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Wondering what the big red box is at the Fire Brigade grounds in Phillip Parade?

Churchill Fire Brigade has the use of a fire fighting module from Mobile Training Unit - Domestic and Volunteerism.

Long name but essentially it has a kitchen layout with stove and also a loungeroom setting with fireplace. Not your usual comfy home unit it is made out of stainless steel for training fire crews to fight house fires. The unit is set alight via gas bottles using a remote control handset that controls the intensity and has a cut off in case something goes wrong.

Local brigades as far as Newborough (part of the new District 27 Merton Group) have been making use of the modular unit this month and have gained valuable experience.

When Churchill Brigade used the unit they were given additional tasks including setting up a water supply from a street main to feed the initial turn out truck.

Churchill Brigade members gained valuable experience in working as a team, fighting home fires and delivering water in the correct way to extinguish a fire and also protecting themselves from heat and flame.

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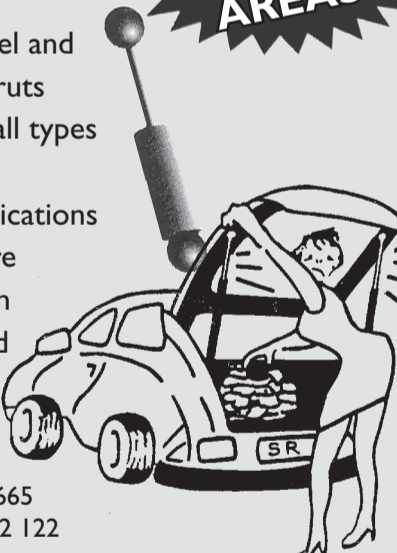
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Police warn community to be scam aware

Recently local police have received a number of calls from concerned members of the community in relation to phone calls they had received purporting to be from the Australian Taxation Office.

Leading Senior Constable Brett Godden, Victoria Police Community Liaison said "The premise of the call is that a person naming himself as Jacob Stanford contacts the victim stating that they owe the ATO an amount of money and if the amount is not paid immediately a warrant for their arrest will be issued.

He also adds that they can tell no one about the bill and that no one can assist them in

paying the bill. The amounts all seem to be around \$900."

The ATO is well aware of this scam and have said there is no Jacob Stanford working for them. Their own investigators are looking into it.

"We are asking the community to report the calls to ScamWatch via their website," said Leading Senior Constable Godden.

The ATO have advised that they will never ring anyone unannounced to retrieve monies.

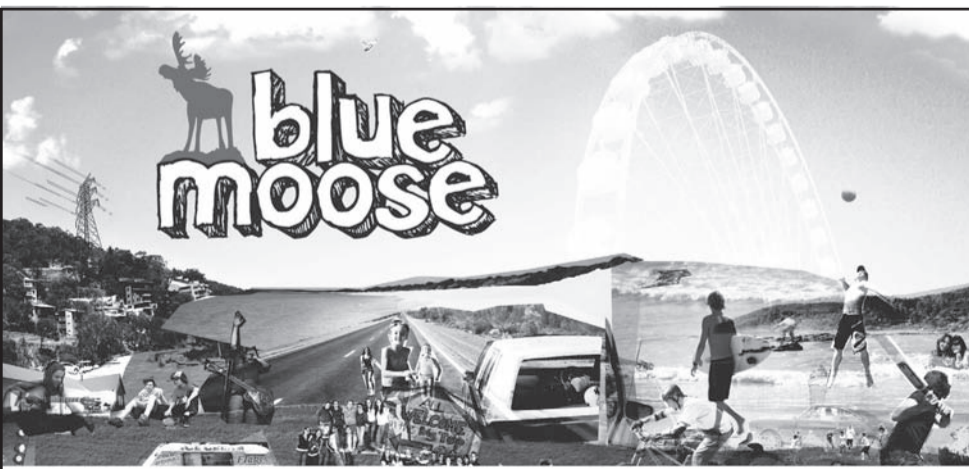
Police are also warning the community to be aware of travelling conmen who offer to do work at a residence for

a cheaper rate, and then do not do the work or do not complete the work.

This is a common occurrence over the past years when the warmer weather arrives and so called 'dodgy tradesmen' begin travelling throughout the state.

Police advise that if a workman attends at a residence unannounced offering services, then it is best to tell them you either do not want the work done, or to return in a few days' time to give you time to think about the work.

For more information about scams go to <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>



Want something to do this summer?

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Vale Derrick Grant



By Leo Billington and Ray Beebe

Former Churchill resident, Derrick Grant passed away on Sunday, November 22 after a 12 month battle with Motor Neurone Disease.

We knew Derrick through his long involvement in

Scouting. Leo was first introduced to Derrick when he was elected as a parent representative to the Hazelwood North Primary School Council.

During the late 1980's, local School Councils were immersed in discussions

trying to make sense of an Education Department focussed on amalgamating viable primary schools. Hazelwood North's School Council was heavily involved, determined not to have their school closed down.

As School Council Vice-President, Leo recalls that Derrick was Leo's "wise counsel" through those difficult and trying times.

With positive spirit, his calm, sensible, common sense approach to separate fact from fiction will always be remembered.

Derrick's contribution and support to that School Council was a key factor in keeping the school.

Others were obviously involved but Leo remembers how often Derrick was a willing participant.

Derrick was involved in Scouting when growing up in the Thornbury-Northcote area in Melbourne.

His dedicated commitment re-commenced when his son, Rowan, joined Scouts.

Derrick was awarded the 20 year Service Award in February 2013.

Two decades prior, he had joined Churchill Scouts as an Assistant Scout Leader with Ray.

Later he became the Scout Leader at Yinnar.

Scout Headquarters in Melbourne quickly realised Derrick's fine qualities in leadership and organisation.

In January 2006, Derrick was appointed Strzelecki Scout District Commissioner, holding this position for five years.

He was asked to become Assistant Region Commissioner (Scouts) Eastern Region in February 1999 after which he returned to Yinnar as Group Leader.

Derrick's service was recognised by the award of the Certificate of Merit in 2001, and in 2011, the Silver Wattle for "Outstanding service for at least 12 years".

In 20 years Derrick had achieved a great deal. Balancing this massive commitment to Scouting with family and work demands required skilled organisational abilities, tolerance, patience, time management, dedication and more.

Derrick had all these. This is what earned him widespread admiration and respect.

After finishing as District Commissioner, it was time for Derrick to spend more time with his family – wife Helen and children Meaghan, Rowan and Lauren and their respective families.

He transferred into the

Scout Fellowship.

He remained as a mentor to new Leaders in Scouting, a role which enabled him to pass on his wise counsel just as he did as a School Councillor.

In Scouting, there is one symbol that is universal. A dot surrounded by a larger circle means "End of Trail--Gone Home".

Many feel life itself is best described as a trail, for it has a beginning, and end, and many turns and bends along the way.

In the same way, this memory is dedicated to Derrick who reached the end of his trail, and has gone home.

Good-bye.

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2015/16 Churchill Businesses CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

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Advantage Pharmacy

Christmas Eve 8.30 am – 6.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
Sunday 28, Monday 29 Closed
New Year's Eve 8.30 am – 6.00 pm
New Year's Day Closed.

Churchill BBQ Chicken

Christmas Eve 10.30 am - 8.30 pm
Christmas Day 8.00 am - 1.30 pm
Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day Closed

Churchill Business Centre/ Mortgage Choice

Opening Hours 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Christmas Eve Open
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
New Year's Eve Open
New Year's Day Closed.

Churchill Chinese

Christmas Day Closed

Churchill Fish & Chip Shop

Normal hours 11.00 am - 8.30 pm
Christmas Eve 11.00 am - 8.00 pm
Boxing Day Closed
Christmas Day Closed
Re-open Wednesday, January 6.

Churchill Hot Bread Bakery

Closed 4.00 pm Christmas Eve
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
Sunday, December 27 Closed
New Year's Day Closed.

Churchill KFC

Christmas Eve 10.00 am till 10.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day 10.00 am – 9.00 pm

New Year's Eve 10.00 am – 9.00 pm
New Year's Day 10.00 am – 9.00 pm.
All other days 10.00 am - 10.00 pm

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Closed Friday December 11
Re-open Monday, January 11.
Classes resume
Wednesday January 27

Churchill Newsagency

Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day 7.00 am - 2.00 pm
Monday Public Holiday December 27 Closed
New Year's Day Closed.

Churchill Post Office

Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
Public Holiday Monday Closed
New Year's Eve Closed
New Year's Day Closed.
Saturday, January 2 Closed

Churchill Private Dental Clinic

Closed Monday December 21 re-open
Wednesday, January 18.
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Commonwealth Bank Churchill

Christmas Eve 9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
New Year's Eve 9.30 am - 4.00 pm
New Year's Day Closed.

Hazelwood Health Centre

Thursday, December 24
8.00 am – 5.30 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed

Monday, December 27 Closed
New Year's Eve
8.00 am - 5.30 pm
New Year's Day Closed

Kats Hair Design

Christmas Eve 10.00 am - 8.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Wednesday, December 30, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
Appointment only
New Year's Eve 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
Appointment only
New Year's Day Closed

Lifeline Op Shop

Closed 3.45 pm Friday, December 18
Re-open 9.30am Monday, January 11.

New Churchill Motors

Christmas Eve Last Day
Reopen Wednesday January 6

Pizza HQ

Christmas Eve 4.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
New Year's Eve Closed
New Year's Day Closed
Re-open Saturday, January 2.

Ritchie's IGA Churchill

Christmas Eve 8.00 am - 8.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day 9.00 am – 7.00 pm
New Year's Eve 8.00 am - 8.00 pm
New Year's Day 9.00 am – 7.00 pm
All other days open as normal.

Smart Saver

Christmas Eve 9.00 am – 6.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed

Boxing Day 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
New Year's Eve 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
New Year's Day Closed.

The Barber Shed

Christmas Eve Closed
Re-open Monday, January 11, 9.00 am.

Vintage C'hill Cafe

Christmas Eve 9.00 am - 3.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
Monday, December 28, Closed
New Year's Eve 9.00 am - 3.00 pm
New Year's Day Closed
Closed Monday, January 9 till
Friday, January 27.

Whistling Duck Cafe

Christmas Eve 7.00 am - 5.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
New Year's Eve Closed
New Year's Day Closed
Normal Hours Saturday January 2.

Woolworths Supermarket

Christmas Eve 7.00 am – 9.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day 8.00 am – 8.00 pm
New Year's Eve 7.00 am – 9.00 pm
New Year's Day 8.00 am – 9.00 pm

Zaniti Hair

Christmas Eve 9.00 am - 3.00 pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
New Year's Eve Closed
New Year's Day Closed
Re-open Monday, January 4.

