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Junior Fishing Competition



The Churchill and District News again staged a very successful Junior Fishing Competition, with one hundred and forty-two young anglers between the ages of four and sixteen years competing for prizes in three categories.

Before the event, the Churchill and District News team was preparing, with support from Gippsland Trades and Labour Council.

Forms and vouchers were prepared and showbag items sourced and packed. Gippsland Trade Printers supplied the leaflets to advertise the event. The Churchill Scouts did a wonderful job of doing the leaflet drop to houses in most of Churchill.

The Department of Primary Industries arranged for the lake to be stocked with trout.

Thank you to Gippsland Trades and Labour Council, Gippsland Trade Printers, Department of Primary Industries and

the Scouts for your help and support. The weather conditions were perfect for the event. Mathison Park had been mowed and well spruced up. The Churchill and District News team was well prepared and supported in their efforts to once again supply a friendly, relaxed and happy day for families to come and enjoy the surrounds, have time together and for a bonus, catch a fish or two.

A special thank you is extended to Des Farley and the Mowing team for Mathison Park for an excellent job well done.

Upon registering for the event, entrants were given a food and drink voucher to enjoy a drink and sausage cooked by the wonderful Lions Club of Churchill and District. Thanks go to the Lions for their willing annual sponsorship of this event. Their support is invaluable. The proceeds from food sold to other attendees will be going to help a child at a local school. The Lions Club also provided the volunteers with lunch.

On site there were two Red Cross volunteers from Churchill who had their well equipped facilities on hand to provide aid when, and if required. Only one person needed a small amount of attention. Thank you to the watchful crowd who prevented accidents happening.

As well we had some generous sponsors who provided the funds to run the event.

Both IPR-GDF-Suez Hazelwood and Latrobe City Council contributed significant amounts. Alpine Country in Morwell provided many of the prizes.

Valley Trophies supplied the winning medals.

The prize giving session was preceded by talks by Jason Kennedy from the TV show, Fishin' Trip, and members of the Fish Care Group, who were so helpful to novice fishers and supplied a range of information for anglers.

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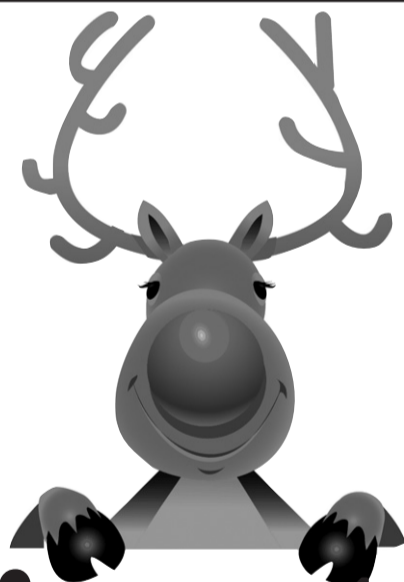


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Our 100th Issue! - Thank You



The Churchill News has been an important part of Churchill since its very beginning.

After the first couple of years being produced by the first minister of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, it was put in the hands of a wonderful dedicated band of volunteers who have maintained the paper over all these years.

In 2002, the paper became the Churchill and District News to reflect our distribution areas, and entered the computer age.

A new committee was formed which in the early months consisted of Val and Peter Prokopiv, Margaret Guthrie, Wendy Brown and Ruth Place. Soon after, Tracey and Andy Burr and others joined the team.

Val does a marvellous job, her roles were editor, doing layout and design, treasurer, co-ordinator of our competitions, web site keeper, as well as many extra jobs.

Peter has been our business manager and advertising procurer. All our team members, worked hard in many capacities to make this a successful enterprise.

The Co-Operating Churches Parish Council was a great supporter of the venture, being the overseers and owners of the paper.

Charlie Rawlinson joined us to be the distributor of papers.

People have come and served for a time and then left after making their

contribution.

In recent years our team has increased with new team members of Carol Scott, Bea Stallbom, and Geraldine and Allan Larkin.

We have moved our premises from Monash University, who supported us so well when we went to computers, into the Church office.

To Val and Peter, a heartfelt thank you for all your tireless work. Val has handed over the job of editor, at the start of this year.

Peter has handed over the job of business manager, with all the other things he did quietly in the background.

Our thanks to Ruth Place who has worked tirelessly, being Team-Leader, Secretary, Church liaison, Community Representative, over our 100 issues.

To our Sponsors thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to your support in coming years.

Our Advertisers who have supported the paper and allowed it to be published and distributed.

We also say a special thank you to those who regularly contribute articles to the paper, with your contributions you help keep this community connected and supported.

The paper would not be produced without everyone's backing.

Therefore we want to acknowledge all who have helped and supported us over these nine years as we celebrate our 100th edition.

Latrobe Rose and Garden Show



If you are into cut flowers, roses, hanging baskets, vegetables, floral art, painting or photography, be sure to come along to this years Latrobe Rose and Garden Show.

Held on Saturday 19th November 1pm-5pm and Sunday 20th November 10am - 4pm at Kernot Hall Morwell.

The Show is open to the public and a gold coin donation will give you a spectacular array of blooms.

The Show will also feature this year the Victoria Regional Spring Rose Championship sponsored by the Victorian Rose Society.

The show also includes The Gippsland Championship for Roses, Cut

Flowers, Vegetables, Floral Art, Painting and Photography.

Floral Art arrangements by the TAFE Students this year will follow the theme of Opening a new Business. Sections for Children 9 years and under and 10-13 years will also be on display. Come along and feast your eyes on all the talented entries.

Official opening and Presentation of Major Awards will be at 3.00pm Saturday the 19th November.

Rose bushes, plants and light refreshments will be available.

For more information phone Pat Claassens on 0434 958 962 or e-mail pbp@nex.net.au.

CDCA - Open General Meeting

By Margaret Guthrie

Our November meeting is to be a General Meeting, open to all members and interested residents. It will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd Nov in Studio 1 at the Churchill Community Hub in Phillip Parade. (Studio 1 is located on the lower floor of the Town Hall building.)

Interested local residents are invited to attend and are encouraged to join the Association. Membership costs \$2 per annum. Family memberships are also available at the same cost – one 'family membership' entitles all members of the family speaking rights at a general meeting, but only one vote.

Members will be able to hear reports and ask questions about CDCA's 'Priority Items' for 2011/2012. These are:

1) the on-going implementation of the Churchill Town Centre Plan (including road works at Georgina Place and Marina Drive)

2) support for Christmas activities in Churchill (including the purchase of additional decorations for public display)

3) Recreation and Open Space – encompassing (but not limited to) the establishment of a Churchill Lawn Bowls facility and the preservation of the Walker Pde parkland

4) Town Safety - particularly the establishment of a CDCA 'Town Safety' sub-committee

Neighbourhood Watch newsletters and information on local crime statistics will be available, along with news from Latrobe City Council's Township Liaison Officer.

Opportunity will be provided for members to raise local issues for discussion at the meeting.

These may be referred to the CDCA Committee for follow-up, if required. 'Visitors' (observers) may also speak at our General Meeting, at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Under CDCA's new Rules, there is a requirement for a minimum of 3 General Meetings, as well as an Annual General Meeting (usually August), to be held each year. Our next General Meeting will likely be held in February or March next year.

The CDCA Committee meets on the fourth



Wednesday of each month, except in December. Committee meetings are open to members, who may attend as observers.

Our Committee meetings cover a wide range of local matters, from planning for Christmas decorations in the town centre, to retail and housing developments, and news from Council.

Snr Leading Const Brett Godden was a visitor to our September Committee meeting. Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Community Group now has its own 'facebook' page, which provides 'real time' opportunities to report anti-social behaviour, post photos of hoon vehicles and graffiti images and access NW newsletters.

The facebook site is an additional resource for the police & community to work together, but of course, this does not replace phoning 000 to report crime.

We were advised (by letter) that Latrobe City Council has adopted the Gaskin Park Master Plan (which includes a Churchill Lawn Bowls facility) and will now begin the task of considering future funding for the "projects identified for implementation". A Master Plan for Andrews Park West is also to be developed.

The Committee resolved to write to Council to request that a footpath along Northways Road to link the Switchback Road residential area to the Education Precinct and University be considered for construction. This issue was raised with the Committee by a member, as the lack of a proper footpath makes the walk both unpleasant and hazardous in wet weather and after dark.

For more information about CDCA, write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, email mgcdca@hotmail.com or phone 5122 2997. Residents are always welcome to raise matters of local concern with CDCA, and our forthcoming General Meeting on 23rd November provides an opportunity to do this, and to catch up with news and developments in Churchill. We hope to see (hear) you there!

Churchill Gardening Group

This month I thought we might talk about our summer salad garden.

Tomatoes are our favourite summer fruit and a decent salad is not decent without them. So a little time and thought can be rewarding.

Firstly where to plant: A well exposed area of the garden so they will have sunlight through the day. Remember to rotate the place you plant with tomatoes.

Secondly dig the bed deeply working in organic manure, compost etc.

Select your seedlings buying or choosing small, sturdy compact seedlings with good colouring (not wishy washy yellowing).

Do not be tempted to plant tomatoes too early. In our area October-November is ideal.

There are so many varieties these days and most are fine. But you need to go a long way to beat the old favourite, Grosse Lisse, which usually ripens mid season.

It is wise to stake all tomato varieties and to keep them free from pests, etc right from planting time.

All tomatoes need to be well watered. We will talk about pruning next month.

The next vegetable in our salad is the cucumber. All melons (of which the cucumber is a member) are of the cucurbita family. They are warm weather vegetables and are sensitive to frosts, so planting them too early is not a good plan either.

The same rule of rotation applies. Plant with lots of mulch, compost and organic manure well dug into mounds for preference to ensure good drainage. I myself grow my cucumbers up a trellis or wigwam (owing to shortage of room).

Make a well around your melon mounds to encourage your plants to put their root deep into the mound, and so reach extra water. They need plenty of water to grow successfully.

You can hand pollinate melon flowers (male to female) to ensure larger cropping.

On to lettuce which can be grown all year round. They need well drained soil with a heavy dressing of

animal manure or compost well dug in. Lime can also be added to the lettuce bed according to the instructions on the lime packet.

After planting, lettuce must be kept growing quickly with adequate water supplies plus nitrogen fertiliser. You can use Epsom Salts, or follow the rates on the packet.

Radish can also be grown year round, and they add colour, texture and a peppery taste to your salad. They grow easily and germinate very quickly in a well dug and well drained light soil. The soil should be well fertilised before sowing the seeds in drills about one inch (2.5 cm) deep, and cover with about ½ inch (1.5 cm) of soil and firm down.

Of course there are lots of other vegetables that can be used for salads such as onions, celery, carrots, beetroot etc.

Have you tried adding other 'edibles' to your salads? Mint, parsley, rocket leaves and nasturtium leaves and flowers, Johnny jump up flowers can all be used. You can also add young beetroot and spinach leaves. They are all yummy, but mind you I am having trouble convincing some of my fellow club members!

