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church service with unveiling of their plaque to mark the churches involvement in the town; followed by the official program of unveiling the town's 50th anniversary plaque in the new Town Hall Plaza. Speeches were made by guests Russell Northe, Darrell White and Keith

Hamilton. The Churchill and District Lions Club provided a BBQ and people enjoyed visiting the attractions, the street stalls and displays, as well as meeting up and renewing acquaintances with people they had not seen for a long while. There was a fantastic atmosphere

- a real buzz in the air. Thank you everyone and especially the organising committee for a memorable day.

A more detailed report with photographic coverage will appear in the April issue of Churchill and District News.

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50th Celebration Events

- ANZAC Day April 25. RSL service at 9am in the Town Hall Plaza, followed by refreshments in the Town Hall and the unveiling of the Hazelwood Honour Roll.
- Churchill and District News Volume 4 'Looking Back' history book launch May 24 at 2pm at the Co-Operating Churches. All welcome.
- Unveiling of Monash Way Underpass artwork April - June. Date TBC.
- Churchill Football Club Past Players Re-Union Day/Night event Saturday June 13. Watch the game in the afternoon and get together at 7.30pm for fellowship and finger food catering.

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**Much to do for celebrations**

By Margaret Guthrie

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At the time of writing this article, there is much to do in organising and promoting the Churchill 50th Anniversary commemorative celebration (Family Fun Day) on Sunday March 15. CDCA hopes that many residents, past and present, were able to attend and mark this historic milestone in Churchill's history.

I would like to particularly thank the organising committee: Mike Answerth, Peter Ellerington, Linda Reid, Alan Scarlett, Bruce Stephenson and Wendy Hrynyszyn (from Latrobe City Events) for all their hard work behind the scenes.

Countless others have also helped to make the day a celebration for past and present residents. We hope you and your families enjoyed the event!

Next month another significant event will take place in Churchill – an ANZAC Day commemorative service.

Morwell RSL is working with CDCA to hold our inaugural Churchill ANZAC Day service at 9am in the Churchill Town Hall Plaza on Saturday April 25.

It seems only fitting that in 2015, which marks the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli

and the 50th anniversary of Churchill, we should have our own service in our newly created civic space. We hope many local residents will join us on this occasion to commemorate those who served.

Our art project in the Monash Way pedestrian underpass is well under way, although the underpass has yet to be painted.

An artist, renowned Melbourne street artist, Adrian Doyle has been engaged and attended a community 'Meet and Greet the Artist' forum in Churchill late last year.

Design work is currently being done and we will likely see works commence in April.

CDCA, in partnership with Latrobe City Council, established a Project Steering Group to facilitate this project. Funding is held by Council and VicRoads approval for the underpass project has been granted.

Our March meeting was held on Tuesday March 17. A significant portion of the agenda was taken up with current Churchill projects – the Town Centre Plan (and works to Balfour Place), the East-West Link (for which a geomorphic study of the creek has been commissioned by Council) and the Art and Culture Pathway (progress on



various elements).

The various groups which meet to manage each of these projects keep CDCA representatives very busy! In addition, CDCA is involved in the governance of Churchill Hub, Town Safety meetings and other community projects as they arise.

CDCA desperately needs a few more active members. Our Committee, although committed and passionate, is unable to attend to all the 'work' that comes our way. Without new volunteers and interested residents, CDCA may have to go into recess until others step up to the plate.

Our meetings are held

on the third Tuesday of the month, commencing at 5.30pm, in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre (formerly known as Green Inc) in McDonald Way. Next meeting is on April 21. Observers and new members are very welcome.

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.

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

Churchill Rainfall for February 2015

Churchill had below average rainfall for the month with only three days of recorded rainfall.

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Celebrating 50 YEARS CHURCHILL 1965 - 2015 Graham Harvey



Graham Harvey, well known in sporting circles in Churchill, came to live in Churchill in 1965, at 19 McInnes Crescent with his family, when he was two years old.

They were the 19th family to move in. There was Mum, Dad, four brothers and one sister.

This sister died at age 18 in a car accident. Graham's parents later adopted twin girls. Graham says it was good having a large family, even though the house was small. They got along well together.

Graham attended McDonald Street kindergarten as the kindergarten in Churchill was not then built. He attended Churchill Primary School from Prep-Grade 6.

Growing up in Churchill in those days was great fun. There was plenty of building going on so lots of building sites to explore. One big adventure was walking up to the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education site and exploring the building going on there.

Graham's parents took over the Churchill Milkbar after Koedijk's in 1973. Graham would go there straight after school and for eight or nine years help out stacking the fridges. He would get paid in lollies!

Graham also helped Mr Koedijk for a long time with his milk run each evening. The town boundary was between Switchback Road, McDonald Way, White Parade and Manning Drive in those days.

He was paid in flavoured milk.

There was an art to getting off the electric cart used to deliver the milk, and if you didn't observe it you could fall over; not good if you had milk in your hands!

The family moved away and took up the running of the Café in Yallourn for three to four years.

Graham always returned to play sport, cricket, football, and soccer, in Churchill. When Graham began to play soccer, Tom Sands was the coach. Thirty-five years later when Graham's boys began to play, Tom was still the coach.

Graham moved back to Churchill when he bought his first house in 1990. In 1992 he married Julie and they have twin boys Matthew and Ryan.

Graham says living in Churchill is fantastic. He has happily made it his home.

The sporting clubs are

great which is important to Graham. He remembers his Dad and two brothers playing in the first cricket match held in Churchill in 1973, as a really good memory.

In the early days the town was seen as a good opportunity, a new town with good community involvement and co-operation, which continues today.

The future of Churchill is assured, feels Graham with expansion of new housing estates, the shopping centre upgrades (remarking about all the changes which have happened over the years), having the pub rebuilt and being able to go there for a meal, and the Hub facility for the town.



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As part of the exhibition Designing Craft/Crafting Design: 40 Years of JamFactory, Latrobe Regional Gallery is offering a unique jewellery masterclass, with accomplished artist Lauren Simeoni. The masterclass will take place on Saturday March 21, from 11am.

Latrobe City Council's acting arts director, Shelley McDermott, said that Lauren Simeoni's work was an homage to the senses.

"Her pieces are a wearable passport to a whimsical 'other' reality, finding the beautiful and seductive in

what is otherwise thought of as mundane."

"Participants in the jewellery masterclass will be encouraged to experiment with and deconstruct a variety of found materials, whilst developing concepts and ideas for future creations.

The aim of the workshop is to push the boundaries of traditional jewellery making techniques."

"Participants will need to bring in objects they are interested in working with," Ms McDermott said.

"This masterclass is an opportunity to work with a conceptual jewellery artist

who has exhibited both nationally and internationally. Opportunities to learn from this calibre of artist are rare and Latrobe Regional Gallery is happy to be able to offer this special event," Ms McDermott concluded.

Lauren Simeoni's masterclass will be held at the Latrobe Regional Gallery on Saturday March 21 from 11am to 4pm.

Cost is \$60 or \$50 for Gallery Friends Members. Bookings and payment essential by Friday March 20. Visit the Gallery or call 1300 367 700 for more information.

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Eight sport and active recreation clubs across the Morwell electorate have benefited from funding as part of round one of VicHealth's Active Club Grants program.

The Churchill Football Netball Club received a grant of \$2,938.18 to increase physical activity, by making it easier for the club to reach out to new participants and fund items or equipment that help them to improve safety.

The Churchill Football Netball Club is among 270 clubs across Victoria to share in more than \$650,000 worth of VicHealth Active Club Grants.

A reminder to Churchill residents that this year

Churchill is celebrating 50 years since the proclamation of the township of Churchill was made by the Shire of Morwell on March 15, 1965. The commemorative ceremony and plaque unveiling was held on Sunday March 15, 2015 at the Churchill Town Hall Plaza, Philip Parade with a BBQ, displays and activities taking place throughout the day.

The 13th Annual Boolarra Folk Festival was held on Saturday February 28 with a day and evening of free entertainment on display.

In addition to the quality entertainment, there was a strong array of stalls, art and craft and food available for

the many hundreds of visitors. Congratulations to Ray and his committee who did such a marvellous job in hosting this terrific local event.

We are now at the point of the six year anniversary of the Delburn and Churchill complex of fires that hit our region in January and February of 2009. Many communities and individuals are still in recovery mode but one can only be amazed by the leadership and resolve of many individuals and community organisations over this period of time.

We have come a long way since February 2009 but there is still more to do and I know many are working extremely

hard through this recovery phase.

In the same context it's important to recognise the efforts of the Country Fire Authority, career fire-fighters and volunteers during the 2009 campaign fires.

We are blessed in this region to have wonderful personnel serving our community in this capacity and we do thank you for your ongoing efforts. It's also a timely reminder that each property owner takes on the responsibility in ensuring they have a fire plan in place in the event that a fire hits our region.

Finally, Latrobe Valley community members are

invited to get a glimpse inside Victoria's historic Legislative Assembly and Council chambers at this year's Parliament House Open Day on Sunday, March 22.

I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to see inside and outside the historical Parliament House building, one of Melbourne's best known landmarks.

The Open Day will run



from 10.30am until 3.30pm and admission is free.

For more information visit www.parliament.vic.gov.au or phone: 9651 8567.



Churchill Northern Car Park and Town Hall Plaza

The Council works in the northern car park are now virtually complete, with only the final asphalt seal on West Place and the new parking area below the service station to be completed.

The landowners within the car parks either side of Georgina Place will complete construction on their land with concrete and asphaltting works and the erection of a new

Darrell White

public light near Woolworths.

The town hall plaza has also largely been completed.

Balfour Place

The next significant works at Churchill town centre will be the reconstruction of Balfour Place.

The main aim of the work is to improve access and safety of the area.

Additional footpaths will be constructed along Balfour Place and

the alignment of the street shifted slightly towards the west.

The small mountable roundabout will be shifted southward, to improve access, particularly for delivery vehicles.

The entry to the hotel car park will be turned into a T-intersection, to improve safety.

The works will commence after the Churchill 50th Anniversary celebration in mid-March and will take place in stages to minimise

disruption to road users and patrons at the Churchill Hotel.

The program of works is currently being finalised and will aim to ensure that access to the hotel car park is retained as much as possible.

The two main stages of work involve the area between the service road near Monash Way and the current small roundabout, and the section of Balfour Place between the roundabout and Philip Parade.

Darren Chester

Federal member for Gippsland Darren Chester has encouraged all past and present residents of Churchill to join in the town's 50th

anniversary celebrations. The Churchill community came alive on Sunday March 15 with a commemorative ceremony, plaque unveiling,

barbecue and family activities. There was also a combined church service.

Mr Chester last week paid tribute to the Churchill

community in a speech to parliament, recognising the town's history since indigenous settlement through to modern times.

The township of Churchill was proclaimed by the shire of Morwell on March 15, 1965.

Gippsland MP congratulates Churchill township on 50th anniversary

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Council adopts Cultural Diversity Action Plan 2014 – 2018

At its ordinary Council meeting last night, Latrobe City Council adopted the Cultural Diversity Action Plan 2014 – 2018.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman, said that the plan was prepared as part of Council's ongoing commitment to its diverse community.

"The plan seeks to address the cultural and linguistic barriers to Council's services and enhance Council's contact with members of non-English speaking communities.

The most important element of the plan is its creation by the group of dedicated community volunteers who make up our cultural diversity advisory committee – this plan represents years of their work and consideration.

As an organisation we extend to them our thanks and acknowledge of their ongoing commitment to supporting greater cultural diversity as well as a tolerant, generous community.

The plan has received feedback from an extensive community consultation process and we are pleased to now move forward with implementing the plan's actions.

"The plan has four objectives: equal access to services, resources and facilities; active community consultation and participation; celebrating and valuing diversity and cultural expression and leadership and advocacy. Each of these objectives is aimed at supporting our migrant community to access and enjoy a full range of Council and community services.

There are many actions we can take to achieve these objectives. For example, working with other agencies to promote Council grants, activities and initiatives to our migrant community will help make sure the information can be accessed in a number of ways. By working with the Victorian Multicultural Commission we can ensure there is adequate consultation regarding issues that arise in this

community.

We have also agreed to support the promotion of the fantastic Immigration Park to our community and visitors as well as to develop a list of significant cultural days on our website. We will also take an opportunity to look at training programs for our staff to raise awareness of cultural diversity," Cr Harriman said.

"We also recognise that the action plan will change over time to keep pace with any demographic changes or changing priorities for the community," Cr Harriman concluded.

Points of interest

More than 30% of Latrobe City's community was either born overseas or one or both parents were born overseas.

A total of 9,930 or 13.7% of Latrobe City residents were born overseas and 6.9% of people in Latrobe City speak a language other than English at home.

The plan was translated into Greek to assist that community to understand its requirements

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Latrobe City Council's mayor, Councillor Dale Harriman, said that the new hours may alleviate some of the challenges of the new term.

"The first term at school can be a difficult time, especially those children just starting high school this year and dealing with

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to-one, personalised session." Cr Harriman said.

"It's a simple system to use for our tech-savvy young minds - students log in online, either from the library or from home and it's free!

So, there's access to free, easy and professional help to getting that homework in on time!" Cr Harriman concluded.

Latrobe City Libraries provides many valuable education resources for everyone in the community no matter what age or area of study. Check our website at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library or visit a branch to discuss how we can help you.

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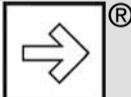


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Liz and Ross Ollquist

Ross and Liz applied for and were granted a shop in the new Churchill shopping centre, early in 1967, after Ross' father saw an advertisement to lease shops in Churchill!

Their first pharmacy was at 12 West Place.

In the beginning the pharmacy was not viable, so Ross from time to time got relieving jobs in the surrounding area, while Liz held the fort in the pharmacy.

"It was not until Churchill had two permanent Doctors, Dr James Chui and his wife Dr Suzi Pui in 1974,

did the pharmacy become really viable. In the early days bread and milk were delivered to our homes. John Koedyk had the first milk bar as he had the contract to deliver milk to the town.

It was six weeks before our phone was installed even though we were on the priority list. We had to phone our orders through to the warehouse (Sigma) on the



public phone for those six weeks. We were also lucky as we got the same day delivery as a Sigma employee lived in Churchill.

It was 18 months after opening before we appointed our first employee - Jeanette Thornton.

Our first daughter Andrea was born in October 1967 followed by three other daughters. Churchill was a great place to bring up children as most couples were young and had young families. There were very few residents over 40

years of age. When the Whitlam government came to power, money became available for Community Health Centres. Ross, backed by a Community Committee, wrote the successful submission to get funding for Churchill's Community Health Centre and over time Churchill had its own dentist, doctors and Community Health nurses.

We have watched Churchill grow into a thriving town and we believe it will continue to grow and prosper."



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Church News

Co-Operating Church Snippets



All Age Worship: Schoolies from left to right - Ian, Kelsey, Daniel, Sarah, Brittany, Alan, Laura, Reverend Brenda.

Back to business began at the start of February with a whole parish service at Boolarra followed by a picnic in the park.