ANZAC Centenary Garden opened at Lumen Christi

At Lumen Christi School, the students conducted a respectful, reverent ceremony as they dedicated their new ANZAC Centenary Garden on November 11, 2015.

Semester 2 School Captains Molly Sawyer and Courtney Howell, conducted proceedings. Hayden Naylor gave a welcome to country.

Molly and Courtney reminded those present of the significance of the 11th day of the 11th month. This is what they said:

“On this day ninety seven years ago the order was given to stop the gunfire, stop the fighting, end the war.

The word armistice comes from two Latin words - *sistere* - to stop and *arma* - meaning weapons.

For many years, the 11th day of November was known as Armistice Day, a special day set aside to remember and honour those who went to war. World War One was known as The Great War. Not great as in good, but great as in many. The many countries involved, the many soldiers who fought, the many people who died.

Today, the 11th of November, that is exactly what we are here to do. To remember.

Today, throughout Australia in cities, towns, hospitals and nursing homes, people are preparing their Remembrance Day activities.



It is an activity, not a festivity, for we are here not to rejoice. We are here to remember.

Here, in Australia, there is another day when we commemorate those who lost their life on the battlefield. For the battlefield claimed not only the dead but those whose life changed from simply being there. ANZAC Day.

From 1914 to 1918 The Great War raged across Europe claiming everything in its path.

From buildings that had stood for hundreds of years to men who had just learned how to stand up for themselves. April 25, 1915 is seared into the Australian memory.

The days before and after April 25, 1915 paint a picture of the carnage, despair and bravery that was repeated

throughout the continent.

Every year, here at school, we have recognised Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. All the school would attend the services in the Eco-Centre.

There, amongst the everyday equipment that is to be found in all schools, we would honour those who suffered in war. We did it well.

We did the best we could. But when you stop to think about it we hid ourselves away, in a darkened space. Now things have changed. Today marks the first ceremony performed in this, our ANZAC Garden.

The financial contribution from the Federal Government and the support of the R.S.L. to mark the centenary of ANZAC, has enabled the school to transform a bleak patch of grass into the rose

edged garden in front of you.

The plaque, in the granite slab, with new flagpoles and seating will also be part of this gift.

This ANZAC garden will be in use throughout the school year. It will be a place for reflecting, a place for thinking, a place for praying, a place for remembering.”

MP Russell Northe was asked to add his comments. He congratulated the school on having obtained the partnerships for funding of the garden. Russell reminded the assembly that our population was five million at the time and that 14,000 men had enlisted, many were killed with many wounded and impacted by the experience. It was a tragedy. “Remembrance Day is a time to stop, think and thank all who have contributed to

making our country the place it is. Your garden is a tribute to those who served,” he concluded.

A set of flags was then presented to the students who unfurled them for all to see. During this time “Advance Australian Fair” was sung.

Dom Ryan spoke on behalf of Catholic Education, saying that the garden and plaque offered the town and the school community a place to host commemorative services, reflect and recognise the service and sacrifice of others, especially those men and women who have served their country in times of war and conflict.

Dom acknowledged the hard work which had been needed to make the garden possible. He especially mentioned Bruce Jeffrey of the Morwell RSL for his part in making it happen.

Dom continued by asking all present to strive to work actively for justice, peace and love in all we do. He acknowledged that it is a challenge to strive for a better world, but that people should be an instrument of peace and stand up for what is right; confront hatred with bravery; forgive with sacrifice and not to give up hope, but rather trust that in and through God all is possible, most especially peace.

After Father Anthony blessed the garden with

Holy Water, the plaque was unveiled and floral tributes laid by officials and students in a solemn, respectful manner. During this time Peter Pooley and David Lees played “And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda.”

We pray for all those who have been affected by war, especially those men, women and families who were part of the First World War. We remember them today and pray that this garden will be a constant reminder for us of their service and sacrifice for our country. Amen”

Bruce Jeffrey of the Morwell RSL spoke. He thanked Darren Chester for his help in obtaining the grant for the school. He also commented that World War I was to be the war that ended all wars but this was not to be so as history shows, with Australian troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Bruce thanked Lumen Christi students for selling poppies, to support the welfare of the returned services personnel.

Then followed the Silent Tribute and the saying of ‘Lest We Forget’.

Principal Jo Brewer thanked everyone for their attendance, acknowledged Dave Cooper and his grant writing and all who had laboured to create the garden. This garden is a reminder of what others do for us she concluded.

LATROBE CITY COUNCILLORS & STAFF EXTEND

Season's Greetings



Churchill Hub opening and closing times for the 2015/16 Christmas and New Year period.

Council Service Centres & Libraries

will close at 12noon on Thursday 24 December, 2015 and reopen at 8:30am on Monday 4 January, 2016.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

will close Wednesday 23 December, 2015 and reopen with limited hours 10am-3pm on Monday 11 January to Wednesday 13 January, 2015. Normal hours resume on Monday 18 January, 2015.

Pooh Corner Childcare Centre

will close from 5.30pm on Tuesday 22 December, 2015 and reopen at 6.30am on Monday 11 January, 2016.

Churchill Hub Preschool

will close on Friday 18 December, 2015 and reopen on Wednesday 27 January, 2016.

Maternal & Child Health Services

will close 12 noon on Thursday 24 December, 2015 and reopen at 8.30am on Monday 4 January, 2016.

During this period, Churchill MCH clients can ring the central booking line on 5128 6128 or 0409 141 169 for appointments or home visits on Tuesday 29 December and Wednesday 30 December, 2015.

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS



Junior FISHING COMPETITION

Saturday, November 7, 2015



Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition

One hundred and one eager anglers came to Lake Hyland in Mathison Park to try their luck at catching a fish and winning a prize on Saturday November 7.

Churchill children topped the numbers but others came from Morwell, Traralgon, Gormandale, Sale, Yinnar, Moe, Hazelwood South and North, Hernes Oak, Toongabbie and Jeeralang.

Unfortunately the weather was not as pleasant as it could have been and drizzly rain put a dampener on the situation and

probably on some parents' enthusiasm.

The lake was stocked with 300 fish we were told, and some 16 were caught on the day. Also caught were three eels, a tortoise and a lot of sticks and the odd can.

We wish to thank our sponsors and supporters without whom we would not be able to run this event at such a low cost to participants.

Latrobe City Council contributes funds through their community grants program. HVP paid for the cost of having Red Cross present in case of accidents, Relationship Australia supplied items for the showbags,

a shade and advertising revenue, as well as attending on the day with giveaways. Latrobe City Council also supplies walkie talkies, witches hats and barriers, plus safety vests. We are indeed grateful for this ongoing sponsorship and how it helps us to provide the Junior Fishing Competition each year, enabling us to run a safe and happy event.

The Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning - Fisheries had stocked the lake the previous Wednesday, so there were plenty of fish to catch. We also had Mick and his education materials

on site for a time. Mick is very happy to give out information and help with fishing needs. Our thanks go to Mick and DEWLP for that commitment each year.

All children who registered for only \$2.50 were supplied with a sausage in bread, with onion if desired, plus a drink. They also donated money for prizes. Thanks go to the Lions Club for their willing annual sponsorship of this event, and our other activities. Their support is invaluable.

Peter Gray of AMPWORKS was our continued overleaf . . .

MC for the day. Each year he donates his time and equipment. Peter enjoys being our MC for us each year. He also acted as caller and presenter of prizes. Thanks Peter.

ProRent donates the cost of hiring a toilet each year. They also deliver and collect the toilet for no cost. Thank you to the team at ProRent. Your generosity is appreciated by the competitors and families.

Each year we supply a showbag of goodies for each competitor. Gippsland Water DEWLP Fisheries, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, who provided the bags all contributed as well, and Relationship Victoria Australia (RAV). Thanks all, for your special support in this provision.

A letterbox drop in Churchill and to local schools etc of an information leaflet is made possible by the generosity of Gippsland Trade Printers, right here in Churchill, for the printing, free of charge. Delivery was done by the Churchill Scouts. Thanks to GTP and Churchill Scouts for this mammoth task.

Tackle World in Morwell and RAV provided some prizes at discount prices, which meant we had lots of door prizes to distribute.

Valley Trophy Centre again provided the medals for the first, second and third prize winners in each age group.

Gippsland Trades and Labour Council supported us with photocopying of tickets, meal vouchers and Volunteer booklets, which is very convenient and so helpful.

Mathison Park Development Committee ensures the park is mowed, tree roots are sprayed and the area is cleaned and tidy. Thank you committee members for that preparation effort, which makes our job so much easier.

The Co-Operating Churches supply tables and chairs for the volunteers as well as their encouragement.

Thank you too to Barry and Thelma Hicks who love to attend and help with the day, either helping inexperienced anglers prepare a rod, rescue a snagged line or help with the weigh in. It is always lovely to have their cheerful smiles and helpful ways.

This year we say a special thank you to Tracey Burr who has been our co-ordinator now for about 6 years. She has retired from this task. Thank you Tracey for all you have done to ensure this special event in Churchill has been organised for those years.

Thanks also go to the team who support Tracey and make sure the day runs smoothly.

WINNERS

4 - 8 years

- 1st Sienna Martin total 562 g
- 2nd Lauren Lazzarotto 294 gms
- 3rd Allira Richardson 223 gms

9 - 12 years

- 1st Jesse Selwyn 217 gms
- 2nd Kaleb Chapman 134 gms
- 3rd Joel Tactor 100 gms

Mystery weight (355 gms)

- Lauren Lazzarotto 294 gms

Unusual Object

- Allira Richardson - eel







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Gumleaf Quilters

The Gumleaf Quilters share their varied talents

The Gumleaf Quilters of Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, with help from the folks at Coinda Hill, were daunted but excited to be invited to be part of the Gippsland groups invited to present the Christmas exhibition at the Johnston Collection in East Melbourne.

The Johnston Collection is a museum of fine and decorative art in East Melbourne, Victoria.

William Robert Johnston (1911-1986) was an antique dealer and collector of beautiful objects that were unusual and attractive. He had a knack of arranging them to bring out their best features.

A gift of an 1811 Minton cup from his grandmother when he was eight, began his lifelong interest. This cup is still part of the collection.

William was born in Lilydale in 1911. His father was a boot maker. William left school at 14 and worked as a window dresser for Buckley and Nunn.

After the Second World War, which impacted gravely on the landed gentry, William travelled to Britain. There he visited English country

to the public after his death, allowing even more people to enjoy his possessions.