The flower garden is just as beautiful just now and I'm sure yours is too. There is a lot of work keeping it neat and tidy, weed free, trimmed etc. and of course watered when needed. Keep those pesky snails and slugs at bay especially at the moment on the bearded irises which are in full bloom.

Roses are just lovely and so the vigilance starts to control black spot. Aquilegias are also in flower and there is such a variety available these days. They are a dainty delight in any garden.

There have been some lovely gardens open to the public in the ABC Open garden Australia Scheme, with more to open in our area in the future. Look for them on www.opengarden.org.au or at all good book stores and newsagents or by phoning 03 9682 8227

Happy gardening folks, and remember "Succulent Summer Salads".



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Darrell White "Council calls for quotations for Social Impact Analysis"

give Council an idea of the challenges our region might face, as one of the key areas in Australia that will be impacted by a price on carbon. Latrobe City Council is proud to be taking the "lead" on this important project. It is another way in which Council is being proactive in guiding our community through the transition period.

The need for a Social Impact Analysis specifically aimed at the Latrobe Valley, was identified as a key priority by Latrobe City Council in the development of its policy "Positioning Latrobe City for a Low Carbon Emission Future" in 2010. It can be said that Council is delighted that it is has also been seen as a priority by our local, State and Australian government counterparts as well.

Latrobe City Council made a successful application to the Regional Development Australia Gippsland Committee (RDA Gippsland) for funding of up to \$20,000 for a detailed scoping and methodology document for a full regional analysis.

The Latrobe Valley will be stage one of a two-stage project that will eventually include the whole of Gippsland, which will provide an overall snapshot of the entire Region. This staged approach will help form the basis of any future economic transition.

Latrobe City Council also welcomes the opportunity to work closely in partnership with a range of key stakeholders including Wellington Shire Council, Baw Baw Shire Council, RDA Gippsland and the Victorian

State Government.

Latrobe City Council has also liaised directly with the Australian Government which has expressed a keen interest in this project, and is supportive of Council's efforts to ensure that the full Social Impact Analysis is conducted in the Latrobe Valley at the earliest opportunity.

The quotation document is publicly available on Latrobe City Council's website and applications are due on Wednesday 23 November 2011.

Volleyball Australia Women's training camp to be held at Latrobe Leisure Churchhill

Latrobe City will once again play host to the Volleyball Australia women's annual high performance Training Camp in December. The Camp this year will be hosted at Churchill Leisure Centre from Saturday 10th to Thursday 15th December.

Latrobe City Council is delighted to see the Training Camp being held in Latrobe again this year.

This is the second consecutive year Volleyball Australia, Latrobe Volleyball Association and Latrobe City Council have worked together to bring this important event to our city.

The fact that yet another elite sporting team has chosen to utilise Latrobe City facilities really shows the first class, high quality sporting venues that Latrobe City has to offer.

Camp Coordinator and Junior Women's coach, Bill McHoul has provided a detailed schedule for the event and has indicated that the

teams and Volleyball Australia are looking forward to their visit.

The Camp will also see the start of the Youth program.

Over sixty young athletes will be put through their paces in this initial Camp, including several locals who will be chasing their dream to represent Australia in the Asian Youth Championships in May 2012.

The senior women's program will have a Development Camp, having just returned from the Asian Championships in Taiwan, in preparation for upcoming competition opportunities in 2012. The team will also play an exhibition match on the afternoon of December 11th and they look forward to putting on a good show for the local Latrobe City community.

Volleyball Australia is very much looking forward to creating a positive impact on the community and participating in local activities, including a volleyball clinic for juniors and other community activities.

Latrobe City Council recognises that sport is such an important part of community life in Latrobe City and is looking forward to hosting such a great sporting team here in Latrobe City, and giving the local community a chance to see world class athletes in action.

Further details of scheduled activities including times, venues and ticket information will be available soon on the Latrobe City website calendar of events. Visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/events for details.

Latrobe City Council is pleased that the next step in the process for completing a Social Impact Analysis for the Latrobe Valley will shortly commence, with Council calling for quotations to scope the project.

As our community would be aware, Council identified the need for a Social Impact Analysis as far back as 2009.

It is recognised that a Social Impact Analysis will provide critical information about the impacts of the introduction of a carbon pricing scheme on the Latrobe Valley, and an insight into how the community can best transition to a low carbon future.

The intention of a Social Impact Study is to

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First of all I'd like to congratulate all the entrants and winners for their magnificent contributions to the Churchill & District News Writing Competition. I had a read of all the winning entries and it is great to see such a level of skill and passion for writing in our region. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the Presentation Night as Parliament was sitting, as I would've liked to congratulate everyone personally. Hopefully next year I will have a bit more luck.

I also wanted to congratulate the Churchill and District News and its contributors on the launch of the Looking Back Oral History Book Vol. 3. It is great to see the history of our region being documented so all community members are able to access such a wealth of information.

With the previous volumes focusing on Hazelwood Power Station and Monash University Gippsland, I am sure that Volume 3 on Churchill's original shopping centre will be a fantastic read. So my congratulations once again, and keep up the great work showcasing our past and our present contributors.

I had the opportunity to visit Churchill this month when I officially opened Monash University Gippsland's two new developed midwifery rooms. These facilities will provide Nursing and Midwifery students at Monash Gippsland the opportunity to train with the same equipment used once they graduate. I commend the Nursing staff and students for their commitment to the health profession and I hope they continue to have a passion and

respect for helping the lives of others.

I also wanted to thank Churchill Newsagency's Garry Goodman and Churchill Hot Bread's Peter McLean for their recent hospitality to promote the Small Business Victoria Discussion Paper within the community. The paper, which closed for submissions on 28 October, canvassed policy, program and service initiatives across Government and asked for formal feedback on the issues and challenges facing the small business sector.

After considering submissions the Government intends to release a formal Small Business Statement that will outline the policies, programs and services that it will use to help guide small business development and growth.

It has also been a busy month in our region for a number of community groups and organisations who are the recipients of funding, upgrades and refurbishments. One of these recipients was the Jeeralang North Community Hall, which I had the opportunity to officially reopen.

The hall, which was severely impacted by the 2009 Victorian bushfires in Gippsland, has been well used by the community for over 60 years, and was identified by the local Community Recovery Committee as a priority following the bushfires.

This hall is an important asset for the local community and has been rebuilt to incorporate modifications which should reduce the risk

from possible future bushfires.

I'd like to thank the Latrobe City Major Projects and Community Development Bushfire Recovery Unit, Kingbuilt Homes, the Hall Committee and the funding bodies who helped to deliver the project; it has been greatly appreciated by the local community. This has been a great community effort and I congratulate everyone involved in restoring this much-loved community facility.

On the subject of bushfires, Minister for Bushfire Response, Peter Ryan, recently announced the Bushfire Buy-back Scheme has been developed to implement a recommendation of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission. In its final report, the commission noted that landowners in extraordinarily high-risk locations have little option but to re-build if they cannot sell and move on.

The government is interested in talking to identified landowners about the proposed application process and approach of the scheme and getting feedback from them.

All landowners whose principle place of residence was destroyed in the 2009 bushfires will receive a letter from the Bushfire Buy-back Project Manager with details of the information and consultation sessions. The letters are being sent to the property address.

Information and consultation sessions will be held in regional locations from Thursday 10 November to Thursday 8 December. One of these sessions will be held in Churchill. An



Russell Northe

information and consultation session will also be held in Melbourne on Friday 9 December for landowners that no longer reside in the fire-affected communities.

If you are a landowner who lost their principal place of residence during the early 2009 fires and would like to register to attend an information and consultation session, you can call (03) 8685 1314 or email bushfirebuyback@justice.vic.gov.au.

Other interested parties are able to register to attend, however you may be placed on a waiting list.

I wish all community members the very best and I look forward to meeting with various groups and individuals over the course of the month ahead.

Indigenous printmakers leave impression at Switchback Gallery

The creativity and talent of Gippsland's emerging Aboriginal artists, is on show at Monash University Gippsland's Switchback Gallery, as part of Koorie Footprints to Higher Education, an award-winning program designed to increase the number of indigenous people who go on to study at university.

A vibrant celebration of Indigenous culture, the Koorie Footprints to Higher Education Printmaking Exhibition brings together the works of students from education institutions – including Mary Mackillop Catholic College, Wonthaggi Secondary College, Sale Secondary College and Woollum Bellum Pathways School – community organisations such as Anglicare and Berry Street, and Indigenous elders from across the region.

The exhibition, which was opened by Gunnai-Kurnai elder, Uncle Wayne Thorpe, is the final component of the Koorie

Footprints to Higher Education program that provides Indigenous schools, groups and organisations with access to printmaking facilities at Monash University Gippsland's Switchback Gallery.

Alongside the provision of studio spaces and other resources, the program involves several staff from both Switchback Gallery and Monash University's Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies, who work with participants to provide guidance during the creation of their artwork.

Director of the Switchback Gallery, Rodney Forbes, said the exhibition reflected the creativity and talent that existed among Gippsland's indigenous communities.

"The Koorie Footprints to Higher Education Printmaking Exhibition is an exciting insight to the skills and capabilities we have in Gippsland, particularly in terms of indigenous

printmaking", said Mr Forbes.

"This exhibition demonstrates those talents through vibrant, engaging contemporary printmaking, much of which honours the indigenous motifs of the region. The exhibition includes works from Year 9 students through to community elders and provides a fascinating cross-section of indigenous culture across different generations".

The Koorie Footprints to Higher Education program, which has been running since 2008, was developed by Robyn Heckenberg from Monash University Gippsland's Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies. It aims to increase the educational aspirations of indigenous learners by immersing them in a university environment, and has been awarded a Wurreker Award from the Victorian Education Association for Best University Indigenous Access program.

Hazelwood House Happenings



Above: Resident Emily enjoying a walk in the garden, admiring the roses and making the most of a bright sunny day



Above: Cultural day for October was Phuket. Liz spoke to the residents about her recent visit to Phuket. She displayed some items she had purchased whilst overseas, and wore a traditional dress



Above: Some of the crowd enjoying themselves at our recent Trivia Night at the Hostel. Money raised on the night was \$850.

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We have been indeed fortunate to have as our Supply Minister since Bob left, the Rev. Dr. Des Parker. Des has conducted a very thought-provoking series of studies, as well as preparing engaging services for the congregation.

Work at preparing for obtaining a new minister has also been greatly facilitated by Des with his experience and wise advice.

Going the extra mile was always part of how Des carried out his work with us. We sadly said farewell and thanks to Des on the 30th October.

Coffee Connection was well attended again. Lois Terrill shared with us some of her family history and the history of

Ballarat.

Lois illustrated her talk with old maid's aprons and bodices, and pages from old newspapers and journals.

Peter Cook again astounded the audience with his magical illusions and trickery, he is a master of audience engagement.

Peter very kindly makes his services available to us at a very reasonable cost. Thank you Peter.

A lovely supper followed the show.

