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## Why jump out of an aeroplane?

A record attempt and a great result! . . .



Janine Hayes and Ken Hills

Simply stated skydiving is a passion of ours, Ken Hills (my husband) began jumping in the early 1970s and I, Janine Hayes, began a decade later in the early 1980s. It was through skydiving while I was living and working in Queensland that we first met in the late 1980s. We now live in Churchill.

Ken lived and worked in the USA for over 14 years running a number of Drop Zones and I lived in England going to competitions in Europe. We were able to operate a skydiving business from the Latrobe Regional Airport for over 10 years and considered it a privilege to introduce family, friends and many other people in Gippsland and surrounds to the wonders of human flight.

Both of us have been fortunate to represent our sport at National and International level and there is nothing prouder than putting on a team tracksuit to represent your country.

Ken won a silver medal at a World Championships in a 10-way competition in the early 70s and also helped coach another Australian Team to gold in Thailand at the World Championships in 1990 in the canopy formation event.

As an Australian Team representative for over 20 years I have been fortunate to skydive in many countries, a highlight being airborne over Chengdu in China with over 14,000,000 people below me at the time. Our recent trip to the USA to participate in the Australian Record has been a wonderful experience and another highlight in our sport.

In 1999 Ken and I were members of the Australian largest formation skydiving record where we had 81 skydivers format in the air over Corowa in NSW. In those days it was difficult to get access to enough planes to carry that many people to height, so it took 11 years before another attempt was made. In 2010 that record was broken in Perris Valley in the USA with the new Australian record set at 112.

In 2012 there was another attempt to break that record and I travelled to the USA but we did not have enough people to be successful.

In order to establish a big way record there is a great deal of training and planning carried out beforehand. Moving away successfully so that each person finds a safe piece of sky to open and fly home for a safe landing is a major component of the practice, with many smaller jumps repeated over and over again.

Our trip took two and half weeks and unfortunately for us we arrived to unseasonal freezing cold California weather. This limited the opportunity to practice all that we wanted to, however as in true Aussie spirit everyone persevered and made the most of ground training opportunities to improve skills and build team rapport.

As the record has to be precisely recorded and executed on some earlier attempts we had many more people (127) in the sky but often with one or two people not getting in, this discounted the record and we had to try again, and

again and again. Through skill, determination and a bit of luck on the last jump of our last day in Perris Valley, we established the new Australian record with 119 skydivers. This was completed from an altitude of 21,000 feet with seven aircraft and five video photographers to capture the moment.

Ken was closer to the centre of the formation while I had some spectacular visuals as I was hanging off the back of the right trail aircraft which gave me a view of the other six planes.

As with any endeavor it is the sum of the parts that make the whole, and while 125 of us travelled to the US only 100 of us made it on the record jump. People are put on the bench for a variety of reasons, but in my mind they own the record as much as any of us that actually jumped.

People often ask why do you do it and what does it feel like?

The special part is being able to manoeuvre your body knowing that you can fly across the sky in any attitude, that's the freedom and the buzz you get and sharing that with good friends makes it very special indeed.

There are many people that make a record but most thanks goes to our two children Sionainn and Ellis, who have supported us in our passion, this record is as much theirs as anyone's.

From a famous skydiving photography friend of ours Andy Keech, I will leave you with "Man small, why fall, skies call, that's all."

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# Mathison Park



### A worthwhile working bee

With other commitments by some usual working bee members, the turn - up to the working bee was smaller than usual.

However, that didn't stop the enthusiastic volunteers clearing up a pile of dead leaves and twigs along the western side pathway and clearing away fallen branches. The park looks even more presentable. So thank you all for your effort.

### Change of Working Bee Date

Because the Lion's Market day is on the third Saturday of the month,

and it has clashed with the Mathison Park working bee, we have decided to change our working bee date to the

second Saturday of the month. This will allow members to attend the market in their other capacities.

Our next working bee will be on Saturday August 8. Please ring Ruth 5122 1961 for further information.

## Mathison Park: My first visit

By Hannah Billington  
 Recently I visited Mathison Park for the first time. Having never spent much time in Churchill before, I was keen to view the local sights and learn more about the history of the town.

The park is visually appealing, the lake being the main point of interest for me. Shielded from the road by trees, Mathison Park is a peaceful place where people can escape the daily hustle and bustle of life. The planting of new trees was particularly pleasing to see - a community that takes an interest in caring for its parks is rather admirable, as many public parks are left to councils to maintain.

Another prominent feature of Mathison Park was the remains of the old farmhouse, and the presence of vintage underground water tanks. The ruins captured my

curiosity - I was fascinated by the history of Mathison Park's grounds as I inspected them. The useful signs, plaques and boards positioned around the park were key in sustaining my fascination, as I was fed small portions of history whilst walking around. By the end of my tour I felt I had become familiar with the park, a fact largely thanks to the large measure of information available to me right there on the grounds.

Mathison Park clearly caters for its community - with a playground, gazebos, barbeques and a fitness park. There are also decks that enable people to feed the birds that may be swimming on the lake.

It was excellent to see that people utilise Mathison Park and treat the place respectfully. Junior fishing competitions are held periodically at the Park.



I believe a good park captures and retains a person's interest as they journey across it, and leaves them with more information about itself than when they started. The numerous structures specifically for public use gave the park

a welcoming and friendly atmosphere, while the signs around the farmhouse ruins provided helpful information to maintain my interest in the history of the place. The people of Churchill should be proud of the lovely park they have in their town.

## Rainfall for June 2015

June was a relatively dry month with only 33.5 mm recorded for Churchill. This brings the total to date, for the year 2015, to 341.5 mm.



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# Council CEO to be guest speaker

By Margaret Guthrie

CDCA is pleased to announce that Mr Gary Van Driel, Chief Executive Officer of Latrobe City Council, will be Guest Speaker at our Annual General Meeting this year.

Our AGM will be held at 7pm on Tuesday August 18, in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre (formerly known as 'Green Inc') in McDonald Way, Churchill. Ample car-parking is available at the venue.

Mr Van Driel will speak on the topic of "The Role of Council's CEO" before an open Q & A forum between audience members, CDCA and Council's CEO.

This is an exciting opportunity for local residents to meet our new Council CEO in a more relaxed setting, learn more about the operations of Latrobe City Council and discuss some of the issues concerning Churchill.

The evening will also

include presentation of CDCA's Annual Report and election of the 2015-16 Committee. The AGM will be preceded by a brief meeting (at 5.30pm) of the 2014-15 Committee. Observers are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.

CDCA's next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 21 at 5.30pm. Observers and new members are very welcome. This meeting will also be held in the Board Room at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre in Mc Donald Way.

Our meeting venue is a warm and welcoming space, with kitchen and toilet facilities close by. CDCA is grateful to Federation University Gippsland Campus for making this space available to us.

CDCA meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, usually at 5.30pm. Along with local residents who form the Committee, CDCA meetings are regularly



attended by representatives of a variety of stakeholder organisations, such as Latrobe City Council, Neighbourhood Watch, Victoria Police, Federation University and the Gippsland Campus Student Union.

Both the Honourable Russell Northe MLA and Councillor Darrell White are also frequent visitors.

CDCA meetings are a good source of information about projects happening around Churchill, such as the Town Centre works (currently focussed on Balfour Place), future proposals such as a Lawn Bowls Green (to be constructed at Gaskin Park) and a forum to voice issues of concern, such as the lack of facilities at the Synthetic Sports Field.

All these matters (and

many more) have been discussed at CDCA meetings this year.

Similarly, Latrobe City strategies and policies are brought to CDCA meetings for consideration.

At our June meeting, for example, the draft 'Tracks, Trails and Paths Strategy' was viewed and, as a result, a brief written submission was lodged with Council.

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](mailto:info@cdca.org.au) or phoning 0407 876 443.

Each month Churchill & District News will present a new feature – Music of the Month. It is personal and reflects one person's listening experiences. It will cover all genres except heavy metal and will include details of where to obtain the music recommended. Local musicians are encouraged to contact the paper and be included in the column.

One of the best things about music is that it can continue to surprise. I have been listening and learning for a very long time and was beginning to think that there wasn't much left to stimulate a new interest. How wrong I was. I recently had the pleasure of being in Lakes Entrance for a lovely sunny weekend and visited the local music shop. I have known the proprietor, Andrew Stuienberg for a while and have always been impressed by his knowledge and quiet passion for many kinds of music. What I didn't know was that he composed and performed as well.

Andrew can be said to

## music of the month

be, in part, a Valley boy, having spent time working in Newborough and Traralgon. He told me that a lot of his enthusiasm and inspiration came from two relatives – his grandfather and his uncle who was a projectionist, and built a cinema in his own backyard in Moe.

Andrew has been writing music for a long time and has performed with bands throughout Gippsland. He currently plays guitar for the Nowa Nowa Men's Choir – and they are worth listening to at any time.

I have chosen Andrew's new CD – Surf – Shaken and Stirred as my choice for Music of the Month for many reasons. The instrumentals are evocative, rhythmic pieces that are moving and in some instances really fun to listen to. The lyrics to his songs are clearly heard and carry a clear message. Interesting to

note that some of Andrew's inspiration comes from Scripture. Listen in particular to 'Lie in hand' a reference to a passage from Isaiah 44 and 'Forgotten Dance' is based on Amos 5. 'Splan(g) chnizomai' is Greek and means "compassion" – try saying the title over and over to the phrases in the music – it's fun and brings the message home.

With a strong mixture of instrumental and vocal it is an eclectic CD and should appeal to people of all ages. As Andrew himself told me he was taught (indirectly) to listen to 'the winds of his soul'. (Courtesy Cat Stevens). This latest album is the result.

Andrew has performed and recorded it all including the sounds of the sea on tracks 13 and 20. (There was a little help from some friends, in places).

The CD can be obtained from Andrew direct at loudmusic, Esplanade, Lakes Entrance, 5155 2662, \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage. Also from Porters Electrical, Bairnsdale or through this paper.

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# Update of works around the Town Centre

## Balfour Place

Progress at Balfour Place has been slower than expected, but is now taking shape.

Apart from a final seal, most of the initial works between Monash Way and the relocated roundabout are now complete, with a reconstructed road pavement, new footpaths and drainage, and improved public lighting.

The next phase involves reconstruction of the section between Philip Parade and the roundabout.

This will require some further changes to traffic arrangements, with the

reinstatement of entries to Churchill Hotel from Monash Way, but temporary closure of the eastern end of Balfour Place.

## Monash Way/Switchback Road Intersection

There has been some recent publicity relating to the proposed changes to the major roundabout at the intersection of Monash Way with Switchback Road/Northways Road.

The current intersection has created some immediate safety and maintenance problems, while its central location as a significant entry to Churchill means that it

needs to present an attractive and striking entry to the town.

Some initial works are planned to replace some existing plantings with lawns and some hard surfaces (which may be similar to those in the Town Hall plaza).

The central section of the roundabout does not have a final design, but the aim will be to ensure that it is complementary with landscaping being developed in other parts of the town centre.

Further, the issue of whether the flag poles in the roundabout should stay remains open for discussion.

## Fence at Monash Way

There has been some community comment that the fence on the western side of Monash Way, between Walker Parade and Switchback Road, is unattractive and does not achieve the safety results that it aims to achieve.

The matter has been flagged by the Churchill Town Safety Group, which has asked that safety and aesthetic aspects of the fence should be reviewed.

Consultation on the current and future state of the fence is planned over the next few months.



## Russell Northe

I wish to congratulate Steve Barling, Captain of the Churchill Fire Brigade and Group Officer of the Morwell Group of Brigades on being awarded an Australian Fire Service Medal in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Steve has spent three decades protecting the Churchill and District community and we thank him for his efforts and ongoing dedication.

I also wish to congratulate Jess Bevis who was recently awarded a National Emergency Medal at a ceremony held at Lardner Park.

This National Emergency

Medal is awarded for sustained service to others during a declared nationally significant emergency, and in this instance the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires were quite correctly deemed a nationally significant emergency.

On behalf of, not just our community, but the people of Victoria congratulations Jess and Steve on receiving these medals and again I thank you for your service and sacrifice.

A reminder that there are still a number of events to take place to celebrate Churchill's 50 year anniversary, these events include:

Churchill Fire Brigade's Open Day and 70<sup>th</sup> birthday

celebrations, Sunday October 1.

Churchill Primary School Fete on Friday, October 23, 4pm -8pm

Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition, November 7, 9am-3pm.

A reminder the Churchill & District News 2015 Short Story and Poetry Competition is now open with three open categories and eleven local categories. If you require further information or a copy of the entry forms contact cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au or phone 5122 1961. Entries close on Thursday July 16, 2015

Latrobe Valley sporting

clubs can look forward to rejuvenating their club's uniforms courtesy of the Sporting Uniform Grants Program.

The Sporting Uniform program provides grants of up to \$1000 to assist in the purchase of sports uniforms.

Eleven local sporting clubs have been successful through the latest round of the popular program.

This funding boost will not only benefit existing club players, but hopefully attract new members who are also keen to show their support for their club and look and feel part of the team.

The following clubs

were successful in receiving funding: Boolarra Football Netball Club and Churchill Football Netball Club.

The Sporting Uniform Grants Program aims to reduce financial barriers to participation by providing sporting clubs with an opportunity to purchase new uniforms, or a range of related items for club members including team tops, shorts, socks and footwear.

These grants will assist sporting and recreation clubs to invest in new uniform clothing and footwear.

This will attract and accommodate new members, helping to increase



participation in sport as well as nurture talent.

For more information about the grants you can visit [www.dtpi.vic.gov.au/grants/find-a-grant/sporting-uniforms](http://www.dtpi.vic.gov.au/grants/find-a-grant/sporting-uniforms).