A Charitable Trust was drafted to become effective after his death. Johnston suffered a fatal heart attack in India in 1986. He was buried in Lilydale following a Catholic ceremony.

The W R Johnston Trust was established in 1986 to preserve and develop this unique Collection and it is administered as an independent not-for-profit museum.

The Collection is displayed in a domestic setting within Fairhall, without labels, ropes or barriers. All visitors are conducted through the house by volunteer guides. There is an established tradition of re-dressing and decorating Fairhall, initiated by Johnston himself.

This includes a tradition of decorating Fairhall for Christmas. The first decorations date back to 1991. The title of the current Christmas display 'Joyful and Triumphant' is taken from the well loved Christmas Carol, 'Oh come all ye faithful'.

This was opened on November 5, and features the work of talented makers from

Arts Gippsland East (PAGE), Primary Patchworkers of Sale, Riviera Quilters, Sale Lacemakers, the Bond Family, the Cake Decorators Association of Victoria, the Embroiderers Guild, Victoria (Leongatha Country Group), Latrobe Embroiderers Group, the Woolly Yarns / the East Gippsland Wool and Craft Group Inc., Bbaandit Yarners, and individual artists. These

working kitchen with food prepared and just ready to eat and be sent to the dining room. They felt this gave them freedom to have fun with their creativity.

All the groups were required to meet together each two months to present their work up to that period for approval and/or suggestions for change. These very creative ladies used many



groups are drawn from the six municipalities of Gippsland.

All the decorations are inspired by The Johnston Collection and must relate in some way to the history and life of William Johnston,

craft skills to complete their items and felt they did an excellent job. "Seeing it displayed altogether made us proud of everyone's efforts. We can hold our heads up high as we have brought the country town of Churchill to the fore through showcasing our creativity," said Jean and Lorraine. "We have had a lot of fun doing it and feel privileged that we were asked to participate," they added. "We have had many positive comments on our work," they enthusiastically reported.

Cooinda Hill is an Adult Respite Service for people living with a disability, which has been associated with the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for many years. They also were asked to contribute through one of the Gumleaf members, who is a staff member with that organisation.

With team leader, Jean Baudendistel, and contributors Lorraine Andrew, Anne Boothman, Jean Baudendistel, Dianne Bishop, Brenda Cheetham, Barbara Cheetham, George



Cheetham, Anne Crawford, Helen Fawcett, Barbara George, David Goldsworthy, Kath Gibson, Margaret Goodwin, Bronwyn Hall, Helene Hunt, Debbie Hannam, Bev Jacobs, Jessica Koolen, Heather O'Conner, Isabel Piper, Malcolm Thompson, Ann Vernon along with Coinda Hill Association for Intellectually Disabled Inc and team leaders: Helen Fawcett, Catherine R and contributors Melissa H, Larry H, Adam J, Linda J, Patricia M, Peter W, Richard W, the group

created a marvellous display of skill variety to foster an atmosphere of joy and celebration and sheer wonder at the creativity employed.

The exhibition will be on show from November 5 which was the official opening, to February 23, 2016. Then all the exhibits will be taken to Latrobe Regional Gallery in Morwell for display there. This will be worth a look and will show you just how talented our Gippslanders are, but particularly how inspiring our own Gumleaf Quilters and friends are.



houses whose occupants were happy to sell their antiques. William Johnston shipped antiques back to Australia in container loads.

In 1952 he purchased Cadzow, a Victorian terrace house in East Melbourne, constructed in 1860, which he renamed Fairhall. He continued to travel between England and Australia for the next 20 years, including visits to India, Egypt, and Tunisia where he also purchased antiques that he exported back to Melbourne for sale.

As a successful antique dealer with shops in England and the Melbourne suburb of Armadale, he decided after his first heart attack in 1972, and with his health deteriorating, that he wanted to leave most of his vast collection

the Gippsland region.

Working collaboratively with Creative Gippsland, a regional arts initiative, participants include Paper Arts Gippsland East, Fusion

an item or element in the Collection or the Christmas story and its celebration.

The groups were invited to view last year's display and then choose a room which



FAN Inc., Gum Leaf Quilters / Churchill Neighbourhood Centre including some of the Cooinda Hill residents, Paper

they wanted to decorate. The Gumleaf Quilters chose the kitchen and kitchen lobby. They wanted to represent a

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A Churchill & District History Series
Looking Back...
 ...through the eyes of local residents



Churchill Cricket Club From Humble Beginnings...



Churchill's Life Members:

Back Row L-R: Graham Harvey, John Webb, Mick Debono, Ash Bolton, Wayne Reynolds, Peter Kearns
 Front Row L-R: Craig Flanigan, George Cain, Fred Debono, Herb Kennedy, Col Wells, Rick White
 Not shown: Jim Milkins (dec), Rino Metlikovec, Deb Brighton

Abridged and edited from Jason Shields' 25 year history of the Churchill Cricket Club

Churchill Cricket Club founders Col Wells and Herb Kennedy, must have wondered what they had got themselves into after their newly established club slumped to four successive outright losses from the first four matches it ever played.

It was season 1973/74 and the club boasted just one team – a B Grade side that was entered into the Central Gippsland Cricket Association. It was considered somewhat of a laughing stock in local cricketing circles. After all it had only been formed to suit the needs of a couple of blokes wanting to play cricket in their home town, and didn't even have a ground to call its own.

Now, some 25 years later, that laughing stock of a club called Churchill has developed into arguably one of the strongest in Gippsland. It has a proud history of premierships success and a long list of top cricketing names.

The Churchill Cricket Club was actually founded during 1972/73 when Kennedy and Wells, both long-time Churchill residents, placed an advertisement in the Churchill News calling for expressions of interest from prospective players from within the town.

A meeting was held in the Housing Commission offices at the top of the Churchill Shopping Centre shortly after, where it was decided that the concept of forming a cricket team in Churchill had merit. A committee was formed and Jim Brick was elected the inaugural President.

Unfortunately, the new club could not find a suitable ground in 1972/73 and had to wait until the following season before it could enter itself in the CGCA.

Churchill was thrashed outright in its first four matches, and it wasn't until Round 12 before the club finally broke through for its first win. It was a historic match in many respects for Churchill, as Graham Jarvie also became the club's first

century maker with a match-winning knock of 120 not out.

Churchill continued to improve as the season progressed, finishing the summer with a creditable four wins.

In 1974/75, Churchill added a C Grade and junior team to its ranks and actually made the finals in B Grade.

The rapid growth of the CGCA's newest club continued the following season when Churchill decided to take the plunge and enter itself into the A Grade competition. That move actually came about after the club heard word that the Churchill Football Club was considering a move to enter an A Grade team into the CGCA.

Col Wells and other committee members began to search for some of the Latrobe Valley's best cricketers to ensure that the club's venture into the top flight at least be competitive. Within days, Churchill had secured the services of top Morwell all-rounder Fred Debono, who became the club's first A

grade captain.

Another big name to join the ranks was Val Popov, who would go on to play 81 games for the club, making 2,030 runs at an average of 31.72. He also claimed 161 wickets. Popov eventually left the club to play with other teams in the Traralgon and District Cricket Association, but Debono always stayed and has since clocked up nearly 300 games for the Cobras.

His record speaks for itself. By the end of the 1997/98 season, Debono had made 5,078 runs for Churchill and taken 288 wickets.

A big moment in Churchill's history came in that 1975/76 season, as the club took out its first premierships, the C Grade flag against Morwell East. Churchill needed to win outright in the last round to make the finals, but with all games being played under one day conditions, the odds of it happening seemed huge.

Amazingly, the C Grade boys managed to win outright in just one day and then powered through both the

semi-final and Grand Final to take out the premierships.

Churchill continued to get stronger in the ensuing years after that first premierships win, culminating in A grade winning its first flag in 1978/79.

The Grand Final was played against the Morwell Tigers Cricket Club. Churchill, which had beaten Newborough in the semi-final, batted first and got off to a terrible start before the ship was steadied by Eric White and Val Popov.

The pair joined together at 3/15 and then took the score to 120 before Popov was dismissed for 45. White finished with 59 as Churchill reached a total of 9/159. In reply, Morwell Tigers collapsed to be 8/45 before a late rally helped the Tigers to a respectable 120.

A New Era

In 1982/83, Churchill decided to sever its ties with the Churchill Football Club after a dispute over rental of its social facilities. The club was also not permitted to install a turf wicket at

Gaskin Park, so had to look elsewhere for a new home. Churchill was left with the option of either moving to the oval in Glendonald Estate or establishing an oval on the land at Andrews Park.

It chose the latter and, with the support from the then City of Morwell, built a ground with social rooms at Andrews Park. A turf wicket square of five wickets was installed and the club won its first match on the ground against the Morwell Tigers.

Andrews Park is now renowned as being one of the finest grounds in Gippsland cricket, with a turf wicket square the envy of any club.

While Churchill remained a power in the CGCA, it decided to seek affiliation with the neighbouring Traralgon and District Cricket Association in 1984/85 in a bid to play two day cricket. At that point in time, the CGCA had a policy to only play one day matches and Churchill felt for the betterment of its players it should go elsewhere to play the two day game.



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Churchill Cricket Club From Humble Beginnings...



Churchill's most recent A Grade Premiership in 2009/10.

The move paid immediate dividends, with Churchill taking out the A Grade premiership in its first season in the Traralgon league against Centrals with Rick White, who made 28 not out with the bat and claimed 4/13, picking up Man of the Match honours for Churchill.

Andrews Park

In the early days, the Andrews Park turf was curated by life member John Webb, but since Webb's departure, George Cain has taken over as head curator at the club and provided excellent service to Churchill. At the club's 21st anniversary celebrations, Cain was awarded a life membership, evoking an emotional speech from one of Churchill's hardest workers.

The Andrews Park ground has, for many years, been regarded as among the best in Gippsland cricket, regularly hosting representative matches and finals for the Traralgon association as well as Victorian Premier Cricket matches. They also hosted a special event for the Barmy Army Colts XI against a Gippsland Under 21 representative team, on a recent Ashes tour of Australia.

Cain's willingness to learn more about the art of curating has helped the turf wicket develop into a "belter," offering a bit for the bowlers early and plenty of runs for those batsmen willing to stick it out until after tea.

At the club's 40th Anniversary celebrations, with the permission of Latrobe City, a sign was prepared recognising the ground as "George Cain Oval at Andrews Park." This

denomination is applied throughout the Traralgon and District Cricket Association and celebrates the tireless efforts of George over many years. George was so taken aback at the unveiling of the sign that it was very nearly changed to the George Cain "Memorial" Oval!