No Saturday Breakfast was held in October, but there will be a November Saturday Breakfast on 26th November at 7.45am.

All welcome.

Lumen Christi Snippets

Ladies Spiritual Day

The day at the Eco Centre was well attended with over 30 people enjoying leadership from Father Hugh and lots of discussions and lots of good food.

It was the first (of many we hope) activity combining the Parishes of Morwell and Churchill, the Co-operating Churches were also represented.

The Morwell Parish has also invited Lumen Christi people to join in their BYO Parish Dinner.

Pink Ribbon Day

Morwell C.W.L. held a Pink Ribbon Morning Tea at St Vincent's Hall Morwell.

They enjoyed a beautiful morning tea along with a

trading table, door prizes and guest speaker.

Parish "Get Fit" Time

Well, the magpies are gone and the weather is improving, so bike riding is on the go again.

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At the Hub - ABC Producer at Churchill Creative Writing Class



By Cora Pal
Rachel Lucas, Open Producer with the ABC, ran an inspiring workshop at The Hub on October 23 as part of the Broadcasting Commission's 'Moment behind the Photograph' project.

The aim of the project is to entertain, enlighten or educate ABC Gippsland and

national audiences with unique local yarns and nostalgic snapshots.

Each participant had been asked to bring along a photograph that had a good story behind it from their personal collection. Ms Lucas explained how to write 200 – 300 words around the picture, bringing out the social history of the time as well as the significance

of the occasion photographed, and the personalities, events, emotions and sensations involved.

The resulting photo-stories will be featured across the ABC Open and ABC Gippsland on-line platforms,

The Creative Writing class at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, located in the Hub, is a

group of people who meet weekly to write and discuss their work in a friendly, non-threatening environment.

Classes go from 10a.m – 12p.m on Tuesdays. A few vacancies exist. For further information contact Henry Parniak, coordinator, on 51222955 or Cora Pal, tutor, on 51221611.

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JUNIOR fishing COMPETITION 2011



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Thanks to the Fish Care folks for providing this fantastic service free of charge.

Jason Kennedy provided a huge bagful of his Fishin' Trip DVDs as prizes in addition to the prizes awarded to the winning recipients.

Prizes were awarded to three places in each category. There was also the most unusual catch,

mystery weight and the overall winner. These were followed by many lucky ticket draws.

To the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill goes a thank you for supplying tables and chairs.

A very special thank you goes to the volunteers who helped to make the day run smoothly. Without you this event could not be run as successfully. People appreciated your friendly

approach as you stopped to chat and see how things were going.

Well done everyone for making the day a very pleasant one for everybody.

Our winning anglers this year are:

Ages 4 years – 8 years:

- 1. Macayla Bugeja
- 2. Dylan Bedford
- 3. Jasmine Thompson

Ages 9 years – 12 years:

- 1. Dylan Bugeja
- 2. Maddison Batrich
- 3. Katelyn Bugeja

Ages 13 years – 16 years:

- 1. Duke Christopher
- 2. Jess Giardina
- 3. Tony Foster

Overall Winner:

- 1. Macayla Bugeja

Mystery Weight:

- 1. D'Artagnan Simpson
- 2. George Hicks



Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Named Finalist



Committee - Gippsland Rotary Centenary House was announced as a finalist in the prestigious Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award at the 2011 Regional Achievement and Community Awards on Saturday, 15 October at the Ballarat Mercure Hotel.

Committee - Gippsland Rotary Centenary House was selected from a strong field of nominees and was presented by Lachlan Baird, Chief Executive Officer, Prime Super in front of 300 guests from across the State.

Prime Television Newsreader, Natalie Forrest hosted the Awards and the official guest was the Hon Peter Ryan MLA, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional and Rural Development and Patron of the Awards.

The 2011 ten category winners announced on the night were:

Andrea Harrison - Regional Development Victoria Trade and Career Achievement Award.

Tristar Medical Group - Regional Development Victoria Business Achievement Award.

Gippsport and the Big Issue - Medibank Healthy Participation Award.

Young Dairy Development Program - Fonterra Dairy Leadership Award.

Lizzie Corke - Parks Victoria Regional Achiever Award.

South Gippsland Landcare Network - Parks Victoria Environment and Sustainability Award.

Rotary Club of Kerang - BlueScope Distribution Leadership and Innovation

Award.

Gary Lovell - Beaurepaires Road Safety Award.

Kyneton District Health Service - Department of Sustainability and Environment Water Efficiency Improvements Award.

Heyfield Community Resource Centre - Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award.

Winners received a \$2,000 Goalsaver Account from the Commonwealth Bank or television exposure on Prime7.

Committee - Gippsland Rotary Centenary House is a volunteer group of Rotarians and community members that established and operate an accommodation facility for cancer patients and their families. The Committee raised over \$1,000,000 for stage one of construction which was opened in 2006. The House includes 4 large motel style en suite rooms, 2 self contained units, a community kitchen, a library and casual living area and has cared for more than 1,000 guests. Nine additional units and a community meeting area are expected to be ready for occupation before the end of 2011.

Further details about Committee - Gippsland Rotary Centenary House are available by contacting the office on the numbers below.

For further information please contact the Awards office on

(03) 9720 2277, vic@awardsaustralia.com or visit www.awardsaustralia.com

Midwifery skills rooms to benefit students and broader community

Nursing and Midwifery students at Monash University Gippsland – and the regional communities in which they will ultimately work – are set to benefit from a \$250,000 redevelopment of the campus' midwifery skills rooms and teaching spaces.

The new midwifery skills rooms, which were opened on Monday by State Member for Morwell, Mr Russell Northe MP, are designed to replicate a clinical environment, providing nursing and midwifery students at Monash University Gippsland with the ability to train on the same equipment they will use once they graduate.

Designed to directly support students studying the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery and the Bachelor of Nursing Practice/Bachelor of Midwifery double-degree, the two skills rooms feature a range of equipment donated by local hospitals, including emergency resuscitation devices and mannequins that accurately reflect the birthing process.

Acting Head of the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Monash University Gippsland, Associate Professor Pamela Wood, said the new midwifery skills rooms would enable students to become familiar with typical birthing environments, practice complex procedures, and get the hands-on experience being demanded by employers at home and abroad.

“These new skills rooms add much greater scope to our teaching programs by allowing us to simulate real life events and emergencies, and test the responses of students to those situations,” said Associate Professor Wood.

“Alongside a focus on developing courses in collaboration with hospitals and health services, our



skills rooms will mean Monash students are better prepared for their careers in nursing and midwifery, and can hit the ground running after graduating.”

Pro Vice-Chancellor of Monash University Gippsland, Professor Helen Bartlett, said the new skills rooms would further strengthen the profile of the campus as a leading provider of health education, and help meet the ongoing demand for nurses and midwives.

“Currently, around 70 per cent of our nursing and midwifery graduates from Monash University Gippsland go on to work in the eight hospitals throughout the region,” said Professor Bartlett.

“The opening of the midwifery skills rooms cements our commitment to delivering the best possible health education, ensuring we continue to meet the future workforce needs of communities not only in Gippsland, but across Australia and around the world.”

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Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists

On Friday, November 25th, the topic of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting will be "Post-fire Monitoring at Wilson's Promontory" presented by Mary Ellis.

Mary is assisted by a dedicated group of volunteers, who have been collecting data from a series of vegetation sites across the Prom since the fires of 2005 and also 2009. This program is designed to monitor vegetation recovery and provide information about the effects of fire and its frequency.

The meeting at 7.30pm is at the Latrobe Community Health Centre meeting room, 44 Fowler St, Moe.

If you would like to interview the speaker please contact the LVFNC Secretary, Mrs Wendy Savage wsavage@dsci.net.au or telephone 5634 2246.

On the following day there will be an excursion to Duck Point near Yanakie.

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

Gambler's Help Gippsland Are you asking the question?

When talking to services, people may admit to financial problems and not disclose that gambling is a cause of that problem. Others say they are stressed or anxious, and not acknowledge that the reason may be due to theirs, or someone else's, gambling problem.

People working in services may be unaware to ask the question: Is there a gambling issue for you or your family?

Evidence shows that if people are asked directly about having a gambling problem, then they will admit to it, and are relieved to share with someone that they have a problem.

Provider education – Gambler's Help Gippsland provides education programs and training for agencies to raise awareness of problem gambling, how to respond to it, and the services available for both clients and agencies.

Portfolio program – People with a problem with gambling often co-present with other issues. Counsellors from Gambler's Help are able to deliver secondary support to agencies for clients who are co-presenting with gambling issues. Gambler's Help portfolio counsellors are specialized in the areas of mental health, family relationships and drug and alcohol problems.

Signs of problem gambling...

Some of the tips and signs around problem gambling have been updated to reflect the increase in online & sports gambling.

Are you placing bets more often than you want?

Are you using betting or gambling internet sites more or during the night?

Do you spend more time or money than you can afford?

Do you hide your gambling?

Do you feel moody, irritable or angry?

Do you spend more time gambling than with family and friends?

Are you having trouble concentrating at work?

Do you try to win back losses?

Do you feel that gambling is taking over?

If any of these sound familiar, you may be heading towards a gambling problem.

Financial Counselling

Gambler's Help financial counsellors can clarify a client's financial situation, negotiate with creditors, explore money management strategies and identify who is responsible for each debt. This service is for anyone affected by problem gambling: clients with gambling problems as well as partners, family, friends and work colleagues.

Specifically financial counsellors can: offer information and discuss options to minimise financial stress and protect assets, advocate and negotiate repayment issues with credit institutions and banks, provide you with knowledge to regain control over your finances, help to prepare budgets, assist family and friends in financial difficulty due to problem gambling with all the above, so that they can live in a more secure environment and are aware of their rights and options.

A financial counsellor promotes options to minimise financial stress. This gives the client the opportunity to concentrate on the underlying issues that cause their gambling to become a problem.

Internet Gambling:

Tips to avoid problems:

Set a limit for yourself on how much you will spend.

Calculate how long you had to work to earn that money.

Use a site that has limits on daily spend.

Limit where you bet, don't have multiple accounts.

Use a debit card instead of a credit card: this will help you see that it is your income you are spending.

Check your player history on the sites you use and/or your bank and credit statements to keep a clear idea of how much you are spending.

Read the fine print on marketing promotions like "free bets".

And remember, like any forms of gambling, online poker, betting and sports wagering are not a good way to make money.

Gambling is for entertainment, not gain.

Gambler's Help Service Gippsland

Gambler's Help Service Gippsland can be accessed from all Latrobe Community Health Service sites at Moe, Morwell, Bairnsdale, Churchill, Warragul, Sale and Korumburra.

Outreach is also available throughout the whole of Gippsland such as Phillip Island, Yarram, Lakes Entrance and Orbost. The service is free and confidential.

Gambler's Help Counsellors can give support to not only people with a gambling problem but also partners, friends and colleagues.