A parish meal was held at the Churchill Hotel and over 40 people attended, but Trevor Berryman had the surprise of his life when it turned out to be a party to celebrate his 70th birthday. The Cambridge team presented **All Age Worship** the next week, with the message that all things are possible if we have faith.

This service was attended by some of St Paul's and Gippsland Grammar Year 12 schoolies students who made

the trip to Gahini province in Rwanda. With them they had taken donations of chalk to give to the teachers as they only have one piece of chalk a day, and money to buy black paint.

As the late Bishop John McIntyre had continued a loving relationship with Gahini and had many theological books, to carry out his wishes, it was deemed a beautiful activity to take 140 kg of books there in loving memory of that relationship. The books were received with joy and a special bookcase was made to accommodate the books.

A chalice and paten for communion was donated from St Paul's Grammar so that Manasseh, a senior priest, could use it when he visits parishes there. The students bought out all the stocks of black paint and spent some of their time painting school blackboards and producing a really good result. There were some amazing stories that came from the visit. One was of a visit to a parish which required going through a muddy swamp in an ordinary car with no side doors. They came to the edge, Manasseh said, "God be with us," and went right in. They became stuck with the occupants covered in mud, but about thirty people turned up and helped them through. There was lots of laughter.

The students went to some of the primary schools and taught maths and English. There is such a thirst to learn,

with students waiting with great anticipation for the Schoolies students to arrive.

One student said the children were fascinated with her hair as it was long and straight. The Gahini students have very short and very curly hair. They just wanted to touch and feel it.

It was a very welcoming and warm experience, quickly making connections. The students also helped to build a house. Celebrating in the afternoons was a very important part of the visit. The students joined the Rays of Hope singing group and learnt some songs and taught them some songs.

They did some drumming. Such was the enthusiasm that one hour rehearsals became three. Great fun was had by all. Their performance in front of Bishop Alexis was received with amazement and praise.

The students found it hard to work in the high humidity, especially as they had to wear long pants. They also realised how few resources the people have and how blessed we are in Australia. Learning some of the language was fun. Attending a three hour service with 500 people four times a day allowed them a different

experience of the love of God.

Hearing the people's stories made the students aware of how hard life can be for them.

The students all agreed that it was a wonderful life changing experience which will stay with them.

At the service on February 15, we welcomed the **new presbytery minister** for pastoral care, Reverend Sani Vaeluaga who preached.

The **Ladies Fellowship** held their annual Commitment Services, to which all parishioners were invited. It was a moving service of dedication and recognition that with no matter how small our resources, with God's blessing they can become full of possibilities.

Coffee Connections theme was stories to share about pets and animals known to us. There were some marvellous stories of working dogs, native animals and special pets.

Junior Youth Group has begun again for 2015 and the first night's activity was a walk in the bush with a scavenger hunt, followed by a BBQ and games. It was well received and thanks go to the Mauger's for their hospitality.

Saturday Breakfast has also begun again for 2015. The first guest speakers were Rosslyn Jackson and Milton Sheilds who spoke of their experiences when they recently visited Uganda with Wise Choices for Life.

Wise Choices for Life is a ministry set up to empower vulnerable Ugandan men and women in the child bearing age group with the knowledge and skills to break the poverty cycle. Targeting young adults first, the training in reproductive health challenges the world view of many that large families produce strength, replacing this with children by choice not chance. A full report appears elsewhere on this page.

Seek First Men's Ministry topic for the night was Sport and/or something that inspires you in your faith. There was the usual singing and sharing.

Lenten Bible studies began also with two groups.

Our congregational leader and secretary were elected and our first congregational meeting held. It included a survey to see if these occasions were meeting the congregation's expectations.

Saturday Breakfast

The first breakfast of the year kicked off with an introduction to life in Uganda. Lucy and Stephen Elms, Rosslyn Jackson and Milton Sheilds told of their time volunteering there with Wise Choices for Life (WCFL.)

Uganda is in east Africa bordering on Lake Victoria. It is the size of Victoria but with a population of 36 million with more than half under 18 years. Uganda is a beautiful productive country with two rainy seasons a year, but is caught in poverty mainly because of its high population growth.

Cultural myths, traditions and poor knowledge are driving the poverty cycle. The average family has eight to ten children. The mothers grow weak from too many children close together and fathers are unable to support them. The maternal death rate is 16 per day and early teenage pregnancy rate is high, leaving many children as orphans or living on the streets. There is also a high rate of obstetric fistula. Foreign aid helps a few of these people but does not solve the cause of the problem.

WCFL is an Australian organization working towards empowering Ugandan youth with knowledge and practical life skills to make wise decisions about their reproductive health. WCFL trains people to teach their young people about healthy relationships, effective communication, decision



making skills and critical thinking. Applying these life skills can alter world views about conception and pregnancy, male and female anatomy, antenatal care, natural and scientific family planning, parenting and gender roles.

Because of the large young population, school classes have at least 140 students with very few resources so children learn by rote. We heard them chanting their lessons as we walked through the village. They never learn to think things through and consider consequences. Traditionally men do not involve themselves with the family and a lot of young people have grown up in orphanages so have never learnt parenting skills. Wise Choices for Life aims at teaching medical skills simply and develop practical skills. This helps to equip Ugandans to discuss difficult topics and provide building blocks for a sustainable future with

Christian values of love and respect. This was done using role play, dramas, debate and games rather than straight lectures.

The team went to Uganda in September for six weeks training 135 participants over five workshops. Since then we have heard that the health department has approved the Wise Choices program and the Church of Uganda plans to take the program to five of its diocese.

The participants themselves were all very eager to take the knowledge to their youth groups, schools and orphanages. WCFL already has some Ugandans who have completed the training, leading sessions of the workshops and we plan to have all Ugandan teams in the future. They will still need some support from Australia to supply the training kits and pay a local coordinator. More information can be found at www.wisechoicesforlife.org

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Celebrating **50 YEARS** **CHURCHILL**
1965 - 2015
Darrell White



Three generations of the White family have lived in this district, farming, for a very long time. They have also been associated with local government over a similar period of time. Darrell's father Keith and grandfather David, were long serving local councillors as he is. It was while his father was on Council that the decision about the location of Churchill was made.

Darrell and Diane moved to their home in White Parade, (named after his grandfather) in December 1966. Here their three children were born - Jeffrey, Sussan and Rodney. Because of the children, Darrell and Diane became more involved within the community in sporting and school activities.

Over a period of time Darrell's sporting allegiances to Morwell tennis and football clubs was changed to Churchill. From 1981 to 1993 he was President of the tennis club. This was followed by the football club as the boys were playing. He became President from 1988-94 and again from 1998-2000. With his working

life in administration and finance, he was an asset to the club.

In 1981, Darrell was elected to Morwell Shire Council. Over the years and through the changes in local government structure and names, he has continued to represent the Churchill and district community.

Darrell was witness to the town's commencement and has seen many changes to Churchill and district over the years since then.

Darrell is strong in his belief that the amalgamation of the Latrobe Valley communities into one Council is the best way for this area to present one voice to State

and Federal governments, in gaining their support and financial assistance in addressing the challenges and concerns of the broader community of Latrobe City. This is critical for our future, as we adapt and strive for greater diversity in the job mix and employment opportunities for our community in a climate of changing economic circumstances.

As for Churchill, Darrell says it was a great place for his children to start their journey in life. He counts it as very fortunate that the town provides access to pre-school, primary, secondary and tertiary education opportunities and options.

Churchill has gone from a Ministry of Housing town to one which has incorporated significant private sector residential development as well. He admires the strength, resolve, interaction and willingness of the earlier residents who fought hard to build community pride and provide facilities where none existed. All those who continue today to voluntarily serve the people of the Churchill and district community have his utmost admiration.

Churchill will go from strength to strength, especially with the vision for the town centre development, the interface of community and the university and the enhancement international students have brought to this community.

The strong partnerships developed over the years between the university, Latrobe City Council and the community have resulted in some excellent assets such as the Churchill Hub, the Churchill Leisure Centre and the regional synthetic hockey field.

An interesting observation from Darrell is, "The sun shines in Churchill when it is still foggy elsewhere in the Valley." The setting of the town is ideal as it gives magnificent scenic views to the Jeeralang Hills. Darrell says "The future for Churchill is bright as it is a great place for families to grow together and enjoy all that life has to offer."

Hazelwood Cemetery works

By Leo Billington



New seats at the Hazelwood Cemetery.

The Hazelwood Cemetery Trust has been fortunate to have two bench seats donated. Both are now sited near the gazebo to take maximum advantage of the north and west vistas.

Bench seats are often donated to cemeteries in memory of family members or friends.

For those who visit cemeteries, a wide range of seats can be seen ideally sited for anyone who wants to sit, reflect and remember.

Cemeteries are being encouraged to acknowledge and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC. The famous, but tragic landing at Gallipoli will attract world-wide coverage this year and to this end, a permanent commemorative monument is being prepared at the Hazelwood cemetery.

On Friday, February 27, another historical moment was recorded at the cemetery. Late in September 2013, the mains water pipe disintegrated at various points. Being galvanised pipe from the early 1980's, it had long passed its use-by date. The recent historical moment was the re-connecting of mains water, 17 months later. And this time, the water pipe is of a superior



The new water pipe at the Hazelwood Cemetery.

quality which will still be in service well into the next century and beyond.

The Hazelwood Cemetery Trust thanks everyone for their patience and tolerance over that long period when the disconnection caused some inconvenience.

While dwelling on a small aspect of local history, it's worthwhile remembering that "our" ten acres of crown land was officially gazetted as a

cemetery on April 7, 1879, established to serve the newly settled areas encompassing Morwell, Morwell Bridge, Yinnar, Hazelwood and Driffield.

Morwell's settlement started in 1877 - hence members of the cemetery trust are proud to explain the cemetery is virtually as old as Morwell.

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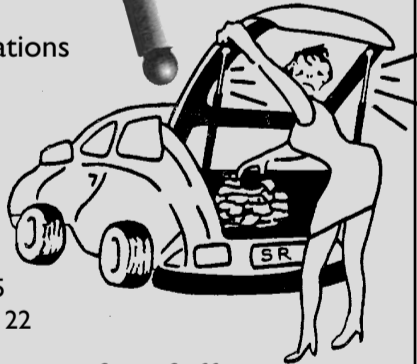
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Clean Up Australia Day

By Leo Billington



A small but dedicated group of volunteers found heaps of rubbish throughout the centre of Churchill during the 2015 Clean Up Australia day – Sunday, March 1.

Concentrating on the creek behind the fire station and skate board park as well as across parkland bordering Monash Way, bags of rubbish collected comprised mainly discarded plastic bottles and plastic wrapping.

Another volunteer group working in the Thompson Road area collected a vast assortment of discarded metal rubbish, homewares and steel wiring which had all

the hallmarks of being stolen from an industrial site.

Back at Churchill, the rubbish included 14 tyres, two mangled pushbikes, a double bed mattress, steel framed chairs and plastic non-degradable containers generally used for “one minute meals.”

Local Morwell based rubbish disposal business, Valley Sweep based in Jones Road, must be thanked for collecting the accumulated rubbish.

Unfortunately there were no large industrial skip bins made available so Valley Sweep donated their utility.

Discarded tyres are a problem, environmentally and socially.

High level discussions over past decades have recognised the issue of tyres being dumped, but no viable solution has emerged. The tyres found at Churchill were in the creek bed. For people to believe these tyres will simply disintegrate is incredulous.

Those who participated in Clean Up Australia 2015 included members of Hazelwood Rotary, Churchill Co-operating Church, 1st Churchill Scout Group and the Jeeralang Community Association.

Celebrating 50 YEARS CHURCHILL 1965 - 2015

Geoff Brick

Geoff’s parents moved into Churchill in the mid 1960s. Geoff’s earliest memories are of helping his Mum Jean set up the table across their front door for the post office in Fraser Crescent.

After serving in the army, living for some time in Yallourn North, Geoff returned to Churchill in 1995. He became involved with the Lions Club and worked with them for a couple of years before joining. He enjoys the friendship and the being part of the support which Lions

gives to the community.

Geoff says Churchill has grown over the years from a small community without a shopping centre and pub to the present day.

He thinks the ANZAC Day service to be held in Churchill is a good idea, but he is not sure about the new memorial.

In Geoff’s opinion, not all the changes that have been made are for the better, but he still thinks living in Churchill with its small friendly community is good.



Whether Churchill will grow much more, Geoff is not sure due to the work situation in the area. He certainly does not think it will expand to the planned satellite town of 40,000 proposed in the 60s.

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Yinnar, Hazelwood and Jeeralang Community Bushfire Exercise

The Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association (HJCA) and the Yinnar and District Community Association (YDCA) are holding a Community Bushfire Exercise on Saturday March 21, 2015, 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

The exercise will be conducted by the CFA Community Education Team.

The venue is Federation University Gippsland Campus, Churchill.

(See campus map - enter building 4N from carpark N2 and follow signs)

To register your attendance at this free event, please contact: John Harris 0431 972 672 or John Arkinstall 5166 1528, or register by email to john.harris@speedweb.com.

During the exercise, scenarios will be created for the area concerned. They will be based on fire history and fire weather patterns in the area.

The use of the burn education table simulates local conditions to reinforce the learning content. Warnings and advice messages are developed and delivered as part of each scenario.

1. Understanding the risk - assist participants to gain a

realistic understanding of local bushfire risk using table top fire scenarios, maps and computer simulation.

2. Understanding personal actions - each risk scenario is reinforced by outlining personal actions residents should consider when developing their bushfire survival plan.

3. Undertake planning to support actions - residents will understand what is required to develop a bushfire survival plan.



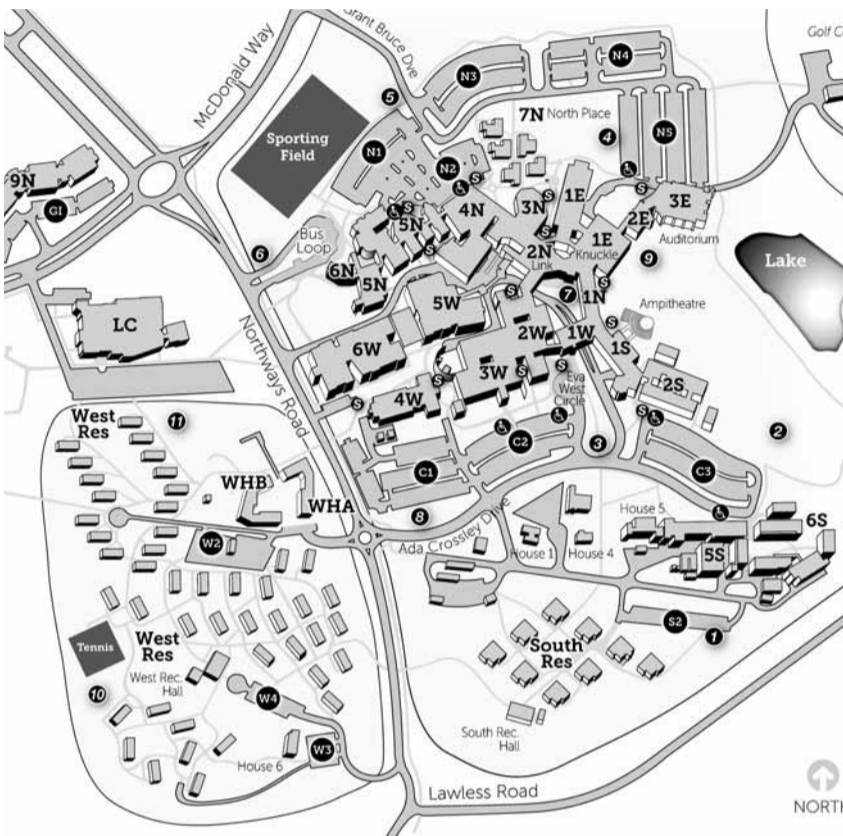
4. Reinforcement of risk and actions - a fire scenario is used to reinforce messages using a fire education table.