Life Members

Life memberships at Churchill are as they say, as scarce as hen's teeth and are presented to only the most deserving characters. While other clubs may give them out to those who have worked or played for five or so years, those at Churchill to receive the honour have usually had to put in at least a 15 year stint.

The first inclusions on the life members board at Andrews Park were naturally the club's founders Herb Kennedy and Col Wells, who were willing to go out on a limb and start up a cricket club in Churchill back in 1972/73. Their initiative paved the way for "Churchillians" to play cricket in their home town and, after working through a few lean years, helped build the Cobras into a proud and successful club.

The others to be included on the list of life members at Churchill are John Webb, Fred Debono, Jim Milkins, George Cain, Graham Harvey, Ash Bolton, Rick White, Peter Kearns, Craig Flanigan, Mick Debono, Wayne Reynolds, Rino Metlikovec and Deb Brighton.

Churchill, like most

sporting clubs, relies on the work of volunteers to run successfully, and has been fortunate to have many people put up their hands over the first 43 years. Some of those people are still to be recognised for their contributions, but if a life membership does eventually come their way at Churchill, it is sure to rate up there with their very highest achievements.

Born To Be Fast

Former A Grade player Mark Answerth could, as well as anyone, remember just how dangerous the Churchill bowling attack could be during the 1980's. Facing a young and fit Ashley Bolton in the nets at training one night, Answerth was struck in the arm avoiding a Bolton bouncer and had to spend the rest of the season on the sidelines with a bad fracture.

While Bolton will never

look back on the moment with pride, he will remember it as a time when he and two other emerging pacemen, Peter Kearns and Rob Kokshoorn had the reputation for being among the most feared bowlers in Gippsland cricket.

Churchill won the A Grade premiership in its first season of Traralgon and District cricket with those three players as its strike bowlers. Suffice to say that not many teams were able to make big scores when they came up against Churchill during that period.

In fact, throughout its entire history, Churchill has always been blessed with great fast bowlers, from the likes of the two Kokshoorn brothers, Rob and Mick, to quickies the calibre of Bolton, Ian Miles, Hughie Tate, Craig Flanigan, Kearns and Shane Dunn.

Of that elite bunch, Kearns has been the obvious standout over a career spanning "many, many years." In 308 games for Churchill, Kearns claimed 564 scalps at an average of 13.69.

1996/97 may have been his finest season. That year, Churchill went through undefeated in A Grade before losing the Grand Final to Ex-Students. Kearns returned a remarkable bowling average of 9.25 for the summer.

Wielding the Willow

Scoring more than 500 A Grade runs in a season is no mean feat and Churchill has been blessed to have had seven players achieve this milestone on eleven occasions. John Keighran has reached the mark three times with Val Popov and Justin Edwards each passing 500

runs twice.

2000/01 was a forgettable year for Churchill's tail-enders as they rarely saw time in the middle. In that year both Justin Edwards (510 Runs) and Lee Farley (507 Runs) opened the batting and frustrated opposition bowlers, setting their team up for a big score on numerous occasions.

For 31 years George Card stood alone at the top of Churchill's season aggregate list, the only player to score more than 600 A Grade runs (618 to be precise) in a season. However, in 2013/14 a new record was set when Ben Kearns displayed his remarkable natural abilities in compiling 679 runs for the season to ensure his place among Churchill's batting elite.

Churchill is fortunate to have retained records of every game from every season played and so an accurate list exists of all players that have pulled on the whites for Churchill - whether it be 466 times and counting (as it is with club stalwart Graham Harvey) or even those who perhaps filled in for one game. At the close of the 2014/15 season, two players had surpassed the staggering figure of 7,000 club runs. Craig Flanigan heads the list with 7,229 runs and Graham Harvey has 7,174 runs over long and successful careers. Both are still playing and can be found among the leading run scorers of this year's B Grade side.

The McGrath Foundation

Pink Stumps Day is an annual event that raises much-needed funds to support breast cancer nurses throughout rural and regional Australia. It was Jane McGrath's wish that every person suffering from breast cancer, anywhere

in Australia, had access to someone specifically trained to help explain the disease and the treatment process and to ease the heavy burden by supporting the patient on their journey. Jane's husband, former Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath, has continued Jane's legacy in the success of the McGrath Foundation.

Churchill Cricket Club supported Pink Stumps Day with fervour in 2011 and the Churchill community rallied to the cause, raising over \$10,000. No other cricket club in Australia raised more money than Churchill that year, and the McGrath Foundation recognised these efforts by presenting the club with a signed cricket bat of the Australian Test team. The following year saw involvement from the Churchill Football Netball Club as well as the Churchill Soccer Club and Churchill Golf Club for a total in excess of \$12,000, good for third best Australia wide.

The Future of the Churchill Cricket Club

Junior cricket is the foundation of any successful club. Churchill has seen several generations of top players come through the junior ranks to perform at the highest levels of local cricket.

The club is greatly appreciative of those players and supporters who take time out of their busy week to spend coaching and mentoring junior players.

On-field success is just one aspect of playing junior cricket. The priority should always be the great benefits of healthy outdoor exercise and the enjoyment of participation in team sport.



Churchill A Grade side: Pink Stumps Day 2011

Vale Bert Penco

Bert Penco (1930-2015) was an esteemed member of the Churchill Fire Brigade. His death was sadly received by the members. Captain Steve Barling arranged to have a memorial service at the station on Sunday November 29 at 11am to celebrate his life and honour his name and service to the community.

Members of Churchill Brigade hosted the occasion with Bert's family and friends, members of other local brigades and representatives of the Morwell Bowling Club and the Churchill Men's Shed, both of which Bert was a popular member.

CFA Chaplain Shirley Millard, began proceedings by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming to honour Bert, a member of Churchill CFA for 25 years.

Bert's son Robert thanked those present for the opportunity to gather and honour Bert. He described his dad as a person who gave anyone his time and energy and shared his skills to help. Robert referred to some social media posts he had received about Bert. "He would volunteer and if asked would help." "He was the maintenance man of the brigade and did far more than others knew."

Robert said Bert's fire fighting experience went further back than his time at Churchill, belonging to the Yallourn North Brigade for a time and fighting fires with bashers.

Steve Barling Captain of the Churchill Brigade, shared some excerpts from the Looking Back Oral History Book produced by Churchill & District News, about Bert's life

and the tough times he had faced over the years.

In 1987, Bert decided to join the Churchill Fire Brigade, after investigating what was required. The station, an old tin shed, was located on the corner of Wattle Crescent adjacent to Switchback Road. He turned out to fires and was also a handy man around the station.

He had a big hand in the internal design and build for our very first Salvage vehicle, an old MFB Hose Layer we bought at auction without CFA approval. It was already about 30 years old at the time we got it, but it served us well for many years. It was fitted out with a lot of gear, a generator, a big fan for ventilating buildings, many ropes, spare hoses, and of course, the portable urn which was always one of the very first things turned on when the Salvage arrived at a job.

Bert was very proud of his role in the brigade, and one of the photos shows him proudly in his uniform standing beside the Salvage which he and Ronny Bennett often used to bring along because they always missed getting on the fire truck.

Bert being so good with his hands, helped with so many other things. The mounting of our pump into our 4WD ute, and then when we transformed that into a trailer pump. He repaired hoses, he sharpened tools, he built things, he winched things, he showed us how to tie knots, and he climbed ladders like a monkey.

For all his good work and commitment to the many brigade activities, Bert was awarded the Brigade's Firefighter of the Year in 1992.



Bert retired in 1996 when he turned 66 from the then, nice new modern fire station, here in Phillip Parade.

Eventually the rules changed, and Bert was again convinced to rejoin the brigade in February 2009. He had long been missing being able to make a contribution, and was very happy when advised that the restriction had been removed. Although unable to be an active firefighter, he still very much enjoyed being in charge of the workshop and the many little tasks we had for him around the station.

There are many examples around us of Bert's skill with wood. Up on the walls are some of the old implements that firemen used in days gone by which have been mounted by Bert. There is the old CFA sign from the fire station up on Switchback Road, the mounted wood saw, and around us the framing and woodwork upon which our turnout gear is stored.

Steve said one of his best memories of Bert was when in 2014, the Brigade awarded Bert Life Membership and of how proud and

pleased Bert had been about that honour. Bert has been a great friend to many of us who have been in the fire brigade, and we will deeply miss him. Rest in peace old friend.

Darrell White in representing those present from the Morwell Bowling Club said bowling was an important part of Bert's life for ten years. He loved to play lawn and carpet bowls. He was a great asset to the club, a community minded citizen, not forward, but quietly doing; a person who fitted in making friends and helping.

Darrell commented that his family was indeed fortunate to have such a father. Bert's remarkable life and experience, his 40 years of service at the SEC showed he was a classic example of the people who came from overseas from harrowing circumstances to settle in Australia and make a valuable contribution.

Bert had a great philosophy on life: "Do not judge people from the outside but look below the surface. There is good in everyone."

Darrell concluded by saying "Rest in Peace. Gone but not forgotten."

Steve from the Men's Shed spoke saying he had known Bert only a few years but what a man he was. "He could put his hands to anything. His hands were his degree. Bert would help and offer a suggestion, never saying it should be done that way, but leaving it up to you to try. He was a great advisor. Bert's turning work was magnificent- very fine.

Rest in Peace. We will always remember you."

Chris from across the street where Bert lived described Bert as a decent and honest bloke. "We shared an interest in motorbikes and Bert was able to give me lots of tips on how to do something. I was impressed by his humour too. I admired the way he walked - straight and firm. A good man."

Chaplain Shirley rounded off proceedings by saying some words adapted from 'Hope The Deeper Longing of the Mind and Heart' by Dr. Francis McNab.

We thank you for his life lived out in many places;

For his life, that touched and affected many people.

For all he was as a caring, giving, friendly and loving person;

For all he was, as an encouragement of others;

As a supporter of others, as a worker in causes that affected others,

And that helped to make a better world.

For all he was, as a father, grandfather, father in law, as a mate, as a volunteer and community person, with his kind and good presence;

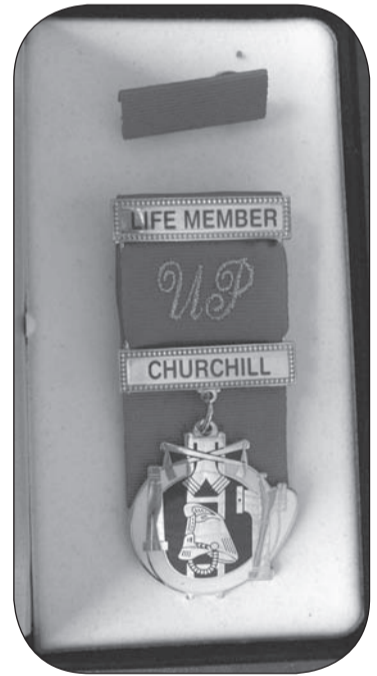
For all life's strengths and life's courage, for life's testings and life's triumphs.