Counsellors can advise on strategies to overcome problem gambling, prepare people for change, help people who have previously tried to stop gambling, and advise family how to help someone with, or recovering from gambling.

"Be Warned –

It's that time of the year when the Local Koala population is on the move."

By Jennifer Smethurst



Walking my dog at 6 am one morning recently, I came upon a koala sitting on the pavement near the Walker Parade/Williams Avenue/Canterbury Way roundabout. I was very concerned about it as the roundabout becomes quite busy with both motor traffic (heading to work and doing drop offs at school) and foot traffic (students walking to school). I needed to go home and prepare for work, but checked a little later and found the koala was stuck up a pole.

Not knowing what to do to help the koala, I called our Churchill Police station. The Boys and Girls in Blue promptly called a wildlife carer and also came to

watch over the koala until further assistance arrived. The Police were as concerned about the koala's welfare as I was and stayed until the wildlife carer arrived.

I do not know the outcome of the carers visit, but I do know the koala was not around when I came home from work. I have a feeling that over the next few weeks we'll see a few more koalas walking through Churchill.

Please be aware of them and go cautiously on our roads. The support of the Police was fantastic, and I would like to say a big thank you.

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Churchill and District News Looking Back History Book Vol. 3 Book Launch



Latrobe City Mayor Darrell White at the book launch



Neil Terrill OAM, representing the Co-Operating Churches



Volume 3 in the series produced by the Churchill and District News of Looking Back, an Oral History, was launched at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre at the Hub, Thursday 10 November 2011.

It was attended by some of the people whose stories are included, and by guests including Mayor Darrell White, Councillor Ed Vermeulen, Peter McShane, President of the Churchill Lions, Mike Answerth of Hazelwood Rotary, and Neil Terrill OAM, of the Co-operating Churches in Churchill. All these guests spoke of their experiences of Churchill, of the importance of recording our history as a reference for the future, and of their pride in being part of the Churchill town and its growth and development.

Mary Austin was called upon to unveil the book and prefaced the action with remarks

about her story being recorded, and about how she came to be part of the Churchill population.

A lovely afternoon tea was provided by the Ladies Fellowship of the Co-operating Churches. This enabled people to stay and talk and renew acquaintances, providing a very happy afternoon.

The Background to the books.

When this computer age team of Churchill and District News members took up the reins of continuing our wonderful 45 year old Churchill News, the former editor on retiring, expressed a regret that she had always wanted to write the stories of the older residents of Churchill. The idea grew into reality and so the Looking Back section of the Churchill and District News was born.

After we had produced a couple of years worth of these stories, Val, then editor,

suggested that we create a book of the stories. We applied for a grant from the State Government, were successful and thus Volume 1 was published. That Volume had a focus on Hazelwood Power as it began at a similar time as Churchill. The Volume was a popular publication and we ended up having to do two re-prints.

Once you do one, the need to continue this effort is hard to resist, and so with the profits from Volume 1 we produced Volume 2 in 2009. This 2009 book had a focus on Monash, as it was the 40th anniversary, or 80th anniversary, depending whether your origins are from Yallourn Tech, the GIAE or Monash University. The history behind all those changes is recorded in the stories particularly focused on this establishment. Our reason for doing that was that we know and appreciate the contribution Monash and its predecessors have made to our community.

The series needed to be continued and so Volume 3 was put on the agenda.

The previous State Government acknowledged the 175th anniversary of Victoria with a history book collection grant. We were again successful.

This time we decided to make our

focus the shopping centre of Churchill, which has seen many changes over the 44 years of its existence. Therefore we have stories of the early shop keepers/business owners (The Radfords, Ollquists, Van Rhines, Muncktons, Tormeys). Included in this is the story of Mary Austin who has had a foundational influence on our community health centre services and associated groups.

Coupled with that we have included some histories of the old families of the district, whose family members have made significant contributions to our community and district over the years. In fact some street names of the original section of Churchill and areas are named in their honour. (Medews, Halls, Shaws, Roys)

As the old families originated across the waves so the final story is of Max Zygarlicki who also came to Australia from Europe after the war.

These are all fascinating stories of trials and tribulations, but also of determination, and desire to succeed.

These books can be purchased at several locations around town or from the Churchill and District News team, for \$15 a copy. Please see the ad on page 15 for more details, or phone Ruth 51221961.



Mary Austin officially launches the new Looking Back edition



Above from Top: Peter McShane representing the Lions Club, Cr Ed Vermuelen, Mike Answerth representing Rotary.

APOLOGY FOR ERRATUM

The Churchill and District News apologises to Mary Austin for the anguish caused by the following error, published in the Volume 3 Looking Back an Oral History.

Volume 3 read on Page 26

“Mary received funding for a program to help people stop smoking”

It should have read

“Her role involved her (Mary) as a member of the Latrobe Valley Community Health Co-Ordinating Committee. This committee received funding supplied by the Federal Government for a special pilot program. Mary’s proposal that it be used for a smoking control; program was accepted.”



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Prom Plight - Following the Flood Devastation



Wilson's Promontory, 22 March 2011, 370mm of rain in less than 24 hours, 500mm in areas above 500m, a one in 300 years event, the Darby River bridge collapse, extensive landslips, Tidal River flooded, trapped tourists, evacuation by helicopter....

Four months on, what did the devastation look like, what restoration had been completed? Ranger Dan Jones invited the Prom'n'aides to see for themselves, so on a balmy day (3 August 2011) a band of 20 rolled up to the entrance. (Although the Prom had been temporarily open at Easter and would be so again in the September holidays, the park south of Darby River is closed to the public.) Dan stressed the value of our volunteer work (monitoring the regrowth of vegetation in designated sites after the 2005 and 2009 bushfires) and regretted that at present we couldn't access any of our areas.

At the temporary office at the entrance we were given a powerpoint presentation of aerial and on the ground photographs of landslips, creeks and rivers breaking their banks, the flood in Tidal River, the extent of silt out to sea and damaged tracks, taken in that week in March and during subsequent survey work. We then proceeded in convoy over the mended bridge, past the road construction crew (the main road is managed by Vic Roads) to Tidal River.

At present the Cotters Lake track is closed because the lake has overflowed down the track to the sea, creating Cotters Waterfalls.

During the floods water had poured into Darby River, scouring its bed and changing its entrance to the sea. Instead of the water being slightly saline and hosting freshwater fish, it is now tidal with salt water species.

The reconstruction of the main road was well underway. Granite had been cut through to set the road back from the main landslip and, wherever areas of slippage had scarred the slopes orange, the road slips had been turned a cement-green; this was an aquamulch of sterile corngrass sprayed on, indigenous seeds/seedlings to be put on these sites after consolidation.

Rangers are at present working on the Tongue Point Track and Lilly Pilly Gully. The Oberon carpark track has been cleared of landslides, but there are still a few hairy patches to cross.

Telegraph Track and Sealers Track are apparently in very bad condition and may take a long time to reconstruct.

How far will the \$8.8 million government aid go? The road in and the car park to Squeaky Beach

looked normal until we took the walking track to the beach. The raging torrents of water took the route of least resistance, the track. This was quickly undercut and swept away, a 100m stretch becoming a 4m deep gully, the water sweeping around a hill and out to sea, staining the ocean muddy yellow for a distance.

Tidal River was eerie – at first machinery noises, but these shut down at lunch time – no tourists, no gulls and very sleek Crimson Rosellas. The Norman Bay access track ended in a 3m sand cliff.

The river filled the channel from bank to bank and immediately after the floods reefs of rock were revealed in its bed. There were orange landslips on the track south of Whale Rock. Across the only slightly twisted bridge we walked to these slips – miraculously White Elderberry *Sambucus gaudichaudiana* was already colonising the mud.

After lunch in the dauntingly silent carpark, beset by Crimson Rosellas and Magpies, we ventured to Lilly Pilly Gully where the only orchids for the day were seen, *Pterostylis tunstalii*.

The fitter, more adventurous, ploughed along the newly gravelled track past the earth-moving equipment to see the landslip damage. This slip stretches at least 500m from the top of Mt Bishop to the bottom of the gully – as wide as a 4-laned highway – the continuation of the original track invisible on the other side.

Seeing all the photos that have been circulated and that we looked at in the earlier presentation just doesn't make the impact that actually standing in the middle of a landslip does. It brought home very forcefully the scale of the task ahead.

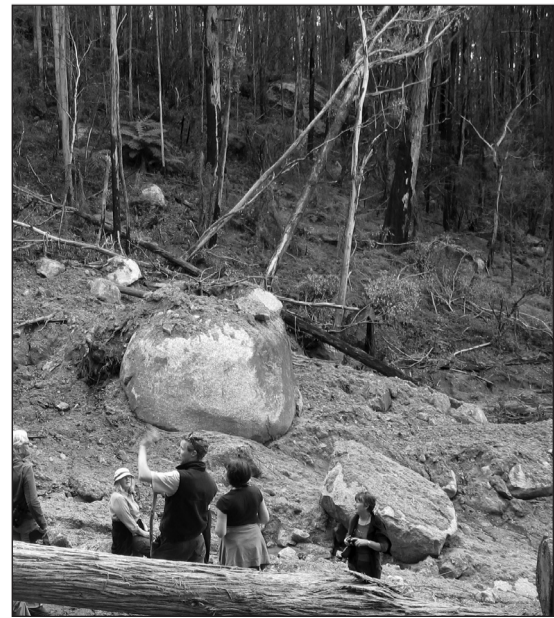
Meantime the others browsed among the heathland opposite the Lilly Pilly carpark. Here was a blaze of colour and buds about to burst open in spectacular display: Gorse Bitter-pea, Honeypots, Common Heath, Common, Spike, Pink and Coast Beard-heaths, Sweet and Myrtle Wattle, Prickly Moses, Dusty Miller, Tree Broom-heath, Common Correa, Hop Goodenia.

The heaths, wattles and peas will be magnificent in another fortnight, but there will be no-one to admire them.

It is interesting to see how well the Prom is recovering from the 2009 fire, but now it will have to cope with the ravages of storm wash and landslips.

Weary, crammed with information, satiated with scenery, we departed the Park.

Our thanks go to the ever-helpful and hopeful staff of Parks Victoria at the Prom.



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Jeeralang North Hall Re-opens



A wonderfully large, excited crowd of impressed people gathered at the Jeeralang North Hall on Saturday 22nd October to view the new additions and for the official Re-Opening of the hall.

The kitchen and toilet area of the old hall had been destroyed in the February 2009 fires. The community on Jeeralang North Road banded together and became a very supportive community for each other. A re-building committee was formed to oversee the re-building of the hall. The hall was seen as a way to keep the group together and to promote community.

After months and months of work it was finally ready to open for business. The floor of the main hall has been replaced. New, larger windows have replaced the others, lighting, ceiling decoration and audio-visual resources have been installed. A new block at the rear includes toilets, a kitchen, meeting/supper room and storage facility. Outside there is a BBQ covered area and children's playground near the tank.