5. Awareness of the Community Information Guide - build an awareness of the local Community Information Guide and its content.



This training opportunity has been funded in part by Australia Post through the "Our Neighbourhood Community Grant," as part of the extension of Local Emergency Action Planning in the wider Hazelwood, Jeeralang and Yinnar communities. John Arkinstall, Acting Chairperson of the Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association said: "This is a great opportunity for members of our communities to safely learn about bushfire behaviour and risk. We hope the learnings from the day will contribute to a safer community. We are grateful for the support of Australia Post and the CFA."

The Community Bushfire Exercise will be run by the CFA Community Education Team and is designed to help local residents understand their bushfire risk. It will include a bushfire information session, interactive fire scenarios relevant to the local area with realistic warnings, maps and computer simulations and a fire education table demonstration.



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Vale Lynette Priems



By Peter Ceeney

Sadly Lynette Priems died after a long illness which she fought with dignity and courage. At the funeral, her brother-in-law Peter Ceeney delivered this eulogy.

Around two weeks ago, I dropped in to visit Lynette at her hospital bed in Maryvale Hospital. I was with Leo (Lynette's husband) and Cindy (daughter) chatting away when Nettie asked us to write down some things she would like to happen here today, knowing her time was limited and desperately wanting some input.

This highlights the courage and determination of the lady. I am honoured to share with you a brief snapshot of her life, with valuable input from Nettie herself.

Nettie was born Lynette Joy Baillie on Wednesday June 23, 1948 at the old Traralgon Hospital. Jim, a World War II veteran and Joyce, his blushing new bride were proud to be first time parents to a healthy baby girl. Anyone familiar with the Baillies will know that she didn't remain an only child for long.

In Nettie's words, she had a "bugger" of a childhood. Life was pretty tough on their Drouin West farm as dad tried to eke a living from dairy cattle and the house filled up with kids. She attended the Drouin West Primary School where she loved life and loved to learn. Ambitions of being a hairdresser dominated her earlier years as Ray, her younger brother was soon to discover. After much searching, he eventually found his much cherished and missing teddy bear. However it was now completely bald as Nettie fine-tuned her skills with the scissors. Lucky she couldn't find Bob or Beryl.

At the age of 10, the family moved to the Queen Street Moe address. A house that remained with the family for the next 55 years! Moe High School soon welcomed Nettie and very soon nearly booted her out again for fighting. Imagine all 4 foot 10 inches of Nettie in a scrap. No, I can't either.

However she stayed on at Moe High where she was known as "Yellow Britches." When sitting on a fence and giving cheek to a boy, she found herself pushed backwards. As she fell, her dress came up revealing a very bright yellow undergarment, giving birth to a new nickname. The name stuck through her entire high school life.

At 13 she entered the work force at the Elizabeth Street Milk Bar. It was here that she spied (she made me say this) a young handsome biker and she stated to fellow workers "I'm going to marry that fella."

She had tried dating once, going to the pictures on a "hot date!" Before she even got into the theatre, she was confronted by her father and taken straight home. Nettie never did find out which one of her siblings' dobbed her in.

Eventually the biker got up the nerve to ask for a date. Leo had to first meet Nettie's dad Jim, who must have sensed something special and gave his immediate blessing.

Leo remembers picking up Nettie on their first date and counting the little heads that popped up in the window with Bob, Ray, Beryl, Daryl, Phillip, Faye, Leanne, and baby Michelle. He probably wondered what he was getting into.

Leo proposed prior to the Vietnam war knowing that he would be overseas. Nettie diligently waited for that special day when he returned. That day led to the Church of England in Moe at 3.30pm on April 27, 1968 where Nettie became Mrs Lynette Priems.

They added to the family with Marilyn in 1969, Cindy in 1970 and Kim in 1972. Again I repeat Nettie's words. "Maz was in a hurry to get out, Cindy was the easiest and grandpa immediately nick-named Kim "Butch." They made their family home at Charles Street Moe, eventually moving to the current family home right here in Churchill.

With Leo working a number of jobs, Nettie spent her days chasing her three

boisterous daughters, keeping Maz off the back fences, Cindy escaping over the front gate and Kim from being an all-round terror.

Nettie loved her family holidays driving to the many corners of Australia. On one trip to Green Island, they loaded her up with a large back pack full of important stuff. Being top heavy, she tipped over and landed smack on the back-pack with arms and legs waving around uselessly. Leo and the girls laughed themselves silly comparing her to a turtle on its back. Nettie soon joined in, seeing the funny side, although they still didn't help her up.

As the family grew, Leo and Lynette had the opportunity to travel overseas and Nettie fondly remembers flying over the Grand Canyon, visiting Pearl Harbour and her trips to much of Europe. She simply loved life.

She was, however, a late starter behind the wheel and liked to show off her multitude of skills when driving. One trip, driving with Cindy, eating a McDonalds Burger and like you do, attempting to remove that useless pickle, she rolled the car, herself, Cindy and the pickle. Fortunately all survived and Faye commemorated the event with a T-Shirt for Nettie stating "I ate at McDonalds and survived."

Nettie was proud to accept Graham, Robbie and Jason into her family as each of the girls began to build a life

and future for themselves. Robbie's tenure was nearly short lived. With Leo on night-shift Nettie kept some protection close by.

Robbie came in for a quiet visit, but wasn't that quiet and found himself face to face with the barrel of a .22 rifle controlled by a very shaky finger. She didn't take too many backward steps.

Nettie became a grandparent for the first time in 2003 with Dylan and then again with Hayley in 2006. She was always a great aunty to her many nieces and nephews, but she shone as Dylan's and Hayley's Nan and she loved them deeply.

Nettie and Leo's later years included many caravanning trips and many

travels. She expressed deep sadness that she never got the chance to see the wonderful people she met on those trips once again before she fell ill.

Nettie only recently resigned her post from the RSL women's auxiliary holding down executive positions and being active in their many wonderful pursuits. It is an organisation of which she was a long-time member and one

she thoroughly enjoyed.

So I look up now and I can almost hear Nettie saying "Hurry up Peter Ceeney, you're late again." And I would answer, "I know Nettie, but you have so many wonderful people here who love you and want to say good-bye and you will leave such a big hole in all of our lives."

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Churchill Scouts



By Leo Billington

A group of scouts and leaders from 1st Churchill had a great day out in Melbourne several weeks back, helping to launch the 2015 Scouting year.

Mixing with over 8000 other scouts from across Victoria, the occasion was the inaugural Big Day Scout where scouts played a wide game that was a world-first, following SMS clues in a competition involving "selfies", social media and street art.

According to Strzelecki District Commissioner, Sharon Noonan, wide games traditionally are outdoor Scout games played over a wide area, in open paddocks or the bush, usually at night and involving 20 to 30 Scouts navigating in the dark or sneaking up on a guarded light.

"This time, they raced around Melbourne's CBD, following multiple trails up lanes and through malls, trying to find 15 pieces of

street art based on Scouting's broad adventure program," Ms Noonan said.

"The Scouts literally surged from Federation Square at 10 am on Sunday and followed a trail of SMS clues containing an estimated 35,000 text messages. They photographed "selfies" with each art work they found and uploaded the photos to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter with the hashtag #BigDayScout.

"The whole day was highly organised. The painted walls and art installations are the work of some of Melbourne's leading street artists, who have worked with local youth over recent months to plan and create the works.

Many will still be on display during White Night celebrations."

Well known actor and former Scout, Shane Jacobson was also inducted as Victoria's Chief Scout. This is usually a vice-regal position however, current Governor Alex

Chernov AC will continue to support Scouts Victoria as its patron.

Big Day Scout promoted a new era of activities and an opportunity for all youth members to share with their friends through social media, some of the amazing experiences and opportunities they get in Scouting.

Members from 1st Churchill Scout Group also joined with many others on Tuesday, February 24 in Morwell to celebrate Founders' Day (officially designated as February 22) the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell (born in 1857), the founder of Scouting and coincidentally also of his wife Olave Baden-Powell (born in 1889).

Youth members from all Strzelecki District scout groups enjoyed a barbeque birthday tea followed by a series of interesting games and challenges taking full advantage of pleasant evening weather.

Celebrating 50 YEARS CHURCHILL 1965 - 2015

Reg Grissotto



Reg grew up in Kilcunda, and began his working life at the State Electricity Commission in 1963. In 1968 he married Merrilyn. They built a house in Rae Crescent and moved to Churchill in 1972 from Morwell. In 1978

they started their business Grissotto Plumbing. It was a successful business as they had good clients like the National Safety Council, Latrobe Valley Airport and West Sale Airport.

Churchill in those early days saw all the families in the same boat; all building their homes and providing for their families. Reg described the area as one big happy ground for our children to be brought up. We made friends, there were no fences, it was one big open friendly area.

As the business grew, Reg and family moved to the bigger property on Mackeys Road in 1987, to accommodate his expanding machinery accumulation.

Reg says he loves Churchill. He has many friends and found even more

when as a Charter Member, the Lions Club of Churchill and District was founded.

At age 60, Reg says he slowed down business - wise and began to travel overseas and to catch up with family.

The future looks a bit stagnant for Churchill at present thinks Reg. When Churchill began everyone had a job. Now he believes about 60% of people have jobs but on a temporary basis.

He is hopeful that the university will provide the stimulus needed. We no longer have a power station which provides the employment of the past, and it takes fewer people to run.

Despite coaxing from family, Reg says Churchill is where he wants to be. "Our friends are here and it is the best place to live."

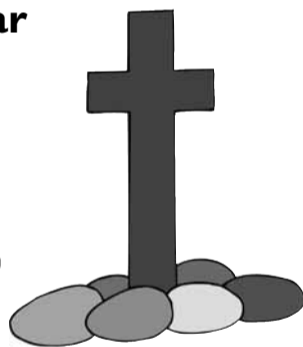
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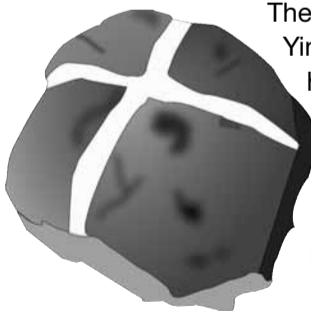
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The Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra Yinnar will run a holiday program in the school holidays on Tuesday March 31 and Tuesday April 7 at the Church on the corner of Williams Ave and McDonald Way Churchill, between 10am and 12 noon. This program is for primary school age children. The program will include games, the Easter Story, activities, and a snack and drink.

Pre-school age children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.



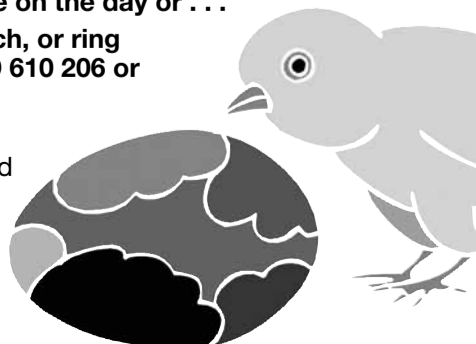
The program will be run by Reverend Brenda Burney, Ruth Place and other volunteers with Working With Children Checks.

Your child will need a completed and signed registration form which will include medical information (Medicare number and tetanus, immunisation, etc.). This can be done on the day or . . .

Forms are available from the church, or ring Reverend Brenda on her mobile 0439 610 206 or Ruth on 5122 1961.

Please Note: Children can only participate in the program if the required forms are completed.

Children must be dropped off and picked up by an adult. Children will be required to be signed in and out as they get picked up.

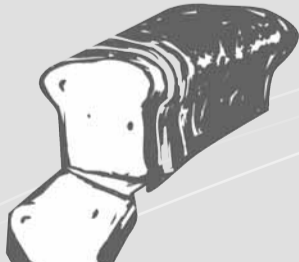


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Keith Hamilton

Our family arrived in Churchill in 1972. The population (according to the board at the entrance) was 1074. The view of hundreds of houses without a tree has changed so much.

In those days most of the residents were young and just starting families. Hence the dreadful ballots for kindergarten places and the disappointment when you missed out.

Because of the small population everyone knew each other and there was a good community spirit. The Churchill Citizens

Association (CCA) became active in lobbying for services for this dormitory town. It was through the CCA that I became elected to the Morwell Shire Council in 1976 to raise issues at the local, state and federal government level. These were interesting times and had great support from Churchill residents.

Many of our residents worked at Hazelwood Power Station.

We developed a relationship with the station and associated pondage. The Latrobe Valley Yacht Club celebrated its fifty years last

year. Sport has always been an important part of our community and soon many of our juniors won success across the Valley and further.

Kindergartens, schools, and Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education (GIAE) grew as the town grew. Churches became an important part of our growing community and they too demonstrated a cooperative spirit. We developed a resilience which helped survive SECV re-structure and the fires of Black Saturday.

Churchill has matured and



yet retained that community spirit. This willingness to work together will ensure a bright future as the world changes around us.

Preparing soil for autumn planting

Written by Sheina Renton - Secretary (Churchill Community Garden)

March is a great time to revitalise your soil ready for autumn and spring planting. As the soil is still warm from summer and with cooler, wetter weather soon, it's a good time to plant to give plants time to settle in before next spring and summer growth commences.

In the vegie patch pull out any crops that have finished yielding and dig in compost.

If you can get manures that's great, but remember "fresh is not always the best" when it comes to animal

manure, as it can be high in ammonia which will burn plants and kill organisms. Always mix fresh manures with course materials like straw, leaves or old grass clippings, then pile and leave for at least six weeks. Cover and keep the pile moist.

Dried out old paddock manures are low in nutrients but great soil improvers. Always dig them in to keep them moist so they break down.

Pulverising them will speed up the breaking down process or soften them by soaking in a large covered container of water. When it is

the colour of strong tea dilute one part to three parts water and pour over soil. Nutrient levels are low so mix with organic liquid fertiliser as recommended on the label.

Animal manures

Horse-stable manures are high in nutrient levels. Manures from freshly wormed horses will affect garden worms. Paddock manures may contain weed seeds.

