

# Walkley Park Open Day

WALKLEY Park Children's Centre, are holding an open day Tuesday November 18, at 12-2pm at Mulcare Crescent, Churchill.

Feel free to come along and meet the Kinder teacher and playgroup members.

There will be free face painting by VIK Face Painting, Churchill Fire Brigade, showbags, and a cake stall.

Fun activities will be organised by Koala Kinder Group, the Owl and

Pussycat Playgroup and Churchill playgroup.

Come and check out the facilities and enjoy a free morning tea while the children play.

We hold 3 year old Koala Kinder Tuesdays 9am until 11.30am. Thursdays is Owl & Pussycat Playgroup from 9.30am - 12pm and Churchill playgroup Fridays 9.30am to midday.



## October Birthdayite!

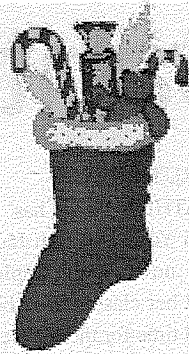
THE October 'Birthdayite', Maddylen Lock, was all smiles as she was presented with two \$10.00 vouchers by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill and District - one for Churchill Newsagency and the other for Churchill

Future Flicks. She was chosen at random by the Churchill and District News Editor from the October list. this could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky 'Birthdayite'.

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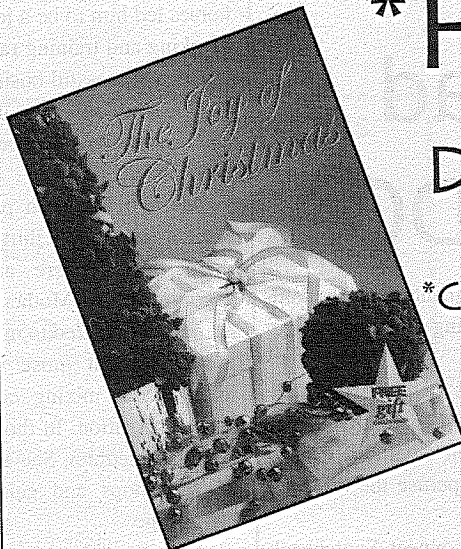
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## CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS BIRTHDAY CLUB

Hi Kids,

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

The lucky "Birthdayite" for October was Maddylen Lock.