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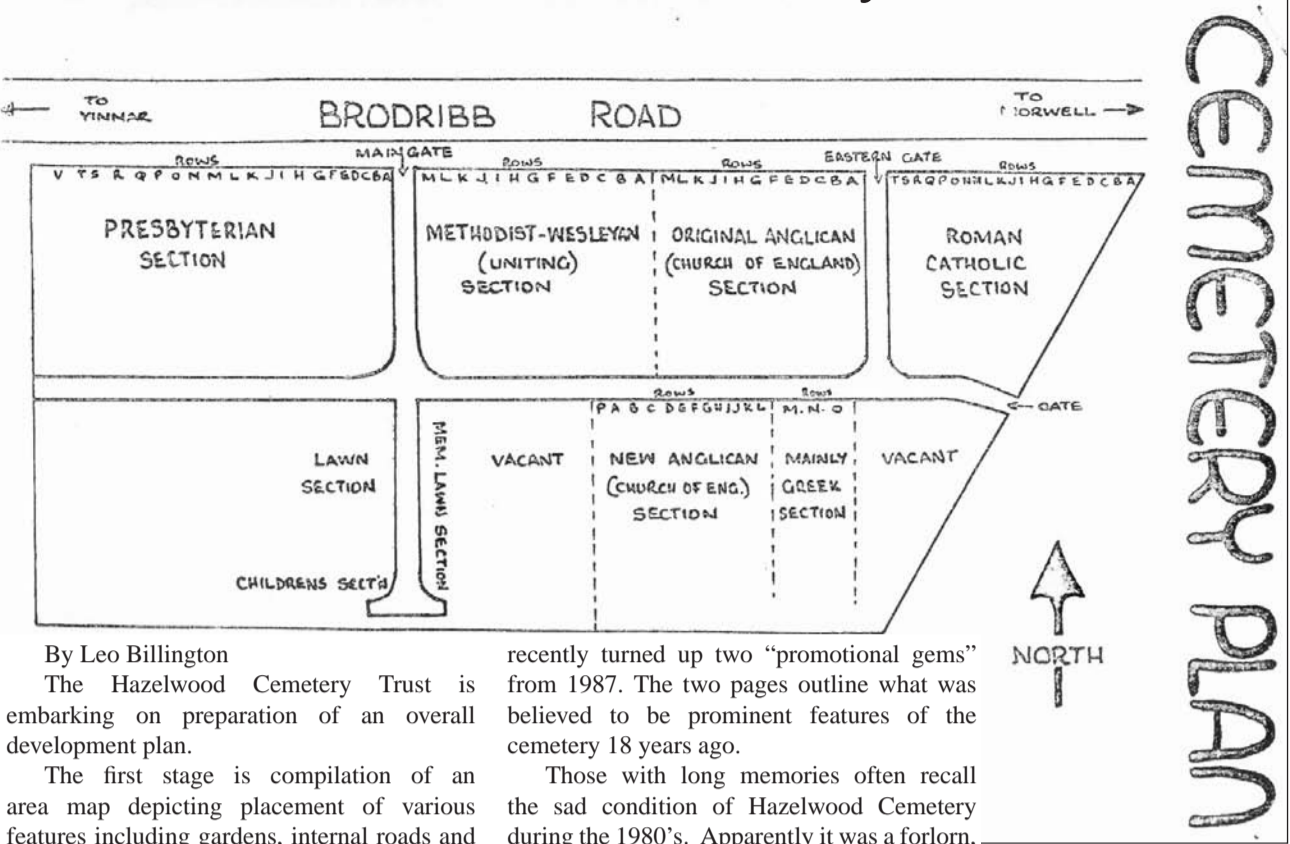
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By Leo Billington  
The Hazelwood Cemetery Trust is embarking on preparation of an overall development plan.  
The first stage is compilation of an area map depicting placement of various features including gardens, internal roads and designated areas for future interments.  
Searching through historical records just

recently turned up two "promotional gems" from 1987. The two pages outline what was believed to be prominent features of the cemetery 18 years ago.  
Those with long memories often recall the sad condition of Hazelwood Cemetery during the 1980's. Apparently it was a forlorn, forgotten area literally crying out for help.  
This is such a contrast to now.

## Churchill Lion Wins Rotary Award

A member of Churchill Lions Club has been recognised by fellow Service organisation, Rotary with a prestigious Shine on Award at a recent Rotary Southern District function held at Maryborough in Central Victoria. Jeeralang Junction resident, Ron Bell, contracted polio at age 12 and not only overcame his disability but spent most of his life assisting others with the disease and, with his wife Judith, helping others in need.



The annual Shine On awards are a recognition of outstanding community service by people with disabilities, who by their actions, serve as "Shining Examples" to the community. Eligible candidates must be nominated and are assessed against strict criteria including living with a significant disability, being active in voluntary work, showing leadership and demonstrating community spirit and involvement. A panel of medical professionals comprise the judging panel.  
Ron has had a long involvement in Lions ever since a local club where he previously lived, provided the funds for him to obtain the latest technology in callipers, enabling him to walk unassisted. In a spirit of gratitude, Ron then set about assisting other polio victims through an organisation called Post Polio Victoria. He also became involved in working in a boys home and he and his wife became foster parents to many babies.  
Following an address to Morwell Rotary late last year, Ron was nominated and sponsored by the club for the 'Shine On' award. Several Morwell Rotarians and partners travelled to Maryborough to see Ron receive his award, one of only four presented, from the fifteen nominations received from around the State.



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# Church News

## What do terms like 'sacred' and 'secular' mean to us?

By Frank Lees

The term 'sacred' can be used today in different ways.

Someone may say 'this is sacred land' without inferring a religious connection.

So 'sacred' can be a quality, meaning 'spiritual' not 'religious', and yet the term is often seen in opposition between the 'secular' and the 'religious'.

The French sociologist Emile Durkheim (1858-

1917) stated in his theory of religion, that religion was a 'unified system of beliefs and practices relative to sacred things'.

This seems limited in scope, especially in relation to morality.

His theory precludes the use of 'sacred' as referring to anything of a personal nature, placing it only as connected with what he said were 'authoritarian' groups.

Many Australian 'sacred' days exist (for example 'Anzac Day'), yet few would call these days 'religious'.

It is often thought that we live in a 'secular' age, but this does not mean that we have left the 'sacred' behind completely.

So, we will often see the 'sacred' in contemporary movies.

Not just in the recounting of Biblical stories and events, but also in the concept of the

need of a 'saviour-figure' in general.

We assume that society has progressed in its need of these value-based concepts, but there's a deep need within us for the idea of someone who can step in to help.

Our modern society, then, still has a great deal to do with the 'sacred'.

Take 'consumerism'. This involves loyalty (to a brand), which is itself considered sacred.

Marketers occasionally sacralise commodities to tap in to the idea of significance and meaning (known as 'moral economy').

Even the hobby of collecting, or visiting historical sites, or sport, etc. bring benefits which could be labelled as 'sacred', or at least as 'spiritual'.

The status 'sacred', then, is accorded to a variety of



Frank Lees

objects (and days) and this provides society with an element of cohesion and integration (meaning in life, and a mechanism to express it).

Society itself, therefore, at least on one level, depends on the 'sacred' for its continued existence!

Worth thinking about.

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### Evening Services

To cater for those who prefer a service later in the day, a more regular evening service will be scheduled.

There will be a rotation of prayer and praise with Taize and healing services plus some with a special theme. These will start at 5pm and conclude with a light shared tea for those who wish to stay.

### Jumble Sale

After a week of preparation - sorting, carrying and arranging, the Jumble sale

was set up ready to go on the very cold morning of June 20.

With a steady trickle of people who generously spent their money, we were able to raise a goodly amount to keep our outreach programs going.

### Coffee Connections

Coffee Connections attendees enjoyed a sharing of their experiences travelling in and around New Zealand which is a fascinating travel destination being so diverse.

### Winter Warmer

During the month special services were included called Winter Warmers.

For these, congregations were encouraged to bring goods for helping others in this cold weather.

### Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth Group which is growing, held a cooking night and from all reports had a great time making, then eating what they cooked.

# An invitation from the Creative Writers at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

By Cora Pal

## Growing Neural Pathways

Coming from a background of poor academic achievement, I've lived a life lacking in confidence with regard to creative expression with the pen.

In my senior years now, I saw an opportunity in attending the writing class to grow some new neural pathways and turn dull into decisive.

Our challenging topics and insightful discussions have got my brain firing and a new confidence emerging.

Thanks Cora!

Bev Thompson

## Doing it write

Up and coming writers! Join us. Just do it: write.

Bill Jordan

## Show, don't tell

I would be the longest attending member of Cora's creative writing class at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. It was at least seventeen years ago when I became a member of the group.

Over the years I have been motivated by both the teacher and fellow class members to write short stories and poetry. One of the golden rules

conveyed to me was 'show, don't tell'. This means when describing a scene, don't go into a boring description of details; instead, by the use of metaphors or similes paint a word picture. For instance, when you wish to describe a distant horizon of mountains or hills, just write something like 'a horizon of purple scribble'.

In our creative writing class we have experimented with many forms of poetry. These include the well known and popular styles such as the sonnet, ballad, limerick, and one of my favourites – the rhyming couplet. We have also been introduced to exotic poetry such as the Malaysian pantoum, the Welsh englyn, and the Japanese haiku, tanka and senryu.

Most of the time the writing class indulges in writing short stories but occasionally we encounter something unusual such as writing very short stories of twenty five words. Doing this is a real challenge. Once we were asked to write a short, short story of six words. An example was given of a story by Ernest Hemingway i.e. 'For sale, baby's booties.

Never worn.'

Kevin Jackson

## All You Need Is Pen And Paper

Have you a story to tell or a poem in your head that you want to put into words? Then how about coming to the Creative Writing class at Churchill Neighbourhood House, held every Tuesday from 10 a.m – 12 p.m?

Here we practise our writing with a choice of a wide variety of subjects, getting support from other writers and our tutor.

All you need to bring is a pen and paper and, if you need help with something you are writing, bring that along too.

Olivia Jackson

## What's Your Story?

I have been privileged to lead the creative writing class at Churchill Neighbourhood House for almost two decades.

We are a busy bunch of creative people who sit around a large table in a friendly, non-competitive atmosphere for a couple of hours every Tuesday in term time.

We read, write, chat at coffee break, have fun and produce some really good stuff.



Some of our members have won competitions; some have been published in newspapers and journals. Others have written family histories and stories for children and grandchildren.

Do come along and join us if you have a writing project in mind and are unsure how to start it, or if you want to write stories for children. Perhaps you'd like to embark on your life story – yes, there's a story within us all! Or maybe you'd just like to come along and write to a set topic.

If you love books and reading and have a way with words, contact Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2955 or just drop in on a Tuesday morning. Beginners are welcome.

Term 3 at the Neighbourhood Centre started on July 13.

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#### Writing & Discussion

##### English Conversation for Parents

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**Wednesdays - Classes starting soon, register your interest \$8 per session**

##### Creative Writing with Cora Pal

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##### Discussion Group with Isabel Temple

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**Fridays 10am - 12pm \$6 a week**

##### Tuesday Afternoon Discussion

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# New President for Hazelwood Rotary

By Leo Billington

As the Rotary year draws to a close, a new President takes over. As from Monday, July 6, Reg Kemp will be the new President through until June 30, 2016.

Out-going President, Ray Beebe has done a sterling job "in the chair" and now becomes club Secretary working alongside Reg.

Recent reports tell us the 2015 Bowlescan program has been highly successful once again which signifies its important role in public health awareness.

**Guest speaker**  
Manager Corporate Social Responsibility for GDF SUEZ, Simon Klapish presented an inspirational talk about Operation Flinders, a world leading wilderness adventure program for young offenders and young people at risk. Participants are between the ages of 14 and 18 who embark on an eight day exercise in the far northern Flinders Ranges, providing an opportunity for them to break away from their past and grow as valued members of the wider community. These young people considered at high risk, undergo a significant positive change as a result.

**Paul Harris Fellow [PHF] awards**  
During June, two PHF



awards were announced and presented. Rotarian, Past President Margaret Palmer, was recognised for her commitment to the ideals of Rotary. Margaret has held the positions of President and Sergeant. Alongside these important roles, Margaret played a significant role co-ordinating and supporting our club's assistance to the Tasmanian Bushfire Relief Program through the Tasman Peninsula. The annual Hat Day (fundraiser for mental illness) has also been co-ordinated by Margaret.

Margaret has been a staunch advocate for the Uplift Project, which since 2005, with assistance from Intimo and Rotary Australia World Community

Service, has sent 750,000 bras wherever women have requested them. Uplift Project tries to ensure bras are provided to women who need them without compromising their dignity. Bras have been sent to Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Bali, Cambodia, the Northern Territory and the Kimberley regions in Australia.

For women in disadvantaged communities, bras are often unaffordable or unobtainable. This project collects new and used bras and sends them wherever requested.

Rosalie Davey was the other PHF recipient. Rosalie's husband, Alan, a long standing member of Hazelwood

Rotary was awarded a PHF in 2004. Rosalie's significant commitment to volunteer work at Rotary functions and Gippsland Rotary Centenary House has earned her well deserved plaudits from the local community.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition award was established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to Rotary and its ideals.

To learn more details about Rotary, please contact our new incoming President, Reg Kemp on 0427 353 887

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

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# Vale Thomas Maurice Keogh (Tommy)

Tommy Keogh was born on August 20, 1932 in Morwell Hospital and died as a result of an accident on April 1, 2015.

He has lived all his life in this area. Tommy was one of four children - Frank (dec.) Audrey Kalan and Aileen Coxall.

Tommy attended Yinnar Primary School leaving at age fourteen.

Marion his wife of 54 years, described Tom as a very practical man. After leaving school he was apprenticed as a carpenter, also did glazing of windows using putty. He lived at home on his parent's farm and would do hay carting in harvesting season, as well as working at Nestle for a time.

Tom met his wife, Marion Bickerton of Clear Creek Road at Boolarra South, at a Saturday night dance in Yinnar. They were married at the church in Mirboo North and held their reception at Boolarra South Hall.

They lived on Tom's parent's farm, which Tom inherited after his father's death. The couple had two children Jenny and Maurice.

Seventeen years ago they moved into Yinnar. Tommy was a fit man for his 82 years when the accident claimed his life.

Tommy was a much admired and respected man in the Yinnar district. Tommy

was a warm and friendly person who always reached out to newcomers to the district making them feel welcome. His kind words and beautiful smiling face were trademarks of the man. He was known as a man with empathy for others, patience, kindness, honesty, reliability, trustworthiness, and forever hard working.