Cow - Very few weed seeds. Safe for most plants and is an excellent addition to compost piles. Low in nutrients.

Poultry and other birds - Excellent source of nitrogen,

phosphorus and calcium. Great for citrus fruits and leafy vegetables, brassicas and cucurbits. It's very concentrated so use sparingly (use a little and often). Don't use on phosphorus sensitive plants like grevilleas or acid lovers like azaleas and camellias.

Sheep and goat- Can be used safely and immediately. Can be a source of weeds so compost first.

It's slow to decompose so cover with mulch to hasten breakdown.

Information sourced from March 2010 issue of Organic Gardener Magazine.

Churchill and District Lioness Club

As Churchill celebrates its fiftieth year the Lioness

Club can boast that there are still five original Charter

members, Margaret Barker, Merrilyn Grisotto, Sue Lowick, Joy Medew and Wendy Steenbergen.

Well done ladies, to have remained Lionesses since October 1991.

After a very successful year in 2014 we are looking forward to repeat the performance in 2015.

Six of our members recently travelled to Yarrowonga to take part in the annual Lioness "Breakaway," a gathering of Lioness Clubs from Victoria and two from

South Australia.

This year we were delighted to also meet the club from Tamworth in New South Wales. I am sure a great time was had by all.

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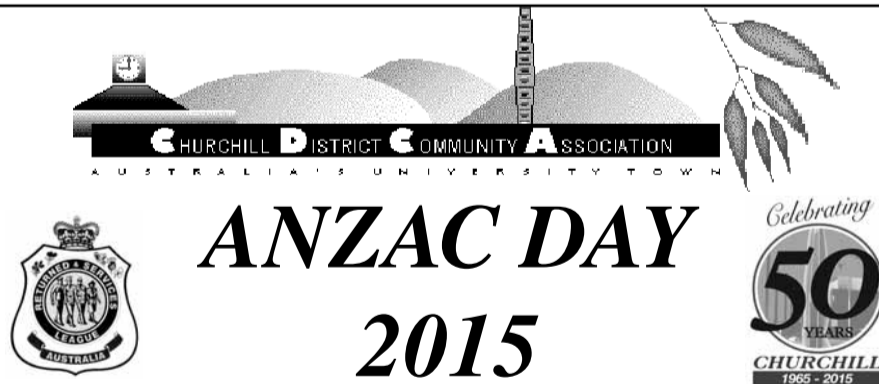


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Hazelwood Rotary



By Leo Billington

The new colourbond roof on the Mathison Park gazebo has been applauded by a vast number of residents who frequently use the park for walking and barbeques. Replacement of the old roof had long been a well deserved project to enhance Mathison Park and together with recent tree planting, the whole area is looking marvellous.

Hazelwood Rotary has had the privilege of hosting some interesting guest speakers over recent weeks. Club member, Brenda Burney is playing a key role supporting

establishment of a community garden in Churchill. Brenda introduced some committee members from that project as guest speakers early in February.

It's an exciting project, very innovative and follows on from Brenda's enthusiasm assisting a similar garden project at the Yinnar South Primary School.

Brenda is also co-ordinating the Rotary Junior Community Award, which starts soon at Yinnar Primary School.

Brenda was Hazelwood Rotary's contact person for

the successful Yinnar Primary School 2014 Rotary Junior Community Awards.

Well known Latrobe Valley based identity, David Langmore, who has played pivotal roles in municipal planning over many decades, was another guest speaker.

David's recent book, *Planning Power*, covers an intriguing history of the uses and abuses of power in the planning of the Latrobe Valley.

One enthralling period of history following the Second World War included forward planning for the total period 1947 to 2000.

As the operations of the then SECV expanded, there were predictions of considerable population growth and the associated infrastructure requirements. At the end of this period, a new town, New Morwell, was proposed and Morwell was planned for complete removal. New Morwell was to be at a site about opposite today's Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Max Sargent, a noted



apiarist provided an informative talk about bees – their (very short) life cycle, their single minded defence of the hive and what happens inside bee hives. Max's range of equipment was also admired, emphasising just how important it is to have healthy bees as well as enjoying their product. Honey, as outlined by Max can be enjoyed in a multitude of ways, either spread on

toast or as a tasty ingredient in delicious drinks.

Rotary member, Margaret Palmer guided club members through a team game, *Stranded in the Simpson Desert*. This required small teams to agree on a ranking – from most important to least important – of 15 items left after a vehicle accident in the Simpson Desert. Although a test of common sense and ingenuity, the occasion drew

plenty of friendly, spirited discussion about the worth of items ranging from a 20 litre can of water to a carton of cigarettes.

To learn more details about Rotary, please contact President Ray Beebe on 5122 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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Celebrating 50 YEARS CHURCHILL 1965 - 2015

Peter and Kay McShane

We arrived in Churchill in August 1971 after I was appointed to a job at the SEC Yallourn Stores. We had the options of relatively short term rental accommodation at Yallourn or purchasing in other areas. Churchill was by far the best option – young town, young people, young families, all in all a great opportunity.

Met our new neighbours Carole and Neville Henshaw the first day and have been great mates ever since.

We were involved with the Churchill Post Primary School when it was being established (Kay was on the Brick committee) and Kay and I were both Council members. Our first intake of students commenced in the Maryvale Campus grounds due to building delays, but there was great excitement when the school was finally opened. Our kids felt really special! We were then swallowed up by Kurnai College and became a Campus, but we both remained on Campus Council and our daughter Jacki was also on as a student representative. Just ask them about the uniform committee decisions. I became a member of the Kurnai College Council and was President and Vice President for a time.

In 1977 I became a Charter member of the Churchill and District Apex Club and our major events were the Fun Days and fireworks displays that we staged, at the then Monash University site near the lake and amphitheatre areas, with crowds of up to 10,000 people. We had United States Air Force bombers fly over at just above stall speed with their bomb bay doors open, the noise and vibration levels



were incredible. Kay and I were both members of Red Cross in Churchill and then Morwell as Tea Ladies and reception staff at the Blood Bank for a number of years; a lovely and worthwhile group to be involved with.

I became part of the Churchill and District Citizens Association when it was resurrected from the bones of its predecessor the Churchill Citizens Group due initially to the drive of Murray Homes from Monash University. I was at various times secretary, President, Vice President and member of the organisation and we have achieved many notable successes for our community. The main one was the passing lane on Monash Way. We tried for duplication of the road from Morwell to Churchill but couldn't again beat bureaucracy. The CDCA has become a strong and respected voice for Churchill and its citizens.

I joined Lions in 1993 and enjoy our involvement with our town and also my involvement with Lions Village Licola, where a number of our children attend camps each year.

Churchill was young, eager, raw but enthusiastic and we learnt as we went, reined in our impetuosity and

achieved results.

We have had many people who have left a strong footprint on Churchill including Keith Hamilton, Tom Lawless (dec.), Murray Homes, Ruth Place, John Tipping OAM, (dec.) Ross Ollquist, Dr Fred Edwards and many others too numerous to mention.

As a town we have combined door knocks, petitions, persistent follow-up with our elected representatives etc. to get results for our town.

We are a strong, proud community with a robust strong past which has weathered numerous storms, eg, State Electricity Commission and Australian Paper Mills downsizing etc. to develop a well earned pride in our accomplishments to date and with a right to believe in the benefits for our future.

Our children are our future and they give us the reason to be enthusiastic and confident.

Churchill is now very much an integral part of the Latrobe Valley with a strong voice and representations. We have earned our place among the bigger towns by the quality of our efforts and this will continue with the strength of our current youth.

The Hon Darren Chester MP

Federal Member for Gippsland

Churchill for me symbolises one of the many reasons why I am so passionate about the future of Gippsland. At its inception 50 years ago, Churchill was home for many families of power station workers who needed housing.

This same story is continuing today, however in a slightly different way.

With its close proximity to the Latrobe Valley's major towns and the beautiful Strzelecki Ranges, the residents of Churchill not only work in the power industry – they are people of all backgrounds and occupations seeking a relaxed rural setting to raise a family.

With a strong sense of community spirit and a population of about 5000 people, it is also the ideal place to retire in comfortable



surrounds.

Churchill is home to Gippsland's only university, giving young students from around Australia an opportunity to obtain a first-class education and access to more job opportunities.

There are many reasons why Churchill will continue to prosper into the future, but the main explanation lies within the citizens of Churchill.

This great town is home to outstanding schools, strong

sporting clubs and active community groups. It is the people who make Churchill great.

I am proud to be Churchill's representative in Federal Parliament and I congratulate the community on its 50th anniversary.

Most recently, I was pleased to work with the people of Churchill to secure a commemorative postmark for the town's anniversary. Together with the Morwell Historical Society, Minister for Communications and Australia Post, we were able to add an even greater significance to this year's milestone.

Churchill is a community known for its ability to unite and get things done. I look forward to continuing to work with the people of Churchill in the years ahead.

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Lifeline

Lifeline Gippsland is proud to be part of the Churchill township history. For the past 37 years, Lifeline Gippsland has played a very important role in the Churchill community.

Lifeline Gippsland, or as it was known then, Lifeline Latrobe Valley, started their 24 hour telephone counselling service in 1978. They opened their first Lifeline Gippsland Op-Shop in Traralgon in 1983 and the second Op-Shop was opened in Churchill in August 1988. This was located on the first floor of the West Place Shopping Centre in the former Exacto factory.

Churchill played a vital role in the history of Lifeline Gippsland's ability to collect, sort and recycle the many donations received in the initial years. Donated items and goods came through the door of the Churchill Op-Shop and from a recycling donation bin located in the town. All goods were carried up the stairs for sorting, selling and supplied both Op-Shops.

After a couple of years,

rather than taking everything up the stairs to sort, a decision was made to do all the sorting at private premises in Hazelwood Estate. Only goods that were suitable for sale in the shop were then delivered upstairs. Goods not suitable were cut into rags and sold to various businesses throughout the Valley. This continued until 2000 when Lifeline Gippsland set up a central distribution warehouse in Morwell to supply their expanding number of shops and to meet the needs of their increasing rag sale requirements.

In 2001 the Churchill shop moved downstairs, making the shop much more accessible to the public. Due to various reasons the shop moved on two other occasions before relocating to their present position, (Shop 12) in the Hazelwood Village.

The Op-Shop has proved to be a wonderful asset to Churchill, many people come specifically to Churchill to shop at the Lifeline Churchill Op-Shop. The shop stocks almost everything an op-

shop should stock, clothing, linen, kitchenware, books, craft items, plants and much much more. All proceeds go directly to maintaining the Lifeline 24/7 Crisis Support service - 13 11 14, the Suicide Prevention and Support Program and other vital community support programs.

The shop is staffed solely with volunteers, not only from Churchill, but from Boolarra, Yinnar and Yinnar South. Churchill and district community members have also been representatives on the Lifeline Gippsland Board of Governance.

With the wonderful support Lifeline Gippsland receives from the Churchill and district communities, the Lifeline Churchill Op-Shop will continue to be a service and an asset for the township of Churchill for many years to come.

For further information please call Claire Davis, CEO, Lifeline Gippsland on 5136 3500

Mike and Marion Answerth

Life in those early days was not easy, but there was a wonderful spirit in Heesom Crescent and in the whole community.

They well remember the cricket matches, played out in the driveway, which had a trellis to act as a natural barrier to stop cricket balls going astray! Later when the park was more established, they went up there and played with a real cricket ball.

Services were few but Marion and Mike remember John Koedyk delivering the milk, with his electric milk cart, Bev Lorraine delivering bread and Mr Barrett from Boolarra, delivering fresh eggs.

At this time there were no shops, no school, no kinder, no corner store. The Post Office was located in Reverend Peter Arch's house. There was so much to achieve! There was a great need to have some decent facilities. So it was that Reverend Arch began the Churchill Citizens Association. Mike held positions including President and Secretary. As a member, he was elected representative on the Morwell Water Trust, a position he held for nine

years, until Neville Smith took over.

As their children were growing up and there were no sporting facilities in town, a group of men including Mike, Brian Pavey, Jim Richards and John Grieve decided to start a Junior Football League. There were enough kids to field four teams in under 10s and under 12's. In those teams were Paul and Lawrie Dear, later to become Australian Football League players. In 1975, they took the teams to Colac to play in the Junior Football Carnival.

In 1977 the Lumen Christi School was founded, opening for Grades 3-6. The school was used for Masses, until the church was built a couple of years later. Father Coffey, later Bishop Coffey, was the first priest. Sister Maureen O'Kelly was the first Principal and was supported by Sister Madeleine and Sister Bernardine as part of the Taskforce to set up the new school. Sister Audrey was the Pastoral Worker.

Many of you will remember the Lumen Christi



Revues. They were so popular that they ran annually for eleven years, from 1983. Mike, along with Paul Devlin, a gifted musician and Paul Nash, a brilliant actor and his wife Marguerite, were the main instigators. As well as involving many of the parishioners, the cast also included other young people in the town. It was a great social event, as well as a good money raiser!

Churchill of today is so much different with its modern shopping centre, many sporting facilities and new housing subdivisions. Mike and Marion look forward to the completion of the East West link and the Art and Culture Pathway which will both serve to bring the town and the University together as one community. The Hub, the new town square and Churchill's own memorial all add to the unique nature of Churchill as a created and different town.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club



A Strzelecki Koala by David Stickney

"Genetics of Strzelecki Koala"

Monash PhD student Faye Wedrowicz will discuss the "Genetics of the Strzelecki Koala" at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, April 24.

Faye's research investigates the small remnant population of Strzelecki Koalas.

She is using genetic methods and DNA isolated from scats to estimate the population, approximate distribution, size and level of genetic diversity.

Her study is providing information to inform future management strategies for koalas in the Strzelecki region and across Victoria.

The meeting from 7.30pm is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

On the following day there will be an excursion to the Morwell National Park.

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

Mathison Park Advisory Committee



Thank you to the seven dedicated volunteers who turned up to the last working bee. The aim of the working bee was to clear more dead branches to prepare one of the new areas for planting in the coming month.

A lot was achieved. Because of the hot weather we called it a day about 12pm. Thanks to Dave and Chris for the use of their vehicles and

to Faye for preparing the morning tea and refreshments including lots of cold water on a hot day.

A big thank you goes to Chris, who spent four hours spraying both cumbungi and blackberries.

The east side of the park is beginning to look more like a parkland now and it will be wonderful to see the area planted out and going

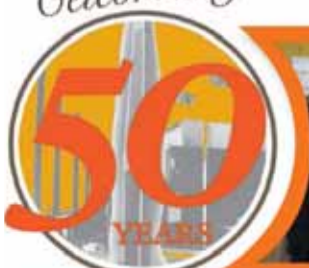
well. Our volunteers are getting older but we are glad to be doing this for future generations to enjoy.

Our next working bee will on March 21 and all are welcome to come and lend a hand.

We usually meet at the Mackeys Road car park and then proceed to our working area. Need more information? Ring Ruth 5122 1961

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Russell Northe MLA, Member for Morwell

Congratulations to the Churchill community on celebrating 50 years since the town's construction on March 15, 1965.

