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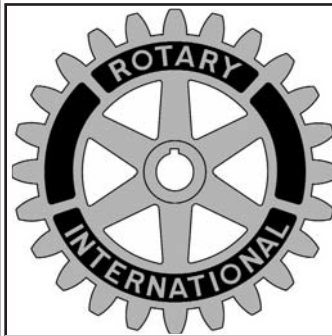


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# Bob Cooper Wins Award at Tamworth



Bob Cooper has continued his successful song writing, with this the third year he has been one of the final five entrants for the National Tamworth Songwriter's Association Awards in the Amateur Section.

2011 has become Bob's best year yet, with two songs in the finals. "The Cattle Sale" won with "The Drover's Dog" coming second.

These songs are traditional bush ballads selected from Bob's latest CD album entitled "Inspired to Write". These CD can be obtained from Bob by phoning 51221135.

Bob would like to sincerely thank John Mazur of Churchill for his expertise in recording and mixing the quality of the CD. John your input was greatly appreciated, not only by Bob, but also by the judges at Tamworth who commented on the clarity of the diction.

Songs are judged on the following criteria- lyrics (general theme and originality and quality of writing), music (composition and originality, suitability for the lyric) and overall (artistic and/or commercial value).

Bob scored an overall 84 out of 100 for his winning entry, with high scores in all criteria.

## Saturday Book Sale

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public. The next BOOK SALE on Saturday 19th February will see novels, non-fiction, magazines, CDs and children's books selling individually for \$1 or by the bag \$10 - \$15 depending on the size of the bag. Customers are

invited to be at Kernot Hall close to 9am for the best choice and to please bring their own environmentally friendly bags.

Recently the Friends committed \$3000 to the library service for a revolving DVD stand and some stackable chairs made possible via the book sales.

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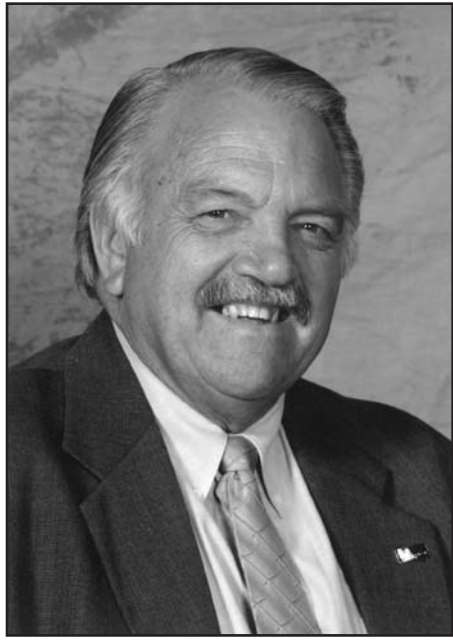
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# Phillip Parade

## Cr Darrell White



The reconstruction of Phillip Parade is nearing completion with several of the tasks now completed, including the undergrounding of power and relocation of services.

The realignment and reconstruction of the Phillip Parade pavement, establishment of parking areas, and construction of new footpaths, drainage and lighting is nearing completion, and subject to appropriate weather conditions, should be completed towards the end of February 2011.

The stretch between McDonald Way and Georgina Place was finished on both sides of the road in December, while the area between Georgina Place and Balfour Place was largely completed in January and early-February. This will be followed by the section of Phillip Parade near Balfour Place, and immediately to the south.

The final part of the roadworks will be the construction of the first section of the realigned Georgina Place, from Phillip Parade to Marina Drive. This section will join the current alignment of Georgina Place on a temporary basis, until the final connection to the traffic lights at

Monash Way is ready to proceed.

Wet weather in December and January has regularly delayed concreting. The delays led to the introduction of temporary solutions to enable safe "drop-off" for users of the Churchill and District Community Hub. This included the addition of 15-minute parking limits to enable "drop-off" between the CFA building and the Hub, and these will

continue until the new "drop-off" and parking area between the skate park and Hub is completed.