Jim Keogh, Tom's cousin, remembers Tommy as a hero of his, and how he would pick him up on his tractor when he was taking the milk cans to the butter factory.

Tom and Marion were described as the salt of the earth. Tom was always a worker, as was Marion.

Tommy loved the Yinnar footy club, and was forever working away in the background.

Not one for the limelight, he fenced the oval himself. He led a working bee of farmers and tractors to surface the oval.

He gave rubdowns to the players, especially at finals time, and didn't differentiate between the firsts, seconds or thirds.

Tom never spoke ill of anyone, but he made an exception for umpires who didn't favour Essendon or Yinnar!

Tommy Keogh is described by Peter Linton as "A legend of a Man."

Peter Linton represented the Yinnar Football and Netball Club sharing a few words about Tommy at his funeral.

Tommy was one of the first locals Peter met when his family migrated to Yinnar 30 years ago.

Apart from taking Peter under his wing to teach him the finer points of farming, (like the difference between a steer and a heifer), it was clear Tommy was the master of the one-liner!

It was almost like he spent most of his time working out what his next wise-crack was going to be!

Peter asked people what was the thing they will remember most about Tommy Keogh, and the overwhelming answer was his unique voice and his mischievous grin!

Tom always had a real twinkle in his eye, as if he was up to no good!

Tom's involvement with the Yinnar Football and Netball Club spans back over



60 years.

The only time he missed out on supporting the team was when Maurice had a stint down at Sale, or when Tom and Marion went to watch their beloved granddaughters play netball.

Tom didn't much understand netball, but he claims he knew more than the netball umpires - often querying their decisions!

Tom played football as a teenager for the club on the

oval which is now Charles Bond Park, located just behind the pub.

When his playing career came to an end because of dodgy knees, Tom remained extremely active in the club by becoming a tireless volunteer, taking on many tasks that were needed to run a successful club.

Whether it was as a goal umpire, manning the gate, timekeeper or trainer Tom performed his tasks with


gusto.

Peter declares that the Yinnar Football and Netball Club is a better place because of Tom's involvement.....his dry wit and beautiful turn of phrase will be sorely missed.

One of the club's most ardent supporters has been lost.

*This town has lost a local legend.*

*This world has lost a thorough gentleman.*



## Hazelwood Rotary

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# Friends of Morwell National Park



## John's Jottings

This month I am providing ongoing snippets lifted from the Morwell National Park Management Plan (1998) which I'm sure will make interesting reading for you too.

## Management Plan continued from last month

... "3.3 Fauna  
 The planning area's remnant vegetation contains a diverse range of fauna. Generally wildlife management can be achieved by maintaining and improving the overall quality and diversity of vegetation, and in particular through the protection of native vegetation, re-establishment of natural habitat (section 4.3) and control of pest plants and animals, especially foxes and cats (section 4.2).

Only limited information is available on the fauna of the Park as no detailed survey has been undertaken. Very little is known about the Park's amphibians, reptiles and invertebrates. To date 129 native fauna species have been recorded for the Park including two threatened species.

Nineteen species of native mammals have been recorded in the Park. Of the arboreal mammals, Feathertail Gliders, Sugar Gliders and Greater Gliders are found in the Park along with the Mountain Brushtail Possum, which is usually abundant in tall open and closed forests. Forest-dwelling bats include the Lesser Longeared Bat

and Gould's Long-eared Bat. Smaller ground-dwelling mammals recorded include the White-footed Dunnart, Long-nosed Bandicoot and Dusky Antechinus.

Birds are particularly well represented, 96 species being recorded. The endangered Powerful Owl has been sighted infrequently in Fosters Gully and the Superb Lyrebird is common in the fern gullies of the Park.

Three species of amphibians and 11 species of reptiles have been recorded in the Park (CNR 1995). The Eastern Water Skink is threatened in Victoria (NRE 1998).

Until 1956 timber harvesting was undertaken in the Park. This resulted in a depletion of mature trees in the Park, reducing the availability of hollows and habitat. The plant communities are relatively young (approximately 40 years old).

Annual koala counts are undertaken by the Morwell National Park Friends group. At present there are no visible signs of the disease Chlamydia. Young koalas have been sighted, indicating that the population is successfully breeding in the Park."

*To be continued next*

month...

## June Activity Report

At this activity we had Ken, Matt, John, Peter, Mike, Cathy, Tamara, Darren and Ranger John. This was Ranger John's first activity with us. The day started off slowly with most of the group drifting in after 10am. Ken is normally the last to arrive but today he was the first member in. At 10 we thought we would have a small work crew, but this increased as we caught up about what has happened over the last month. John was only with us briefly since he could not work with us today.

Tamara arrived later. The morning was cold, but the sky was clear allowing it to warm up during the day.

The group split with Peter and Darren walking around Foster's Gully and removing the small debris from the track and working on a section where a few holes had been dug by animals.

At one stage they stopped for a pair of lyrebirds to cross the track while another performed a chorus of bird calls including magpies, cockatoos, whip birds and many more.

The rest of the work crew loaded the two vehicles with brush cutter, hedge trimmer and chain saw and drove

to the Stringybark Track. They worked along the track in sections clearing the undergrowth away from the track and making necessary repairs.

When Tamara arrived she firstly went to seek the pair working around Foster's Gully but managed to miss them, so she then joined the crew working around Stringybark.

The Foster's Gully pair finished quicker than the Stringybark crew. They had lunch and awaited the return of the other work group.

While waiting they had the opportunity to clean up the car park area. In the few hours in the car park five groups of people came to walk around the park.

## July Activity Sunday July 19

The group will meet at 10.00am in the Junction Road car park. The group will undertake the winter nesting box survey.

While most of the group will complete the survey, a few will work upon repairs and painting numbers on some of the new boxes.

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

# Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club

The subject of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, August 28 is Jean Galbraith: Writer in a Valley. Dr Meredith Fletcher, who was director of the Centre for Gippsland Studies at Monash Gippsland for twenty years, has just completed a biography of the world famous Gippsland botanist and writer, Jean Galbraith.

In her talk, she will provide an overview of Jean Galbraith's writing on Australian flora for a diverse readership including naturalists, gardeners and children. Miss Galbraith was a founding member of the LVFNC. She discovered several new plant species including the Wellington Mint Bush as pictured.

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

The next day the Club will explore reserves around Tyers.

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



Meredith Fletcher at Holey Plains State Park with *Prostanthera galbraithiae*, the Wellington mint bush. Photograph courtesy Kylie Singleton

# Suicide Prevention Forum

Wednesday, 5 August 2015



This Forum will feature keynote speaker **Dr Jo Robinson, Head of Suicide Prevention Research at Orygen, the National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health.**

It will also include speakers and an expert panel from local health services including Latrobe Regional Hospital, Lifeline Gippsland and Gippsland Medicare Local.

The suicide prevention forum aims to break down the stigma and challenge the myths about discussing suicide. Participants will further their knowledge about suicide prevention and hear from local services helping those at risk.

**TIME:** 6.30pm - 9.30pm (7pm start)  
**LOCATION:** Federation Training Conference Centre  
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# Federation University what's happened and what is coming

**Federation University Australia**  
**Gippsland Campus Update**  
**Secondary School visits to Churchill**

A number of secondary schools have visited the Gippsland campus in recent weeks, with FedUni hosting a series of tours, presentations and workshops with students.

These schools have included Yarram, Drouin, Leongatha, Lakes Entrance, Neerim District, Wonthaggi and Casey Grammar School from Cranbourne.

**FedUni Gippsland Experience Days**

The Gippsland Campus had hosted a series of "Experience Days" for Gippsland Secondary School students, focusing on a broad range of study areas available in Churchill.

Participants took part in hands-on activities and presentations covering science, physical education, business, visual arts, nursing,

engineering, information technology, humanities, teaching and more.

**Switchback Gallery**

The next exhibition at FedUni's Switchback Gallery is The Footy Show – linocuts by Robert Logie.

Robert is an East Gippsland artist whose work centres around football and pastoral life in the Omeo high plains.

His freewheeling gestural linocuts depict Aussie Rules footballers, linked by title, to biblical characters and events. "Communion" depicts a head on clash, "High Church" a spectacular mark. Robert Logie's linocuts are superbly executed and filled with vibrant gesture.

The exhibition will run from July 14 to August 14 with a special closing ceremony and "meet the artist" session on August 11 at 5pm.

For more information about Switchback Gallery,



visit [federation.edu.au/switchback](http://federation.edu.au/switchback)

**Other Events**

The Gippsland Campus recently hosted a visit coordinated by Latrobe City Council for a delegation from its Chinese sister city, Taizhou.

The visit was part of a campaign to deliver on a Memorandum of Understanding signed between FedUni Gippsland and Taizhou Polytechnic

College in China last year.

The campus also hosted the 2015 Gippsland Youth Councils Summit at the end of June, with youth representatives from across the region staying on campus over two nights and participating in a range of workshop sessions.

You can learn more about Federation University Australia by visiting [federation.edu.au](http://federation.edu.au) or calling 1800 333 864.

## Carol turns 70, C&D News Celebrates

Churchill & District News had two reasons to celebrate towards the end of June.

Firstly our Editor Carol Scott turned 70, and secondly we wanted to celebrate and acknowledge the huge effort we had all put in to produce the first half years issues, recording our 50th anniversary here in Churchill.

We gathered at the Churchill Hotel and had a

meal and a special cake made for Carol's birthday.

We would like to thank our dedicated team of volunteers, and all our advertisers and article contributors who help to produce such a wonderful paper.

Thanks also to the community for supporting us with their positive feedback.



## Driving in foggy conditions

This month, we are looking at road safety in foggy conditions. Most late model vehicles have "Fog" lamps installed, and these are very good at highlighting the road right in front of the vehicle, but did you know that it is illegal to use these lamps when there is no fog?

We see many cars on the road that use these lights whenever their headlights are on and this can be a distraction to other

on coming drivers. Also, after you have reached your destination, remember to check that your headlights are turned off.

This will save a flat battery at the end of the day. Slow down in foggy conditions and keep an eye out for pedestrians crossing the road in these conditions.

Remember "Drive to survive and arrive alive!"

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# Churchill Lions Club Market



On Saturday June 20 the Lions Club of Churchill held their second monthly market within the local Hotel car park.

The day dawned bright and clear, with a very heavy frost to greet us at the market.

Gradually we warmed up during the morning and after a quiet start, visitors came to look and shop.

A great supply of food was able to be purchased from a variety of stalls.

This included plenty of hot food and coffee, very much welcomed on such a clear, cold morning.

Other goodies were hot potatoes, cakes, coffee, candy, sour dough bread, honey and barbecue food.

The fresh vegetable stall was also a very popular spot to shop with a wide range of fresh vegies.

The Churchill Co-operating Churches sold biscuits, plants and other goodies on their stall.

They also sold raffle tickets for a trailer load of wood. The raffle was drawn later in the day and was won by someone who didn't need it but who was going to give

it to someone who would appreciate it very much. Churchill & District News had their series of Local History Books for sale which proved popular.

The latest edition Volume No 4, launched in May 2015 as a 50th Anniversary project to Churchill, is now on sale.

Soon spring will be here and the locals were buying plants for their gardens from various stalls.

Trash and treasure stalls held a good supply of bargains from tools, cups, books and jewellery, swap cards and ornaments.

Stalls with winter warmers were well stocked with colourful, attractive, hand knitted hats, beanies and scarves which were very popular.

Musical entertainment for all was supplied by a live performance from country music singing duo Rod and Rhonda Owen, with Phil Edwards on guitar.

By this time of the morning the sun was shining and available seating was quickly taken up by patrons to sit and enjoy the music.

Churchill Fire Brigade

attended the market with their new Compressed Air Foam System Tanker.

During the market many fire prevention information brochures, stickers and pamphlets were given to patrons.

Some lucky people had their questions answered and had a good look over the new truck.

A great time was had by the stall holders and visitors alike during the morning.

We look forward to seeing everyone along next month on the third Saturday - August 15, at the next Lions Club Churchill Market in the local Hotel car park.

The Lions monthly market is a new venture for Churchill.

Support your local town and service clubs by attending the market and help make this a huge success for the Lions who are always raising money to help local charities and other charitable causes.

Perhaps your local organisation would also think about having a stall at the next market to help spread the word about who you are and what sport or community organisation you represent.

# The Nature Conservancy Australia Photo Competition

The Nature Conservancy Australia, one of the world's largest conservation organisations, is holding an Australia-wide photo competition from June 15 to July 24, 2015. Categories include landscape, mobile, nature needs people, unique wildlife and cityscape, because nature is all around us.

Supporting and judging this year's competition is one of Australia's most accomplished wildlife and nature photographers, Michael Snedic.

There are over \$5,000 worth of prizes to be won including a workshop with Michael Snedic and two nights at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.

The winner's photos will be printed on canvases thanks to Streets Imaging. To enter, visit [www.natureaustralia.org.au/photo](http://www.natureaustralia.org.au/photo)

Churchill resident, Matt Campbell was also a finalist in last year's competition. He submitted a beautiful image of a 'powerful owl'.

Matt said that ever since he was a kid he's always loved being out in the bush.

"As I grew older I began to



Picture: Regent Bowerbird

notice so much more than the lizards we'd seek out or the tadpoles we'd find in ponds.

Being a very keen fly fisherman my entire life also made me observant and I really started to take a greater interest in all I'd see.

I no longer just noticed the things that really interested me, namely the reptiles, amphibians and fish, but all the mammals, birds, invertebrates and plants and how it all tied together.

I'd also witness sights that others thought amazing or incredible and it dawned on me that I was seeing so much that most people missed out on.

I also loved photography but had never really set out with just a camera in hand. Around a decade or so back I realised that by combining

these passions I could share what I saw and show others what was on their doorstep if they just ventured out and took a look.

I wasn't doing anything they couldn't do. I also was very uneasy with the attitude a lot of people had towards the less 'cuddly and loveable' wildlife we had and I wanted to show those up close, to let others see their beauty and to try to teach people that their hatred was no more than an irrational fear.

Now it's at the point where I just head out with my camera and photograph everything from fungi to furry marsupials, from lizards to lichens, etc. The best thing of all is that you can 'shoot' something without ever harming it."