The town has seen many significant changes over the past 50 years including the development of a new shopping precinct, housing estates, educational facilities, sporting and recreation clubs amongst other major investments and attractions.

The Churchill district has a long history, including a large communal site for the Gunai Kurnai people on a hill near the current town.

Initial European contact led to the establishment of Hazelwood Station by Albert Brodribb and William Bennett as a squatting run in 1844.

Closer settlement and the expansion of agriculture in the 1870s and 1880s eventually resulted in the opening of Eel Hole Creek Primary School (near the site of the present Churchill Hotel) and the Hazelwood South, Hazelwood Estate and Hazelwood North Primary Schools, but the district lacked a township.

In 1961, the Latrobe Valley was booming with the State Electricity Commission



anticipating 60,000 residents would reside in the region over the next forty years given the establishment of the Hazelwood Power Station.

In 1962, the Victorian Government announced the establishment of a new town to replace Yallourn, named "Hazelwood" and expected to have a population of 40,000 by 1990.

As planning progressed under the direction of Victoria's Housing Commission, a contentious decision to change the name of the town to "Churchill" was made by the Victorian Government following the death of Sir Winston Churchill in January 1965.

Churchill township's first residents arrived in 1966 and the town grew rapidly with the expansion of the Latrobe Valley's power industry, the departure of Yallourn and the establishment of the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education (now Federation University) at Churchill in 1972.

However, growth slowed following the 1980s boom and Churchill's population stabilised at around 5,000 to 6,000 in the 1990s and 2000s.

Now 50 years on, Churchill is a thriving Latrobe City town of 5,000 people, the centre of a district including Hazelwood South, Hazelwood North, Jeeralang Junction and Jeeralang. Located next to the Strzelecki Ranges, Churchill is home to Federation University's Gippsland campus.

Congratulations to all Churchill residents who have contributed to the success of the town over these past decades and in particular well done to the Churchill and District Community Association and its members who have assisted in the celebrating this important event.

New Disability Housing Options Group

A new disability housing options Sub Group established by the Gippsland Carers Association (GCA) was formed recently. The aim of the group is to explore innovative housing options for people with disabilities. The NDIS (National Disabilities Insurance Scheme) is set to commence a national roll-out from July 1, 2016 including Gippsland.

The group to be co-chaired by Latrobe City Mayor Dale Harriman and GCA President Jean Tops, held its first meeting recently at Carers Place in Morwell. Members of the group include family carers and service providers with an interest in supported living options.

The initial briefing meeting tabled several new and innovative housing choices including the Hastings Model, a complex with a group home and several one or two person units in a cluster arrangement on the Mornington Peninsula.

A newly launched two story complex in Brighton SA consisting of 10 houses and 17 apartments was also discussed. This model is supported by a Government Development Planning Amendment from the state government.

Families have expressed concerns that the NDIS will not be funding supported housing options as its planning platform is to broadly fund support services, aids and equipment, through individual support packages (ISP's).

It will therefore be necessary for families and service providers to become rapidly active in creating and accessing innovative

living models if people with disabilities are to have their wishes granted to live within their community of interest with the support services required.

The planning group would like to invite interested service providers, community groups and business investors to join the sub group and/or express their interest in the provision of innovative housing models.

The aim is to meet the needs of people with disabilities and their families

and to have access to their choices in supported accommodation in Latrobe City and progressively across the region.

To express your interest, or to attend the next meeting of the group please call the association at their offices on Tues/Wed/Thur, 9am - 4.00pm on 5133 3343 or email info@gippslandcarers.org

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am inspired to write to the News after having attended an event at Mathison Park in Churchill in late February.

The invitation read thus: "You are invited to attend the anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations. This event will highlight the importance of recognising and sharing the experiences of our Stolen Generation by engaging students, parents and community members in a range of cultural activities."

One of the speakers,

Anthony Rodaughan, Principal of Kurnai Secondary College, spoke of the importance of embracing all aspects of our history. Just as we commemorate the achievements, victories and legends of our nation, whether we were personally present or not, so we need to acknowledge the mistakes.

Whilst I did not personally remove indigenous children from their families, I am "truly sorry that our government of our country did these things."

One of the highlights of the event was the number

of primary school children in attendance from several Latrobe Valley schools and seeing them engage enthusiastically in the activities provided.

I enjoyed the opportunity to listen to local indigenous people speak of their experiences, both formally and informally and to reflect on reconciliation.

I hope we see more of these events in Churchill in the future.

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Margaret Guthrie

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People are reminded that they still need a permit to burn off until fire restrictions are lifted.

Once fire restrictions are lifted, permits to burn are still required by Latrobe City Council.

For people within the township area, burning off is not permitted at any time

unless a permit is obtained from Council. People living in the Haverbrack, Rickards Drive and Hazelwood Heights areas - called urban rural interface areas- must also have a permit.

If unsure of whether you need a permit, please contact Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700.

Outside fire danger periods, people are reminded that the Summary Offences Act of 1966 allows you to burn off on your property.

However, if the fire escapes and damages another person's property, you can

be prosecuted under this act resulting in a fine, payment of damages and a criminal record.

For further information and clarification you can access this information by using your search engine and typing in Summary Offences Act CFA 1966.

Planned fuel reduction burns which will take place between now and the end of April, will be in Ikara Way and Ikara Reserve, Sargeant's Drive Jeeralang Junction and two private burns in Clayton's Road Jeeralang Junction and Holts Road Hazelwood South.

Celebrating 50 YEARS CHURCHILL 1965 - 2015

Alan Pobjoy

Alan (affectionately known as Pobby) came to Churchill in 1965 to work on the start of houses in the first contract. He was living in Traralgon at the time and working from dawn to dark, which left little time for anything but an evening meal and sleep. So he picked out a house and moved into Churchill and has been here ever since. Alan is one of our town identities identified by his creamy white hat and in previous times his carpenter's overalls.

There were seven families living in Churchill when he arrived. After finishing the contract work, Alan continued to build houses for private owners.

While working on the contracts, Pobby said it was all go and the wages were fairly tight.

However, he and wife Gwen happily brought up their six children here in Churchill.

They are Daryl, Karen, Diane, Kevin, Wendy and Bronwyn the youngest who was 15 months old when they moved here. Sadly Bronwyn passed away last year after a long battle with



cancer. Those days were happy times making lovely memories, like piling the kids in the station wagon and heading for the Pondage on a hot day. Pobby says he has liked living in Churchill where he put down some roots after years of moving around the state when younger. He says he knows most people and they are friendly and he likes being called Pobby. Pobby believes the future of Churchill will be good as they are still building houses and new families are moving in.

Bright year ahead for Soroptimist International Gippsland



The SI Gippsland Shining the Light Lantern Parade – held at Kernot Hall in October 2014.

The Soroptimist International (SI) Gippsland group has been very busy planning some exciting events for 2015 following the widespread success of their Lantern Parade in October last year.

The parade attracted a crowd of 2,500 people as it lit up Kernot Lake in a spirit of recovery from the Morwell mine fire.

Over 130 lanterns were made by community groups, families and individuals.

Some of the proposed fundraising events for 2015 include sausage sizzles at Bunnings, a film and supper night for the club's birthday, an antiques and collectables

evening, a day out at the races and a walking shopping tour, with more events to come as the year progresses.

SI Gippsland President, Helen McAdam, said "Our role is to raise money that supports the community, particularly women and children.

There is a lot of work involved in planning and organising these events, but we do it with a sense of fun and enjoy the challenges that they provide.

We are thrilled with the community support that we receive," she added.

Soroptimist International is a world-wide organisation

that aims to inspire action, create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls by advocating for equity and equality, creating safe, healthy environments, increasing access to education and developing leadership and practical skills for a sustainable future.

The Gippsland group meets on the second Wednesday of the month in Traralgon. New members and friends are always welcome and if you would like to know more, please contact Helen McAdam on 0438 164 528 or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SIGippsland>.

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Friends of Morwell National Park

The plans for the new bridge across Billys Creek near the Braniffs Road entrance, are ongoing as we await the contractor to be available to begin work. The plans include making repairs to the culvert on Billys Weir Track close to the site of the new bridge.

John's Jottings

John has continued with his historical collecting and this month his snippet is from an article: BILLYS CREEK (A brief history of Billys Creek compiled by Hilmar Batza – September 2003)

This Lodge Track continued from last month.....

"Because of his job, McGlashen travelled to various work sites around the state and was able to get hold of tools, engines, motor bikes, building materials and old cars at a cheap price or even have some of the items donated.

The timber for the Lodge came from an old house in Yarram. Many trailer loads of timber were hauled up the Lodge Track by tractors to build the Lodge. A workshop area together with generators was set up near the bridge across Side Creek.

Some 200 yards of one-inch square railway line was laid from opposite the workshop and ran parallel to Side Creek on its southern side. Around 1977 McGlashen had to give up his involvement with the scouts because he had turned 55. However, he was soon persuaded to take on the 1st Preston Boys who became known as the 'Boys Club'.

Some of his former Reservoir Rovers, who were now married, came on weekends with their wives to help him run the Boys Club. Many a night was spent sitting around a large campfire. In 1982, McGlashen sold the land to Rodney Walsh because he had become fed up with the constant vandalism and theft of property whilst no-one was there during the week. The last straw had been



when the Lodge was burnt to the ground.

Rodney Walsh set up a flying fox over the weir.

Once the land became part of the Morwell National Park, much of the remaining rubbish from human habitation was taken to the tip or bulldozed into the ground."

February Activity Report

At this month's activity we had Beryl, Peter, John, Wendy, Mike, Cathy, Chinese exchange student Jeffrey, Darren, and Ranger Craig. Apologies were put in by Matt and Margaret. The group met in the car park and determined that Mike and Cathy would only be with us briefly and not help in the activity, since Mike was on-call and the Park is not good for phone reception. Mike had brought some 3 1/2" floppy disks with old newsletters and other files. We decided we did not need these files since all newsletters are available online and nobody has a drive to read the files.

The group split into two workgroups. Craig, John and Peter took the vehicle to the beginning of Lodge Track. They worked along Side Creek and the beginning of the Blue Gum Hill Track with the brush cutters and hedge trimmer. The track had become overgrown and difficult to walk.

Later they moved to the Clematis Track where a tree had come down across the

track. The chainsaw was used to remove the tree from the track. The group also investigated a side track off Clematis Track and went exploring to find where this track went.

Beryl, Wendy, Jeffrey and Darren each put on waders and started work from the car park along Billys Creek. Many weeds were located in the flats beside the creek and along the creek itself. All the normal found weeds were located and removed along with a few willows. Another weed which is now covering a large area on the far side of the creek is honeysuckle, which is smothering many plants. The weeds came out easily since we had much rain (around 70mm) the previous day, but fortunately no rain fell on the day of the activity.

A number of animals were seen over the day including kangaroos, crayfish, eels, trout, sugar gliders, a yellow belly black snake and a variety of birds. On spotting the snake lying on the ledge beside the creek we decided it was a good time for the weeding group to stop for lunch.

The two groups met and after lunch we all went and investigated an old well beside Billys Creek. The timbers around the well are rotting away and it is a little dangerous for an inquisitive traveller.

Alcohol Awareness

"As you all know, alcoholism is a family disease.

Can I make a Difference?

One pebble thrown into a pond can change its whole surface. When one person steps into a pond the pond's surface will be changed by that act.

Can I make a Difference?

The important thing is not whether we are individuals with average endowments or great abilities, but whether or not we make use of what has been given to us through the Al-Anon program. Al-Anon members are constantly

expressing gratitude for this fellowship, but along with this "good way of life," comes a responsibility to "carry the message" to those still suffering from someone else's drinking problem.

Informing the public about the existence of Al-Anon and Alateen is the responsibility of each Al-Anon and Alateen member. Carrying the message requires constant awareness of a possible need. Each one of us has something important to contribute, for we are unique in our experience. We have something to say

and do, that no one else can duplicate.

In all areas of public information it is essential that people understand that alcoholism is a "Family Disease." We can explain how husbands, wives, children, parents, grandparents and friends suffer mentally and physically as they watch a loved one's life being destroyed by alcohol.

By first asking myself, "In what area of public information can I best serve?" It will soon be obvious that -

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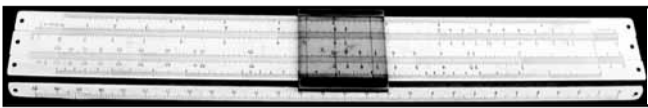
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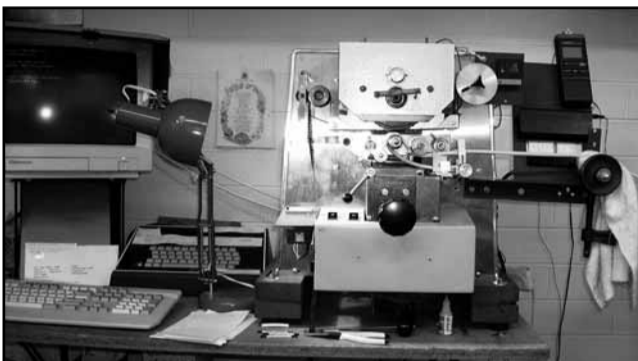
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Mark Pammer was an electrical design engineer for the early days of Hazelwood Power.

Above: The photo show his slide rule.

Below: An AUTOMARK machine used for hot stamping PVC identification for cables and wires.



By Leo Billington and Ruth Place

Since starting this series about the Hazelwood Power Station, Churchill and District News has received positive feedback, from many who clearly remember the formative years after construction was completed.

Don Di Fabrizio

Long time Churchill resident, Don Di Fabrizio, worked on-site when the steel frame was being erected.

Soon after arriving in Victoria in 1954, Don secured work with EBT, a construction company with contracts in Geelong. When that job finished, Don came to Morwell gaining employment with Australian Steel Concrete Melbourne, (ASCOM.)

In 1961, ASCOM was awarded the contract by the State Electricity Commission for steel erection. The steel was provided by Johns and Waygood. (Johns and Waygood was established as a public company in 1892. It fabricated many Australian landmarks including Sydney's Centrepoint Tower and helped pioneer the lift industry. In

1966 the company became Johns Perry Ltd, which was taken over by Boral Limited in 1986. After further takeovers the company at one stage was known as Advanced Building Technologies Group Pty Ltd.)

Steel erection commenced in September 1961; the first stages being constructed were at the Yinnar end, the southern end that is. Don worked as a rigger fixing bolts mainly combined with some welding. He described his work as being in the "handyman" classification, but knowing Don, his dexterity and dedication to work marked him as a most valuable employee.

By 1963, Don had started his own business, initially on a contract basis welding pipe installed by John Holland Constructions at the power station site.

As a rigger working on new framework, Don would be in a box being hauled to varying heights via a crane fixing bolts to hold the "massive jigsaw" together. Don picks up his story.

"I would arrive at work at 4.00 am during the summer months, November to March

to start at 4.30 am. My directions to the crane driver were given by a whistle for about nine different movements: start, stop, east, west, up, down, jib down and/or jib up.