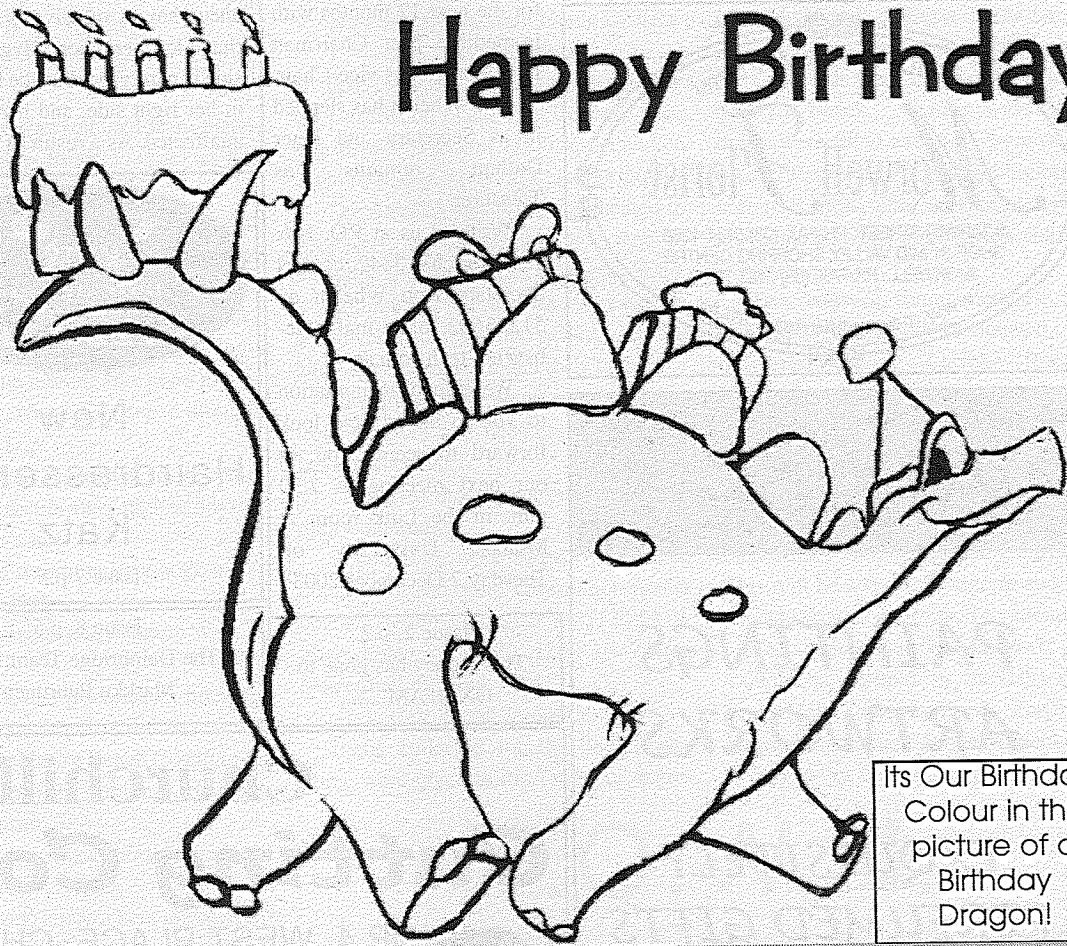
### BIRTHDAYITES FOR NOVEMBER 2003

Daniel BEYER	9 years
Richard CUSICK	5 years
Courtney VELLA	6 years

The selected "BIRTHDAYITE" for November is **Daniel BEYER**

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

# Happy Birthday



Its Our Birthday!  
Colour in this picture of a Birthday Dragon!

## JOKES JOKES JOKES JOKES

What happens when a cat eats a lemon?  
It becomes a sour puss!

Where do cows go on Saturday nights?  
To the MOOO-vies!

Why are elephants wrinkled?  
Have you ever tried to iron one!

Why is a tomato Round and Red?  
Because if it was long and green it would be a cucumber!

# Santoshi Yoga

By RUTH PLACE

HEATHER Batza has been running Santoshi Yoga at Green Inc. for over 12 months now. The people who have attended her classes have been treated to a special time for themselves. Techniques

for breathing, stretching and strengthening the body have benefited, giving calmness, more flexibility and agility, as well as helping balance and posture.

But that is not all that the classes have imparted. Each week some philosophy for a more energized and fulfilled lifestyle have been shared. The end of each session has concluded with deep relaxation. The effect is quite amazing.

Heather has decided on a change in her life and therefore has completed her teaching sessions.

The people who attended Yoga will miss Heather's classes. However they wish her all the best with the next chapter of her life.



# Brodribb Road Feedback to CDCA

By ROB WHELAN

FEEDBACK on the issue of the proposed closure of a section of Brodribb Road has been great and we have received a facsimile from Sinclair Knight Merz that contained the following information:

They have acknowledged our input to the consultation process and now advise further that this initial consultation formed part of a traffic and road assessment study for the West Field project.

Following this study, a second news bulletin was distributed in mid-September and we received a copy of the bulletin.

The Environmental Effects Statement

and supporting documents will be available for public viewing and comment in January 2004.

At present details of the project are available and on display at the Power Works Museum seven days a week and you are welcome to peruse the information available there.

Our proposal to connect Switchback Road to the realigned Strzelecki Highway has been taken seriously and the traffic consultants engaged by International Power Hazelwood (IPH) are to include their evaluation of this option in their report.

Margaret Guthrie is our Chairperson for the next 12 months with immediate past Chairman Don Flanigan as vice-Chair.

Rob Whelan has stepped in as Secretary and Peter Dathan remains as Treasurer.

Write to us at P.O. Box 191 Churchill 3842, contact Secretary Rob Whelan on 51223602 or e-mail wcb@net-tech.com.au

We extend an invitation to you to attend, and look forward to seeing you, at our next meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Link room at Monash University on Tuesday 2 December 2003.

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'This money has gone to OXMFAM.....'

# Against All Odds...

MARILYN Skinner was born in Wonthaggi sixty years ago. After attending school there for a short time, the family moved to Melbourne, where Marilyn grew up in the suburb of Strathmore, attending primary and secondary school there. Her Mother was in business. After leaving school Marilyn studied to be a stenographer, later finding employment in that profession.

In 1967 Marilyn married. Believing that she couldn't have children of her own, she and her husband adopted their first son Michael. Michael has grown into a wonderful man. Then to their surprise and pleasure, Marilyn became pregnant and gave birth to their second son David. David's love of horses led him to be a jockey and to breaking and training race horses in his own successful business first in Queensland, and now in Moe. He and his wife have two beautiful children.