The Phillip Parade contract will be finalised when street trees are planted in the coming planting season.

The reconstruction of Phillip Parade is one of the major projects in the rebuilding of the Churchill town centre. The next phases of the implementation of the Churchill town centre plan include construction of a Town Hall Plaza, construction of a walkway between the Hub and the commercial centre, and the realignment of Georgina Place and the car parks in the northern car park.

### COUNCIL'S PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PLAN out for consultation

Latrobe City Council's "draft" Playground Improvement Implementation Plan 2011-2016 was considered at Council's Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20th December last. Council resolved to release the "draft" Plan for community comment for a ten week period.

This "draft" Plan has been considered alongside the current

Playground Strategy which was adopted in 2006. The Playground Strategy set out proposed playground upgrades, replacements and removals over the five years to mid-2011. These first years of implementation have been extremely successful with 23 playgrounds in the municipality receiving significant upgrades, adding to the significant improvement in the quality of Latrobe City's playground network.

High quality playgrounds and open space are widely recognised as being vital in the physical and cognitive development of children. This implementation Plan aims to ensure that Latrobe City has a high quality playground network that is safe, accessible, sustainable and widely used and enjoyed by the community.

Council's Playground Strategy aims to ensure that there is a diverse array of playgrounds in the municipality. There are three categories of playground: regional, district and local, each of which provides opportunities for recreation either locally for a short time period, or for a longer visit to a more developed playground in the area.

When assessing playground suitability there are a number of criteria to consider, including catchment area, proximity to other playgrounds, age of the equipment, usage, equipment quality and quantity, access and visibility. Part of the implementation plan also considers playground equipment which will be removed and not replaced at the end of its useful life.

During the first five years of implementation, there have been many upgrades and improvements made to the playgrounds in Latrobe

City. New playgrounds have also been installed in several new subdivisions and fitness stations have been erected in all four major towns.

Safety is always a top priority, as is the provision of suitable playgrounds across the municipality.

Adopting the "draft" Playground Improvement Plan will mean that Council can continue to provide the same level of improvement over the next five years through the construction of new playgrounds where appropriate, and upgrading existing playgrounds around the municipality.

Members of the community, who have an interest in the provision of playgrounds, are encouraged to read the "draft" Plan and provide constructive feedback. Once all submissions have been received, a report will be presented to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 April, 2011.

Written submissions must be received by close of business on Tuesday 1 March, 2011, and should be addressed to Jamey Mullen, Manager Recreational Liveability, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell 3840. All submissions will be considered public documents unless otherwise specified by the submitter.

### LATROBE CITY YOUTH COUNCIL PROGRAM 2010 CONCLUDES

Latrobe City Youth Councillors have completed their 2010 program. To mark this achievement an event was held recently which enabled the Youth Councillors to celebrate and showcase the activities that the Youth Council had been involved with during the year in the presence of Councillors, Council Staff together with families and friends.

It allowed the Youth Councillors and their families to celebrate their achievements together and to acknowledge their efforts. It was terrific to hear each Youth Councillor make a speech on one activity or aspect of the Program that they have had direct involvement in. Congratulations to all members on their approach to Youth Council and their personal development during the year.

Over the year there were many highlights, including a trip to Victorian Parliament House which was hosted by the Member for Morwell Russell Northe, participation in Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day services, representing the young people of Latrobe City at the Sister Cities Australia National Conference held in Rockhampton, Queensland, attending dinners with the Latrobe City Councillors and public Council meetings and monthly meetings with the Latrobe City Mayor.

Although the program has officially finished for the year members will also assist with the recruitment process for the 2011 program, by being part of the interview panel for the selection of another seven youth councillors for the forthcoming year.