We would move from the site at 7.30 am when tensioning of bolts was completed and we went to welding jobs. This made it safer for other employees arriving on-site when no-one was working overhead. Scaffolding was largely unheard of.

My brother, John, was also working at the site driving an excavator and we would finish work by about 6.30 pm, or perhaps 7.00 pm before heading home to Morwell. I worked at heights up to approximately 50 metres.

When welding thick plate steel, it was oxy welding using electrodes and when I welded the pipes for John Holland Constructions, I did the first few for nothing to convince the overseer I was an excellent welder.

We used an air gun, weighing almost 12 kgs to tension the bolts. A reticulated system of air lines was powered by a large generator on the ground delivering air to particular points into which I connected the air gun."

Don worked as a welder on the Hazelwood Power Station Crusher House. This was built by his company under contract for Mechanical Handling, a German based company.

It's safe to say Don helped erect "the first stick of steel" when construction of the power station commenced. He remained long enough to see its expansion to be ready to generate electricity from the first three units.

Ray Beebe remembers..

Ray Beebe moved to the Valley permanently in August 1966 to work at the station

through until October 1971 when he was sent overseas to gain further experience in the UK power industry, returning in November 1973 until April 1974. Ray then moved to the Combustion and Milling Taskforce at the Yallourn W Power Station.

During Ray's first five year stint, names of key management personnel included Dick Wilson, Power Station Superintendent (PSS,) Alan Castelow Assistant PSS; Vern Ripper PSS; John Hutchinson Station Engineer, Jack Orr Station Efficiency Engineer, Mac Dent Station Chemist, Bert Mee Station Operations Engineer and Merv Sunderland Electrical Plant Engineer.

Ray remembers Bruce Johnston as Assistant Superintendent and Don Clark being Power Station Superintendent during that last period before going to Yallourn W.

Ray's time at Hazelwood was working in the Technical Services Section – Tests Group where Tom Davey was in charge.

The work routine quickly became just that, a regular daily visit to designated control rooms, for monitoring key trend data with a particular eye on boiler fouling trends. Key data included unit output, steam temperatures, condenser pressures and similar; all those figures which show a "healthy" or otherwise power unit.

Then there were other

morning meetings, at which the performance of the generating units was reviewed as they came into commercial operation. An extra unit was added each year for the five years Ray was at the station. Originally, the plan was for six units at Hazelwood but increasing demand for electricity required two extra.

Jack Orr would then go to the daily station management meeting with all the other Section managers.

For Ray, "It was the perfect training ground; having an opportunity to match engineering theory to actual everyday practical matters, which were quickly translated into dollars.

Textbooks aside, it was basically brown coal in one end and revenue coming in the other, with lots of things happening in the middle."

For instance, some of Ray's work involved balancing the coal pulverising mills. "There were eight per unit and the balancing was needed to overcome the effects of uneven wear – it was a slow process of runs with and without a trial weight, then calculations, then balance weight, to achieve an exact outcome."

On the basis of this experience, Ray developed an "instant balancing" regime requiring only one run, which proved successful.

There were also lots of tests and investigations type work. "The station was new and the opportunities were

based on experience (on the job) which allowed one to develop areas of expertise. Setting up the governing system after an overhaul was always professionally rewarding. All our jobs were clearly designated, but with much room for one's own ideas.

In 1973, Hazelwood's annual production for a 1600MW station was 8,500 GWh, greater than the 2000MW Ferrybridge, then England's top performing power station.

Watching the five extra units being built and progressively come into service was exciting enough, but at the end seeing four different control rooms with their updated technologies spanning a relatively short period of time was more exciting for a young engineer.

Overall, there was a strong emphasis on safety of which we were reminded by a series of posters around the station with a focus on minimising lost time injuries.

Membership of the social club was voluntary and most employees were members. The club did a great job organising social events including the eagerly awaited annual Christmas family picnic usually held in early December."

Lasting memories are of the many great personalities in operations, maintenance and that of the former Babcock and Wilcox amenities shed.

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A Christmas Party for the ASCOM workers 1961



The first steel frame erected for the power station building



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It was eventually relocated to Gaskin Park for use as Churchill's first basketball stadium. Years later it was bricked to improve its appearance. To conclude, Ray and many others always looked for each edition of Contact- the local SEC magazine.

Milton Sheilds remembers.....

"I started work in January 1967 and retired from work in July 2014. I finished Diploma 1 in 1966. I realised continuing my education was not for me. I applied to work with the Post Master General Dept (PMG) and the State Electricity Commission (SEC.)

I was accepted for both but decided to join the SEC. I did a training course as a trainee electrical operator in the transmission section of the SEC. The course lasted for one year. The next year I did three monthly stints in various control rooms.

I was then assigned to the Hazelwood Control Centre. This control room was associated with the high voltage (HV) switchyard in front of the Power Station. It was not under the control of the Power Station.

I could see that it would take a long time to progress in

this section so I applied to join the Power Station staff as a Unit Attendant. This involved being trained for nine months at their internal school. In those days a shift was eight hours. There were three shifts, day 0700 - 1500hrs, afternoon 1500 - 2300hrs and night 2300 - 0700hrs. We rotated shifts in the following way, six days, one off, six nights, five off and six afternoons, three off, giving a 27 day cycle. So your days off continually varied; never a weekend, just days off. It was not exactly helpful for being with your children at the weekends.

The job of a Unit Attendant (UA) was to physically check the plant for any faults and help prepare the plant mechanically, so that the maintenance crew could work on it.

After a number of years, I progressed to become an Assistant Unit Controller (AUC). This involved another nine months in the classroom. The job of an AUC was to help run the plant from the Control Room and to electrically prepare the plant for maintenance.

After a number of years I was promoted to become a Unit Controller (UC). A UC is responsible for the overall running of the plant under his

control. This consists of one boiler producing steam which drives one turbine which drives a generator which produces electricity which flows out through the adjacent switchyard into the high voltage transmission lines.

I particularly liked the eight hour shift and shifted my position in the Power Station so that I could keep on doing it as long as possible. When all the control rooms were changed over to 12hour shifts I moved for a while to a section that was set up to refurbish the plant. This was a day work position. When that work ended I returned to a control room. As a UC I regularly went around the plant to check on the various changes that were occurring.

The very best thing for me working at Hazelwood was the camaraderie with the people you worked with. You had your home life and your work life.

It was really like having two families. The number of holidays was generous. As the power station is a 24 hr, 365 day operation you cannot have public holidays off when they occur, so they are included in your holidays.

As reported in a previous article, when the power station was being built workers used

to walk across beams high in the air. Now you have to wear a harness if you are over two metres in the air. A lot of work has gone into making the workplace "safer," however that does not mean that the work is easier.

With privatisation a lot of people lost their jobs. The workplace now is a far different place to work in than when I started.

Trevor Berryman remembers....

After several jobs, Trevor Berryman joined the SEC (State Electricity Commission) in September 1971 and worked there for 26 years.

Life at Hazelwood began with the Day Gang- cleaning the conveyors with shovels, hoses and then greasing the conveyors.

The crib room was in the open cut. Transport to and from the cut was in the back of an old tin truck with a slide on canopy. For Trevor the experience was an eye opener because he hadn't worked with a gang before. He met people of other nationalities in a group of men who were happy to have a job. He had no problems getting along with them.

From this job, Trevor moved to a two x five

hour roster which was two afternoon shifts (Monday and Tuesday) and three day shifts (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). This meant there was a quick turn over between afternoon and day shift with very little sleep. Trevor was unused to such a routine and confesses it took some time to adjust to it. These rosters were filled with people waiting to go on permanent shift work. These shifts filled in and were used for covering those on sick leave and 'rec' (recreation) days off.

Permanent shift work eventuated with three x seven days of afternoon, night and day shifts. These shifts were of eight hours- 3pm-11pm, 11pm-7am, 7am-3pm.

In 1994 the SEC was in the process of being privatised and Hazelwood became known as Generation Victoria. Then it was owned by International Power.

Trevor says he worked up through the ranks beginning as a road runner, through to dredge driver. As a driver he was in charge of a multi-million dollar machine. They worked to a scale, digging roughly two and a half tons of coal an hour.

In 1982, Trevor became a foreman and worked up until he was shift manager when he

retired in 2004.

International Power sent their employees on multiple courses- first aid, Occupational Health and Safety, Helper Mate and Supervision to name just a few.

Trevor reports he saw many changes along the way. Originally the gangs would walk along two conveyors waiting to go on permanent shift work. These shifts filled in and were used for covering those on sick leave and 'rec' (recreation) days off.

If they were called to a fault or to re-set the conveyor, they would have to 'hot foot it there pronto on foot.'

In the late 70s, transport was provided in the form of small 4W drive vehicles. A team then could speed up the process. The dredge drivers would dig a bit more than usual at night and cause a blocked chute. So it would have to be cleared out to get the conveyor going again. It meant the driver could have a bit of a rest while this was happening.

We were very efficient in those times Trevor says, with 98% coal reliability and few breakdowns so coal to the power stations was maintained.

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Twelve hour rosters came in and that was quite different. In the 70s Trevor had no shift phone. In the middle of the night, 2 am a taxi could arrive, knock on the door with a request for you to come into work early. Yes you could refuse, but the overtime was seen as an incentive to accept. It then became beneficial to have a home phone connected so you could have an upper hand.

Thirty-one years of shift work takes a toll on family life, but Trevor found he was also home for the children. It had its drawbacks but also its benefits.

“During my time as a foreman and manager, I was blessed with a great team of blokes who made it easier for me. The team was D Roster. Go Team!”

The team became a family. You would see them down the street as they had the same time off as you did. They were a great bunch of blokes. I loved working as a team.

Garry Mauger remembers...

“Coming over the hill

and sweeping around into the Valley, the eight proud chimneys of Hazelwood Power Station stand out against the blue-grey sky. This is a sight I never tire of. It was a glimpse into the future on first sighting and now it signals that home is near.

Hazelwood power station, mine and corporate office together provided some twenty six years of my working life. There are many others who can boast longer histories. I am proud of my time there and the opportunities available and created. The people you work with make the difference between a place of toil and happy work place and career opportunity. Hazelwood has been blessed with many wonderful people as well as some great characters over its history. Just look at some of the pictures at the historical society, on the walls of the Hazelwood offices and in the albums of past employees.

Hazelwood meant opportunity for me and I am sure others hold a similar

view. Opportunity to be:

- a part of process of power supply to the state of Victoria,
- part of the Plant Life Extension works (PLE)
- involved in the privatisation process (like it or not it was a big event for Hazelwood)
- involved in the West Field mine relocation process,
- involved in delivering the Rivers and Roads Relocation Project and so many others...

Good times, challenging times, turbulent times, difficult times, but the good times won through.

No doubt if you have worked at Hazelwood you could quickly add your thoughts, experiences and memories to this short list.

The one memory which still haunts me is the time when for a couple of days in the turbulent 1990's the turbines were silent, the boilers cold and the small sound of the sump pumps or other minor equipment could be heard echoing in the vast turbine hall. It was an eerie experience.



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I much prefer the memories of the turbines singing and the sight of the relentless digging of the dredgers, of people moving to and fro, maintaining, operating, administering, supporting, planning and working together. Many thanks for some great years and great memories.”

George Graham Asset Manager Hazelwood

“I feel proud to be at the helm of a business which over the past five decades has ridden the highs and lows of the power industry.

Very few businesses in today's highly competitive world reach such a significant

milestone, let alone a business that has confronted the challenges that GDF SUEZ Hazelwood has encountered over the decades.

Supplying up to 25 per cent of Victoria's electricity supply, Hazelwood's contribution to the regional economy has been significant and is something that I am particularly proud of. The contribution that Hazelwood has made – and continues to make – to the Morwell and regional communities, is significant. Not only does the business provide very significant support to the local economy through direct employment, contracting

and local purchasing, but Hazelwood also continues to be a major contributor to the broader community.

Our Corporate Social Capital funding support for local community organisations and clubs has been a cornerstone of our business, with local grassroots community and sporting clubs supported through our sponsorship and donation program. We are proud to continue our partnership with the GDF SUEZ Traffic School, Morwell Festival of Dance, along with Fareshare and Landcare programs run locally to benefit the community.”



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As we start the 2015 school year we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on successful student results last year.

The results of the 2014 Year 12 VCE students were very encouraging as 98% of students successfully completed their VCE, while the median study score of 28 was two points higher than in 2013. This is the highest median score we have had for a few years and was based on a significant improvement from the students in the mid-range.

Teachers commented throughout the year on the improved work ethic of students, a quality that was reflected in the final Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) scores.

Not surprisingly, the largest number of offers for university placements in 2015 has come from our local provider, Federation University Australia.

Still, well over half of the university offers made were from universities in Melbourne with Monash Clayton and Swinburne being the main destinations.

Similarly, the new VCAL program helped produce some excellent outcomes for students. For the first time in a number of years all VCAL students were in work placement.

This meant that students had the chance to show employers their work ethic and skills leading to many offers of apprenticeships and employment. As an outcome this is as significant as VCE students receiving university placement offers.

Last year's students are involved in helping to support current Year 12 students. A number of them have volunteered to speak at Year 12 assemblies and Emma

The class of 2014 has been a great group throughout their time at Kurnai College and we wish them well as they head off on their various pathways.

A word from the Principal
College Principal Anthony Rodaughan, is proud of the accomplishments of the college, particularly citing two programs helping to re-engage our young people with main stream schooling.

The Young Mums and Bubs group has been going successfully now for about 18 months.

Both the young mums and their teachers are thrilled with the opportunity and support the program provides.

The second program

after a couple of days off, so they are not immediately disadvantaged because of absence.

The ratio of students to teachers is very small allowing for much individual help and support. The program occurring away from the school environment means they do not have to face the hassles that it has contained for them previously.

In this setting the outcome has been that over half of the students settle and can re-engage.

Once they re-engage the support continues as the FLO teachers visit the students at school and support them. Anthony says it is in the

staff and students participate in the Traralgon Fun Run. They wear the Kurnai shirts and show they want the college to be seen in the community.

Publicity Officer for Kurnai

Brigid Lambert has been appointed college publicity officer. She will be working Thursdays and Fridays only. Brigid is looking for stories of our young people who have done something positive, to share with the school community.

Brigid can be contacted by ringing 5132 3800

School Captains

The school Captains and Vice Captains have been voted in by their peers.

the more relaxed environment of the University Campus.

The Vice Captains are Brandon Welsh and Maneesha Nambirajan.

Brandon was Vice Captain in Year 10 at Morwell Campus in 2014. He enjoyed that challenge, knows he can do the job and looks forward to doing his best again this

where she was Captain.

The University Campus is a great relaxed environment. Students are on the whole very happy. Dress code is good in that it gives enough flexibility but maintains standards.

Maneesha would like to be a child psychologist.

Kiowa Scott-Hurley-Opportunity.



Anthony Rodaughan, Principal

which has been going for 6-7 months is called Flexible Learning Option (FLO.) This runs two x two hour shifts with the younger students attending the earlier session while the older students attend the later one.