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## Annual General Meeting

7.00 pm, Tuesday, August 18, 2015

Board Room, Gippsland Enterprise Centre (Green Inc)  
McDonald Way, Churchill.

Guest Speaker:

**Mr Gary Van Driel,**

Chief Executive Officer, Latrobe City Council

Topic: The Role of Council's CEO

All members and local residents welcome.

*Light supper provided.*

Agenda items after Guest Presentation include:

Annual Report and Committee elections

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# Scouting in our community

By Hannah Billington

Why should people join their local scout group? What does that scout group have to offer the community? These were the questions posted to 1st Yinnar Group Leader, Col Richards and 1st Churchill Group Leader, Peta Whelan.

1st Churchill Scouts turn 50 next year, and have many accomplishments to their name.

Peta Whelan says that the small size of the group makes it feel more like a family than a bunch of kids.

“This family element sees leaders building better relationships with the scouts. The scouts also become more directly involved in the community and form closer friendships with their fellows.”

A long established group always keen for new members, 1st Churchill participates in lots of volunteer activities.

These include Clean Up Australia Day, delivery of phone books and delivery of Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition flyers to the community.

Members of 1st Churchill perform frequently in Strzelecki Showtime – a display showcasing the best of scout talent.

Outdoor activities such as camping and air activities are ever popular, with experienced leaders able to pass on their knowledge and expertise.

The group attends ANZAC Day services regularly, partaking in the march and laying wreaths. The Churchill Scouts played a key role in the Dawn Service at Morwell this year, and hopes to do so again.

“The group considers ANZAC Day an important event and strives to uphold the values associated with



it. Recently a member of the RSL spoke to the scouts about the ANZAC’s proud history. The kids thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the iconic day.

Plans have since been made for the group to travel to Melbourne to join the march in the city,” Peta said.

1st Yinnar Scouts is also a small, but expanding group with a family feel. There,

leaders get to know the scouts well and are able to spend more time with each member. 1st Yinnar’s primary aim is to connect Scouting to the wider community.

This is accomplished through community service involvement.

Like 1st Churchill, Yinnar scouts help with Clean Up Australia Day and other activities including the

Boolarra Folk Festival and Fiddlehead Festival. Some members of 1st Yinnar mow lawns at the local aged care residences voluntarily – and for free!

Col Richards believes his scouts should be educated about the features of their society; the group’s undertakings often reflect this belief.

Attending local festivals,

running barbecues around town and visiting local establishments are just some of the events on the 1st Yinnar calendar.

Another feature of 1st Yinnar is its’ drive to provide activities for kids that aren’t always sport oriented. Although the scouts have been on several camps, the focus of the majority of their activities is the local community.

**Join Scouts!**

**1st Yinnar and 1st Churchill Scout Groups are looking for men, women and youth interested in adventuring, teamwork and community service to join Scouts!**

**If you or your child is interested please contact:**

**Col Richards (1st Yinnar) 0467677759**

**Peta Whelan (1st Churchill) 0439363261**

## Local Cafe a winner

### Churchill Pie Wins Silver in National Competition

When Bushies challenged Kelli and James Love to enter the Australian National Pie Competition, they knew they had to come up with something new and different.

Bushies had won every prize around so Kelli donned her creative chef’s hat and worked on a pie that would taste very different from most Australian pies.

The recipe that was awarded a Silver Medal was for a pie that was six weeks in creation – as Kelli said she makes a pretty good Chicken Cacciatore.

So she took that as a base and added some Chorizo for a bit of extra spice and feta for texture and a softening background taste. Tomato-based pies are rather rare so Kelli’s recipe was ahead in the creative stakes.

The pie really reflects Kelli’s long-standing passion for good food which came to light when she realised her Mum couldn’t cook.

“It’s alright to print that,” said Kelli. “I tell her that myself”.

Kelli’s food-oriented career began in the kitchens of Heyfield and at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

There wasn’t a lot of opportunity for Kelli to be creative there so she started her own specialty cookie business from her home.

Kelli and James had been planning the bakery and café for a long time so when the



James and Kellie Love happy winners

previous business left, they were ready to move in.

Kelli and James were born and raised in Churchill and decided together that staying in Churchill and giving the local community somewhere special to enjoy a cup of coffee and good food was

their major goal. The food available at Vintage C’hill is 99.9% made in house.

The name ‘Vintage C’hill was a combination of ideas from Kelli and friend and staff member Cheridee – C’hill being a contraction of Churchill and meaning a

place to “Chill out”.

Vintage C’hill has been nominated for the Gippsland Business Awards – Excellence in Customer Service for Best Café and Bakery. Nominations for this award are provided by customers who phone in or vote online.

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# Welcome to students from China



There was a special occasion at Federation University last month when a Morning Tea was held to introduce students from China to members of the newly re-established mentoring group and representatives from Latrobe City International Relations Committee.

Professor Harry Ballis, Head of Campus, Head of Business of Federation University, Churchill, welcomed everyone and indicated that of the 15 students present, most were from Jiangsu province and the

sister city of Taizhou.

Mr Peter Gibbons, Deputy Mayor of Latrobe City also offered words of welcome and expressed the importance of the positive, ongoing relationship between areas of the National Government in China and Latrobe City Council.

Mr Gibbons emphasised the need for openness and opportunity for learning for both sides, especially in the areas of governance.

He reminded those present that close cooperation exists between relevant locations in

China and Victoria and that two delegations from China have recently visited Latrobe City to learn how auditing systems and anti-corruption management can be applied effectively in local and regional authorities.

Mr Gibbons iterated that the "crossflow of ideas is the basis for the most harmonious development for the future" and that positive International Relations is vital to both sectors.

As an integral part of process, the mentoring group, led by Dr Rowan

Kennedy and including previous group members Mrs Lorraine Bartling and Mr Graham Goulding, will act as community advisors to all international students during their time of study at the Gippsland campus.

The students are encouraged to enjoy activities off-campus and they take advantage of the free transport provided by the university to go shopping in Melbourne.

A couple of the boys said they really liked going to Karaoke bars in the city.

There was considerable

exchange between the students and community representatives and all enjoyed a delicious morning tea.

One of the students described it as a "lovely, late breakfast".

Charlotte Jiang, who is doing a Double Major in Microeconomics and Accounting, thanked the university and community representatives on behalf of the students.

It is interesting to note the number of exchanges between Latrobe City and

cities and towns in China and that when our delegates visit they pay for their trips. These exchanges, particularly of students have been going on for 15 years.

The University anticipates that a considerable number of overseas students will be enrolled mid-year, particularly in the Business and Engineering courses.

More information about the role of the Latrobe City International Relations Committee can be obtained from the Latrobe City website.

## An annual event for Churchill?



By Hannah Billington  
Motor-mower racing could become an annual event that draws crowds to Churchill.

Establishing an annual event in Churchill has been on the community agenda for some time now. Those involved in various organisations hope to see Churchill and its local community celebrated through this occasion. Several suggestions have been made as to how to achieve this, and how to ensure the event will be unique.

Motor-mowing racing – a novel but rapidly growing

sport – could be on the way to becoming the attraction in Churchill. VICMOW, the Victorian Mower Racing Association, is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to promote their sport whilst returning funds to the community.

Those involved race modified ride-on mowers around a track at speeds close to 75kph. The sport is cheaper than standard car racing and is fun for all ages, with motor-mower racing classes ranging from juniors to seniors.

A motor-mower race would most likely be tied in with another event which

the organisers plan to host at or near the Neighbourhood Hub. A market incorporating information displays and attractions from other community organisations is the most favourable option at this stage in the planning.

Currently, discussions are at an early stage with more details still to be clarified and determined.

Churchill's annual event will be the key in helping to establish the town's identity and putting it on the event map. The town's anniversary is expected to be the date around which the event will be set.



### Community Pizza & Bush Dance

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# Anxiety and depression in men

In general, men tend to put off getting any kind of support, because they think they're supposed to be tough, self-reliant, and able to manage pain and take charge of situations.

This can make it hard for men to acknowledge they have any health problems, let alone one that affects their social and emotional wellbeing.

Depression is a serious and common condition that won't get better by itself.

If you have a broken arm or a deep cut on your foot, you don't expect that to heal without medical help.

It's the same with depression.

On average, one in eight men will have depression and one in five men will experience anxiety at some stage of their lives.

While women are more likely to experience anxiety and depression, men are less likely to talk about it.

This increases the risk of their anxiety or depression going unrecognised and untreated.

Untreated depression is a high risk factor for suicide and in Australia there are about 2,200 suicides each year.

More than 70 per cent of people who take their lives are men – with an average of five men dying by suicide every day.

Suicide is the leading cause of death for men under the age of 44, significantly exceeding the national road toll.

It's important to remember that anxiety and depression are illnesses, not weaknesses, and effective

treatments are available.

You need to know the warning signs – not only for you, but for your friends and family.

To find out more about anxiety and depression in men visit the beyondblue website.

## Symptoms of anxiety in men:

Anxiety is more than having sweaty palms and butterflies in your stomach.

Symptoms of anxiety can include feelings of worry, stress, fear and impending doom that are so severe they interfere with your ability to work, maintain relationships and get a decent night's sleep.

**Physical signs of anxiety may include:**

pounding or racing heart, excessive sweating, choking sensations, dizziness and vertigo, shortness of breath, hot flushes or chills, insomnia and exhaustion, panic attacks.

## Emotional signs of anxiety may include:

feelings of dread, concentration problems, inner tension and nervousness, catastrophic thinking, irritability or edginess, being overly vigilant towards danger, absentmindedness, fear of losing control.

## Symptoms of depression in men:

While depression is often associated with sadness and hopelessness, it also manifests itself in fits of rage, unnecessary risk taking, and alcohol or drug abuse in men.

Physical signs of depression may include: persistent pain, loss of

energy, loss of sex drive, changes in appetite, lethargy or exhaustion, change in sleep patterns and restlessness, alcohol or drug abuse.

Emotional signs of depression may include: feeling guilty, feeling angry or violent, losing interest in hobbies, feeling apathetic (indifferent or lacking interest), feeling sad or nervous, feeling alone, taking unnecessary risks, thinking about death or suicide.

## Treatment for anxiety and depression in men:

Your doctor is a good source of information and can assess if what you are feeling is anxiety or depression. If you are diagnosed with either of these conditions, together you can work out an action plan.

Anxiety and depression are like any other medical condition – you need ways to manage them and stop them happening again later.

For some people, medication might be necessary. Most people using medication report a significant improvement in their condition, and greater capacity to get back to the things they used to enjoy.

Antidepressants take at least two weeks before they start to help, and it may also take some time for your doctor to find the medication and dose that is most effective for you.

There are different health professionals who can provide advice or services if you're experiencing anxiety or depression.

## Develop an action plan:

Your action plan will cover a wide range of options. The plan can include exercise, stress management and how to improve your sleep.

You may be referred to a psychologist who can help you address things like negative thinking and how to deal with hassles in your relationships.

Some people think it's weak to admit they're going through a tough time, but if you have anxiety or depression, you can't just 'snap out of it' or 'pull yourself together'.

There's more to it than that.

## Tips for men coping with anxiety and depression:

You are in control of your health and wellbeing. There are lots of different things you can do, so find an approach that best suits you.

For example, try to stay active and make plans for the day – they don't have to be grand plans, just small things like going for a run, talking to a mate or doing some gardening.

Try to include activities or hobbies that you specifically enjoy.

At first, you may not enjoy them as much as you did before, but if you keep active and persist, the enjoyment should eventually return.

It's important to look after your body by staying physically active, eating healthily and getting plenty of sleep.

Try not to drink or take drugs to block out how you're feeling and what is happening.

This is not a positive long-term solution and only makes the anxiety or depression worse.

## Supporting someone with anxiety or depression:

There are ways that you can help someone with anxiety or depression.

It may be helpful to let them know if you've noticed a change in their behaviour, spend time talking about their experiences and let them know you're there to listen without being judgmental, help them to get information from a website, library or community health centre, suggest they go to a doctor or health professional, and help them to make an appointment, offer to go with them to their appointment and follow them up afterwards, encourage them to get enough sleep, exercise and to eat well, encourage family and friends to invite them out and keep in touch, but don't pressure them to participate in activities, encourage the person to face their fears with support from their doctor or psychologist, discourage them from using alcohol or other drugs to try to feel better, contact a doctor or hospital if they become a threat to themselves or others.

It is unhelpful to: put pressure on them by telling them to 'snap out of it' or 'get their act together', stay away or avoid them, tell them they just need to stay busy or get out more, pressure them to party more or wipe out how they're feeling with drugs and alcohol, assume the problem will just go away.

If you or someone you know needs support, talk

to a doctor or other health professional about getting appropriate treatment.

Stress is not the same as anxiety or depression – but for some people, being stressed for a long time can lead to anxiety or depression, and it can affect a person's physical health, particularly cardiovascular health.

When we talk about being stressed, it usually means we're upset or tense about something that's happening in our lives.

Stress is a normal part of daily life.

It's a natural physical and mental response that is designed to help people cope effectively with emergencies.

Some stress can be a good thing.

It can help us get motivated to get things done, but health problems from stress happen when it is regular and doesn't let up.

**Where to get help: Your doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, beyondblue Support Service 1300 224 636, SuicideLine 1300 651 251, Lifeline 13 11 14, Mensline Australia 1300 789 978, Suicide Callback Service 1300 659 467**

## Things to remember:

Anxiety and depression in men are common and treatable.

Anxiety and depression are illnesses, not weaknesses, and effective treatments are available. Taking action may not be as hard as you think. It's important to seek support for anxiety and depression early – the sooner the better. With the right treatment, most people recover from anxiety and depression.

## “Churchill Project” Victorian Housing Commission

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A wonderful future can be yours at CHURCHILL

Churchill, situated among mountains and undulating plains, will be a project that will be admired and talked about by Mr and Mrs Citizen no matter on what salary level, and even Mr Industrialist will talk about it in glowing terms.

Yes, Churchill is a truly magnificent project that will eventually cater for up to 40,000 people from all walks of life, giving them exceptionally high-living conditions with every possible amenity for a full community life.