The memorial rose garden is planted and seats are arranged around it for quiet contemplation. The peaceful bush surrounds are beginning to recover and be re-vegetated in the fresh new foliage.

This is now an excellent facility and it is for hire. Prior to the opening, re-building committee members Judy and Heather reported that they had had a very busy time getting the hall ready, with days and nights spent in preparations. But it had been lots of fun, and now the time had come to open it, they were both hoping that everyone would enjoy the ceremony and following activities, and that the hall would be well used into the future.

Michael Edgar of Latrobe City Council acted as MC for the

proceedings. He introduced the Mayor Darrell White who gave a welcome to country. He then spoke of the long history of the hall, which existed before the 1944 bushfires. It was burnt down, to be re-built as the hall which was then burnt again in 2009.

Darrell spoke of the kind and generous support which was forthcoming for the re-building from the Victorian Bushfire Fund, McDonalds, Tasmanian Rotary Clubs, FRRR the Inner Wheel, the Soroptimists and Latrobe City Council.

Bernie Mele, the spokesperson for the re-building committee, following the Mele tradition, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He spoke with emotion of his Uncle Bill who had been the President of the hall committee for fifty years, and had been responsible for the re-building after the 1944 fires. Bernie spoke of the hall as a place where the local community had held family dances, old time dances, meetings and special occasion events for many years. He explained that the following Friday night would see the return of the old time dance to Jeeralang North hall after an absence of well over two years, for the 56th Anniversary dance. He invited all to come and participate.

"It is a great facility," said Bernie, "with features like the memorial garden, children's playground and the peaceful surrounds."

Sponsors and organisations big and small were thanked, as was the dedicated staff of Latrobe City Council.

Bernie also paid tribute to Bob and Zelma Mildenhall and Hans Dortmans for their 50 years of service to the hall committee, and for keeping the old time dances going at Hazelwood North hall while the Jeeralang North hall was re-built.

State member Russell s remarked on the stark contrast of the site before and after re-building. He too thanked all concerned in the re-building process. He said, "I take my hat off to the people who have worked so hard and stuck at it to achieve this great facility which will provide a hub for the community."

Russell also referred to Bill Mele, remembering that only recently, before his death, he had been recognised for his 55 years of service to the hall.

Following the speeches the plaque was unveiled, and a round of the Pride of Erin was danced.

Activities for the afternoon and evening included afternoon tea, entertainment with Coco the Clown, an evening meal and bush dance which was well attended, with a high participation level.

56th Anniversary Dance

The following Friday night, the 56th anniversary dance was held with a large crowd attending, and enjoying the music of Ken and Alice Rae to dance away the night.

Bernie Mele, after supper, presented "50 Years Services" certificates to Bob and Zelma Mildenhall and Hans Dortmans. Bob and Zelma also received an aerial photograph from Ken Rae of their property.

The new committee provided the delicious supper. Bernie announced that the price for the dance which would be held on November 26th would be \$8 with supper provided.

Thanks were offered all round to the musicians, committee and the patrons.

It was a very happy occasion which everyone hopes will be repeated in the future.



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Mathison Park - It was a great effort



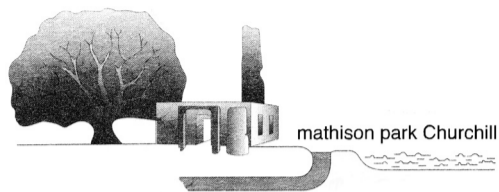
Thank you to our wonderful committee and friends who have attended two working bees this month. It was a great effort.

The first working bee welcomed back several people who had been on the sick list, and those who had not been able to attend due to other commitments.

A large tree along the pathway near Kurnai College was cleared away, along with several other trees and branches in the vicinity which had fallen down in the wild weather.

The Mathison Park Committee would like to thank Kurnai for allowing us to use their rubbish pile, your cooperation is appreciated.

We also appreciate the Churchill CFA for working with us to burn the pile



of rubbish, when needed.

The second working bee was held in drizzly rain and eventuated in wet feet.

Several dead trees and dead limbs were removed from the Mackey's Rd end of the lake in preparation for the Churchill and District News Junior Fishing Competition which was held on Saturday 5 November.

It is always pleasant to stop for a welcome cuppa and revitalising of energy.

Thanks to those who take the time to get the supplies ready for this important time of cuppa and chat.



Neighbourhood Watch Churchill

committed on the same night in Fraser Cres.

Burglary: 1 for the month (4 previous month.)

One offender has been charged with burglary for the month.

Theft From Motor Vehicle: 5 for the month (Nil previous month.)

All the thefts from motor vehicle were committed in residential driveways or addresses. A series of thefts were committed in the Canterbury Way/Omaro Crt/Williams Ave area with purses, cameras and a rear view mirror stolen.

Theft of Motor Vehicles: 3 for the month (1 previous month.)

All three vehicles stolen during October have been recovered and returned to the owners. Two of the vehicles were recovered within fifty metres of the residence they were stolen from.

Theft: 2 for the month (3 previous month.)

Jewellery and cash was stolen from a residence during the month whilst motorcycle gear was stolen from a carport.

Police remind the community if they see something suspicious they should ring 000 or if they have information in relation to an offence contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or www.crimestoppers.com.au.

Issues: Community Group Expo – Gaskin Park – Sunday 4 March, 2012

Robbery: 1 for the month (Nil previous month.)

One offender has been charged with armed robbery after an incident in Churchill. The offender will also face various other robbery charges.

Assaults: 11 for the month (5 previous month.)

In the only incident where an offender has not been charged police are making follow up enquiries. In all other incidents an offender has been charged.

Arson: 2 for the month (4 previous month)

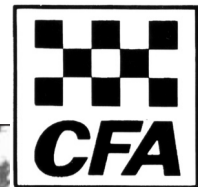
One offender has been charged with criminal damage by fire after an incident in Dalpura Ct. A stolen vehicle was recovered in Glendonald Rd burnt out.

Property Damage: 11 for the month (5 previous month.)

Four offenders have been charged with property damage offences during the month.

All the other damages were committed in residential areas of town. Overnight on 6th October a number of vehicles had tyres slashed by unknown means in White Pde/Howard Ave area. Two other incidents of graffiti were

CFA Jumbuk Road Vehicle Fire



At 17.42 on Saturday 15 October, the Churchill and Yinnar South brigades were paged to a reported car fire at the corner of Junction and Jumbuk Roads, Jeeralang Junction.

Churchill Pumper was first on scene and found the vehicle fully involved with the tray mounted gas cylinder venting. Early advice was that there were another two 40 kg cylinders mounted underneath the vehicle, so OIC Steve Barling called for an additional tanker to assist with water supply.

Crews commenced working to cool the cylinders and were soon faced with a second cylinder underneath the vehicle also starting to vent.

A second line was put in place once Yinnar South tanker arrived on scene, so that all cylinders could be cooled simultaneously.

There were a number of exposures that had also

required initial consideration. The vehicle had been towing a tandem box trailer, but as the vehicle occupants had been able to unhitch the trailer from the vehicle and put a little distance between them, no damage was effected on the trailer. The extensive flames from the fire and venting gas impacted on one of the roadside trees overhanging the vehicle.

Once the main fire had been extinguished, there was a small gas leak detected underneath the vehicle which was a result of damage to one of the gas lines.

To make the vehicle safe for transport, it was necessary to flare off the remaining gas and this was capably effected by the crew from Trafalgar.

Churchill Captain Steve Barling praised the good teamwork of all crews in dealing with the fire, as it could have been a much different result given the involvement of multiple gas cylinders.

Relay For Life Record Number to Relay at Churchill

Around 700 people are expected to converge on Churchill's Gaskin Park in three weeks to take part in this year's Latrobe Valley Relay For Life fundraiser.

Event Chair Leo Billington said a record 37 teams had registered this year.

"It is a fantastic achievement that new and existing participants should be proud of, and it's not too late to join a team. Volunteers can register on the day," Mr Billington said.

Participants will camp overnight at Gaskin Park on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 November, and take turns walking or running around the oval through the night to raise funds for the Cancer Council Victoria.

The money raised will go towards life-saving cancer research and prevention programs to help

people reduce their cancer risk, and provide support services for people facing cancer.

Last year twenty eight teams raised \$100,532.

As part of this year's 18-hour fundraiser, teams will also have the chance to compete in off-track events for team points and prizes.

For more information or to join a team phone Collette Farley on 0408 135 274 or visit www.relayforlife.org.au

Latrobe Valley Relay For Life will commence with a Survivors and Carers Walk at 4pm on Saturday, 19 November and continue until 10am Sunday, 20 November.



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Boolarra Primary School

Ballarat Camp:

Our grade 5/6s recently spent four days in Ballarat. They enjoyed a day living like children did in the olden days at Sovereign Hill, attending the "Blood on the Southern Cross" sound and light show, having an educational tour of the Ballarat Art Gallery, doing some research at the Ballarat Cemetery and touring the Ballarat Gold Museum and Treasury Place in Melbourne on the journey home.

The weather was kind and our students behaved brilliantly. It was wonderful to see how well they got along with the students from Thorpdale and Narracan who accompanied us.

We all learnt lots too – for example do you know that there would be as much gold in a tonne of mobile phones today as would have been discovered in a tonne of quartz during the gold rush days?



We also learnt how dense gold is – it's heavier than lead but much softer and more malleable! This experience really brought learning to life for our students.

Bullying Survey:

Each year our students fill in a questionnaire to help us find out about what bullying is occurring at our school. This year it

was really pleasing to learn that we have very little nasty behaviour happening and that most of our students feel safe at school.

Physical bullying was rare but name calling and exclusion is still a problem occasionally for some students.

International Teachers' Day:

It was lovely to have the opportunity to pay tribute to our sensational teachers on this day.

Although Mrs Tammy Estcourt and Ms Finley Smith were away at Maths training, regulars Ms Tina Larrad and Mrs. Roz Carstairs were on hand. Our students did a brilliant job making signs and life-size pictures of the teachers, with lots of complimentary messages on them.

The grade 2/3/4s worked together to create the following acrostic poems using the teachers' surnames.

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Accessible
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Admirable
Delightful

Too kind
Wicked
Outrageous at Art
Motivational
Exquisite
Youthful

Latrobe Valley Sports Camp:

Each year a number of our sporty grade 5/6 students have the opportunity to attend this development camp. Bella Papa, Daina Howard and Jasmin Carroll represented us this year and mixed

with the elite athletes from across Latrobe Valley.

Family Murals:

The first family murals created by some of our families will appear on our school fence line soon. We're very excited about this as they all look fabulous!

More Bike Ed Success:

We are extremely proud of our team who have won through to compete in the state final. They are amazing!

Sports Day:

Our students have all enjoyed extra sports sessions with the SEDA team. During these sessions they've focussed on developing kanga cricket and soccer skills.

This was a great way for our students to interact with some males – something we're always trying to promote as, like many primary schools, we have no male teachers.

This program also highlights to our sporty students another possible pathway through the latter stages of Secondary College. We're very grateful to the program coordinator, former student Eamon Flahavin, for arranging these sessions for us!