In all our anxious times, in all of the tensions of our life, help us to find that anchor for our lives that will give us hope. Help us to be steady.

Now help us to gather all our good memories, our gratitude and hopes together, give us the encouragement so to live, that our journey too may be accepted and blessed as we all say thank you for his life.

He is survived by his two sons Chris and Robert and, Roberts's wife and two children. Bert will be sadly missed by the many whose paths he crossed and with whom he shared his life and skills.

Captain Steve then again thanked all for their attendance and invited them to share in refreshments.



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CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Lions Club Citizen Awards 2016

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

The event has proven very popular in recent years.

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

and we ask that residents again nominate candidates.

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

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

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions

Club of Churchill and District Inc. at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on January 26, 2016.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2016.

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**Closing Date:
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The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on January 26, 2016.

Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible.

The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no

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Citizen of the Year Award

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

Must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2016

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Private Address:
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Occupation: Private Telephone Number:

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The person is being nominated for contributions to the community in:

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Additional material may be attached if desired.

Past and present membership of community/sporting/professional bodies, etc:

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Other significant contributions and achievements:

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Churchill Lions Club



to some great music, have a bite to eat, pick up a bargain or that Christmas present for someone special.

November and December are always busy for the Club with many catering jobs. Recently the Club catered at the Churchill News Junior Fishing Competition and unfortunately the weather was not the best on the day, but enjoyed by all that were there.

The Club assisted the Moe Lions Club at the Moe Bonfire Night, catered at the Morwell Immigration Park Opening Day function, the GBS Recruitment Golf Day at the Traralgon golf course, the Happiness Cycle Event held at Morwell Kermot Hall where over 600 bikes were given away to local children, Hazelwood Power Station Social Club Picnic and at the Churchill Leisure Centre basketball competition to fund

raise for the Churchill Junior Basketball Association. The Club is also financially supporting the McCusker Alzheimer Research Foundation, Prostate Cancer research, the Flying Doctor Service just to name a few charities we supported this month.

Along with catering, members were also kept busy at Licola Wilderness camp where the Club has been very busy painting and recarpeting the house it sponsors at the Licola village.

Gumboots – Churchill Festival



We need gumboots for the 2016 Churchill Community Festival in March.

Activities on the day will include gumboot painting,

gumboot throwing and finally gumboot planting.

Old gumboots can be dropped off at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (inside

the Churchill Community Hub). For more information about the festival call the Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2955.

Early morning wet and windy weather conditions spoiled the Lions Club Community market held on November 21 in the Churchill Hotel Carpark. The weather caused some stall holders to cancel and stay away, but the weather did improve as the day went on. Although not the best of days for our market and stall holders, those that did come had a good day.

The next market will be on Saturday December 19. This will be a special Christmas market, as well as having over 45 stalls selling a variety of goods from fresh vegetables, eggs, preservatives, plants, locally made arts and crafts and having a variety of delicious hot foods.

Santa will be there for the kids, also they will be able to post a letter to Santa at his special post box at the market. All letters sent will be replied to by Santa.

There will also be a jumping castle and face painting for the kids. There will be some new stall holders at the market which continues to grow.

Our aim is to provide Churchill with a great market that is a community event where Churchill people and families meet, chat, listen

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Kurnai College University Campus

Headstart.

The last two weeks of term 4 are what is termed Headstart. The students begin their 2016 curriculum, so that when the new year begins, they have had a chance to taste and sample the subjects they have chosen and make changes if necessary. Teachers have the opportunity to set holiday homework and the class has the chance to settle

in, making the start next year smooth.

The holiday homework is essential especially for Year 12 VCE students, because reading of novels can be done in preparation for the work next year.

Headstart also assists with attendance for the last two weeks of term and provides the students with a positive use of the time after exams.

Graduation Dinner

The annual graduation dinner was held at the premier Function Centre in Traralgon. Nearly all the Year 12s and their parents were able to attend.

Every student was presented with a graduation certificate by the principals. The evening included dinner and dancing long into the night. It was a pleasant and

relaxed way to end 2015 for the Year 12s who were looking forward to their exam results on December 14. It was good to catch up with so many of the students and parents in a social setting who had spent significant time at the Kurnai campuses.

The college wishes all students the very best in their exams and wishes them all the best for the future.

Year 11 Exams

The Year 11 exams began on Friday November 20 and finished on Thursday 26.

The students and staff feel these exams are a valuable experience in preparation for Year 12. It gives the students an insight into what is required in the Year 12 exams context. This includes materials able to be brought into the exams, plus conduct

and standards required.

Staff report that attendance has been excellent and results look promising. The students have taken advantage of extra study on Wednesday afternoons when they had the opportunity to polish their skills and catch up with teachers. Exam lengths are one and half hours for all except English which is two hours.



Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary School provides a unique teaching and learning environment.

Small class sizes allows for individualized teaching. High expectations mean that every student is encouraged to reach their potential.

Over the last four years Yinnar South Primary has enjoyed a change in the way we

approach learning.

We believe that happy children learn and we aim to provide a stimulating and vibrant learning community.

With 2016 enrolments seeing the school almost tripling in size we are enjoying bringing Learning to Life.

The Grade Six Graduation Evening was a huge success.

Ty Hickford received a Citizenship Award from Russell North and Alyssa Wells received the Dux Award and a scholarship from Kurnai College.

Alyssa has also been accepted into the Accelerated Learning Program (Alps).

We are very proud of their achievements

Students ranging from Grade 2-6 went

to the Melbourne Museum to follow up on their research topics – Heritage and Wellbeing.

The Grade 4,5,6's also visited the Immigration Museum, and the Chinese Museum.

After a yummy dinner at China Town we then visited the Myer Christmas Windows and explored the Bourke Street Mall.



Hazelwood North Primary School

Grade 3/4 camp

On November 11, the grade 3, 4's from Hazelwood North Primary went to Phillip Island for camp. Our first stop was San Remo to have lunch. Pelicans came out of nowhere to have their lunch, they got fed lots of fish. Some sneaky seagulls came to have the left overs, they didn't get any though. When we got back on the bus we travelled to camp. The camp that we went on was called C.Y.C Island Camp in Philip Island.

When we reached the camp, we went to the dining room to learn the rules of the camp while Dayne and the bus driver (Brian) were unpacking the luggage out of the bus. While we were in the dining room we learnt what lodges and rooms we were in; there were also some duty groups (1, 2, 3 and 4). The duty groups were run by a certain teacher. The duty groups also had the people we were doing the activities with.

After we knew what rooms we were in, we had to go to our lodge. The lodges were a big building with four rooms in them.

Once we got to our rooms we had to make our beds; after we settled in to our rooms we did some more activities but, I think you would like to hear about the penguin parade instead. So we had to get thick warm jackets to keep us warm at night. After we got our warm clothing on, we went to have a look around camp, while we were outside playing; duty group 1 got tea ready!

After tea we went to the penguin parade. We sat down on the seats to wait until the penguins arrived, while some people went onto a part of the beach until it got dark. Soon after, the penguins arrived, they were so cute! When we

got home we had supper, and then went to bed after we had brushed our teeth.

When it was morning (7:30) we had to get dressed. If we were in the duty group 2, we had to go to the dining hall at 7:45 instead of 8:00, because at 8:00 everybody would be having breakfast. We had toast and cereal. After breakfast we did two activities. They were the flying fox and the giant swing. When you went on the flying fox you could choose what speed you wanted (fast, medium and slow).

On the giant swing people got pulled up with a rope, they could choose when to stop, and then they had to pull a green rope to send them flying through the air. Then we went back to have lunch. After lunch we went on the bus to Churchill Island. When we were there we saw lots of animals and a man shearing the sheep. We saw a sheep dog, plus some wallabies.

After, we went to the Nobbies; we saw penguins in their homes made of wood. We saw a blowhole. After we had gone on the boardwalk we went home to have tea. After tea we got to choose if we wanted to watch the movie (Santa Clause 2), or go to our cabins to go to bed. Half way through the movie we had supper then we watched the rest of the movie and then went to bed.

In the morning, we woke up and had breakfast. We had to pack our luggage on the bus, then we had free time. We had to go on the ropes course and the inground trampolines, if you got picked to go you could do tricks or do anything you want. After we did those two activities we went to the Koala Sanctuary. When we were there we tried to spot koalas (we found seven) and

they were fluffy and cute! When we got to the bus we started the long travel home. I hope you liked this because if you come to Hazelwood North you can have so much fun!

By Jazmine and Maddison
Jungle Book

At the end of the third term the whole school did a production called 'The Jungle Book.'

Main characters:
Mowgli (Jungle Boy) - Boyd Makepeace, Baloo (Bear) - Sophie Bellingham, Bagheera (Panther) - Amy Kuijpers, Shere Khan (Tiger) - Sophie Brown, Shanti (Village Girl) - Emma Van Der Brand, King Louie (Monkey King) - Lara Norman, Kaa the snake - Kelly Nickson, Colonel Hathi (Leader of Elephants) - Joss Ward

All of term three and some of term two we worked our hardest to put together 'The Jungle Book'. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at lunch we practised with all of the main characters. On Thursday we had a choreographer (Mandi Black) and a training choreographer who taught us all of the dance moves to all of the songs. Every Thursday after lunch we did a whole school practice which gave us the perspective about how the final musical performance would play out.

We performed the final performance at Lowanna college, we did a dress rehearsal and Boyd hated it because he had to wear makeup.

The final performance went smoothly and the seats were all full. We were extremely happy with the turn out and we hope that the future performances are supported as well as this play was.

We were all very happy

with the final result. We hope that we were good role models for performing to the younger students of our school. We hope Hazelwood North Primary School continues to offer this wonderful opportunity.

After we did our bows we then congratulated Mandi and the training choreographer. We also said a REALLY big thankyou to Mr Twomey because without him this play wouldn't be successful.

Thankyou to everyone who contributed to this amazing play and we hope that anyone who watched it enjoyed the performance. To the younger kids of the school if you have this opportunity take it and try your hardest.

By Sophie Bellingham and Boyd Makepeace
School Cricket

Earlier in the term Hazelwood North was lucky enough to get invited to a cricket competition in Morwell.

We all thought it was on the Monday so we went there on the Monday but it turned out it would end up being on the Tuesday [silly old Hazelwood North].

The other teams that we come up against where: Yinnar, Morwell Park, Commercial Road and Tobruk Street.