The program happens away from the school environment and its aim is to re-engage the students with their learning, help stabilise them with the problems they face and when they are ready, re-connect them into main stream schooling or TAFE options.

best interest of everyone that the students succeed in their schooling and he is most pleased with the progress the program has shown.

Another success story is the 2014 VCE results which across the Latrobe Valley were very strong.

Anthony says Kurnai College has had recognition across the state for the programs they run, especially with engaging with Koori students, Smith Family connections, building partnerships with businesses e.g. AGL and work to engage



Kiowa Scott-Hurley

year. Brandon says it looks good on your resume too. Brandon says Kurnai is a very

Kiowa has spent all her secondary education time at Kurnai College and is



School Captains

The school Captains are Riley Hogarth and Chloe Robertson.

Chloe wants to be a voice for her fellow students and looks forward to representing the school.

Riley thinks being Captain is a great opportunity to practice his leadership skills for the future, and represent the student body for the present.

Chloe hopes to achieve her goals by producing a set of tips for future students, so that going to the University campus and through the senior years will be made easier.

Riley would like to organise more events such as athletics days, swimming sports and Foundation days in which staff and students can interact together, to build closer working relationships and to achieve a common goal. Riley sees this as particularly important for the Year 11 students to adjust to

good school and he would like to help to keep it that way.

Coming from Year 10 he realises the need to build relationships between the teachers and the students. He would like to see special theme competitions and sales. He would also like rewards for students after intense times like student assessment times (SACS) to help with winding down.

Maneesha wants to make a change, to give students a voice and see improvement of the school for all students.

If students are happy they will achieve more in their studies. She also wants to give student opinions to administration. Expensive food is an issue at the moment. Cheaper food is the junk food, so she wants to try to reverse this for the benefit of students wanting to eat healthily.

Maneesha's interest in student leadership began at Churchill Junior Campus

now in her final year. Kiowa has a Koori background. She has always shown an interest in history, politics and humanities and has very good communication skills.

Her Koori co-ordinator showed Kiowa the forms to think about and to apply for a work exposure program in Canberra.

Kiowa seized the opportunity, applied and was accepted. The program from March 23-27, gives Kiowa a week in Canberra to meet parliamentarians and see how government works and to explore ways of getting into the field. She will visit Parliament House and see the layout and systems.

Although interested in politics, Kiowa thinks she would not like to be a politician, but would like to be in an advisory role.

Her parents are very happy for her to have this chance and encourage her in her pursuits.



Emma Telford, Dux of 2014

Telford, our 2014 Dux with an ATAR score of 97.9, ran a study skills session with Year 12 students recently. While some of her study techniques were, to say the least, interesting, they clearly worked well for her and struck a chord with many of the students.

An initiative of the staff of Kurnai, the program is run in conjunction with Lowanna and Traralgon College, who have happily taken up the opportunity.

Each student has an individual flexible learning program, which is waiting for them when they return

families.

'It takes a village to raise a child,' is a saying which has been around a while, but it is a true one. Anthony wants the college to be seen as part of the community and engaged with and reaching out into, our community.

Thus each year the college

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Hazelwood North Primary School



Grade 6 leaders of 2015

By Gavin and Amy

At Hazelwood North Primary School, some Grade 6's get the privilege of representing our school as leaders. We have different houses called Red (Hong se.) Blue (Lan se.) Green (Lue se.) and Yellow (Huang se). We also have a School Captain and School Vice-Captain. Then we have the rest of the Grade 6's who help and support us when we need it.

These Grade 6's are just as important and help as the rest of us Grade 6's. We all think that Hazelwood North Primary School is a great school and we are lucky we get the opportunity to be at this school.

In recent times we have been on a leadership camp and all learned great skills. We are all prepared to embrace our roles as leaders and help make others HAPPY.

The school Captain is Amy Kuijpers with Vice Captain Sophie Bellingham.

House Captains are - Red house, Mitchell Lovison and Vice Captain Emma Van Den Bran, Yellow house Captain is Kelly Nickson with Vice Captain Gavin Richards. Blue house has Lara Norman for Captain with Joss Ward for Vice Captain and Green house Captain is Jorja Hawkins and Calista Lazaris as Vice Captain.

Acting Principal Interview

By Lleyton Row and Emmerson Taylor

Mr Downs is the Acting Principal at Hazelwood North

Primary School for the first six months of the year.

Lleyton and Emmerson from the 5/6 class have taken some time to interview him so that we can all learn a little bit about him, his interests and hobbies.

What made you want to become a principal?

"I enjoy working with students and families and challenging myself. A principal can have a great impact on teaching and learning for kids."

When did you first become a principal?

"This is my second time being an Acting Principal."

Did you have a different



job before you became a principal?

"I was a teacher at Mirboo North and Liddiard Road before I became a principal."

What hobbies do you have?

"Staying fit, mountain biking and anything outdoors."

Where do you live?

"Traralgon. I've been there for nearly 30 years."

Do you have any pets?

"Yes"

How many?

"Nine"

What are they?

"Dog, chickens, blue tongue lizard, frogs and love birds."

What are their names?

"Tulley, Delta and Joel"

Are you allergic to anything?

"No"

Do you agree with our school values? : Resilience, challenge, responsibility, curiosity, collaboration.

"Yes. They are an important part of everyday life."

Grade Six Leadership Camp

By Sam and Boyd

On February 18, the

toadies except we couldn't do anything with them so we let them go. We ended up having a little bit of a swim which was very nice.

After we finished fishing we went back to Mr Jorgensens to have dinner which was a BBQ with sausages and burgers.

After we finished dinner we got our prawning nets and yabby nets ready and walked to the racecourse reserve to put the yabby nets in the dam.



After we put the yabby nets in we walked to the beach and started to go prawning.

On the way a couple of people fell in a puddle.

By Sophie Bellingham and Sam Lissa

When we arrived at the beach we walked in the water and got started. We caught lots of prawns and we caught three yabbies and we called them Clarence, Budgie and Larry. They are beautiful names.

certificates.

On the way home we had DJ Brown (Sophie Brown) pumping our tunes.

Overall we all had a great time learning about leadership.

School Swimming

By Mitchell and Hannah
Over the last two weeks there have been two exciting school swimming sports with Grade 3/4/5/6s.

The first round was local

schools. The people who won their event got through to the next round which was against schools from our region. The types of events that you could enter were free style, back stroke, breast stroke, butterfly and relay.

The next round is District and one person from our school got through to the next round. This is very exciting for our school.

Eight students got through from Hazelwood North

Primary School to the second round which improved from last year because there were only three last year. The first round was at Churchill. The second round was at the Traralgon Outdoor Pool and the third round was at Sale.

The swimming sports were great fun for all the students that entered and had a go.

Everyone had a great time and they are looking forward to next year!



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Lumen Christi Primary School



Welcome to 2015

Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School would like to extend its best wishes to Churchill and District News and its readers for an exciting and prosperous 2015, especially as we all celebrate Churchill's 50 Years.

Our school year has started extremely well with a lovely group of Preps joining us, including an exciting number of new families who have their eldest child starting school. We also welcomed some new families throughout the other year levels.

We look forward to the year and sharing in developing quality learning opportunities for our students with our families and broader community.

Student-Leaders 2015

As part of our Ash Wednesday Mass, our Parish Priest Father Francis O'tobo presented our student leaders with their badges and a leadership certificate provided by Federal Member

of Parliament, Darren Chester.

We wish these Semester 1 leaders all the best in their roles. The School Captains announced were Bethany and Alanah, Vice-Captains Reece and Hayden, House Leaders Molly, Kiarna and Jasmine. *School Masses, Lent and Project Compassion*

We continue to be blessed with such great regular support from our Priests Father Francis and Father Antony.

Our weekly Masses have been wonderful and we invite everyone to attend our regular 9am Thursday Mass.

A focus has been on celebrating the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass, and the follow up assembly where the Year 5/6 students explained to the school community the Project Compassion social justice fundraiser for the missions. The theme for 2015 is FOOD FOR LIFE, a campaign that aims to provide safe and sustainable food sources

throughout the world.

Christmas 2014

During the last few weeks of 2014 our school community collected goods and raised funds to support the St. Vincent De Paul Conference of Churchill Christmas Hampers project. The students were very much actively involved in the activity, and as a school community we were able to provide a range of goods for distribution throughout our community during the Christmas season.

Christmas should be a time of joy although it can be a time of challenge and stress for some. We know that our efforts in some way made a difference.

Faces of Lumen Christi

Over the first few weeks our talented Arts Specialist, Mrs Jo Ruane co-ordinated the creation of a beautiful display in the school foyer. Each child painted a self-portrait of themselves and it was great fun identifying each

child, even more so when the staff also contributed their self-portraits.

The staff portraits then became a competition at the fete where families had to match the name-picture-profile for a prize.

Fete

The Lumen Christi Fete occurred on Friday February 27, and a great time was had by all.

We had terrific volunteer support, the weather was just perfect and we raised a tidy amount of money! Stay tuned for the April edition of Churchill and District News.

Yinnar and District Swimming

On February 15 our inter-school swimming squad participated in the Yinnar and District Swimming Carnival.

This squad was selected as part of our school swimming program that has a dual focus on both technique and swimming safety. The students achieved terrific individual results but also as a squad was able to claim

first place for the Carnival.

We wish those students progressing to the next level of competition all the best. Congratulations to all our swimmers and to Mr Cooper and Mrs Bugeja who were the helpers on the day.

Ordination of Bishop Patrick O'Reagan

It is not often that a Diocese welcomes a new Bishop, so it was with great excitement that we received the news just before Christmas that Bishop Patrick had been appointed. To add to the excitement this year we received invitations for our school to attend the Ordination Mass in Sale. We were represented by Principal Mrs Jo Brewer, Deputy Mr Dave Cooper, 'legend' Mrs Catherine Campbell and a strong group of senior students who live our 'Believe, Achieve, Succeed, Together' statement in both their learning and interaction with others.

It's COOL to walk to

SCHOOL
As part of our continued participation in the Healthy Together initiatives we had our first Walk-to-School day event on February 17. The staff provided three set-off points on the day and it has been great to see some families continuing to independently walk or ride their way to school. On the day Mrs Brewer cooked pancakes for all the walkers which was very much appreciated, even more so when it was actually her birthday as well. Thank you to Mrs Leviston for her organisational efforts and the staff walkers and cooks. and finally ...
A KOALA AT SCHOOL!!!!
To finish off the month what should appear but a beautiful big healthy koala munching on gum leaves in the playground trees. It was just a lovely thing to see, the koala just sitting there eating and enjoying the company of the kids at lunchtime.



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Churchill North Primary School

Churchill North's 2015 School Vision

Churchill North has welcomed back their teachers and students this year while welcoming many new students to the school as well. With more student enrolments Churchill North is looking forward to developing more students with positive values needed in their future.

Churchill North Primary School values a safe, caring and supportive environment, with a particular focus on - trust, courage, patience, teamwork, co-operation, respect, listening and responsibility.

Our school's vision is to provide a stimulating and caring environment that allows students to achieve their full potential by promoting an education of real value within an active school community; producing positive, engaged students who are skilled, flexible, responsible and creative.

Our philosophy is to facilitate a culture of challenge along with a growth mindset to enable students to develop as resilient, resourceful and confident young citizens, capable of engaging in all tasks and situations and achieving high standards; this is based on the notion that all

staff take a genuine interest in the needs of all children, by providing a safe, caring and supportive environment in which to learn.

At Churchill North Primary School we develop the necessary skills to 'Learn Together' and 'Play Together.' Churchill North Primary School Junior School Council

At this week's school assembly Churchill North Primary school was proud to introduce their 2015 Junior School Council (JSC) Representatives. The children were presented with their badges at Monday's assembly and introduced to the school and school community. The JSC has already been active by creating a list of events the school will participate in throughout term one in order to donate money to various causes. Some of the events chosen by the council members include selling icy poles, supporting the Bully Zero program and running a Super Hero day to support Muscular Dystrophy. Our Junior School Representatives can be seen donning their new badges. They include Chelsea, Adam, Chantel, Riley, Tayla, Jarred, Jaidyn, Arabella, Connor, Ebony, Ashton and Saffy.

Churchill North Leaders for 2015

Churchill North would like to introduce their leaders for 2015. These students were chosen due to their ability to

model as well as trustworthy, responsible, patient, cooperative and respectful within our school. Churchill North aims to harness these natural behaviours within

chance to develop an interest in music and instruments. Students had a blast trying to make noise from new instruments. Krista found the clarinet easy and is

Pirate Day

Grade P/1D and P/1B had a Pirate day when learning about the letter P. They had many activities based around pirates such as pirate stories,



be a team worker and a role

their students, extend them through leadership positions and hopefully watch them on their path to a successful future. Congratulations on such a high achievement:

interested in learning it this year, whereas Jayke was able to test out some of his skills he had already learnt on the saxophone. Churchill North looks forward to

counting the pieces of gold, playing memory games using pirate cards and learning pirate rhymes. They also enjoyed a pirate feast supplied by their teachers.



School Captains: Hayley D and Riley S.

School Vice Captains: Zac C and Madeline S.

Sports House Captains: Sophie D, Hayden D, Lachlan B, Hannah M, Courtney B, Shania R, Lucas H and Jake F. Churchill North's Music Lessons

On Wednesday February 18, Churchill North once again welcomed Mr Bonnici from Kurnai into their school to show and share Churchill North's instruments that will be available to our students this year. Students were able to test and play a range of instruments including the trombone, saxophone, trumpet, flute and clarinet to give children a hands on

the performances our new musicians will perform for us this year.

In The Prep Room Chinese

P/1D have started learning Chinese with Kelly every Monday and Tuesday. They are learning to count and say "hello" and "good bye" as well as learning the colours. To help them learn the language Kelly plays lots of games as well as teaches them songs in Chinese.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Grades P/1D and P/1B had a Teddy Bear's Picnic. The children brought their teddies to school and had fun making a teddy bear, eating tiny teddies and learning about the letter T.



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Churchill Primary School

February went very quickly as the students settled in for the term. The Preps have been adjusting to the routines of school and the older students have been

helping them. It is always an exciting time for everyone. Fortunately, we haven't had the run of hot weather we usually get in February and that has helped the transition

for our younger students. *Student Leadership Positions:* Our School Captains, Caitlyn, Rhys, Jeremy and Dakota were featured in last month's issue of the



School Leadership Team



Churchill and District News.

The Swimming Team

Our House Captains were elected by the senior school students. Red House Leaders are Jake and Monai. The Blue House Leaders are Jamal and

4 students in the Yinnar and District Swimming Sports. We congratulate these students for being terrific representatives for the school. Chloe Huizer

Marli, Rhys, Chloe, Andrew quite challenging in the Grade 5 /6 session, but the students persevered to try to nut out what was required. The presenter, Marion, is pictured with grade 3-4 students.