Prep / One Excursion:

Our P/Is had the pleasure of travelling to the Warragul Art Centre to see a live performance of the much loved children's story "Gruffalo". Some of our fabulous parents made this possible by helping with transport.



Yinnar South Primary School

At Yinnar South Primary we offer the students a variety of hands-on learning experiences. Here is what some of our students wrote about science.

Water Walks a Tightrope

On Tuesday 25th October for Science we did Water Walks a Tightrope. We used two cups, blu tac, string, a nail and water. First we got the two plastic cups and we put a hole in them under the rim with the nail. We got the string and we put it in the holes in the plastic cups. We had to tie a knot at each end of the string. Then we got the blu tac and we put it over the holes so when we tipped the water out it wouldn't drip. Then we got some water and we filled a cup half way. We went outside and we played with them. We tipped the cup with

the water in it and we had to tip it slowly. We were trying to get the water to run down the string. When the string was long it didn't work. Then we cut a little bit off the string and it worked. We played with the angles but we had to keep the string tight or else it didn't work. It was fun.

Water Walks a Tightrope

On Tuesday we did Science. It was called Water Walks a Tightrope. We used two plastic cups, blu tac, string, a nail and water. First we used the nail to poke a hole below the rim of the two cups. We tied the string to the two cups. We covered the hole with blu tac. We filled one cup with water. We tipped the cup with water towards the string. It didn't work well when we tipped the cup the first time. We had to shorten

the string. It worked better with shorter string. We went outside to do it. When we tipped the cup with water, the water went down the string into the other cup.

We had to hold the string tight or it wouldn't work. This happened because water clings to itself due to a force called surface tension. We had to change the angle a lot. We had fun.

On Tuesday 18th October for science we made electricity.

We used a polystyrene meat tray, alumina tray, scissors and some tape.

First we cut a corner of the polystyrene tray and stuck it in the middle of the alumina tray so it was a handle. Then we rubbed the polystyrene meat tray in our hair.

We used the bottom bit of the tray. Then about a minute later we stopped and put it onto the table. We grabbed the alumina tray by the handle and dropped it about 30 centimetres from the tray. Then we slowly went to touch it, there was a little crackle, some of us got a shock.

It worked because there are electrons in our hair and they got on the polystyrene tray. It is the same with clouds, they have electrons in them so when the two clouds hit it makes lightning. I really liked this experiment.

We have been busy in the garden weeding & tidying up. One of our parents has saved vegetable seeds and we planted these this week and are awaiting their germination.

The students enjoyed planting up a range of succulent plants and decorated the pots with sea shells. We are all making sure that everything is "tip top and ship shape" for the 125 Year Anniversary afternoon tea on the 12th November commencing at 1pm.



Churchill Primary School

Gardening Award

Churchill Primary School won an award at Regional level in the State Gardens Competition in the category for schools with 100+ - 250 students.

On Friday 21st of October, a helicopter landed on our oval and three judges. Pam Vardy, Paul Crowe OAM and Steve Cole, from Turf Australia, emerged to judge our garden for the State level competition.

The winners for State will be announced in early December at the Botanic Gardens in Melbourne by Jane Edmundson.

We will be taking a representative group of students to this event. The gardening has been a whole school effort and has been led by Wendy Smart and our Grade 5/6 students.

Mrs Edna Stolk and Mr Steve Mayer also worked very hard to help out and get other parts of our gardens in shape.



Below: Tournament of Minds



Tournament of Minds

What an outstanding effort from our Churchill Primary School team. The school entered a team called the 'Brainy Bunch' last Saturday at Monash University.

Tournament of Minds is for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting and public way.

The aim of the experience is to enhance the potential of these young, passionate students by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management and the

discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

A big 'proud' congratulations to Cameron Ipsen, Josh Lehrner, Rachel Pendlebury, Hayley Huizer, Meika Omerod, Olivia Campbell and Taylor Kelty-Roberts for coming second in their group of Maths Engineering. Fantastic!

Didgeribone Performance

On 27 October, Tjpurru, an Aboriginal musician came to our school. He gave us an extraordinary musical performance, using an instrument that is part didgeridoo and part trombone.

This instrument has a sleeve, which slides in and out to play notes. He uses a seismic recorder in his mouth to amplify the vibrations which occur in his mouth as he plays the didgeribone.

The sounds that he makes are incredible.

He told of his family's history in Australia and Papua New Guinea, how he came to learn the didgeridoo and how he travels to schools in all areas to which he travels. He is now being invited to play at huge events and counts as friends a number of Australia's best contemporary musicians. His music was funky and modern but incorporated the haunting sound of the traditional didgeridoo.

He involved the CPS students in dance and song and was very humorous and entertaining.

Visits for Preps for 2012

Kinder transition is beginning where our Preps for 2012 will have a few visits to school to help them with the big step of coming to school in the new year.

The dates for the transition visits are Friday 18th November, Wednesday 30th November and Tuesday 13th December.

All of these visits are from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am. Please bring a hat and a snack for your child

Halloween dress up day

On Friday the 28th the school was beset by ghosts, witches and all manner of ghastly creatures as the Junior school got into the "spirit" of Halloween.

All the children were excited as they participated in activities around Halloween.

Playgroup: Friday 9:00 - 11:00

Playgroup continues to flourish. The playgroup children also dressed up for Halloween. We had baby pirates, skeletons, ballerinas, witches, a dinosaur and a cat.

Our playgroup generally has around 10 or 12 mums and a few more children.

It has been wonderful to see the excitement as the children meet each other each week, play together and, with the support of their parents, hone skills such as sharing, getting along together, playing independently and fine and gross motor skills.



School Wide Positive Behaviour

The beehive this week had a Halloween theme. Students could trade their bee tickets for Halloween trinkets.

The beehive is part of the reward system for those students who are exhibiting behaviours which reflect our values.

These are Be responsible, Be respectful, Be understanding, Be your best.

Our SW PBS team attended the last training session for this year with other Valley Schools involved, on Thursday 20th October. We are on track with our action plan, our universals are in place and teachers and students are modelling our values.

Injury Free Day

On October the 28th, our Safety Club ran an Injury Free Day. This is to draw our attention to the number of injuries to children that occur in Australia every day. Safety club representatives gave out Injury Free Band-aids to students who were playing safely.

Our Seemore doll was also out in the playground encouraging the students to see hazards and avoid them. Students are encouraged to report hazards if they see them.

It was a fun day with witches and wizards wearing fluorescent Injury Free band-aids on their costumes.



Gippsland Education Precinct

Synchrotron Excursion

Gippsland Education Precinct Physics students attended The Australian Synchrotron recently as part of their study into the nature of Light and Matter.

The Synchrotron is a large particle accelerator which produces very high intensity electromagnetic radiation (light) which can be used for imaging compounds such as proteins right down to a molecular level.

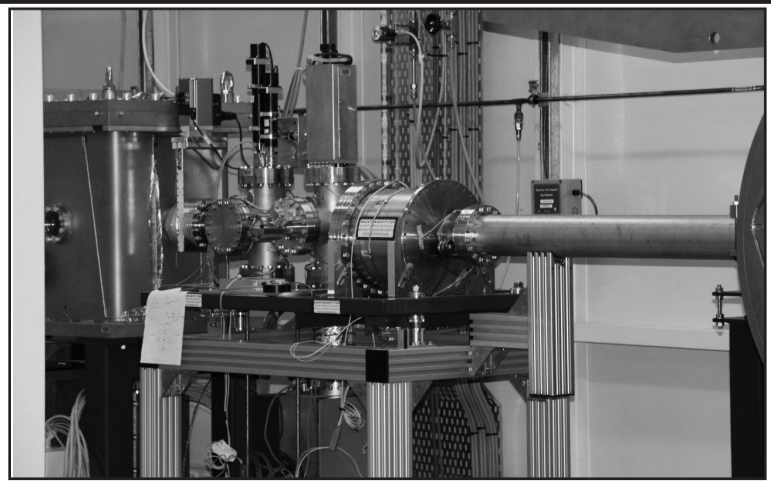
Students were given a guided tour of the multi-million dollar facility, which is approximately the size of the MCG, and were amazed by its design and capabilities.

Following the tour students were taken to the education

centre, where they were able to complete four practical experiments that were directly related to their study of Light and Matter. Students were able to gain a lot from the experiments and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The Synchrotron is located in Clayton, and is the only one of its kind in the southern hemisphere. State Government funded, it is used in partnership with the CSIRO, as well as Melbourne and Monash Universities and is primarily used for scientific research and development.

For more information visit www.synchrotron.org.au



Hazelwood North Primary School

Grade 5/6 A Buddies

Recently we have been doing buddies with the grade preps and ones from Mrs Vesty's class. Once a week the preps and ones will come into our room and go to their buddy, and we will show them how to use different programs on the computer. So far we have showed them how to look for pictures on Google Images, copy and paste things into a word document, do research for a project, make their own folder and save things in it. Everyone always lets their buddy sit in the chair and shows them how to do it, not do it for them. We are enjoying helping them and can't wait until next time!

By Natalie B



Action Squad

Two weeks ago people from Kurnai College in Churchill came to our school to tell us some information about high school, and we all got a booklet that we had to fill out. The people's names were Meg, Hayden, Cedar and Amber and they all used to go to our school. They gave us good tips about the most important things to expect in high school. They also told us the room numbers if we were going to Kurnai and how to read a timetable. I would think everyone would have found it helpful. We've played games with the Action Squad people. By Thomas and Jessy

Water watch

Recently the grades 5/6A and 5/6B from Hazelwood North

Primary School went down to the creek to test the water with Nicole and Judy to see how healthy the water was, by seeing how many creatures we could find. We were split into five groups. First, we got a person from each group to get a net and put it in the water to try to catch some creatures living in the water. Secondly we emptied the net into a container and started looking for life in the water. We used magnifying glasses to see the creatures and a chart to help us identify them. We found 13 species living in the water so our rating was fair. We found blood worms, mosquito fish, mayfly larvae, freshwater shrimp, water boatmen among others. By Nonda



5/6 Technology

In the past few weeks grades 5/6A and 5/6B have been working on simple machines. We have been learning how they work, how they are used and the names of them, which are Levers, Pulleys, Wedge, Screw, Wheel and Axle and Inclined

Plane. As a teamwork activity we have to work in groups of three and make a carnival ride making sure that we use at least one simple machine, and that our ride goes at different speeds and in different directions. We have to design our machine and then build it. We've been using many kits and construction materials.

By Lauren 5/6B



Health and Human Relations

For the past 2 weeks, on each Wednesday, a nurse named Corina has been coming in to teach us about Health and Human Relations. The entire grade 6's participated. Corina was very nice and mature, she was also very funny at the same time. A lot of the students were crying from laughter! It was hilarious! Although we were having a bit of a laugh, we were still taking it seriously. On the last session, in the last half hour, the girls and boys split up so that we could ask questions personally. That also went well. We learnt things we didn't know and we also recalled things we had learnt so that they could stay in our minds. Corina was really great, and we would like to thank her. We learnt a lot and hopefully it will help us in the future.