Hazelwood North's girls got into the Grand Final but sadly lost to Tobruk Street by 2 points. The boys didn't have as much success as the girls did although, they did play Yinnar for third place but sadly lost.

But all in all it was a wonderful day and we were privileged to be invited to the cricket and have a fun day.

By Sam and Lachlan
Sports Camp

Some people from Hazelwood North Primary

School had an amazing opportunity to attend Gippsland Sports Camp. There was a range of different sports that we participated in. The people that went from our school were Hannah, Sophie, Emma, Emmerson, Samuel and Mitchell and including our P.E teacher Mr Twomey. We met a lot of different people from a range of different areas around Gippsland.

This camp took place on November 4 to 6 at Rawson Village, Rawson, Victoria. This camp is preferably for grade six's. The sports that we participated in were, gymnastics, touch football, baseball, volleyball and orienteering. All of these sports required a lot of fitness. The sports were run by professionals.

In total there were around 110 people including the teachers. At the end of the camp we did a round robin in baseball and volleyball. In volley ball Sophie's team came 2nd and in baseball Sam's team won.

Overall this camp was one of the most intense, but enjoyable camps ever. Just a little tip for people who are able to go, remember you may never have this opportunity again so just enjoy the time that you will have.

If you go to this camp remember that you will be representing your school which is a very big deal.

On this camp there was a guest speaker, she spoke on the second day. Everybody was so excited her name was Liz Watson, she is a professional netballer who plays for the Melbourne Vixens. She talked to us about health and sugars in foods. At the end of her presentation we had a chance to get photos and autographs.

We would love to give a massive thank you to Sarah Blythman. She was the co-ordinator for this camp and she did an amazing job organising everything that put this camp together perfectly.

By Sophie and Hannah
Trucks

On Wednesday November 25 at Hazelwood North Primary School, two truck experts came to give a talk to the Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6.

One of the people was Paul who was the main talker; he showed us the safety of being around trucks. Some of the safety tips he gave us were that trucks are bigger than cars so they are more dangerous, trucks take longer to slow down so don't brake too fast in front of trucks.

Paul also explained that trucks have blind spots and the difference between cars and trucks include weight, height, they are longer and lots of other information.

The other guy Graham who was the professional truck driver, gave us an explanation on trucks. He answered any of our questions that we had about trucks and knew a lot more than everyone who was there.

They came in a real truck so Graham got in the truck and he pushed a button to move the trailer down and back up again. Graham showed us how far we have to be around trucks before the driver can see you.

Also two people got a chance to go in the truck and sit in the driver's seat to see what it feels like.

It was very useful knowledge, it can hopefully help us in the future so we know how to approach them and know what to do.

By Gavin and Deklan



Lumen Christi Primary School

As 2015 closes to a quick finish Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School would like to wish the Churchill News team and their readers a most blessed and joyous Christmas.

2015 has had many highlights and although we tend this time of year to focus on the year ahead, it is so important to take time to look at all our achievements of the the past year, and for our graduating students their past seven years of primary school. We congratulate our 2015 Graduates on their efforts and successes, and we look forward to hearing about their future achievements.

Mini-Vinnies

As a Catholic school we have a focus on teaching

our students to not only investigate and understand the messages in the Gospels but to also implement them in their daily life and interactions with others. As a school community we connect with our Parish and St.Vincent DePaul Society Conference by being a 'Mini-Vinnies' school. This year we have contributed to the Winter Appeal and more recently fundraising for the Christmas Hampers Appeal. The senior students have organised two key events being the School Disco and Bethlehem Bazaar which raised close to \$800. Along with donated food items from our school community, plus purchases from our fundraising, we

hope to contribute heavily to helping the Churchill Conference of Vinnies reach out to Churchill families in need this Christmas. Our students and families have done an amazing job and we would love to acknowledge and thank them for their generosity.

ANZAC Garden

On Remembrance Day Lumen Christi officially opened our ANZAC Garden. We thank the Federal Government for their support, the Morwell RSL Sub-Branch, Branch President Bruce Jeffrey, Russell Northe, David and Peter our musicians and all who contributed before and on the day. Our ceremony was conducted by our school captains, Molly

and Courtney, who were outstanding as Masters of Ceremonies.

This ANZAC garden will be in use throughout the school year. It will be a place for reflecting, a place for thinking, a place for praying, a place for remembering.

LEST WE FORGET

Rainbow Reading Program

Rainbow Reading has been operating at Lumen Christi for two years in the Prep - 2 area. It is a high interest, individual program which accelerates students quickly using audiotapes and well-designed activities. Federation Students studying education have been invaluable in assisting



our students to improve their reading. We are most grateful to the Faculty of Education for promoting our program to their students and wish all our helpers success in their chosen careers.

Italian Day

On November 4 we had Italian Day. First we went to the Eco-Centre and painted a house with a buddy. My buddy was Bella. Then we went to Grade 5/6 and made a story

tower by colouring a picture and sticking it on the tower. Lucky last I went to Grade 3/4 and drew a picture upside down. After lunch on Italian Day we started on an Italian report.

By Lily McCord

Remembrance Day

Today it was the ANZAC Garden opening and it was Remembrance Day. The Grade 1/2 put their poppies in the garden and my Mum and Dad came to Remembrance Day and they put a wreath in the garden.

By Cooper Gray

Churchill Preschools

Churchill preschool

The children have been looking for letters and words around the room, in books and in magazines.

They are beginning to be aware of the shapes of the letters and that the letters represent sounds.

The children have been exploring how to write the alphabet in its many forms - upper case and lower case.

We invited Teacher Tang



(a grandfather of one of our children) and Suryani Strack to tell us the story about the Chinese symbols.

With ink and brushes we practiced creating our own stories with the Chinese symbols.

Glendonald Preschool News

The Glendonald Preschoolers have been involved in learning about the environment. The presence of many birds and their young in the outdoor area has resulted in a lot of interest and discussion about birds. The children have been observing the mother birds making nests and collecting food. The children decided to make their own nests using mud and other items they collected. They also created bird feeders to attract the birds. Indoors, they set up a nature table

which included nests, feathers and toy birds. The children learnt how to be gentle handling these fragile objects.

Tadpoles and frogs have been another interest, with the children learning about the life cycle of a frog. The children used magnifying glasses to observe the development. They also made a fantastic list of names for our new frogs; including Blaster,

BaBa,

Mummy

Frog and

Goloomph,

to name just a few! They listened to the story of Lester and Clyde which was about two frogs, and the importance of caring for the



environment.

The children have been attending orientation visits to their new schools which have been very exciting. It has been great to have visits from the teachers from the Primary Schools to the Preschool setting as well. These experiences make next year's transition a lot easier.

With the end of the Preschool year fast approaching, the children are now preparing for Christmas and the end of year concert. Glendonald Preschool wishes everyone a safe and happy Christmas break.

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Boolarra Primary School



Enjoying cooling off in the pool



Practising paddling before boarding canoes at Forest Lodge Camp

Grade 5/6's Ballarat Camp Report

by Sasha (Grade 6)

The highlight of camp for me was the education session at Sovereign Hill on Thursday.

At the start of our session we lined up as the students used to in the olden days: one line of boys and one of girls. The girls got to go in first. When we sat down, at first we had to sit in the proper manner - girls with their hands cupped together, boys with their hands in their laps and everybody sitting up straight. We didn't have to sit like that for very long thankfully.

In our lesson, we learnt about why immigrants came to Australia in the 1850's and the push or pull factors for them leaving their country.

It was really interesting to learn that people aren't just pushed out of their countries that there are also factors that draw them.

Each bench had a group of people sitting on it that were given a box of artefacts about a person/family that immigrated to Australia for the Gold Rush.

The box that my group had was about a restaurant owner from China named John Alloo. He was a wealthy man and his restaurant served European, Chinese and South-East Asian foods. In my group the people were Kate and Casey from Thorpdale Primary School, along with Holly and Min from our school.

We learnt that the flag of Great Britain represents the

four countries that are part of Britain, but the Welsh flag is not visually represented on the flag.

Grade 3/4 Camp Report

by Alira

All the Grade 3/4s went to Forest Lodge Farm. We went with two other schools, which were Narracan and Thorpdale.

First our group (the Copperheads) did bush cooking. We made damper and toffee apples. They were really good!

Then we went on the giant swing. I went a quarter of the way up then I went halfway up on my second turn. After that we had lunch.

After lunch our group went to the flying fox. It was really fun. There was a big hill, and the flying fox went all the way down the hill.

On the next day, we did archery (which was a bow and arrow). You had to hit a balloon and then it will POP! But no one hit a balloon!

Then after morning tea we went to the rope course. We had to have partners. My partner was Ruby and whoever was going first, the other person had to guide them on the ropes.

After we had lunch we went canoeing. I was partners with Ruby again. We had to use a paddle and we chose a yellow canoe.

I had a very fun time at camp but in the end I was very tired!

"HOW TO" Instructions written by some of our grade 2/3s

How to play Spotto.....by Makayla

Ask the yard duty teacher if you can play Spotto.

Hide near a building.

If you see the teacher, run.

If you get Spotto-ed you do 5 star jumps. Ask the teacher to play again.

How to make a mini volcano! By Niamh

You will need bicarb soda, warm water, red food dye and a plastic cup.

Firstly you pour the bicarb soda in. Then put the red food dye in the warm water. Put that into the cup.

Next watch it explode!

How to get the best presents you want from Santa.....By Ethan A

First get a piece of paper and an envelope.

Next get a pencil and write on the piece of paper.

Make sure the stuff you

want is cheap!

After that when your letter is finished fold your letter and put it into the envelope.

Finally put it into the Santa post box in December.

How to welcome Miss Smith....By Charlotte M

Go to a garden and pick some flowers.

Then go to her desk, thank her for being a great teacher.

Next be good for the rest of the day.

How to wash up the dairy.....By Ethan G

Turn on the hose.

Then face it towards the bottom of the dairy.

Then go to where the cows walk and scrape the poop.

We would like to wish Churchill News readers a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2016



Left: Grade 3 and 4 campers

Below left: Ronan on the Ropes Course at Grade 3-4 camp



Holly, Emre and Mirabel at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat Camp

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Churchill Primary School

Respectful Learners

We wish all our families and the community a safe and happy Christmas break. November has been a busy month and a highlight has been our new preps coming and we hope that they enjoy their transition activity days. We welcome our new families and hope that their child's last days at Kinder are exciting.