Enquiries for Youth Council and the Youth Leadership program can be directed to Andrew Legge, Community Development Officer Youth on telephone 1300 367 700 or email youth@latrobe.vic.gov.au. Application forms are available on the Latrobe City Council Youth webpage

[www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Youth](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Youth)

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who were nominated for, and received Australia Day Awards this year, and commend you for your actions which led to your nomination.

It is wonderful that we are able to celebrate the fantastic achievements of extraordinary people and highlight the work that they do each and every day, for the good of our towns and residents.

I'd like to thank all service clubs that were involved in putting on an excellent spread of food at various Australia Day events. It is certainly appreciated by the community, and makes the day all the more Australian. Your hard work and commitment is to be commended.

The venue for the celebrations was the recently opened Churchill Hotel. I had the pleasure of visiting the Pub for its grand opening earlier this month, and I know residents of Churchill and District and surrounding towns in the Latrobe Valley were eagerly awaiting the reopening of the establishment and opening day certainly lived up to expectations. The redevelopment is extremely impressive and has the capacity to cater for not only individuals but various community organisations.

With the 2011 school year starting soon, I urge all drivers to be careful on the roads, and ensure you obey all school hour speed limits. To all the students, I wish you good luck for the beginning of the academic year, and every success in your studies.



As 2011 begins, I'd like to wish all community members a Happy New Year, and I hope that your holiday season was restful. The year has certainly already gotten off to a cracking start, with attendance at our local Australia Day celebrations being well attended and enjoyed.

I made my way to the Churchill, Yinnar, Callignee and Kernot Hall celebrations during the course of the day and all were terrific services. These events were well attended by people of all ages and it was wonderful to see all involved enjoying the festivities to commemorate our great nation. It is always great to see such exuberance when it comes to celebrating our national events, and this year's Australia Day celebrations were no different.

A number of people were recognised on the day, and I would like to congratulate all those



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# Whole-Of-Town Organic Trial

Churchill residents will be asked to take part in an important trial that could lead to large scale composting of household food scraps.

The Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group is running the six month "Kitchen to Compost" trial, starting in February, which aims to simplify composting and make it viable to a greater number of households.

Latrobe City mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said that an increase in composting would have a significant impact on both the environmental and economic sustainability of Latrobe City.

"The trial is the first of its kind in Gippsland, and will be managed by the Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group and supported by Latrobe City, Gippsland Water, Cleanaway TPI, EPA Victoria and Pinegro Products, with funding support from Sustainability Victoria.

"I encourage everybody eligible for the program to commit to it, as it promises to have a major impact on diverting waste away from landfill, on which Council is forced to spend more than \$500,000 per year to dispose," Cr White said.

Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group

executive officer, Matthew Peake, explained that more information will be distributed, along with the relevant materials, when the trial is due to begin.

"Every household in Churchill will receive, free of charge, a small BioBin and project-specific compostable BioBag liners. Organic items, including food scraps, tissues and tea bags, should be placed in the BioBag and when full, the bag is tied and deposited into the green waste collection bin, along with garden clippings and prunings.

"We are all accustomed to placing our waste in a bag, then placing that in a wheelie bin. This project replicates that practice and, in fact, may even be easier due to the dedicated container for food and organic waste – the BioBins are even designed to minimise odours.

"Some lucky householders will also receive a prize for correctly using the system during the trial, which will evaluate the level of participation and the way the system is used," Mr Peake concluded.

For more information on the Kitchen to Compost project contact the Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group on (03) 5633 2744.

## Donations to The Old Mill Site Boolarra



Generous donations and lots of hard work is seeing the Old Mill site in Foster Road, at Boolarra, becoming a useful community asset.

The Boolarra South Landcare Group has had an interest in the old Mill Site in Foster Road for a number of years. The original aim was to re-vegetate the site and restore the bush as the Mill had not been operating for some years and the land had reverted to DSE control. Planting and weed control was undertaken and the bush was growing well. However during the bushfire of January 2009 the area was burnt and so once again the group decided that this was a project we could address. This time we had help.

