruth.

There was Venom Wise with snakes, owls, dingos and other Australian animals, KoKo the Clown made the crowd laugh, and the Melbourne Transformers, Optimus Prime and bumble bee put on a show for all the kids.



Churchill and Monash Golf

Saturday October 4, 2014 - Alan Watts Memorial Stableford - Winners- A Grade- R. Dent (9) 35 - B Grade - V. Monument (22) 35 CB - C Grade- H. Speake (32) 26 - D.T.L- A. Sharrock 32, D. Caldwell 32 , B. Baldock 32 - N.T.P - 3rd- R. Scurlock, 12th - C. Lesiw - Birdies - 3rd- R. Dent, C. Lesiw, 12th- T. Collins.

Tuesday October 7, 2014- Monthly Medal (Stroke) - Winner- M. Dear (18) 82 - Scratch- M. Dear (18) 100 - D.T.L- E. Leggo (31) 84 - Count Putts- V. Verheyen- 28 - N.T.P- 5th- J. Blizzard, 12th - E. Leggo, 14th - D. Judkins .

Letter to Churchill and district residents

The Churchill Bowls Club was officially formed in May 2007, with a duly elected committee and constitution set in place, to work towards the above objective of establishing a lawn bowls facility in Churchill.

Finally, after 10 years of complex negotiations and submissions involving Latrobe City Council and the State Government, our project has come to fruition, with the anticipated installation of our new synthetic green due some time in 2015.

The establishment of a lawn bowls facility in Churchill, will further

enhance Churchill's sporting capabilities and development, by offering the community a diverse sporting and social activity, thereby creating a positive outcome, by reinforcing community wellbeing.

The old adage that lawn bowls is an activity for older people, has seen a marked change over the years, with many younger people now becoming involved in the sport.

With this in mind, the club intends to conduct a recruitment campaign in 2015, inviting Churchill and District residents of all age groups, including people with disabilities and disadvantaged

groups, to discover and enjoy the sporting and social activity of lawn bowls.

Lawn bowls, although less physical than other sporting codes, still offers the same challenges and competitiveness for the committed sportspersons, who take their sport seriously. However there are numerous events available for the less competitive bowler to participate in, but still be part of the social and sporting interaction that embodies lawn bowls.

Anyone interested in lawn bowls, can ring Bill on 5122 1860, or attend any Churchill Bowls Club Carpet Bowls events Thursday Nights at 7 pm.



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Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists - Migratory flyway routes

Ken Gosbell, a member of the Victorian and Australasian Wader Study Groups, will speak to the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, November 28.

Ken will talk about the migratory flyway routes, feeding and breeding locations of the shorebirds that spend their non - breeding period in Australia, but migrate to as far as Siberia to breed in the northern summer period. He will describe some of the research work that has been carried out by volunteers of the Victorian Wader Studies Group over some 30 years, including some recent exciting developments with new technologies.

One of the key species to be referred to is the Ruddy Turnstone found on much of our southern coastline. The meeting from 7.30pm is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

An excursion on Saturday November 29 will be to the Heyfield Wetlands.



A Ruddy Turnstone by David Hollands.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 5127 3393 or 5634 2246.

Plants in my garden

By Mike Beamish



Species: *Prostanthera ovalifolia*
Common Name: Oval-leaf Mint-bush, Purple Mint-bush.

Distribution: Scattered in open forest in near-coastal rocky areas from the NSW south coast to south-east Queensland, and occasionally on sandstone ranges of the western slopes and plains of the Great Dividing Range in NSW.

Description: Some books say up to two metres tall, others say up to five metres tall and four metres broad. Foliage is mildly aromatic, with soft leaves to 5cm long and 1.5cm wide, tapered to a prominent stalk, dull or pale green above, paler beneath. Flowers are bright purple, mauve, bluish-purple or sometimes white and borne profusely in spring.

Opinion: My plant is about three metres tall and is planted on the nature

strip on the northern side of the block. It is a variegated form, so the leaves only have a small spot of green colour in the middle, with the margins of the leaves a creamy colour.

When flowering is at a peak, the leaves are hidden behind the bright purple haze, but either side of the peak the bush can have a dusty appearance, with the clashing contrast between the buds/flowers/capsules and the pale leaves.

The leaves are soft, as per the description, and I think this is why I haven't had any luck propagating this plant from cuttings; the cuttings wilt and die long before roots can strike, even with protection from the sun and moist surroundings.

I'll keep on trying though, the books say the species usually strikes readily from cuttings.

Community walks to the gallery



Artists, academics, regular walkers and families gathered in beautiful sunshine on Saturday morning October 18, to witness the official opening of the Churchill Art and Culture Pathway and to take part in a walk to Switchback Gallery at Federation University campus.

In opening the pathway, Head of Campus, Dr Harry Ballis, said that it was the culmination of two years hard work and the support of the five partners of the former Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) that had enabled the pathway to be constructed. Harry Ballis cut the ceremonial ribbon to declare the pathway open.

Funding had been provided by the GEP as part of the objective to create closer physical and social links between the community and the University.

"When the final connection is made to the Mathison Park walking path, we will have a continuous loop which links township, campus and parkland", he said.

Following the cutting of the ribbon to open the pathway, those in attendance made their way via the path to the Switchback Gallery where local indigenous artist and academic, Robin Heckenberg, provided a commentary on the indigenous art exhibition called "All the Rivers Run" which included works by artists from the Albury area as well as local indigenous artists.

The walkers then enjoyed a superb morning tea provided by the Churchill Lionses.

Photo above shows some of the crowd who attended the opening.



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