After School Care

An After School Care Program is now available at Churchill Primary School from Monday to Friday, from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. This is being run by OshCare 4 Kids and families are taking advantage of this service. To enrol in the program you complete an enrolment form online at www.oshcare4kids.com.au. Phone: 03 975 8674. Enrolment forms and packs are also available from the school office.

Breakfast Club

We have a breakfast Club which begins at 8:15 each weekday morning. Our Primary Welfare Officer, Jo Whitelaw and a band of wonderful volunteers run this program, which is supported by Qantum Support Services. Donations from the Churchill Combined Churches, along with items such as Milo and cereal sent in by the school community, have helped to keep this great program going for the past 12 years. The Breaky Club is open to all students from the school and is an integral part of starting the day off in a healthy and nutritious way, even if it is just to sit, have a Milo and a chat to friends.

Play Group

We have a play group which happens every Friday under the guidance of Allana Berechree.

The morning starts at 9:00am with free play, continues with an activity, snack time (supplied by parents) and then they play outside. Play group finishes with a story or music at around 11:00 am. For further information, please contact the school on 5122 1343.

We would like to wish Churchill Township a very Happy 50th Birthday.



Maths Day Fun

Hannah. The Yellow House Leaders are Hayley C and Claire. Green House Leaders are Lily and Dylan. They will be busy revving up their teams for the forthcoming athletic sports.

Our Junior School Council (JSC) has also been elected and they have started meeting already. They have begun to come up with ways that can improve the school and be great representatives of the student body. The School Captains are on the JSC and we congratulate Ryder, Ruby, Lexi, Josh, Tristan and Liesel. We look forward to their leadership in the coming months.

Swimming Sports

We were represented by

won three races and will go forward to the district level. Rhys Luxford, Marli James and Andrew Tyrrell were also very competitive.

World of Maths

At Churchill Primary School we have a focus on Literacy and Mathematics. To start the year off well, we had an incursion called World of Maths on February 23. The students were treated to many hands-on activities which required them to work in groups to solve mathematical problems. The Prep-Grade 4 students were involved in activities such as Build a Bridge, Monkey Slide, Make a shadow, and Where is Katie? Most of the activities involved mathematical literacy - reading the problem and then trying to solve it. This was



School House Captains L-R Back-Hayley, Dylan, Jake, Monai. Front- Claire, Hannah. Absent Jamal

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Boolarra Primary School



Australia Day Awards
Boolarra Community Development Group Secretary, Colin Brick presented a special Australia Day Community Award to Roz Carstairs for the magnificent support that she provides to our school. We were also thrilled that one of our parents, Kirilee Enders was also recognised for the care and support she provides to others in the Boolarra community.

Pancake Tuesday
We all enjoyed some delicious pancakes thanks to the efforts of local church members.
Junior School Council (JSC)
Our new councillors were selected by their classmates and are already doing a great job helping us out with things such as Breakfast at School. This term they are selling 99% fruit juice icy-poles to raise money for our

local wild life warrior, Jean Quick. Each representative is seeking input from their grade to decide what theme we should have for our term 1 'out of uniform day.' One of the parents suggested on the school's Facebook page that we have a Friendship Table where students sit when they have no one to play with. We decided to trial this.
Welcome Get Together
To provide an opportunity for us all to meet and greet new

families and staff, we recently had a Welcome Gathering in Boolarra Memorial Park.
Our School Council President, Dan Aveling presented our student leaders with their badges of office.
School Pool
We are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated volunteers who maintain our school pool; Shirley Carnes and Sheree Dubois head up this group.
Fundraising

Our school also benefits from the fundraising efforts of our hardworking parents. Our term one project is a Fruit Salad and Craft Stall; featuring wonderful tie dyed items made by our students under the guidance of our sensational Art teacher, Ms Karen Twomey. This year we are raising money to make-over our entrance area and garden beds.
Lunch-time Clubs
To enhance our extra-

curricular program we are fortunate to have some parents willing to share their expertise during our lunch-breaks. Currently a number of our students, under the guidance of Tania Brown, are working hard to ensure our school turtles, Myrtle and Bubbles are well looked after.
Next term another of our parents, Tammy Richards plans to conduct a "Photography Club" for interested students.



Myrtle the school turtle



Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary is proud to be growing yet again. With new students this year in Prep, Year 2 and Year 3, the year started off busily.

Strong Prep enrolments are expected for next year.

Why not visit us and see our hidden treasure?

Yinnar South – Individual Focus, Global Perspective.

Our bright bubbly Preps have brought their wonderful smiles to school every day

and got off to a strong start.

They particularly love working in the developmental classroom, where they get to make, create and investigate while learning about literacy and numeracy.

Such a fun way to learn! *Barb from Bunnings*

Barb from Bunnings came out to the school this week and donated some vegetables to spruce up our garden.

We had a bit of fun

convincing our naughty chickens not to steal the lovely new seedlings.

After we finished planting, we enjoyed some delicious Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls for lunch. Yum!

Occasionally someone asks us about the time we spend working in the garden.

We are always excited to explain how we embed our curriculum content into this program. The students are

constantly learning.

Apple Picking
The Students have enjoyed picking the apples at lunchtime.

Apples straight off the tree (washed of course) are so yummy.

Our Learning Focus this term is Community and it is wonderful to see the students Prep – Year Six examining what community means to them.

Students are considering topics ranging from local service providers through to children’s rights in the international community.

Our curriculum is designed to assist every child to excel and maximise their personal learning journey.

The younger students have been learning about cleaning their teeth in our health subject.

Developmental Curriculum

Within our flexible learning programs, the students work in a variety of spaces throughout the school including our kitchen and our outdoor learning space.

Our classes have a high teacher to student ratio and this allows us to extend student’s learning individually.

School tours can be arranged by calling the school on 5169 1540.



Preschools

The Hub

The children have settled in and are now attending full time. The HUB is running three five hour sessions each week.

The children are learning preschool routines and beginning to explore different activities and learning what is expected.

Included in that is packing

up when finished, waiting for your turn, sharing, looking after your belongings, learning everyone’s name and feeling comfortable leaving parents and home.

GlendonaldPark

Over the weekend some lovely bright shiny bikes and scooters were assembled and the children were enjoying trying them out on the Monday morning.

The bikes and new cubby, (almost ready to use), are the result of fundraising efforts by the parents committee.

The children thought the

bikes were great and said, ‘A big thank you.’ One little girl said she didn’t have a scooter at home so she was thrilled that she had a chance to use one at preschool.

There are 26 children enrolled at Glendonald Park which includes five three year olds who attend for two hours only.

All the children are settling well. There are two assistants to help with the children.

Later in the day of our visit, the children were having a visit from Responsible Pet Education Program, to learn about being safe around dogs and how to say ‘hello’ to a dog with his owner.



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Sam Gillett 0429 393 418

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CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

Saturday February 7, 2015
 - Mens Stableford. Winners - A Grade- D. Taylor (18) 42 pts. B Grade - J. Banfield (20) 42 pts C/B. C Grade- R. Ancilleri (26) 40 pts. N.T.P - 3rd- R. Dent, 5th - B. Baldock, 12th- W. Judkins, 14th- R. Dent. Birdies- 5th - D. Ellwood, B. Baldock, W. Judkins, 14th - M. Rennie.
 Sunday February 8, 2015
 - Churchill and Monash Open Day - Mixed Canadian Foursomes. Winners - B. Beebe and L. Stein (17 5/8) 67 3/8 nett. Visitor Winners - B. Williams and M. Williams (13 1/8) 67 7/8 nett. Runners Up- M. Dear and G. Beyer (10 1/8) 69 7/8 nett. N.T.P (Ladies)- 5th- D. Judkins, 12th- D. Judkins, 14th - K. Macgregor. N.T.P (Men)-3rd- D. Ellwood, 5th- L. Stein, 12th- L. Stein, 14th- H. Martin.
 Tuesday February 10, 2015 - Ladies Canadian Foursomes. Winners - J. Armstrong and V. Verheyen (27 6/8) 71 2/8. D.T.L- E.

Leggo and P. Dessent (28 4/8) 77 4/8 C/B. N.T.P- 3rd - M. Munckton, 12th - L. Casey.
 Saturday February 14, 2015 - Mens Stroke. Cancelled due to bad weather.
 Tuesday February 17, 2015 - Ladies Captains and Presidents Day. Winning Team- Presidents- J. Beck(35) 45pts. Winner-Captains- M. McConville(22) 36pts. N.T.P-3rd- M. Munckton, 5th- M. Dear, 12th- J. Beck, 14th- M. McQuillen.
 Saturday February 21, 2015 - Mens 2 Person Ambrose. Winners - D. Byers, M. Hustler and B. Baldock (7.3) 58.7 nett. Runners Up - L. Stein and P. Williams (8) 62 nett. N.T.P-3rdG. Down, 12th- P. Jordan, 14th - F. Borgwardt.
 Tuesday February 24, 2015 - Ladies Open Day 4 BBB. Winners - M. McConville (22) and J. Blizzard (30)- 48 pts. Runners Up - K. Raber (35) and P.

Dessent (45) - 45 pts. Best 9 In - M. McQuillen (40) and N. Sewell (36) - 25 pts. Best 9 Out - M. Munckton (32) and L. Carter (17)- 22 pts C/B. N.T.P- 3rd- C. Carder, 5th- M. Dear, 12th- L. Carter, 14th- L. Carter.
 Saturday February 28 2015 - Mens Monthly Medal-Stroke. Winners - A Grade - L. Stein (13) 68 nett. B Grade- H. Martin (17) 70 nett. C. Grade - M. Rennie (36) 70 nett. Scratch - L. Stein - 81. Count Putts - J. McCafferty-25. N.T.P-3rd - T. Sterrick, 12th- D. Caldwell, 14th - J. Banfield. Birdies - D. Ellwood.
 Tuesday March 3 2015 - Ladies Monthly Medal - Stroke. Winner - V. Verheyen (29) 67 nett. Runner Up- J. Blizzard (29) 70 nett. Scratch- M. Dear - 89. Count Putts - V. Verheyen and M. Dear - 29 putts. N.T.P- 3rd - D. Judkins, 5th - D. Judkins, 12th- C. Barnes, 14th - E. Leggo.

SPORT

Churchill Amateur Basketball



U12 Girls B division Grand Final winners.

By Jason Sutherland Vice President CABA
 Churchill Amateur Basketball Association (CABA) competed at the recent Warragul Basketball Tournament held on February 14 and 15. It was a large tournament with 120 teams competing at nine courts.
 Churchill Blue Devils entered six teams, two of those teams made the Grand Final.
 The U12 girls were undefeated all tournament in B division. They met Foster in the Grand Final.
 Foster had also not lost a game in their pool. Churchill had a convincing win, defeating Foster 34-9. Most Valued Player (MVP) of that match was Churchill's Monai

Porykali.
 The U12 girls have now been entered in division A for the Traralgon Basketball Tournament, which took place on March 7-9.
 This tournament will get them ready for the U12 Victorian Country Championships on the last weekend of March at Bendigo.
 Churchill Blue Devils U10 boys made the Grand Final in A division. They were up against some strong competition facing teams such as Korumburra, Warragul and Sale.
 Results for their weekend included a draw against Warragul, loss against Korumburra and they won the remainder of their games.

They met Korumburra in the Grand Final. It was a very exciting game, with Churchill losing a close one by a point.
 MVP of the match was Churchill Blue Devil, Hunter Little.
 Other Churchill teams that competed were - Churchill U10 Boys B. They gained lots of experience, with all the boys playing their first ever tournament.
 They had one win and three losses.
 Churchill U12 Boys B had three wins and two losses.
 Churchill U14 Boys B only had one loss for the weekend and just missed finals.
 Churchill U14 Girls B had one win and three losses.



Mid Gippsland Darts Association Summer Competition

Results and Ladder - Round 3 - Date 26 / 2 / 2015

Late Comers 5 D Rebels 4
 Coyotez 6 D Yinnar Tigers 3
 Reapers 5 D Motley Crew 4

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	Bye	For	Against	%	Pts
Reapers	3	3	0	0	19	8	211.1	6
Yinnar Tigers	3	2	1	0	19	8	211.1	4
Coyotez	3	2	1	0	17	10	188.9	4
Traralgon Rebels	3	1	2	0	13	14	144.4	2
Late Comers	3	1	2	0	5	22	55.6	2
Motley Crew	3	0	3	0	8	19	88.9	0

After three rounds Yinnar Tigers sit second on the ladder. Round 1 saw the Tigers play Morwell's Motley Crew. Some hard fought games saw the Tigers win 7 games to 2 and take the lead on the league ladder.
 Round 2 and the Tigers had a bye and retained the ladder lead. Round 3 Yinnar Tigers were defeated 6 games to 3.

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Little Devils is an entry level program for boys and girls aged 5-10 who are not currently playing junior basketball.

A 10 week skills program, each session lasting 1 hour.

It's a great opportunity to learn the basic skills of basketball.

Most of all it's about having FUN!!!

Program Details

Begins: Monday 13th April
 Venue: Churchill Leisure Centre
 Time: 5.00pm - 6.00pm
 Cost: \$50 includes - 10 stadium entries, reversible singlet & ball



Name Age..... Birthdate..... Gender M / F
 Address
 Postcode.....
 Primary School
 Parents/ Guardians Name
 Phone Mobile

Does this child have any Medical Conditions / Allergies? Yes / No
 If yes please state condition and if any medication etc.

Parents/ Guardians Signature..... Singlet size 6 8 10 12 (circle)

Payment to basketball office: cash or direct credit (need to bring your direct debit receipt) by 23/03/15
 Contact us - littledevils@aussiebb.com.au or Amanda Sutherland on 0412460916

Bank details for direct credit:

Account: Churchill Amateur Basketball Association

BSB: 063-864 Account: 386410122267 Reference: Player name

Boolarra Folk Festival success



The community of Boolarra was thrilled with the success of the 2015 Boolarra Folk Festival.

This was the thirteenth festival and as with all previous festivals, it was a free event.

Good weather increased attendance and the beautiful town common setting contributed to the success of the day.

Ninety food and craft stalls filled Railway Park to capacity and the crowd was estimated to be in excess of 7000 visitors.

Word continues to spread of the day and for many people it is a day to enjoy with extended family and friends.

There was a continued presence of visitors from

Melbourne and beyond, which brings some fresh faces and new musical acts to the town.

The ever popular school percussion segment led by Steve Schultz was the first of 13 acts to please the audience again.

This festival included a high number of local acts and featured the return of former Churchill residents Judy and Barry Woods to the festival with Redwood, Acoustic Kitchen, Subtle-T, Neatly Folded Goat, Peter Cupples and The Molly Maguires.

Residents of the Latrobe Valley and beyond can see that live music is encouraged, supported and appreciated in this district.

None of this would be

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has more information on the festival or you can like us on Facebook for all the latest on the festival.

We hope to see you there next year.

Baseball Come 'n' Try
Sunday March 22
Andrews Park, Birch Drive
Everyone welcome 9am-BBQ lunch



Latrobe City's Mayor, Councillors and staff congratulate Churchill on reaching its **50th** anniversary