By Rose and Jordyn

Lumen Christi Primary School



Building Bridges

Grade 5/6W are doing an Investigative Project called 'Building Bridges'. In pairs, the students planned and drafted a design of their bridge. With the guidance of Mrs Wade and Ms Grainger, the students constructed their bridges using the following materials:

newspaper, straws, paddle-pop sticks, match sticks, ribbon, masking tape and various other things in the classroom. The class really enjoyed the project and it was a lot of fun!

Lumen Christi School Fete

On Friday 21st October Lumen Christi had a school fete. It had fairy floss, snow cones, a jumping castle, Sumo wrestling, pony rides, a plant stall, a White Elephant stall and lots more. It was the best fete we have had and we had a lot of fun! Sophie

I liked the tunnel of terror at the fete and the pony rides because they were cool.

Holly

My favourite thing at the fete was the show bags because there were lots of things in them. I got a Bratz show bag. I liked the tombola. I liked the horse rides. I had fun at the fete! Shannae

I had a great time at the fete. I got a show bag because it was a cool show bag. It was the scary one! I loved the tunnel of terror. It was cool because people grabbed you!

Ryan

I liked two things at the fete. I liked my Pop doing the tickets and I loved the jumping castle. I liked the jumping castle because it was bouncy!

Reece



Kurnai College Junior Campus

Robotics

On the last day of Term 3, Year 7 and 8 girls had a visit from some university students who are aiming to get girls involved in engineering degrees at university. They brought small mechanical robots to the school and showed the girls how to program the robots to do various stunts, such as dance or jump or go around in circles. This was an opportunity for girls to learn about a career path that is traditionally targeted at males, and probably not considered as an option for many of our girls. The Year 7 and 8 girls learned a lot from their university student mentors and had fun playing with the robotic equipment. We hope this opens up other pathways for our female students that they may not have previously thought of.



Global poverty

Year 7 students are undertaking a Global Poverty Project for the remainder of this year. Through this they are learning about different types of poverty, the United Nations and the Millennium Development Goals, among several other topics. They are watching television programs, World Vision clips, reading articles and have had a guest speaker come to speak to them. The students learnt about the 1.4 billion people living in absolute poverty. On October 15-17, Australians were asked to ask Australian politicians to Keep The Promise to the world's poor, and the commitment to end global poverty by 2015. This was part of the Global Day for the Eradication of Poverty. All year 7 students were joined by some of the Year 7 staff and the campus principal and assistant principal to take part in this global event. After the presentation, the students made a promise to each other and the school to put action into place to help end poverty. The students have been highly engaged with their learning so far and some in-depth conversations about rights and responsibilities have ensued. They will choose one of the eight millennium goals to study and use to take their action. Some of the 2010 students will act as cross-age tutors with the year 7s to carry through work already begun last year. Also, students are realizing that their own lives are not so 'awful' after watching World Vision clips on young children living in East Timor. Some students are currently writing letters to Mr. Russell Northe, about what they are learning, how they feel about poverty and what they think needs to be done about the issue. Later in the term, Mr. Northe will be visiting the school to speak to selected students about their concerns and to view students work. There is a great deal of excitement about this and we look forward to it. Furthermore, in a few weeks, students will be asked to "Go Barefoot for Poverty", which is part of another anti-poverty campaign. There will also be a display day towards the end of term where family and friends will have the chance to come in and see the work students have completed. We are packing a lot in to this last term and we hope students will develop an increased sense of social justice through this unit of work.

The photo shows (L-R): Nello Carbone (campus

principal), Emily Barrett, Jazmyn Wilkins, Holly Campbell (Year 7 teacher), Matthew Jenkins, Luke Van Rooy, Oakley Martin and Nicole Pryor (campus assistant principal).

Students Visit China.

Nathan Noblett was one of the chosen students to pay a reciprocal visit to China. The trip began on 12th October flying from Melbourne to Shanghai where they had one day touring the sights. Next it was Taizhou to visit their sister school. Here they stayed with local families for a week, and attended the classes at the school. They were taken on several day outings.

Then to Nanjing where they spent two days, visiting tourist spots including the aquarium.

Nathan says that students in China comply with much higher achievement expectations than in Australia. He said the students did not speak unless they were spoken to, worked cooperatively together and were very well disciplined- so different to Nathan's experiences.

Most of the classes were in

Chinese which made it very difficult to understand. However that has given Nathan an understanding of what the Chinese students face when they come to Australia.

On one occasion, the Aussie kids were asked to talk to the Chinese students about the differences between Australia and China. The Chinese were amazed about the class sizes being so small compared to China where class sizes can be 50 plus.

Living with the families was a special experience where they were made to feel very welcome, accommodating the students very well, and making every effort to give them a good experience. Nathan says some of the Aussie students are still in regular touch with the Chinese families.

Among the highlights were being taken out for dinner, and visiting the tourist places.

Overall Nathan says we learnt that the Chinese students are just the same as us with their needs.

Visit of Tommy Hafey

Veteran football coach, Tommy Hafey, visited the school, and spoke at length to the Year 7 and 8 students. He urged them to take every opportunity to be their best, to stay focussed, stay

away from drugs and alcohol and make sensible choices.

Tommy proposed that the students use the four 'D's' to plan their life goals- Desire, Dedication, Determination and Discipline. These he said would be what helped them to achieve their positive Destiny. After speaking for about 45 minutes, Tommy took questions from the students.

Questacon.

Questacon is a travelling science road show from Canberra, which visited the school recently. It is funded to inspire the students into engaging with science subjects more readily.

The Year 8's paid to see the show, but the Year 10's were free. Two of the Year 8's to attend were Riley and Jack who participated in the Quest Science Circus. They had to listen and observe as the presenter did experiments with energy. Some students were chosen to participate. They were shown examples of how energy is used as in liquid nitrogen which steams making a noise like a boiling kettle.

Types of energy were also presented- heat, light, wind, water, potential, kinetic, and solar. Both students said the show was good fun and interesting to the students, opening up ideas in the science field.

The aim of the show for the Year 10 students was to show them how science could create career pathways. These students were shown experiments in force and pressure, being given examples of rockets, leaf-blowers, and vacuum cleaners. The students found the show very engaging, changing some student's minds about science. The students could ask questions. The



young presenters were enthusiastic and encouraging.

The Arts

The arts are alive at Kurnai Churchill. Five plays will have been presented as part of the term 4 theatre program. The program is rich in diversity and participation, with almost 200 students participating in the five productions.

Week 6- Thursday/Friday, November 17/18

The Wizard of Oz : Yr 8

The year 8 theatre class takes on the huge challenge of adapting the classic, The Wizard of Oz, to the Kurnai Churchill stage. Using puppets, stilts, and clever staging, this talented mob will thrill our audiences with a popular story told in a unique style. Week 7 - Wednesday/Thursday, November 23/24

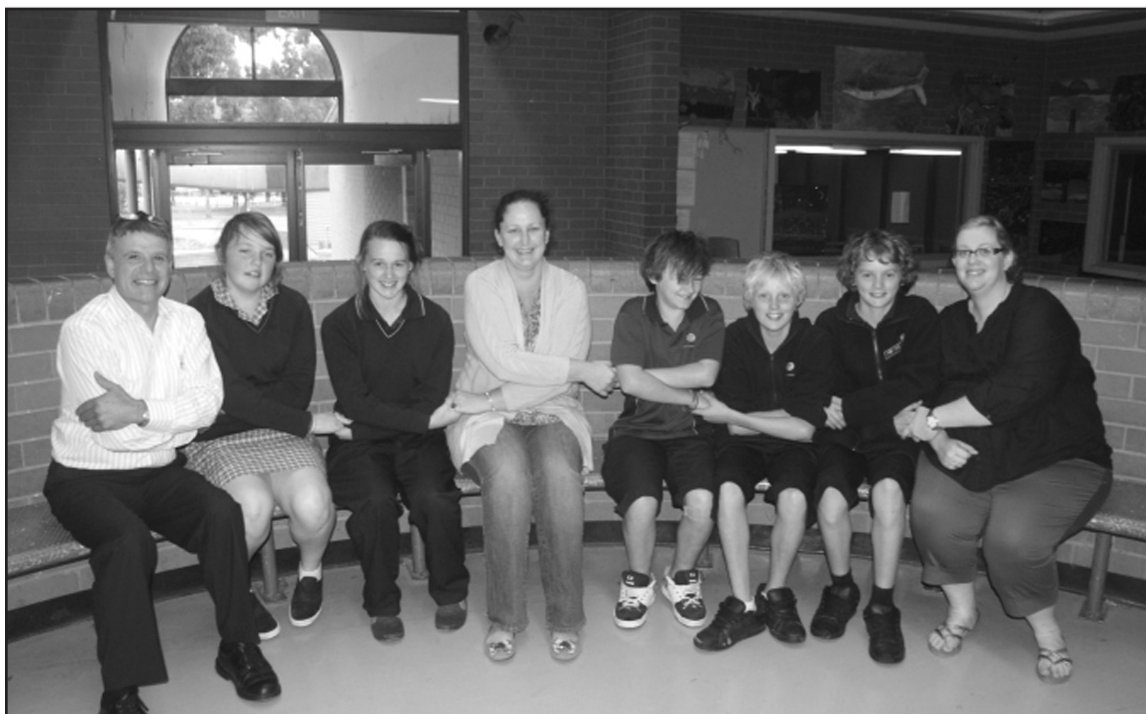
Generations: Yr 7

This is the story of an Australian family across five generations, from colony to federation to world war to now. The students present five generations in their own story, a mix of history, legend and romance. It's a remarkable project which was originally conceived to be performed outside but has been moved back into the Kurnai Churchill theatre on two nights.

Week 8 - Thursday/Friday December 1/2

School of Rock: Yr 9/10

School of Rock is a modern comedy classic about a desperate loser who thinks rock music is the meaning of life, but finds out what life is really all about. This is a riot, full of funny characters and very funny action. School of Rock makes perfect sense to this group of students, and they are ready to rock.



Rotary Club of Hazelwood



The Rotary Club of Hazelwood has continued to host its interesting and unique guest speakers throughout September and October.

Mirboo North Secondary College Year 11 student Scott Marriott, was a special guest in September when he outlined his future career aspirations in the field of engineering. Scott is the Rotary Club of Hazelwood's sponsored student to the January 2012 National Youth Science Forum to be held in Canberra.

Morwell Rotarian Graham Cornell presented an interesting talk about his passion for heritage photography and on another evening Professor Mark Sandeman from the Monash University Gippsland Engineering Faculty outlined future developments at the University in engineering education.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood Strzelecki District Scout of the Year, Bevan Kemp, provided an interesting insight into his pursuit of scouting activities. Bevan traced in detail a major bike hike along an East Gippsland rail-trail. Rotary club members were amazed at the tenacity of Bevan and his team to undertake such a long journey. Bevan is a member of the 1st Churchill Scout Group.