In the not so distant future one will be able to more than favourably compare Churchill with the much admired Elizabeth in South Australia, modern homes everywhere, wide streets, ample gardens

and stretches of well kept lawn, a modern shopping centre, a modern Civic Centre, ample sporting areas for football and cricket and an up to the minute covered market, which will be the heart of the agricultural community: and many more wanted features.

Churchill Project is the proud undertaking of the Housing Commission of Victoria, but private enterprise and private home builders will share in making it an admired reality.

Much planning and effort has gone into the first stages of Churchill and many quarters have shown considerable interest in sites for homes, shops and other buildings. Government departments and other official bodies have shown their eagerness to participate in the Churchill

Project and the public is assured of schools, Churches, adequate transport facilities etc.

It can be truthfully said that never before in this State has so great an opportunity been given to private enterprise and private home builders to participate in such an impressive undertaking.

“Modern” and “Beauty” are the keynotes of this Project and nowhere will one see run down properties or a mixture of industrial plants and private homes in the same area. The Commission's planners have kept industrial plants to one part of Churchill and homes well removed from them to avoid annoyance and discomfort to residents.

There will be a well balanced mixture of private and Commission estates in

Churchill. The homes will be varied, the result of personal dreams of Churchill residents.

Do not get the impression that because the Commission is undertaking the Churchill Project that the area will appear a mass of sameness in homes and buildings. This is not so.

The Commission is determined to achieve variety in all buildings and, whilst encouraging genuine home builders to realize their plans, will insist that all home builders submit plans prior to erection to ensure a standard in keeping with the overall development of the area.

Churchill Project must become a reality within a short period of years. The Commission will give plenty of assistance to every purchaser of land whether for

private home erection or industrial plant erection.

Churchill Project is a magnificent undertaking that Australians and overseas' people will admire and even envy in the years ahead. Land for immediate purchasing is limited and every prospective

buyer is asked to take the first step now to avoid disappointment.

For further information, which is essential for the realisation of home or industrial ownership in



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Entry forms and conditions are available online at [www.cdnews.com.au](http://www.cdnews.com.au)

### Categories

#### Open \*

1. Open Primary age children 7-12 story or poem.
2. Open Secondary age children 13-17 story or poem
3. Open Adults 18+ story/drabble or poem

#### Local \*\*

1. Local Children's 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story
2. Local Children's 8 - 10 yrs Short Story/Poetry (illustrations welcome)
3. Local Children's 11 - 13 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome)
4. Local Children's 11 - 13 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome)

#### 5. Local 14 - 18 yrs Short Story

6. Local 14 - 18 yrs Poetry
7. Local Adult Short Story
8. Local Adult Poetry.
9. Local A Children's Story: A story written for children
10. Local Drabble- a 100 word piece of fiction
11. Local Special category for Churchill's 50th Anniversary. "My Life in Churchill", "Changes I have seen in Churchill". The latter may be something in which the children could be interested.

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### Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition 2015 Entry Form

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A Churchill & District History Series

# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## The History of Policing in the Churchill Area



By Sergeant Howard Jones, 21953.

**February 14, 2002.**  
**The Town**

The township of Churchill is located on Monash Way approximately ten kilometres south of Morwell.

It has a current population of approximately 6,500.

Five full time police personnel, one sergeant and four senior constables serve the population.

The Churchill Police Response Zone extends from just north of the township to as far south as Grandridge Road near Tarra-Bulga National Park.

### In the Beginning

The area was first settled in the 1800s and originally named Hazelwood.

Minister Lindsay Thompson first named the township of Churchill in 1965 after the death of the famous wartime leader.

The theory was that such a name would add significance and interest in the area.

Much of the then prime farming land in the area was compulsorily acquired to establish the township, much to the displeasure of the landowners.

The name 'Churchill' also caused displeasure to the original residents, who campaigned long and hard for the retention of the name 'Hazelwood'.

They were unsuccessful in their endeavours and consequently the town is flanked by the localities of Hazelwood North and South.

The name 'Hazelwood' has since been bestowed on the area around the Hazelwood Power Station and pondage, north-west of the township,

outside the Churchill Police Response Zone.

The establishment of the township was first planned in response to the planned expansion of the Yallourn and Hazelwood open-cut coalmines.

It was envisaged that these mines would eventually mean the demise of the townships of Yallourn and Morwell and that a new area of settlement would be required for the residents.

At the time, it was projected that the population of Churchill would grow to 30,000 by 1980 and 40,000 by 1990.

The Yallourn coalmine eventually did devour the township, however most of the residents chose to move to nearby Yallourn North and not to Churchill.

Public pressure dictated that the Morwell township would not suffer the same fate and, naturally, exists today with a population of over 15,000.

All this meant that the brand new township of Churchill, with all its carefully planned streets and amenities never grew in population as first expected.

### First Police

In January, 1966 the population was recorded as 13.

By November, the population had exploded to 500.

The population did continue to rise and reached about 2,400 by 1971.

Policing was provided by patrols from Morwell Police Station, which had been operating 24 hours since the late 1950s.

All things considered,

Churchill certainly had a population large enough to warrant the establishment of its own police station.

In 1973 a position for a full time Senior Constable at Churchill, was advertised in the Police Gazette.

The successful applicant was to reside in a government owned house, which was to double as a police station, and use his own car for police duties.

Surprisingly, or not surprisingly, there were no applicants. In 1974, in a move unprecedented at the time, a Constable was appointed to Churchill.

He was Ronald (Hap) Hateley, 16378. The origin of his nickname is unknown but almost certainly not associated with his chirpy disposition.

Ron had been in the police force for four years and was promoted to Senior Constable a year later.

Initially Ron resided in the department house at 25 Fraser Crescent.

There was a station phone installed in the house but no policing facilities as such. Consequently, Ron worked out of the Morwell Station.

The department planned to place a re-locatable police station in the front yard of Fraser Crescent, however, the Housing Commission, from whom the residence was leased, refused to allow it.

It was deemed not appropriate for a residential area.

### Down to Work

After a few months of operating from Morwell, a situation that was not suitable or effective, Ron approached the Housing Commission for

more suitable premises.

An area in West Place Shopping Centre, which was owned by the Commission, was offered and accepted.

The two-room station was on the top floor on the southern side of the centre.

Also on this floor was the Exacto Clothing Factory and the Housing Commission Clerk of Works.

A nominal rent was paid as it was certainly in the Commission's best interests to have a policeman hanging around the area.

Ron continued to use his own car and was on call 24 hours a day.

He was paid \$30 per fortnight in lieu of any overtime incurred.

Churchill Police continued to receive an 'availability' allowance till the mid 1990s

when it ceased and Morwell Police were expected to cover the area during Churchill member's off-duty times.

Communications at the time were, naturally not up to today's standards.

When Ron left the station to go out on patrol he would switch the phone through to his residence.

If his wife, Sharon, received any jobs she would leave the front light on.

Ron would drive past the house in his Datsun 180B every 15 minutes or so checking for messages.

Ron did get some assistance from time to time until the manpower at the station was increased.

Constable Roelof (Bob) Cornelis, 18104, from Morwell was seconded to Churchill when things got

busy.

Bob was a very popular fellow and got on especially well with the kids of the town.

Subsequently, with Ron and Bob's local knowledge there was rarely a crime committed in the town that was not solved.

Another source of assistance came when the Police Cadet Academy closed during the Christmas holidays.

In 1975, Cadet Rodney Connelly, 1551, was sent to the police station closest to his home.

Normally, cadets were sent to their nearest 24 hour police station for the holidays but Rod must have forgotten to tell the academy that Churchill was a one-man station.





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Instead of ruling up registers, indexing mo's and buying the lunches, Rod went out on patrol whenever Ron did, getting involved in investigations, arrests, car chases and the like. Rod had the best 'what I did during the holidays' stories to tell when he got back to the academy.

Generally, Ron enlisted civilian help when things got rough.

This was from a number of sources including, Noel Park, the Church Minister, Bill Henshaw, the School Principal and Kevin Beer, the C.F.A. Captain.

Ron's neighbour, Reg Kemp, an officer in the St. John Ambulance, often attended accidents with him.

### The Temporary Station

Police Gazette March, 1976, reported that a new station was under construction at Churchill.

The building, located at 6 Switchback Road, consisted of a number of pre-fabricated site huts.

They provided two offices, a storeroom and a toilet. Ron lived in the house next door at No. 8.

The building was erected as a temporary police station, however continued to be temporary for 25 years.

The police department owned the land and buildings situated at 4 - 8 Switchback Road.

The same year, Ron was issued with a police divisional van and was no longer expected to use his own car.

Churchill Police have retained the use of a single divisional van since then.

In 1977 it was decided that manpower at the station should be increased and subsequently Sergeant Murray White, 14641, was appointed.

He transferred on May 4, 1977. Murray took up residence at No. 8 Switchback Road, with his wife.

It is reported that Murray was one of those policemen with incredible powers of observation. Ron transferred to Morwell in 1979.

Murray eventually went to Ballarat D24.

Murray was replaced by Sergeant Brian (Piggy) Malone, 14350, in 1980.

Brian had been working in the area for some time, most recently at Maffra Police Station and was sent to Churchill to tidy things up.

Brian arrived at the

residence in Churchill, to find Inspector Glare out in the yard mowing the lawn and doing a spot of gardening for him.

Brian got down to business and immediately got involved in the town.

He was the driving force in the formation of the Churchill Police Youth Club, involving the local boys in wrestling and boxing.

He was ably assisted by Senior Constable Paul (Strop) Whiteley, 17135.

Legend has it that Paul believed that police work at Churchill wasn't hazardous enough to warrant the wearing of a police sidearm. During one of his late night patrols however, he was driving around the hotel, only to find an offender robbing another man at gunpoint.

From then on, the first thing Paul did each shift was sign out a firearm.

One of Brian's main pushes was for an increase in manpower and he was eventually heard by the powers that be.

Senior Constable Malcolm Gibson, 18169 and Senior Constable Ronald Armstrong, 22128, were eventually transferred to Churchill.

Their positions were apparently meant for Morwell but Brian pulled in a favour and got them down to Churchill.

During Brian's time at Churchill he monitored the development of then Monash University Churchill Campus (now Federation University), improving relations between staff and police.

He witnessed the rise to fame, or infamy, of the Glendonald Housing Estate in the south end of Churchill which provided then, mainly accommodation for lower income families.

The Department of Housing has since sold many of the houses privately which has improved the demographics of the area.

Brian transferred to Foster Police Station in 1987, probably looking for respite from the busy schedule at Churchill.

He eventually retired in 1998 after receiving the Australian Police Medal. Brian still lives in Foster today.

Sergeant Robert (Bob) Lowick, 17123, then transferred to Churchill where he was the Officer-in-Charge for 10 years.

Bob was affectionately

known as Boo Boo, however, the origins of this title are again, unknown.

During this time, the staff numbers were further increased to one sergeant and three senior constables or constables.

Bob was also very involved in the town and all its clubs and committees.

On his afternoon shifts, Bob would take his portable radio to the local leisure centre and coach basketball matches in full police uniform.

Apparently, not too many people disputed the umpire's decision in those days.

The department eventually sold the house

at No. 8 Switchback Road, forcing Bob to purchase a house in town.

Bob campaigned long and hard for a replacement for the 'temporary' police station, however, was probably no closer to getting one when he resigned than he was when he first got there.

In 1997, Bob was replaced by Sergeant Alfred (David) Watson, 19578. Dave had also been in the area for many years.

He continued to push for improved premises.

That year, a local building firm which owned the Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre, offered to build a new station next

to the centre and lease the building back to the police department.

Certainly a case of history repeating itself.

The department however, was none too keen to go from premises it owned outright to another premises they would have to pay a lease on. Subsequently, that move never eventuated.

In a newspaper article at the time of the Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre proposal, the rank of the relieving sergeant was reported as 'Chief Commissioner' as a result of a practical joke by unknown members.

Eventually the

government built a new, brick station on the block at No. 4 Switchback Road.

On completion of the new building in July 2001 the old, 'temporary' station was carted away on trucks where it was eventually refurbished as the Loch Sport Police Station.

Since then the Churchill Police Station has seen several changes in its manpower numbers and currently operates very successfully under Sergeant Phil den Houting in policing the entire community of Churchill and its surrounding areas, ably supported when required by members from Morwell and Traralgon.



# Kurnai College Junior Campus

## International Student Teacher

Over Term 1, Churchill Campus hosted an International Intern Teacher from Minnesota, USA, Liz Vang. Liz came to our college to work with our Language other than English programme. She worked alongside Angela Bolding teaching our Chinese students. She also participated in the Mandarin classes. Liz also attended and assisted with classes at the University Campus.

Liz began her time at Churchill Campus participating in the Year 7 camp on the Banksia Peninsula, Paynesville, and

the Year 8 camp on a beef cattle farm in the mountains north of Buchan.

She gained an insight to our students through working in groups on these camps. Liz observed that the students and the issues that they faced were similar to those back in Minnesota. She found that the relationships between staff and students were quite different with the reduced formality that exists in our college.

Liz also used her time over the term to experience our country. Attending the camps enabled her to see the beauty of East Gippsland. She also visited Wilson's Promotory,

Tarra Bulga National Park and Healesville Sanctuary. On a long weekend, she flew to Sydney and saw the sights as well as climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge - experiences that made her enthuse about our country. Before she travels back to Minnesota, Liz is visiting Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef, and she was hoping to get to see some of Central Australia, time permitting.

Liz will definitely leave Australia with great memories of Kurnai College staff and students, and the country. She will return to Minnesota to carry on her studies but with the desire to return to

Australia to travel and explore more of our country, if not to seek work.

## Drama Plays

Once again the students completed their Semester of Drama classes by putting on plays at each year level to celebrate their efforts and talents.

The Year 7 students presented two original plays. The students created the plays, the costumes and sounds.

A group of students also learnt to use the lighting and manipulating the sounds for the plays.

It was a great display of talent, teamwork and engagement. The Year 7

students enjoyed the evening immensely as did their friends and parents who attended the performances.

The Year 8 students who participated in drama this semester also put on their own original plays.

The students put on two sendups of classic fairy tales to appreciate the cultural icons of western culture. The students were in charge of all aspects of the design and performance of the plays.

There were two separate plays put on by the Year 9/10 students.