Volunteers
Our school has many people who help out in many and varied ways. Thank you to all the volunteers who make Churchill Primary School a great place to be. We have a fantastic group of School Councillors, an energetic Fundraising Group, Roz who works tirelessly in our Library, Charlie who comes in regularly to clean our pathways, our Breakfast Club Volunteers who come in week after week, classroom helpers, cooking Mums with special multicultural recipes, Dads who weld and cut down trees. We also thank Joseph Haider who volunteers with our garden and animal program, working with the children and teachers on sustainability programs. While she is not technically a volunteer, we thank Kris, our cleaner, who does an amazing job in our school. They are invited to a thank you morning tea but it never seems enough for the work they all do. Many of our volunteers have been with us for years. Thank you from all of us at CPS and Merry Christmas to you all.

Camp Rumbug
Grades 3 and 4 went to Camp Rumbug from November 18 to 20. The food was great, the activities amazing and the students were terrific representatives of our school. The activities the campers took part in were flying fox, archery, canoeing, orienteering, trust exercises, a mud run, abseiling and the low ropes course. Many of the activities involved water and mud, so there were delighted, muddy and wet students laughing and giggling their way back to the bunk houses in the afternoon for showers and a change of clothes.

Toy Run
Churchill Primary School welcomed the Combined Gippsland Motor Cycle Group, Councillor Darrell White from Latrobe City and Ashleigh,

representing the Salvation Army and Vinnies, as they continued a tradition of collecting toys for needy families in the area. The bikes made a wonderful, noisy convoy as they came into the school yard and the students were very excited. Churchill Primary is proud of its participation in this initiative and our families gave very generously. A special visitor made a big effort to come on his motorcycle to wish us all a Merry Christmas.

"You Can Do It - Incursion"

Linda from School Performance Tours presented "You Can Do It" for the whole school. She is a juggler and wove her message of perseverance and tenacity while she performed some amazing juggling tricks. Some of the messages she gave us were - that we all make mistakes, we have to practise to get better, we persevere until we do achieve what we set out to do and we can encourage others rather than deride them. She invited some students up on stage to try their hand at juggling tricks and Mrs Telford demonstrated her prowess at juggling three balls very well.

The following are some Grade 6 students endorsements of the show: All the tricks were amazing; unexpected and entertaining; trippy and cool - especially juggling the plates; the tricks were enjoyable to watch; my favourite part was the golf sticks; it all looked impossible; the tricks were interesting; I liked the interactivity with the kids coming up; the tennis racquet trick was insane; I liked the hoops tricks, which looked really hard.

Staff Changes

The end of 2015 is coming. Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to a number of staff members. After many years at Churchill



Above: Camp Rumbug off we go
Below: campers don't touch the ground

Primary School, Mrs Julie Telford will be leaving us to take up a position at Yinnar Primary School. We thank her for all that she has achieved here. Mrs Diane Turner has been at our school since the beginning of Term 3. We thank her for her contribution as she heads back into retirement. Mr Nicholas Walsh has also gained a position at Yinnar Primary School. He has been with us for about five years and we will miss his energetic and enthusiastic way of doing things. We wish them all well in the future.

Remembrance Day: 11/11/15

This is a report from Dakota Wilden, Caitlyn Sorby, Jeremy Curtis on their Remembrance Day Observance. On the 11th day of the 11th month, the school Captains and Mrs Gilmore laid a wreath at the Morwell RSL cenotaph in honour of the soldiers who fought in the war. Remembrance Day is on November 11, to mark the day that World War 1 ended at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, back in 1918. A two minute silence is held to remember the people who have died in all wars. The school captains enjoyed representing the school and laying the wreath.

Back at school, there was also a small, but respectful, service of Remembrance Day at 11:00 a.m.



Above: Camp Rumbug Canoeing

Right: Remembrance day

Below: Jeremy chats with the Toy Run special visitor



Churchill North Primary School

3/4C's Mapping Excursion

On Monday October 26, 3/4C went on a walk to do some mapping around Churchill to make it connect to My Place, which is a book that our class is reading about. We went out of school and we saw a witch who didn't check her coordinates right because she crashed into a tree.

We found out the witch was at C3 and we saw

different landmarks. We had so much fun!

By Zoey and Emmalee Art excursion to Fed Uni

Grade 2/3 and 3/4 students visited an art exhibition at Federation University. They saw an exhibition called Hyperborean Tales by artist Jennifer Murray.

Dr Tony Hanning from the Gippsland Centre for Art and Design spoke to the

children and gave them great insight, not only relating to the Art Exhibition itself but also to the important roles Switchback Gallery, the Faculty of Art and Federation University plays in their community.

During the excursion the students also had an art lesson where they worked outside drawing pictures of the nature around them. Students from

Churchill North Primary School had art lessons with pre service teachers from Federation University earlier this year and whilst at Federation University the students were most excited to view their own work on display at the university.

Art Teacher, Vickie Fox.
Sink or Swim

On November 13, Grades prep to 6 participated in a

Sink and Swim program hosted by Jenny from Life Saving Victoria. She taught us what to do if we get caught in a rip, which was to swim around it rather than through it. She also taught us that you can go back into the water 24-48 hours after a storm has hit.

We even learnt never to put your hand straight into a rock pool in case there is a Blue Ringed Octopus, which

is very deadly. Lastly we were taught that you do not need much water to drown in, in fact from the chin to your nose is how much water you can drown in.

We learnt so much, thank you Life Saving Victoria!

By Riley S

Kurnai College Junior Campus

Peer Support Camp

The selected year 9 students went to 'The Summit' Camp at Trafalgar to gain some experiences to enhance their leadership abilities. The three-day camp enables the students to confront some of their fears, to compete in obstacle courses that require team-building skills and trial tasks and possible scenarios to use with next years Year 7 students. The Peer Support students will be paired up and in 2016 will work with small groups of Year 7 students.

The Peer Support program

and knowledge to the new students to Churchill Campus.
Year 10 Formal Evening

On the night of Thursday November 26, the Year 10 students were farewelled in style at Century Inn with their 'Formal'. The students all arrived in formal attire and were treated to a three course meal spread over the evening, which was enjoyed by all and provided time for the students to enjoy conversation, reminiscences and dancing.

The school captains, Chloe Libreri and Hayden Kimpton presented each

festival included a Studio arts exhibition, displays of works constructed in technology as well as photographs of decorated cakes from the Home Economics unit. It was held in the Language centre and each Year Level Drama class performed a play.

The studio art included some wonderful paintings, drawings using a variety of media. There was some professional standard furniture on show and some work constructed in metal technology, which included tandem bikes. The



The Year 9 students performed adaptations of the popular film, 'The Breakfast Club' and the Year 10 students performed 'Wild Child'. As

with all performances held at Churchill Campus, the Year 9 and 10 students were involved with lighting, sound, set design and construction.

The College Music Concert was also held, which saw the culmination of the 'On the road again' music performances by a range of ensembles that had entertained the Kurnai College feeder Primary Schools, as well as Tyers and Thorpdale Primary Schools.



has been an important program to assist with the new Year 7 students' transition into secondary school. The Peer Support students (next year's Year 10 students) will act as mentors in the yard and to interact with the students in organised activities once a week for the first semester. This group of Year 10 students will also have their lockers mixed throughout the Year 7 students' lockers. They will provide invaluable assistance

student with a personalised award acknowledging an endearing aspect of their personality, appearance, or an experience from their time at Churchill Campus. One of the highlights of the evening was a visual presentation of moments captured throughout their four years at Churchill Campus.
Arts Festival

On November 10, Churchill Campus held a week long Arts Festival. The

photographs of the decorated cakes showed some very creative efforts.

The festival plays put on by the Years 7 and 8 students were original works. The audience of family, friends and staff were enthusiastic in their response to the student's efforts. The productions saw energetic and well-rehearsed productions with students also running the backstage functions as well as the lighting and sound.





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National Treasures Bark Paintings

The Cbus Collection of Australian Art

Latrobe Regional Gallery is proud to be exhibiting Wally Mandarrk's world renowned bark paintings in the exhibition National Treasures.

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Dr Mark Themann, said that the exhibition, sourced from The Cbus Collection of Australian Art, was a truly significant national treasure, of international importance.

"This exhibition will astound audiences with its beauty and power, especially viewers who value indigenous art. We are truly delighted that regional visitors will be able to access work of this extraordinary calibre and we feel privileged to present it. It really supports LRG's ethos, which is to present historically significant works in the Latrobe Valley, alongside newer contemporary art practices.

Indigenous artist Wally Mandarrk (c.1915-1987), a senior member of the Barabba clan from Arnhem Land, was a man of significant status who had undergone initiation rituals and ceremonies, and was highly esteemed throughout Arnhem Land. He was believed to possess special powers known as mankordang. These powers were said to allow Mandarrk to utilise a wide range of gifts, foreign to

western thinking, such as to travel distances at an unnaturally fast pace and conduct sorcery. He was revered for his relationship with the Mimih spirits that populated the area, which are prevalent in Aboriginal spirituality.

Mimih spirits which are seen to pervade the land, bush food, animals and plants, form the major part of Mandarrk's subject matter. They are painted with thick, white paint made from natural materials, according to the anthropologists and historians LRG has consulted.

It is highly significant that Mandarrk was one of the last artists of the Arnhem Land area to engage in rock painting, and his bark paintings have a strong correlation to this ancient and continuing practice, in both the materials used and subjects depicted," Dr Themann said.

"Mandarrk's bark paintings are represented in the collections of the National Gallery of Victoria and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

His works have been included in numerous exhibitions including Crossing Country: The Alchemy of Western Arnhem Land Art, Art Gallery of New South Wales (2004) and Men of High Degree, National Gallery of Victoria (1997).

The exhibition continues until March 13, 2016.

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Dental prosthesis lab to go ahead in Churchill



A university training clinic and dental prosthetics lab in the Latrobe Valley have received \$2,664,000 under Round Two the Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF), which will boost local jobs and improve community infrastructure.

The project, led by Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS), will involve the expansion of the Churchill Community Health Centre into a two-storey, purpose built facility that will include three dental surgeries, consulting rooms, a respite centre, workspaces and offices, staff rooms and a student learning centre.

The total project is worth \$6.13 million. LCHS and the Victorian State Government have also committed funding.

LCHS estimates the project will provide an additional 11 full time equivalent jobs during construction phase and 38 full time equivalent jobs once operational.

Students at the new training centre will work closely with nearby Federation University and adjacent Gippsland Medical School, through rural internships and rural post-graduate training.

This funding from the Australian Government will provide further investment in the future of regional training

and skills development in the Latrobe Valley.

With its proximity to the nearby university precinct, this new Churchill training clinic and dental prosthetics lab will help train and retain more skilled medical professionals here in Gippsland. It is known that students who study in regional areas are more likely to return and practise in regional areas, and investments like these are important to ensure that it can happen.