Last week, Peter Carr, Community Development

Officer for the Victorian Men's Shed Association, outlined the aims of the Men's Shed "phenomena" which is expanding across Victoria at a fast rate. The basic premise of each Men's Shed is to provide a local, informal location where the men of a community can spend time engaged in manual crafts such as woodworking, metal working or restoring old furniture, objects and similar.

Last Sunday, together with the Rotary Club of Morwell, the Hazelwood Club was in attendance at the Shannon's Car and Bike show at the Hazelwood Pondage.

The two clubs provided delicious barbecued meals and sold a great deal of soft-drink and water on what was a successful, well attended day. Proceeds raised went to the Gippsland Rotary Centenary House.

On Saturday, October 22, the newly renovated Jeeralang North Community Hall was opened following extensive re-building after being damaged in the 2009 bushfires. The Rotary Clubs of Tasmania made a significant financial contribution to the re-building budget. Liaison with the Tasmanian clubs for this project was auspiced by the Rotary Club of Hazelwood.



Above: Rotary - Peter Carr - Oct 2011



Above: Bevan Kemp Rotary - Oct 2011

Learner drivers need a hand

Young drivers represent only a minor proportion of the licensed population, yet they are significantly more at risk of being involved in road crashes, fatalities and injuries than older, more experienced drivers.

The Latrobe Community L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program, run by Berry Street in partnership with VicRoads, Latrobe City Council and Victoria Police, aims to address this issue by matching experienced drivers from the community with learner drivers to help them build up 120 hours of safer driving experience.

The program is for young people aged between 16 and 20 years who would have difficulty gaining driving experience without community support.

The program is heading into its third year of operation and due to the huge demand from young people in the district, further community support is critical to ensure its continued success.

"Some young people have been waiting a long time to be matched with a supervising driver/mentor.



We are keen to get them on the road as quickly as possible", said Berry Street, Senior Manager Employment and Support Services, Antony Giannini.

He further explained that it only takes a commitment of two hours a week and full training and ongoing support is provided through Berry Street's Mentoring Community.

To become involved as a supervising driver please contact Jennifer Murray, Project Worker, Berry Street on 5134 5971 or email jmurray@berrystreet.org.au.

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Attention Small Business Owners



Above: Russell Northe with Peter McLean and Garry Goodman in the Churchill Hot Bread

Small businesses account for 495,000 businesses in Victoria, 28% of which are in rural and regional areas. You are important to the local economy, contributing 30% of the State's production and nearly half of its private employment.

Small businesses employ locals, train locals and support local organisations such as the football and soccer clubs, schools and service organisations.

Your continued existence is hampered by red tape and administrative procedures.

The State Government has heard your complaints and feedback, but is asking for more detailed information so that the issues and challenges for small business can be lessened.

The challenge is out to small businesses to come up with ideas, initiatives and strategies to operate better, so that the Government can assist.

After considering submissions, the Government intends to release a formal Small Business Statement that will outline the policies, programs and services that it will use to help guide small business development and growth.

At the Churchill Hot Bread with Proprietor Peter McLean and Garry Goodman from the Churchill Authorised Newsagency, Member for Morwell and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business, Russell Northe, launched the Discussion Paper.

Russell said that small business had a major role to play in the future of the Latrobe Valley, especially in light of impacts on heavy industry here.

If the Valley is to remain viable in

the future, with changes in diversity of business, small business especially will play a vital role.

Without small businesses, small communities would not exist.

Russell urges all citizens to put local business first and shop locally.

He is well aware of the importance of small business and knows the importance of making improvements, as he was also involved with a small business in the past.

The Government is wanting to remove the red tape and administrative pressures. Russell noted that small business which has been excluded from applying for grants previously, now has the opportunity to apply, due to changed legislation.

Peter McLean agreed with Russell regarding the red tape and regulating issues which take so much time.

Peter cited as particular problems the disposal of waste and the parking problems.

Small business is important as it contributes to society, supports local organisations and employs local staff, Peter continued.

Garry Goodman informed Russell of the proposed increases in EFTPOS costs and the serious effects it would have on small businesses in turn, which would have no other options than to pass the costs on to the customers, and being unable to compete with supermarkets, many would close.

To obtain a copy of the Small Business Victoria Discussion Paper please contact Business Victoria on 13 22 15.

Churchill Lions Club News - Camp Quality



Churchill Lions Club was again at the Churchill and District News Family Fishing Competition, catering for the hungry young fisherpeople on Saturday 5 November.

A great day was had by all who attended.

The day was made more special for the Club, as all the proceeds raised on the day are going to one of our local schools to help a young student who needs special assistance.

The Club is always keen to be involved with this event as it is the core of what the Lions is about: assisting and being involved with the local community.

At our evening fundraiser on Saturday 5 November Lions members also assisted at the Rosedale Speedway's Camp Quality fundraiser. This event is put on for Camp Quality Kids (kids with cancer) and their families to have a fun day out, to sit in and be driven around the race track and generally have fun.

This is a very important event for our club as Camp Quality is one of the Clubs major fundraising projects. Lion's members put in a lot of time fund raising and assisting Camp Quality.

That night the Club assisted the Moe Lions Club with catering at the Moe Fireworks, a very busy day for club members.

In October, Churchill Lions Club members Bob Christie, Ross Norman and Bill Hurenkamp participated in the 2011 Camp Quality Escarpade, a mad seven-day outback motoring adventure that raises much needed funds for children and their families living with cancer.

Camp Quality Escarpade celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2011 by re-tracing its first ever route, from Bendigo to Bright, leaving Bendigo on 14th October and going on through to Ballarat, Geelong, Apollo Bay, Warrnambool, Casterton, Naracoorte, Pinnaroo, Mildura, Swan Hill, Deniliquin, Numurkah, Wangaratta and finally finishing in Bright on October 21st.

It was a convoy of 74 crazy cars travelling 3000km on sandy, dusty roads and tracks, crossing rivers in the name of the children's family cancer charity, Camp Quality.

The Churchill Lions Club has participated in the Escarpade for the past 19 years since it started, and has raised approximately \$300,000 a massive amount for Camp Quality during that time.



This year again raised just over \$35,000 for this great Children's charity through Sponsorship of their Escarpade Car, running BBQ's and collecting donations, an effort the club is very proud of.

This year's Escarpade raised \$1.45 million dollars in total and all money raised goes direct to Camp Quality, a non-profit organisation committed to bringing hope and happiness to every child living with cancer, and their families through Fun Therapy.

Each year Camp Quality runs hundreds of camps and fun days.

The aim of these camps is to have fun, in a safe, stress free, optimistic and supportive environment.

At Camp, cancer fades into the background, especially when you're riding waves, abseiling down cliffs, paddling down rivers or sliding down a giant waterslide.

The Escarpade themes and dress-up have become wilder each year.

This year along with our own Ross "Milky the Cow" Norman, there were the Nuns on the Run, a giant octopus, the Super Mario Brothers, the Fun Police, and Kermit the Frog amongst others. The cars are also the stars of the show, with a Rolls Royce, 1962 Pontiac, Kombi van and even a seven-metre long, eight-door limousine taking part this year.

Churchill Lions would like to thank all sponsors and everyone who donated or assisted in any way to help us achieve such a great result for Camp Quality "Thank You"

On Saturday 12 November we were assisting at Churchill Primary School with their school fete. Also we were at Bunnings cooking sausages, another busy day.

Thank you to all who continue to support us.

Calling all Secretaries!

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Churchill and Monash Golf Club

The local course at the rear of Monash University is in great condition with the greens presenting challenges to both visitors and club members. Green fees are \$10 a day. Yearly memberships are available at pro rata rates till June 2012. Come along and enjoy this nine hole course.

New Office Bearers:

On Monday 23 October the Churchill & Monash Golf club held their AGM. The new elected office bearers for 2011-2012 are:

- President:**
Noel Hutchison
- Vice President:**
Petee Williams
- Secretary:**
Paul Jordan
- Treasurer:**
Vicki Verheyen

- Captain:**
John Ambrosini
- Vice Captain:**
Bill Barnes
- Handicapper:**
Peter Smart
- Public Relations:**

Jill Beck
These people will be supported by the committee of Ken Garlick, Warwick Judkins, John McCafferty and Greg Beyer.

Golf Winners:
Recently Churchill & Monash golf Club

held their Mixed Foursomes Championship. The overall Scratch Champions for 2011 are Karin Raber and Harry Martin. The overall Handicap Champions for 2011 are Margie Munckton and Noel Hutchison.
Congratulations to all who competed in very mixed weather conditions.



Above: Margie Munckton with Noel Hutchison



Above: Karin Raber with Harry Martin



Golf Results

15/10/2011 Mens Stroke A. Grade H. Martin (16) 68, B. Grade P. Coad (20) 63, C. Grade G. Down (28) 67, DTL M. Bruerton 69, A. Auld 69, P. Shields 70, B. Forrest 71, W. Judkins 72c/b NTP 3rd K. Hills, 5th P. Smart, 12th M. Smart, 14th E. Hayes-Hills Birdies E. Hayes-Hills 14th, A. Sharrock 12th.

18/10/2011 Ladies 4BBB Championship Round 1 Winners M. Munckton (39) V. Verheyen (32) 46 pts, DTL E. D'Alterio (26) M. McConville (26) 45 pts, K. Raber (33) J. Beck (34) 44 pts c/b. NTP 3rd V. Verheyen, 5th (35-45) 2nd shot L. Casey, 14th (35-45)

2nd shot V. Rowley

22/10/2011 Mens Stableford A. Grade F. Peel (21) 40 pts, B. Grade P. Jordan (28) 42 pts, DTL H. Martin 39, G. Spowart 39, A. Auld 38, J. Ambrosini 38. NTP 3rd R. Ancilleri, 5th W. Peter, 12th P. Shields, 14th K. VanVleit Birdies R. Ancilleri 3rd, K. VanVleit 14th

23/10/2011 Open Mixed Canadian A. Grade Winners R & D Scurlock 71 3/4, B. Grade A. Hibbert & V. Monument 71, Visitors Trophy J. Green & M. Sleet 72 3/8, NTP Ladies 3rd J. Beck, 5th R. Scurlock,

12th B. Peter DTL D & W Judkins 72 1/8, S & T Traill 72 7/8

25/10/2011 Ladies 4BBB Championships 2 Rnd Winners M. Munckton (38) & V. Verheyen (32) 46 pts, DTL D. Judkins (38) M. Dear (32) 44 pts, E. D'Alterio (25) M. McConville (26) 43 pts, B. Beebe (32) L. Casey (42) 42 pts NTP 14th L. Casey

4BBB Champions 2011 M. Munckton (39) V. Verheyen (32) 46 + 47 = 93 pts, Runners Up E. D'Alterio (26) M. McConville (26) 45 + 43 = 88 pts.

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