Tarsha Marriott and Sam Daddo led 'The Fault in our Stars' performance. The

entire cast did a superb job that captured the audience's attention from the start to end.

The second performance, held on a different night, was a version of 'High School Musical' with the students singing and dancing.

Rachel Pendlebury and Chloe Libreri led the students involved but all students showed great talent and ability. It was a fun performance and it was fantastic to see many of the students put on such a great show outside their comfort zones.

'High school Musical' was performed on a Saturday night and attracted a full audience.



# Churchill Preschools

## Preschool at the Hub

### Healthy teeth and bodies

As part of our Community awareness, we had a visit from the Pacific Smiles Dental Nurse.

Issues we discussed were:  
How to clean your teeth.  
\* Each tooth is cleaned

on the inside, outside and top for three seconds.

\* It takes three minutes in total to clean your teeth.

\* Only a spot of toothpaste is required on the toothbrush.

We clean our teeth in the morning and at night time.

\* Adults should supervise

tooth cleaning at night to ensure that all the food is removed.

What are healthy foods?

\*Milk and water are healthy drinks to have daily.

\*Fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, bread, meat are healthy food.

What to expect when you visit the Dentist?

\* Special clothes that the Dentist will wear

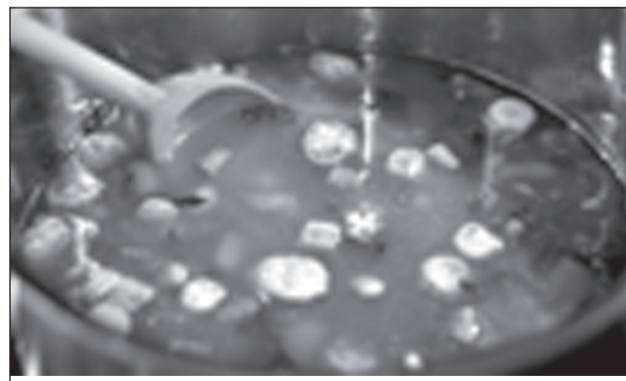
\* Tools that the Dentist uses to check your teeth

## Glendonald Park Preschool

The children at Glendonald Park Preschool have been having a focus on healthy eating.

Last week they made vegetable soup. Each child brought along a vegetable to

contribute to the mix. They discussed the nutritional value of vegetables. Then they peeled, chopped and cooked the soup. For lunch they enjoyed the fruits of their labours with the delicious hot soup and bread.



## Lumen Christi Primary School

June at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School has been just wonderful, if at times maybe just a little too chilly. Even considering the cold starts to some days we have plenty to report.

### Faith

On the Faith front we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with some of our Year 6 students. Father Francis O'tobo in his lovely manner made us all, especially the children, feel blessed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. In the lead up to the night the Year 5/6 students attended a Taize Prayer Service hosted by the Co-Operating Churches of Churchill. We would like to very much acknowledge the invitation and hope that our students added to the success of the event. Congratulations of course go to the Lavalla College Choir who led the singing – we highly recommend to everyone to attend the next Taize Prayer Service. Also in June our Year 5/6 students attended the Diocesan Student Pilgrimage Mass in Sale with the new Bishop, Patrick O'Reagan, which included a trip to the Sale Botanic Gardens for lunch and hot chips! In term 3 we move into preparing our Year 4 students for First Communion, which is always one of the highlights of the year. We finished the term collecting donations for our annual Vinnies Winter Appeal. We thank all the students, staff, families

and parishioners who so generously contributed to our great pile of cans for use by the Churchill conference of St.Vincent DePaul.

### Semester 2 leaders

Our Semester 2 student leaders were appointed on the last day of term 2. Congratulations to Courtney and Molly [Captains], Bethany and Alanah [Vice Captains] and House Captains Kiarna, Tamika and Jasmine.

### Staff learning

Our staff has had a busy month in regards to their own learning. Our 'Learning Leaders' have been working exclusively with key personnel from the Catholic Education Office to shape future staff learning, and on the holidays four staff members will give up a week of their holidays to attend a learning conference.

The first day of term 3 was a Student Free Day for a whole staff professional learning day. The staff truly set the standard of what it means to be 'life-long learners' and deserved to be congratulated and praised for their commitment.

### Sport

On the sporting front Lumen Christi has been very busy. The term started with a false start with the weather effecting the Athletics program, but during winter sports we had a great time. We participated in cross-country running, netball, soccer and football. On June 12, Lumen Christi competed in the Yinnar and District Winter

Sports Day which was held at the Yinnar Football Oval. All teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and tried their best throughout the day. The footballers fought all the way, and tried their best. We had a very young team with some students even playing their first game of football on the day, and they never gave up! True Lumen Christi spirit. We congratulate the girls on their achievements in winning all their games in netball and progressed through to the District round in Traralgon. The girls played three games and won one game. We congratulate them on their efforts, and especially on winning the Bessie Flood Morwell Netball competition earlier in the month.

### Spelling Bee

Each term we have been conducting a spelling bee in our classrooms with the finalists from each level progressing through to a whole school Grand Final. This term Mr Cooper debuted as Spelling Bee host with the finalists and overall winners on the day for each level being:

Prep: Shakhi, Thomas.  
Year 1: Ryan, Kaylah, Tia.  
Year 2: James, Robert.

Year 3: Freya, Taylor-Lee, Josh.

Year 4: Shenae, Lachlan, Charlotte.

Year 5: Kayley, Jack, Riley.

Year 6: Bethany, Kiarna, Mitchel.

### Science Week – Prepare For Lift-Off!

Our inaugural paper plane competition for all children at Lumen Christi Primary School was a tremendous success to celebrate an early start to Science Week. Everyone has been researching about aerodynamics of flight in an attempt to fly their planes the longest distance. On the announcement of the competition, the playground was awash with white in a frenzied attempt to fly planes, try out different designs and discuss ways to improve flight distances. All staff have been impressed with the positive attitudes and enthusiasm of all children. On the day of the competition, children were placed in three multi-age groups, which meant classrooms were abuzz with noise with children collaborating over design, creativity and lots of folding! Each group had two runners-up who then flew their way down a school runway into the finals. The overall winner for the competition was Hayden. All teachers were proud of the effort into the research and sportsmanship shown by students during Science Week. Who knows how many budding aviation experts we now have in our Lumen Christi community. "Paper Planes" movie was an inspiring way to engage children in the art of paper plane making, but also instilled messages about bullying, perseverance and

following your dreams.

### Out and About

Across the term we have provided students with opportunities to learn outside of the school grounds. The junior classes joined in with the Landcare activities held locally and the Year 3/4 classes had their successful trip to Wilson's Prom and a science trip to Federation University. The Year 5/6 students had their camp. This year the senior camp was held at Malmsbury where the students, and a few brave teachers, tackled some very challenging physical activities, including wall climbing and rope courses. While travelling there the students also spent a day at Sovereign Hill Ballarat to support the work they have been doing in their History classes.

### Coming up!

This term our whole school highlights will be our School Concert on August 19, and our Book Week Dress-Up Day on August 28.

### A Stick Insect Invasion

Prep/1/2D has been immersed in exploring stick insects this term. Thanks to a kind donation from Mrs Romari from McKinnon College, Mrs Hayley has introduced these interesting creatures into the classroom.

During our non-fiction focus in literacy, children have been building their knowledge about stick insects through oral language experiences, asking interesting questions

and increasing their scientific vocabulary. They have also compared the features of fiction and non-fiction text and summarising their understandings through writing.

These are the top ten facts about stick insects that the children have gathered during their research.

1. Most species of stick insects live in trees and bushes.

2. Stick insects are vegetarians and eat only at night.

3. These fascinating insects look like twigs giving them great camouflage against predators such as birds, rodents and reptiles.

4. Stick insects moult as they grow into adults.

5. If a predator gets hold of a stick insect's leg, it can grow another one!

6. Female stick insects can lay up to 1,500 eggs.

7. Stick insects live for 1-2 years.

8. Stick insects exist on every continent except Antarctica.

9. Baby stick insects are called nymphs.

10. Stick insects can grow up to the length of a banana.

The term culminated in a stick insect 'walking gallery' in which the children shared their learnings with other Prep/1/2 students. Many interesting questions were raised and an enriching discussion had by many of the children.



# Boolarra Primary School

## Yinnar and District Football / Netball Competition

Our netballers were very competitive, winning two games and losing four (one of which was against a mixed team). This was our best netball result for many years.

Our combined Thorpdale / Boolarra football team won all their matches convincingly except for the final one against

all their matches to make it into the grand-final where the Traralgon team (Stockdale Road Primary School) beat them. This was our best ever football result!

### Congratulations Emre!

Grade 6 student Emre, representing the Yinnar and District Schools, placed 9th in the Zone Cross Country run. Emre went on to compete in

session in the Life Ed Van where they focused on the following units that encourage making healthy life choices: P/1's - Harold's Surprise, P/1/2s - Harold's Heroes, 2/3s - Harold's Diary, 4/5s - Be Cyber Smart and 5/6s - It's your Call.

### Pie Drive

Thanks to Carlene's



Yinnar, which they won by one point! They went on to represent our District in the zone competition. Again they performed brilliantly winning

the regional run in Warragul where she placed 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Life Ed Van Visit

Our students enjoyed a

parents, Helen and Greg Seales who coordinated this event, and everyone in our community who bought pies, we raised \$650.40.



This will go towards our entrance-way and garden make-overs.

### End of Term Dance and Singing Recital

To show-case the singing and dancing our students have been undertaking this term, we staged a mini-concert on the last day of term.

### Parent Literacy Partnership

Ms Karen Twomey conducted some sessions for our parents providing pointers on how they can support their children to improve their learning outcomes.

### End of Term Out of Uniform Day

On the last day of term one Junior School Council member encouraged everyone to dress in the Pirate theme and bring a donation for "Give me 5 for Kids".

We had some sensational costumes with pirates well represented but there were also some mermaids, ship cats and parrots.

\$100 was raised from donations and Milo and raisin toast sales throughout the term.

### Writers of the Term

Two of the recipients of this award provided the following stories:

One day the tooth fairy stole my tooth out of my mouth.

"Ohhh no the tooth fairy took my tooth" I said.

I wrote a letter. My letter said

Dear Tooth Fairy, You have stolen my tooth out of my mouth.

Love Asha The next day I said "I wish that the tooth fairy was going to come and put my tooth back."

Jem said "The tooth fairy did come and put your tooth in your mouth."

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### The End

By Asha of Grade prep City Streets

Drip, drip, drip...Icy water trickles down from rusty pipes. This, and the soft padding of my feet, is the only sound in the cold, still air.

The damp, cracked road runs through the streets with old stone buildings on either side.

Old worn signs hang suspended from buildings. The fog has crept over the moon, leaving nothing but faint light cast over this town.

These streets are my home where I live and sleep. I creep out of the dark alleyway. I would be cold, but with my tattered fur coat keeping me warm, I have grown accustomed to this strange, ever changing weather.

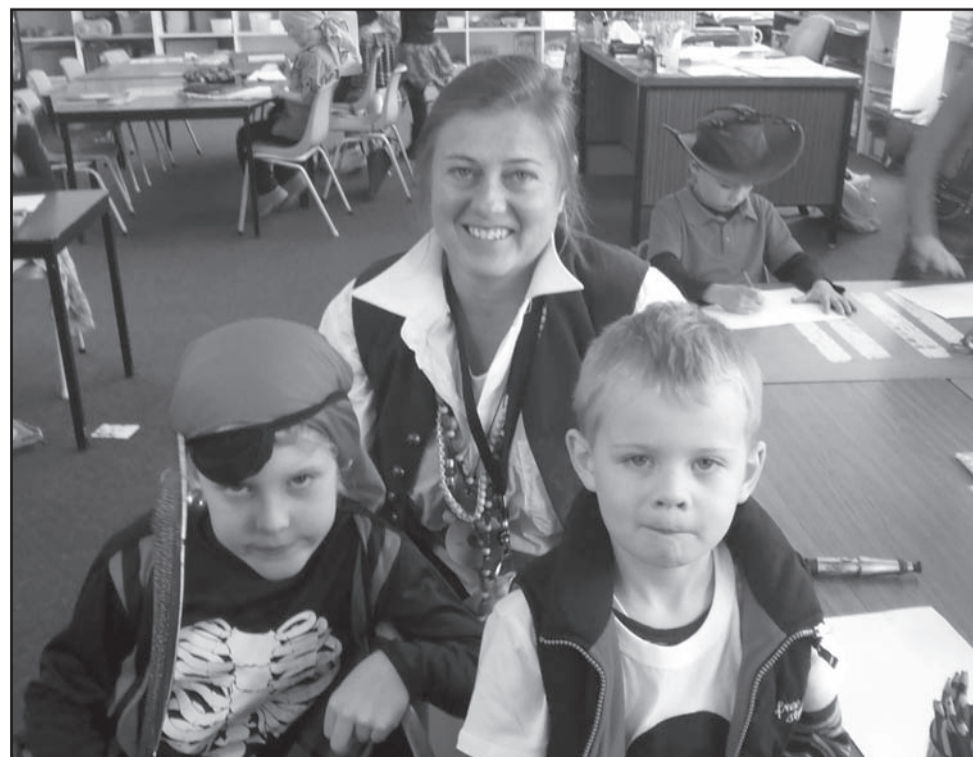
I wander through the cold, lonely streets.

Suddenly, I see a dark silhouette with giant legs, a huge body and enormous ears.

Sighing, I realise it is only my shadow....

"Meeow," I say.

By Eve of Grade 5



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# Churchill North Primary School

## Science Works

Recently, senior students of C.N.P.S. went on an excursion to Science Works in Melbourne. They started off in the Planetarium going on a space journey to explore different planets and moons. After this experience the students went to Science Works main gallery. In the gallery they learnt about sound, future technology and the environment. After that all students and teachers went into Sport Works. They could then participate in activities to learn their strength, height, weight, arm span and many more physical challenges. They also saw intriguing mind tricks. At the end of the day all of the students and teachers had great fun.