Latrobe Community Health Service submitted a strong application that achieved the key NSRF criteria of addressing social and economic disadvantage.

Visit the Brightest Grime at the Gallery

Ryan McGennissen grew up in Gippsland, lived in Melbourne for a time, but now resides in Castlemaine.

His exhibition, currently showing at the Community Access Gallery, is called the Brightest Grime.

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Dr Mark Themann, said that McGennissen is a self-described installation artist, drawer and wanderer lending a certain bold abandon to his works.

"His abstract paintings are constructed through an experimental studio process that intends to defy considered composition and gesture.

By layering paint, motor oil, dirt, and rust, he favours imperfection and seeks unforeseen beauty; adding and deleting marks at

every step of the process.

Seemingly inconsequential marks can have an influence on his decisions. Colour is employed sparingly, quickly and autonomously.

The results often resemble the decaying, rotting, weather-beaten and defaced facades of abandoned buildings and objects. For McGennissen a painting is never 'finished', the process ends when a potential outcome comes to light, leaving the



work in a state of flux," Dr Themann said.

Brightest Grime continues until January 31, 2016.

SPORT

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Results

Mens

Saturday, November 14, 2015.

Club Singles Championship

Round 2. Winner - Stroke - A Grade M. Sanders (17) 86 Gross 69 Nett. B Grade - T. Sterrick (19) 85 66. C Grade - M. Renni (30) 98

65. DTL A. Sharrock 68, V. Monument 70, P. Jordan 71. NTP 3rd B. Kilday, 5th V. Monument, 12th B. Kilday, 14th T. Sterrick. Birdies 3rd T. Webb, T Sterrick, 5th V. Monument, 14th T. Sterrick.

Ladies 2nd Round Club Championships

Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Winner - L. Casey (31) 70 Nett, DTL C. Barnes (37) 73 Nett, J. Blizzard (28) 74 Nett. NTP 5th V. Verheyen, 14th C. Barnes Second Shot

Men's Stroke Monthly Medal

Saturday, November 28. A Grade - D. Ellwood (13) 68 Net. B Grade - P. Williams (21) 64 Net. C Grade - J. Jeffery (21) 69 Net. DTL D.

Taylor 70 - R. Ancilleri 71 - G. Spowart 72 - R. Welsh 72 - P. Coad 73c/B. NTP 3rd C. Cummings - 5th J. Jeffery -12th D. Ellwood - 14th P. Williams. Star Medal D. Ellwood.

Club Singles Championship

Saturday, November 21 Round 3. A Grade - D. Ellwood (13) 71. B Grade - V. Monument (22) 75 Ocb. C Grade - M. Rennie (30) 71. DLT C. Cumming 72 - J. Jeffery 73 - G. Spowart 75 Ocb. NTP 3rd G. Spowart, 5th T. Webb, 12th J. Jeffery, 14th M. Sanders.

Championship Result

Scratch R. Scurlock (Play Off) 253. H/Cap C. Cummings 212. A H/Cap D. Ellwood 221 - Bhcp T. Sterrick 215 -Chcp C. Cummings.

Ladies Stroke Monthly Medal

Tuesday, December 1. Winner E. D'alterio (21) 65 Net, Star Medalist M. Mcconville (24) 73net. DTL J. Beck (30) 70 Net, D. Judkins (27) 75 Net. NTP 5th V.

Verheyen - 14th V. Verheyen 36-45, 5th L. Casey, 14th M. Mcquillen.

Ladies Championship

Tuesday, November 24 was the third and final round of the Churchill & Monash Ladies Singles Golf Championship.

The overall Scratch winner with a handicap of 16 and a total score of 280 was Merryn Dear.

The Handicap winner on handicap of 30 was Jan Blizzard with a score of 216.

Winner of the day - A. Hibbert (32) 70. Scratch Winner - M. Dear (16) 280. H/Cap Winner J. Blizzard (30) 216. Runner Up H/Cap A. Hibbert (32). DTL B. Beebe (32) 73, M. Mcquillen (39) 73. NTP 5th (Second Shot) L. Casey.

The course is in wonderful condition and it is hoped that many people will take advantage of the very reasonable green fees (\$10 a day) and play over the coming months.



Mid Gippsland Darts Association Winter Competition



Yinnar Tigers Premiers

Round 14

Yinnar Tigers continued on their winning way with a comfortable victory over Coyotez team 6-3.

Peter Campbell of Yinnar Tigers scored two 140 scores with Mike Bailey scoring a high finish of 62.

With one round left before finals Yinnar Tigers look set to take out the Minor Premiership.

Round 15

Not an easy night for Yinnar Tigers with a very close finish of games won, taking out the match 5-4. Peter Campbell and Mark

Taylor both with highest score on the night of 140.

Not to be outdone Sharon Taylor had highest Ladies score of 100 and also with most pegs for the night with four and also a 100 score.

1st Semi Final

Coyotez defeated Traralgon Rebels 5-2.

2nd Semi Final

Bullshot defeated Yinnar Tigers 6-3. Best scores on the night were Mark Taylor with highest score of 140, four times. Highest finish Mike Bailey 91.

Bullshot through to the Grand Final and Yinnar

Tigers played Coyotez in the Preliminary Final.

Preliminary Final

In a close fought match, Yinnar Tigers defeated Coyotez 5-4.

Grand Final

Yinnar Tigers played Bullshot in a tense final to the season. Fortunately the Tigers brought their A game on the night defeating Bullshot 5-0 to complete a wonderful season with a Premiership.

Pictured above is the victorious Yinnar Tigers team with their trophies.



Great Golf Day

On Sunday, November 22, the Churchill & Monash Golf Club played host to the Newry Golf Club for their annual Challenge Shield. The weather was fine and the course in excellent condition due to the industrious

volunteers. Churchill and Monash were the victors with a score of 32.6 against Newry 24.2.

The individual winners for each club were Newry ladies Rhonda Whitelaw (hcp20) 28pts.

Churchill and Monash

ladies Jill Beck(hcp31) 35pts c/b. Newry men Lester Boyle (hcp21)32 pts and Churchill's Tom Sterrick(hcp18)34 pts. All players enjoyed a bbq lunch and are now looking forward to next year's Challenge which should take place at Newry.



Vice President Peter Williams and Vice President Jan Blizzard with the Challenge Shield.



CHURCHILL UNITED SOCCER CLUB

2016 is going to be an exciting year for the Churchill United Soccer Club as we move to expand our established Junior Soccer Program.

Soccer is a great way to introduce your child into an outdoor team sport which includes all the benefits of health, fitness, discipline and structure.

Our motto for 2016 will be "Participation", as we ensure every child gets maximum exposure to training and game time.

Any Child turning 4 or over in 2016 and requiring further information can contact Club Vice President / Junior Steering Group Chair Stephen Breheny on 0448 996 453 or brehenys@winvic.com.au



Health News

Latrobe Community Health Service



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Become a smooth operator

Watch fresh fruit and vegetables be transformed into a healthy and delicious snack before your eyes through pedal power with a Blender Bike, now available for hire through Latrobe Community Health Service.

Targeted at workplaces interested in improving the health and wellbeing of staff, the Blender Bike shows spectators how simple and quick it is to create a snack from fresh ingredients.

Christina Rush, manager primary prevention at Latrobe Community Health Service, said the bike is a fun way of teaching people how to make healthy snacks like smoothies "Pedalling the bike powers the blender.

You can see just how quick and easy it is to make a breakfast smoothie," said Ms Rush.

"We'll provide recipe sheets to help inspire your staff to increase their daily consumption of fruit and vegetables.

"The Blender Bike can add some interactive fun to your next workplace function, healthy living day, or fundraising event."

Ms Rush said workplaces could save almost \$6 for every \$1 invested in employee health and wellbeing.

"The healthiest Australian employees are three times more productive at work and take fewer sick days," she said.

To find out more about hiring the Blender Bike, or other

Corporate Health Services, phone the Health Promotion team at Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696.



Merv Neal, CEO of Laughter Yoga Australia, gives the Blender Bike a spin at the recent Latrobe Workplace Health and Wellbeing Expo.

Stay in control this festive season

As we get ready to wrap up another year, many of us will be indulging in holiday festivities. For some people, this will include having a drink at parties or events.

While alcohol should be enjoyed in moderation, some find it hard to control the amount they consume.

Make your holidays happier and safer with these five tips to control your alcohol consumption:

1. Set yourself a limit and tell someone you trust

Decide ahead of time how many drinks you will have and stick to it.

Share that number with someone you trust so they can help hold you to account.

2. Drink water

Drinking too much alcohol can cause dehydration. Have a glass of water before you start drinking alcohol and alternate your drinks with water.

3. Choose a mocktail or low-alcohol drink

If you want to enjoy a drink but don't want water or a fizzy drink, a mocktail or low-alcohol drink may be better option. Sip your drinks slowly.

4. Eat before you drink

Alcohol is absorbed faster on an empty stomach. Have a protein-rich meal before you drink to control your blood alcohol levels.

5. Volunteer to be designated driver

Being responsible for getting everyone home safely is a good reason not to drink.

If you feel you have a problem with alcohol, or have someone you know who has a drinking problem, Latrobe Community Health Service can help.

Phone us on 1800 242 696 or visit www.lchs.com.au/gambling-alcohol-drugs



Merry Christmas Churchill!



As the year comes to a close, I'd like to thank you for your continued support.

As a community health organisation, your health and wellbeing is the centre of everything we do. Over the past year we have launched a number of new initiatives to further improve our services in Churchill.

Recently, we completed an upgrade of our existing facilities to provide a more comfortable environment for our clients.

We refurbished our waiting room and extended our clinical suite. We now have two treatment rooms, three consulting rooms and a pathology room, as well as an ambulance bay.

In August we also welcomed Dr Lana Anderson to our centre in Philip Parade.

Dr Anderson brings with her more than 20 years of experience as a general practitioner. We're confident her expertise and knowledge will benefit the community greatly.

We're also hopeful our application to the Federal Government for additional support for the development of our dental prosthetic laboratory and training facility will bear a positive result.

If successful, the new facility will provide improved health services, employment opportunities, and vocational training. Have a safe and enjoyable break with your loved ones.

Ben Leigh,
CEO Latrobe Community Health Service

There's a new doctor in Churchill

Latrobe Community Health Service welcomes Dr Lana Anderson as its new GP in Philip Parade, Churchill. The clinic is open Monday to Wednesday during business hours.

Services include: health checks • general health services • children's health • vaccinations and immunisations • women's health • mental health • skin checks.

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