Marilyn has been painting pictures since she was thirty. Art classes at night, were attended by Marilyn and her Mother, a baby-sitter being organized to mind the children. Through those classes she learnt about mixing colors, tones and composition. In those days oils were her medium. She attended lots of workshops and gained lots of knowledge.

A shift to live in the Latrobe Valley, allowed Marilyn to find an art teacher. This was Bob Pelchen, a noted water colour artist. So Marilyn began painting in water colors and successfully too. She was able to sell many of her paintings.

One afternoon, Marilyn had an aneurysm. A massive brain hemorrhage left her a hemiplegic. Her left side is paralyzed, but she has full use in her right side, and her brain was unaffected. As a result of this occur-

rence, Marilyn spent twelve months in the Grand Ridge Lodge Nursing Home in Mirboo North. This was followed by three months of rehabilitation. Then came a year in the

Marilyn is so keen, she has organized an exhibition of her work at The Bullock Dray Cafe and Gallery in Mirboo North on the 29th and 30th November.

Strezelecki House Hostel in Mirboo North. Marilyn then made a huge decision that she didn't want to go on living with old people, so she now has a small unit of her own, and carers who help her to stay there. Part of the unit is her artist's studio, where she spends time painting each day.

In fact Marilyn is so keen, she has organized an exhibition of her work at The Bullock Dray Cafe and Gallery in Mirboo North on the 29th and 30th November.

Her hopes are that it will be fine weather as the exhibition will be held out of doors, from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. Marilyn says there are two incentives to come, one to see her work and the other to taste the scrumptious food sold at the cafe. The cappuccino is the best you have ever tasted she claims.

To get around town, where she is well known, Marilyn has an electric scooter. It is toffee apple red. Marilyn explains that it is so people can see her coming and keep out of her way, especially on her left side as the sight in the left eye is impaired due to a lot of bleeding behind the eye during her brain haemorrhage. At home she is able to "walk in a fashion."

Life has lots of fun she says despite what has happened to her.

A sign on her wall states:-

# Marilyn's Story

"Praise the Lord, Jesus loves ME

If the Lord is within, you wont be without"

During her time in the Nursing Home and through her rehabilitation, members of the St. Mary's Anglican congregation were a help and comfort to her. Marilyn says one lady who has become a friend would come and read to the residents weekly. They had lots of giggles, and they would guess what would happen next in the story, and then have to wait for next week to hear the next chapter.

Marilyn wanted to see what made these people shine, so when she was able, she began to attend the Church. She has become a Christian, last year being baptized and confirmed by Bishop Arthur Jones. Now she feels protected by the arms of the Holy Spirit.

Through all these trials, Marilyn has had the support of her wonderful husband. Marilyn has tried to put herself in his position. It must have been very scary for him she thinks. I'm sure I wouldn't have handled it as well if it had been the other way round she confesses.

Marilyn eye problem is helped by the Royal Victorian Institute For the Blind. The R.V.I.B. wanted to select a painting by one of their vision impaired folks for their use. Marilyn was very thrilled when one of her paintings from an exhibition at the Brewery in Mirboo North, was selected and purchased by the Royal Victorian Institute For the Blind. This painting is being raffled to raise valuable funds for the R.V.I.B.. It has also been selected to be the picture on the large print 2004 calendar. These calendars are available from the R.V.I.B. office at 110 Hotham St., Traralgon.

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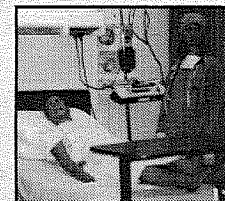
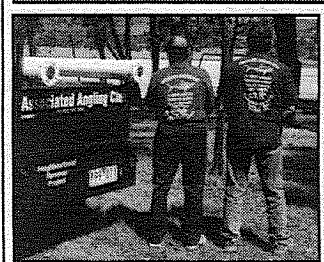
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November's page 2 is still in cyber space  
If you see it floating around please send it back!

# Churchill & District News BLOOPERS!

The Photos that didn't quite make it!



Co-Operating Church Saturday Breakfast!



Val Prokopiv Editor!

# The Glendonald Residents Group Inc.

and

## The Neighbourhood Renewal Project

### Glendonald Residents tell their stories... digitally!!

In September, three Glendonald residents participated in a three day digital story telling project at the newly opened Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) located in Federation Square in the heart of Melbourne.

The idea of the project was for residents to be able to tell the stories of their lives, homes and neighbourhood using computers to record photo, spoken word & music to create the effect of a mini film of two to five minutes length. These can be played on video or by a media player on a computer.