By Madeline

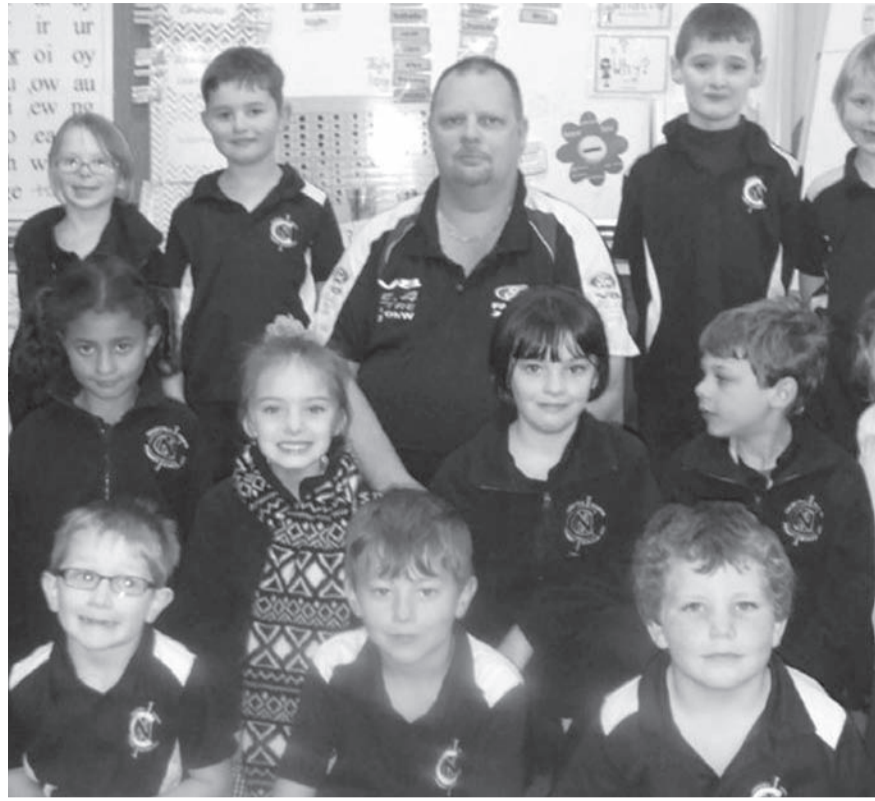
## Football at Churchill North

Students at Churchill

North have been working on their football and umpiring skills. It has been wonderful watching these skills develop at lunch times, where we have seen some amazing teamwork developing. Churchill North was lucky enough to welcome former Essendon footballer, Jay Neagle into our school where students enjoyed a question and answer time followed by a game of football with him. Thanks for visiting Jay!

## Helpers in the Community visit I/2OBF

I/2s welcomed Stephen and Matty into their classroom to talk to them about their role in the community. Tristan learnt that "Stephen is a bus driver. He takes people places. He likes his job, he wipes the windows and cleans the bus." Cade now knows that "Matty sometimes works for 12



hours. He drives a truck and delivers rock and gravel for our roads." Students are looking forward to their next visitors in the coming weeks. Thank you guest speakers!

## Our Itty Bitty City

Throughout the term, Grade 2/3 students at Churchill North Primary School have been learning about economics. On Friday June 19, Grade 2/3K celebrated the end of their unit by running their 'Itty Bitty City' day. The students used what they had learnt about goods/services, needs/wants, producers/consumers and supply/demand. As part of the day, students ran several stores which included a cafe, bakery, cinema, library, spa, hobby shop, lolly shop, craft shop, stationary shop and train rides.



# Yinnar South Primary School

## Science at Yinnar South Primary School

Justine (Willow B's mum) came to school to teach us science with dry ice. For the first activity she put dry ice in a bowl of water. When the dry ice hit the water it melted quickly and it turned into carbon dioxide. She had a beaker with a tube coming out of the side. Justine covered the top with her hand, and then dipped the tube into a bowl of dishwashing liquid which then made bubbles. Justine put them on everyone's head.

Even Mrs Taylor had a go. We all had a great time.

We love science. Thanks Justine.

## By Ty Lifestyles

Last week we harvested our pumpkins and made them into pumpkin lasagne! We used our eggs to make the pasta sheets as well.

## Reading in Action

As part of our literacy work this week, senior students practiced their fluency skills reading aloud to their peers.

## Brainstorming in Sustainability

Yinnar South Primary School students have been invited to be part of a research project that is considering children's understandings around Sustainability.

Students have been creating inventions with a 'sustainability' theme.

It is amazing watching them design and problem solve as they consider the future of our planet.

## New enrolments now open

Yinnar South Primary is an innovative learning environment that nurtures your child's individuality. Flexible Learning Programs encourage academic excellence while recognising the development of the whole child.

2016 Prep enrolments are now open. Personal school tours can be arranged by calling Katy Grandin (Principal) on Phone: (03) 5169-1540.



# Kurnai College University Campus

By Hannah Billington

## Debutante Ball

Recently, students from Kurnai College University Campus attended an out of the ordinary Debutante Ball at the Premier Function Centre in Traralgon.

Over two nights, 33 student couples danced and dined at the *Grease* themed evening. The traditional practices of the Ball were mixed with the flair of the 1978 film to create a unique event that the students thoroughly enjoyed.

Debutant coordinator,

had their photos taken with the vehicle. Teachers were encouraged to come dressed as someone from the film. The evening was initiated by MCs Dan and Todd Miller singing 'Greased Lightning'. The covers of the Deb programs featured the original *Grease* movie cover, with photographs of couples' photos superimposed on Danny and Sandy's faces. Old records painted by the students to be table numbers were another novelty.

This year's Deb was also the first to have international

## Clay Shooting

On Tuesday March 16, three students from Kurnai Secondary College competed in the Gippsland Clay Shooting Competition.

Students from over 12 different secondary schools journeyed to Sale to participate in a variety of events. It is estimated that nearly 200 students took part in the competition.

Safety was the number one priority at the event, with all events being monitored by licensed referees and officials.



Kurnai College's Justin Slatter, Rickie Stewart and Jake Wardill had a fantastic time at the competition and are eager to try their hand in other contests. Principal, Kurnai College University Campus, Nello Carbone, wanted to give the students an opportunity to partake in



the sport, and is pleased with the enthusiasm shown by all students.

Despite not finishing at the top of the competition, the students are off to Morwell for another go. Depending on the student's performance at Morwell, they may be entered into future events. The school hopes to attract more students and provide support for their new shooting team.

## VALE CASSIE GODDEN From staff and students

Sadly, on Monday, June 8, we said goodbye to Cassie

Godden who passed away after a short but determined battle with genetic melanoma which was not diagnosed until early 2015.

Cassie was a student at Morwell Campus since Year 7 and was highly regarded by both staff and students. At the Senior Campus Cassie was a popular, hard working student.

At 18, bright, beautiful and intelligent, Cassie had set her sights on academia in pursuit of an exciting, fantastic future.

Cassie had aspirations of joining the medical field and

her diligent approach was illustrated by a conscientious, daily study routine. This earned ongoing respect from her teachers thereby giving every confidence for her tertiary studies in Melbourne.

This enormous respect and admiration was shown by her peers – students with whom Cassie went from Prep to Year 12. They all came together at her funeral to show the love, strength and support created from their friendship as Cassie was farewelled.

Teachers, past and present, who had taught Cassie attended the funeral. Friends from Melbourne and overseas were also present; a fine tribute to a wonderful person.

The school's thoughts and prayers are with the family and want the family to know the school will continue to support them. "We will all miss her greatly. Our thoughts and prayers go to Cassie's parents, Dianne and Brett, her brother Christopher and sisters Breanna and Shannyn and her many friends."

*Postscript:* Kurnai College University Campus is planning to honour Cassie and have made a donation to Cassie's parents. Dianne and Brett aim to buy specialist chairs that assist with patient mobility with the donations they receive. These will be donated to the Austin Hospital – Olivia Newton John Cancer and Wellness Centre, in Heidelberg.



Ange Gordon, had the idea of a *Grease* theme during practice for last year's function, when a song from the soundtrack was played. Since then Ange and her team have worked around the clock to organise an event that is both fun and memorable for staff and students. Ange believes Deb Balls should go down as a special evening in the minds of all kids who attend and her events reflect this belief.

The *Grease* atmosphere was created and upheld by the presence of a replica of Danny's iconic car, popular songs from the original soundtrack and an appropriate dress code. The students themselves had designed the finished car, and all couples

students participating. A group of Chinese students who attended explained that Debutante Balls weren't common in China and the experience was brand new to them.

The feedback from students and teachers who attended was tremendously positive.

Once again, coordinator Ange Gordon was successful in bringing the community and school together for a singular occasion.

Ange would like to thank Rhonda Macdonald, Harrup Patty, Brett Gay and the VCAL team for their support and hard work.

This year's Kurnai Debutante will certainly be a hard act to follow.



# Churchill Primary School

### Leadership Day

Last month, 19 students represented Churchill Primary School at the GRIP Leadership Day in Sale. Our Student Representative Council, House Captains and Bee Keepers learnt about how they can be good leaders for our school, and skills in ways which they can make school a better place for all other students. Many students got the chance to get up on stage and participate in the activities and games. It was a great day of fun and learning!

### Sports

Sport, sport and more sport – this month has been an incredibly busy month with our senior students involved in many sporting events.

### Netball

by Monai, Chloe and Mitchell

The Churchill Primary School Girls' team played at Yinnar. We played against the other members of the Yinnar and District Schools and our other Churchill Primary mixed team. Our team lost two games and won three. Congratulations to Lumen Christi who went through to the next round. The girls felt their games improved over the day.

The Churchill Primary

School mixed team had three boys and six girls: At Yinnar and District we played well and we won one game; we drew two and lost two. Because we had a higher goal percentage than the other mixed team, we went through to the next round at Traralgon. We played four games and came third. We lost two, drew one and won one game. The other teams all had proper uniforms, they were very tall and very fast and they all knew how to play netball very well. The other teams had good team work and they covered our every move and seemed to be able to read the game well. On the netball days, we had fun and we improved netball skills over the time. We thank Miss Woodman, Mrs McColl and Lynda Lowrie for their help over the last few weeks.

### Football

by Jeremy, Rhys and Liam.

We went to Yinnar by bus. There were five teams and it was a nice, sunny day. It was a good day and we all had fun. We felt we got better as the day went on and our footy improved. We played Hazelwood North Primary School and Yinnar and lost to them. We played

Boolarra/ Thorpdale and we got smashed. We won against Lumen Christi. We watched the netball for a while. We thank Brad McCartney for coaching us and Mrs Reidy for cheering us on.

### Soccer

by Rhys, Chloe, Monai and Mitchell

Churchill girls' team: We played at Traralgon Soccer Ground against Hazelwood North Primary. We lost against them by three. We played Yinnar and lost against them by two and Lumen Christi by one, and drew with Boolarra. As you can see by the scores, we felt we got better over the day.

Boys' soccer: There were five teams in our competition, some had girls in them. In our first game all the girls who were watching thought we would lose to Yinnar. But we drew. We won a game and drew three.

One of the draws was in the last two minutes when Mitchell fell over doing a slide tackle for the ball, but unfortunately they scored which made the game a draw. There was only one person in the team who plays soccer, so we feel we did really well for a team of non-soccer players.

### Cross Country

by Liam, Jeremy, Rhys, Chloe and Monai

A number of Churchill Primary Students participated at various levels of the cross country. It is a different sort of race and sprinters find it hard because they start really fast and they get puffed. Despite that, it was great to be involved in these races. It is great for people who can run long distances. We were thankful there was no rain and all the days were fine.

Monai came first in the school girls' cross country and Chloe came second. Jeremy, Rhys, William, Malcolm, Jake, Adam, Jamal and Liam went on to the Yinnar and District. Teshawn and Hayley K also made it through in the younger group. It is great to see so many of our students getting through to the next level. At the Yinnar and District cross country, we competed again. Chloe came fifth and Monai came sixth. Rhys came fifth and William came fourth. They all progressed to the Latrobe Valley final. Chloe came 19<sup>th</sup>, Monai was eighth, William came in 24<sup>th</sup> and Rhys unfortunately was sick. We thank Miss Woodman for all her help. Monai was then

through to the Division final, but unfortunately could not attend.

### Somers Camp

by Hayley, Monai, Mitchell, Jeremy and Liam

When we got there we met everyone in our cabin. It was a bit scary. One house leader was Sheena and she read a chapter from "Bad Stories for Good Girls and Boys" every night.

The food was yum and every day four people from each group had to be a table host. The table hosts got pancakes and bacon and eggs for breakfast while everyone else got cereal and toast.

On the second day, we started activities like the giant swing, archery, bike riding skills and a BMX track, high and low ropes, flying fox, environmental studies and orienteering. We made a fire and did some bush cooking.

We made billy tea and damper.

On visitors' day on day six, the parents of students could come and visit and if your parents were not there you could do an activity with a group of your choice, and it may be an activity you had already done.

We got a book and lots of activities. You took the book

to all the activities and filled it in at night.

We had to dance with boys or girls!!! That was the least favourite activity.

The best was the disco night. We made up plays. Monai was a couch in a play and Hayley was a sailor. Ben had to tip water on another Ben, who was a camp leader. We had the concert on day four at night. Groups 1,2,3 and 4 did their plays and acts one night and groups 5,6,7,8 did them on another night.

At night time, you had an \$8 card to last all camp and you could buy some sweets or chocolates or camp merchandise. In the mornings there was room cleaning, hut inspection and then assembly.

While the cleaning was being done, one hut would go and practise a weather act to perform at the assembly. We went to the theatre and we sang songs.

It was a great camp and it did not feel like a week and two days. The kids were friendly and Hayley made a new BFF called Hayley.

Meanwhile back at school, we all got on with learning other stuff, like playing together.



Above: Boys Football Team  
Below: Girls Soccer Team  
Top Right: Leadership Day participants  
Middle Right: Mixed Netball Team  
Bottom Right: The Preps



# Hazelwood North Primary School

## Melbourne and Ballarat camp

On May 25, most of the Year 5 to 6 children were all waiting eagerly at the Morwell railway station for the train to arrive and escort us to the Southern Cross station.

At 11:30am the train stopped with a halt at the Southern Cross station, so we all grabbed our suitcases and backpacks ready for a big walk to our hotel (it was called Melbourne Discovery).

At Parliament House we split into two groups, the Grade 6's went into the House of Representatives (the green room), and the Grade 5's went into the Senate Chamber (the red room). A person who was showing us around got two volunteers to act as candidates and arguing/discussing topics. Russell Northe decided to pay us a visit in the House of Representatives.

When we got back to our hotel, we had dinner and set off on a walk to Eureka Sky Deck. We ventured back to our hotel, got our pyjamas on and went to have supper in the dining area. Then we went to bed.

Breakfast was at 7:00am!!! We all went in our pyjamas. For breakfast it was a variety of bacon, scrambled eggs, baked beans, toast and hash browns. Each table went off at a time and then we stuffed our faces full to keep us satisfied until lunch.

It seemed to take forever to walk to the Shrine of Remembrance but it took only an hour. Mr Twomey suggested that we run the 'Tan Track'. It's a track that is 3km!!! I was one of the silly ones who decide to run it. We got back and had lunch then off to the Old Melbourne

Gaol. The Old Melbourne Gaol was creepy. We stood under the post that Ned Kelly got hanged on and then we went free range all over the gaol.

We got back, had free time and then dinner was waiting so we went to eat. After our dinner was eaten, we put our pyjamas on, got our stashes of lollies and went to the bean bag cinema in our hotel. We watched 'Far from Home'. After we had packed up the cinema, we went to the dining room and had supper. Then we went to bed.

On Wednesday we got on the train and bus to go to Pax Hill. We dropped off our stuff, got our lunch and then went to Sovereign Hill. At Sovereign Hill we went gold panning, watched candy get made and went into the mine, then had dinner and went to the show

'Blood on the Southern Cross' before going to our camp and going to bed.

On Thursday we all ventured around our camp doing the scout activities that were already set up. There was a mine, billy carts, archery, confidence course and orienteering. That was all before lunch, so we had lunch after all our activities. We had dinner at 6:00pm and it was a fancy meal because it was our last night on camp. We had roast beef and vegies.

In the morning of Friday we got up at 8:00am when breakfast was being served. The boys had been up since 6:30am!!!!!! The girls got up and went in our pyjamas. After our bags were packed the teachers announced the winner of our room inspections..... It was the Grade 6 girls!!!!

When we were on the bus home we feasted on the last of our lollies, and some people tried to catch up on their sleep. This camp was one of the best camps ever!! I hope the Grade 4s get to experience this camp.

By Emma

## House Draughts Competition

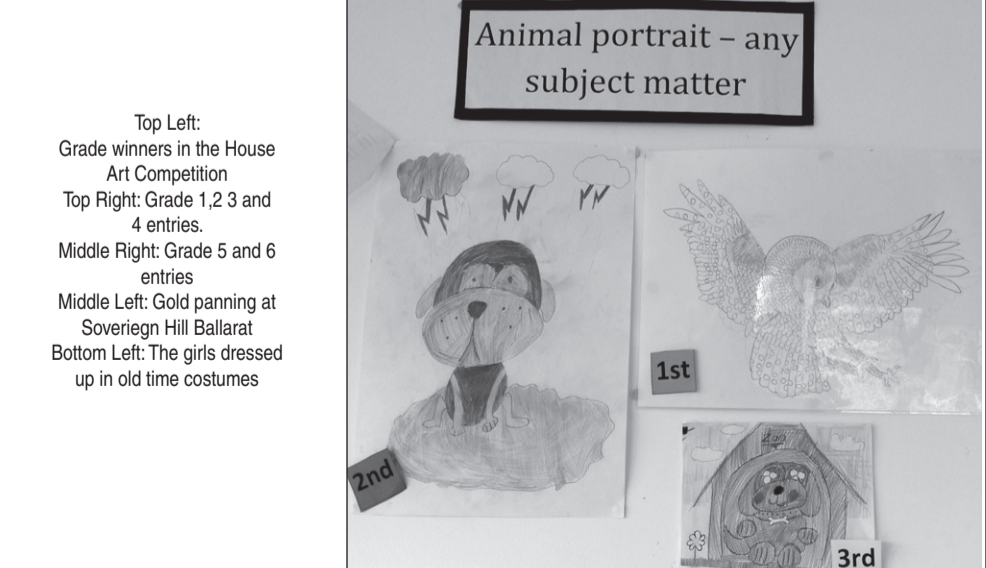
During term 2, students have had the opportunity to participate in Hazelwood North's first draughts competition. Students have had the opportunity to develop our school values of responsibility, collaboration and challenge over the duration of the competition.

On Monday at Assembly the House Draughts competition awards were announced. Well done to all of the students who received these awards. The overall winner was Red House. In

second place Yellow House, third place was Green House and fourth place went to Blue House. Well done to Corey Thorburn who was the overall winner of the competition with Lachlan O'Connor as the runner up.

## House Art Competition

Over the term, all students have been working hard at getting their entries ready for Hazelwood North's first House Art Competition. We had a judge from the Traralgon Arts Society who came and judged the winning entries. Green House was the overall winner, with Blue House in second place. In third place was Red House with Yellow House in fourth place. Students had the opportunity to challenge and collaborate with others.



Top Left: Grade winners in the House Art Competition  
Top Right: Grade 1,2 3 and 4 entries.  
Middle Right: Grade 5 and 6 entries  
Middle Left: Gold panning at Sovereign Hill Ballarat  
Bottom Left: The girls dressed up in old time costumes

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## The Hazelwood Churchill Past Players and Officials Annual Reunion

The Hazelwood Churchill Past Players and Officials had their annual reunion on Saturday June 13, celebrating



the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their 1965 Mid Gippsland Football League senior premiership. In those days the club played

as Hazelwood and wore the maroon jumper with white sash. Along with this they also celebrated their 1966 MGFL senior premiership as many of their players played in both teams. The night also featured the 1995 North Gippsland Football League thirds premiership side. This side played under the current colours of our club.

The Past Players and Officials were indeed fortunate to secure Barry Whitehead as their MC for the night. Barry is the best at what he does, and provided the night with plenty of memorable stories and humour around the events of these teams, their achievements and some of the

characters of that time.

The night was well attended by members of the '65, '66 and '95 teams, with around 120 Past Players and Officials in total. Members also came from Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and wider Victoria, a great effort by the members themselves and the Past Players and Officials in getting such a high level of interest. It was great to see these past players being joined at the function by many of the current day players after a resounding win against Glengarry in the North Gippsland Football League. President Kevin "Pedro" Neille said "Mingling of the old and new is what builds history and heritage in our Club and provides a huge boost in all aspects."

The Committee arranged the Social Rooms hall with specific tables reserved for the premiership teams recognising their premiership achievements. It was wonderful to see these guys all sitting together enjoying old friendships, telling old stories and reliving their heyday glories.

A highlight of the night was the presentation of

commemorative premiership medals to all '65 and '66 team members in attendance. In their day the league did not present a winning premiership medal so the current Past Players and Officials committee thought a fitting gesture would be to strike the medals for the occasion. The 65/66 Players and Officials filed out one by one to have their medals hung around their necks by Past Players and Officials President Kevin "Pedro" Neille. You could see the joy on their faces as they collected their medals; they were absolutely chuffed with the gesture. Some suggested they would even sleep that night with the medals still around their necks.

It was interesting to note that two of the players playing that day were grandchildren of the 65/66 premiership sides, Brad Knowles grandson of Lewis "Lou" Knowles and Luke Brereton grandson of John Brereton, captain and coach of the 65/66 teams.

The Past Players and Officials also struck "best on ground/court" medals for the day and presented them to the current day players. The senior's football best on ground went to Chris



Williams and best Senior A Grade Netballer went to Lauren Dear. This was also a very special moment as both these players had fathers who were playing legends and premiership players with our club.

The Past Players and Officials Committee would like to thank their

sponsors and congratulate all those involved in what was a wonderful and successful event and look forward to seeing each other again next year.

The Past Players and Officials also have a website [www.hcppo.com](http://www.hcppo.com) where you can view additional photos of the event.

## New Ladies Golf Committee

The Annual General Meeting of the Churchill & Monash Golf Club Ladies was held recently. The new committee consists of President Barb Beebe, Vice President Jan Blizzard, Captain Susan Jeffery, Vice Captain Maureen McConville, Handicapper

Carol Barnes, Secretary Jill Beck, and Heather Croft, Ann Hibbert, Margaret McQuillen and Jann Armstrong.

Ladies golf is held every Tuesday. We have fun along with exercise. If you would like to find out more details please contact Jill Beck on 5174 1005.



## Mid Gippsland Darts Association

SUMMER COMPETITION

GRAND FINAL WINNERS - YINNAR TIGERS



Grand Final winning team: Allan Larkin, Sharon Taylor, Mark Taylor, Joe DeMaria, Peter Campbell and Mike Bailey

Yinnar Tigers continued on their march to the finals defeating Traralgon Rebels 6-3, and Reapers 6-3 on the way.

The semi final saw Yinnar Tigers play Reapers for a chance to go through to the

Grand Final. Strong play on the night saw Yinnar Tigers the winners.

In the other semi final Motley Crew defeated Coyotez to set up a preliminary final with Reapers.

Motley Crew won the

preliminary final and played Yinnar Tigers for the Mid Gippsland Darts Association premiership.

The Grand Final was won by Yinnar Tigers 5-2. Congratulations Tigers on a well fought season!

## Soccer Talent Program

### Round 9 Update

All three teams came away with wins over Brighton recently, at Latrobe City Stadium. The Under 13s got the day off to a great start, defeating Brighton 3-1.

A strong attacking Brighton highlighted the talent of Goal Keeper, Blake Cornelis. Goal scorers were Adam Semple, Kai Beamer and Jesse Buhagiar.

A goal from Damon Scott

secured a 1-0 win to the Under 14s. The Under 16s ended the day on a high, easily accounting for Brighton 3-0. Their goal scorers were Lloyd King, Chris Oulten and Keegan Grealy.

## Churchill Tennis Club

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday August 19, at 7.30pm at the clubhouse, Manning Drive. Current and prospective members are invited to attend.

In addition to election of office bearers, discussion will be held on the forthcoming tennis season and number of teams to be entered

in both senior and junior competition. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to enquire about playing competition, please phone: Juniors - Sally Kirstine 0403 282 630, Seniors - Carol Scott 5183 6168.

The Club also has a Social Membership and enquiries can be made to Carol on 5183 6168. Social tennis is held on

a Monday at 1pm (varied in summer months) - enquiries again to Carol. Play is just organised on the day for those who can attend - if you have previously played and would like to enjoy tennis again, give Carol a call.

For any enquiries regarding coaching, you can contact Sally Kirstine on 0403 282 630. Keep fit - play tennis Elaine Andrijczak, Secretary



**Smoke alarms**

- Test and clean regularly.
- At least one on each level.
- One in every bedroom where someone sleeps with the door closed.

**Heaters**

- Install, maintain and operate according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Keep 1 metre clear space around.
- Turn off before going to bed or going out.

**Candles**

- Keep away from curtains.
- Always use on non-combustible surfaces.

**Chimneys and flues**

- Clean yearly.

**Bedroom**

- Never smoke in bed.

**Kitchen**

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep combustibles such as tea towels and curtains away from cooking and heat sources.
- Keep pot handles turned in.

**Electric blankets**

- Turn on no more than 30 minutes before bed. Turn off before you get into bed.
- Remove heavy items from bed when on.
- Keep flat with controls at the side of the bed.
- Regularly check for broken and worn wiring.

**Laundry**

- Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load.
- Let the dryer complete its cooldown cycle before stopping.

**Open fire place**

- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
- Put out fires before going to bed or going out.
- Keep 1 metre clear space around.

**Front door**

- Never deadlock doors when you're at home and keep keys in deadlock when home.
- Develop and practise your home fire escape plan – have two ways to escape each room and a designated safe meeting point outside your home, e.g. letterbox.

- Remember...**
- Supervise children near heating equipment.
  - Turn off electrical appliances at the power point when not in use.
  - Keep electrical appliances and equipment in good working order.
  - Replace damaged equipment e.g. power cords.
  - Don't overload power boards.
  - Have and know how to use your fire blanket and extinguisher.



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**Fires in the home**

We are all responsible for home fire safety.

House fires can start and take hold within seconds, so it's vital to pay attention. This means staying on the lookout for everyday risks such as cooking left unattended, or clothes left too close to a heater.

On average, there are 4,500 house fires in Victoria. Most could be prevented by taking simple precautions. Things you can do right now: Heaters, chimneys, electric blankets and clothes dryers can become a fire risk, particularly if they have been sitting unused for a period of time.

Book a licensed gas-fitter to check your gas heater.

Check chimneys, flues and fire boxes for cracks, rust and debris.

Check electric blankets for kinks in the wiring.

Clean the lint filter in your dryer (and continue to do this after every load).

Check appliances for visibly frayed or damaged wiring.

Complete the Home Fire Safety Checklist (<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/home-fire-safety-checklist/>) to see if you've done everything you can to protect you and your family.

Only working smoke alarms save lives.

You are 60% less likely to survive a house fire without a working smoke alarm.

When you are asleep you can't smell smoke. By law, every home must have at least one working smoke alarm – but the safest option is to install an alarm in every room where someone sleeps.

Get out, stay out and call Triple Zero (000).

Would your family know what to do if a fire started in

your home?

Prepare a home fire escape plan (<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/escape-plans/>) and practise escaping quickly and safely.

Does someone you know need your help?

Think about older relatives, neighbours, friends or adult children who've recently moved out of home.

Of people who died in a house fire over the last 10 years:

More than half did not have a working smoke alarm.

Two thirds were over 65 or had a disability.

Nearly two thirds lived alone.

Assist a loved one - check their smoke alarm, prepare an escape plan, and complete a home fire safety checklist.

- See more at: <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home/>

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If you have any questions, please contact Jodie on (03) 5174 2348.

**We hope to see you there!**



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## Library Friends



**Date Change for Library Friends**

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries voted on Wednesday evening to cancel their meeting in July so their next meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday August 26. This meeting will be in the

library at the Churchill Hub. All interested members of the community are encouraged to come along. Points for discussion will focus on organisation of the two day Book Sale in October. For further information contact Jill Beck on 5174 1005.