Quantum Support Services organised the trip which included residents from other Neighbourhood Renewal areas in Latrobe Valley. The project was funded by Neighbourhood Renewal, Department of Human Services, Gippsland Region.

Glendonald residents told stories about the 'rebirth' of the Churchill & District News and the hard work of it's volunteers, how a house can be renovated, added to and turned into a home to feel proud of, about how 'the Don' has become a true home and the country of the youngest son of a family who have moved here, and the story

of Churchill's stop-start development since the 1960's and the future potential of our town. Participants in the ACMI digital story project with family & friends met together in Morwell in late October to look at the final product of each other's labours, amidst much laughter and fun. The ACMI project trip presented a unique opportunity to record stories about our neighbourhood whilst the first generation of residents is here to tell it. A premiere is planned for late November, early December after which the stories will be publicly available.



Front Row: Denise, Judy, Val, Elsie, Roderick  
Back Row: Leanne, Dianne, Maureen, Grant, David

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For more information contact Leanne Blake or Chris Devers at Quantum Support Services on 5174 5961.

### Upcoming Events:

November 25:

General Meeting  
Churinga Drive Kinder

December Tuesday 16:  
Christmas Party at  
Glendonald Park.

## Snow In Late October!

SIX members of the U3A Bushwalking Group went to Mount Erica on Monday 27 October for a walk to Mushroom Rocks. Although the early morning was very crisp here in Churchill, we did not envisage Snow on the lower slopes of Mount Erica.



**Snow Amongst The Rocks:** Above.  
Below: Albert Graham beside one of the Giants.



We met at Parker's Corner, Rawson, and from there, followed the Thompson Valley Road 11 km. to the Mount Erica car park turnoff.

This road is fairly rough and was worse after the recent rains. From the car park we started our trek through the mud up to Mushroom Rocks.

This track is part of the Alpine Walking Track. Mushroom Rocks is an interesting formation of huge rounded granite boulders; some looking like giant mushrooms. Nearby is a Scout Hut, where we peeped through the windows, as it was locked up.

From there we "bush-bashed" through to snow, clambering over huge fallen trees, the result of high winds the week before, to another hiker's hut.

After lunch, which we ate sitting under a huge boulder, we hiked back to the car park.

Our second walk was the Beech gully Nature Walk, a very easy circular walk.

It leaves from the car park and provides an interesting introduction to the plants and wildlife of the Mountain Ash forests, and the Native Beech (found only in this area), as well as Lyrebirds, echidnas, and the endangered Leadbeater's Possum.

Another highlight of our day was a short walk along the Mountain Monarch's Track.

It follows a former tramway, and walkers are offered a real treat viewing the huge trees, which must have escaped the timber-getters of the early days.

A wonderful day's walk for anyone who wants to be rewarded with magnificent scenery, clean crisp air, and the "serenade" of lyrebirds.

The U3A Bushwalking Group walks anywhere and everywhere on 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month!

## Get Knitting For The Guides

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

Hazelwood/Churchill Guide District  
The N4 Project

THE N4 project is being organised by the Hazelwood / Churchill Guides Units, and the aim is to knit 1,000 squares to be made into rugs, knee rugs and cot rugs.

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

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

Already we have received a few donations of wool and needles, and knitting has commenced.

Thanks to those generous friends for their donations.

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

Hazelwood Junior Guides

Items collected for the Samaritan's Purse were given to the Traralgon repre-

sentative at the end of September. Last year 248 shoe boxes were filled by people from Traralgon and District, plus 6 bags of goods were sent to Melbourne to help fill boxes. Victoria wide 35,000 boxes were filled and these were distributed in Thailand. We had two big bags of soft toys balls, pencils, crayons, pencil sharpeners, rulers, story books and writing pads.

Two bags of trauma teddies, some hand knitted and others donated, were delivered to the Latrobe Regional Hospital on 25 September.

Plans for our indoor camp with the Yallourn North and Moe Guides are going well. On Tuesday 18 November two of our guides will be presented with their Junior BP Awards and Certificates. This will be a special program and families and friends are invited to attend.

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

## T.O.W.N.

By PAT EISLER

T.O.W.N stands for Take Off Weight Naturally. It is a voluntary support group which gives encouragement in a relaxed and friendly weekly meeting starting at 6.30pm every Monday night at the Baptist Church Hall at 62 Kay Street in Traralgon.

Starting with a weekly weigh in fol-

lowed by shared discussions and practical advice, members are supported in achieving their desired weight. Meetings usually end between 8.00 and 8.30pm.

New members are welcome to phone Pauline on 5174 2359, or just come along.