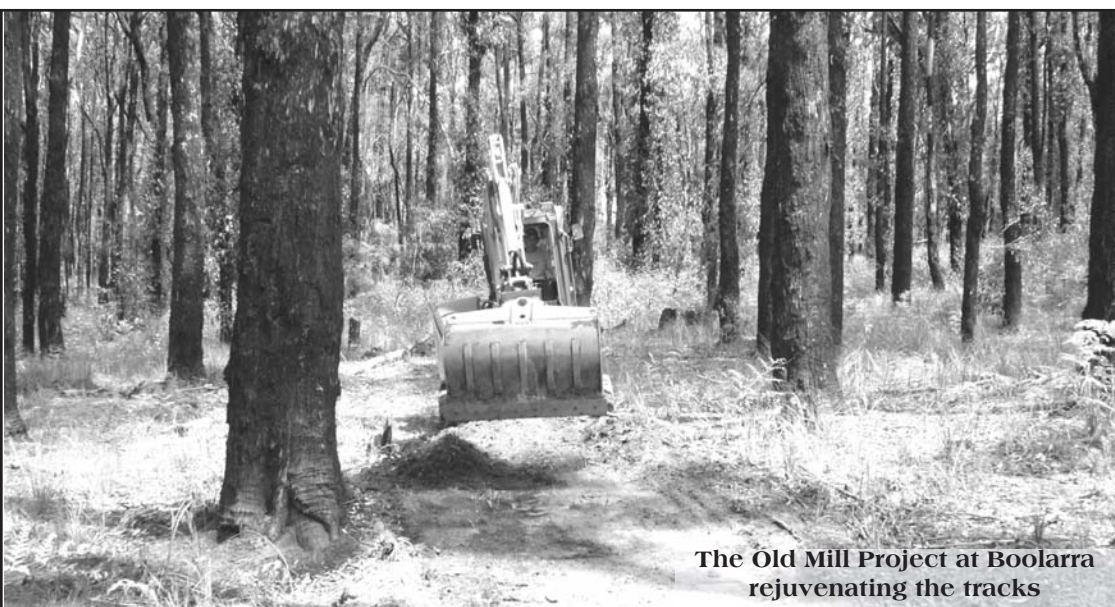
Geoff Pike, District Manager of DSE, is advising us on the re-vegetation which involves direct seeding into the ash. We received some funding from VBRRA (bushfire recovery) to purchase secateurs and pruning equipment which we used to begin the seed collection. With help from DSE and others we are developing the site for community use and include walking tracks and a picnic area.

We have had a number of field days and working bees at the site. Andrew Wolstenholme, a Project Officer from Landcare, is helping us to identify plants, weeds and pests and will continue to be involved with

the project. He has taught us to recognize ripe seed and to identify native grasses- not always easy! The Boolarra Development Group provided \$6,000 and we were able to have machinery prepare the car park and some tracks. Car parking is available at the Cemetery and at the Foster Road end of the first track.

The development of the walking tracks at the Mill site has been proceeding steadily and it is possible to enjoy a circular walk through the forest. There are even some rest spots along the way. The materials for seats were a kind donation from the Mirboo North Men's shed. The other tracks will now be able to be graded and topped with crushed rock.

On Friday January 28 Boolarra South Landcare Group hosted representatives from International Power who were presenting cheques to community groups from Boolarra, Moe South and Yinnar South. Landcare was thrilled to receive a very generous contribution of \$20,000 towards the development of the Old Mill site. The donation from International Power will provide a Gazebo and enable a picnic area to be developed. This support will enable us to develop a really useful community asset and we are looking forward to seeing our plans become a reality.



The Old Mill Project at Boolarra rejuvenating the tracks



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## Churchill Christian Fellowship

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Tuesday 10.00am

## Saturday Breakfast for February

The first Breakfast for 2011 will be held on Saturday 26 February at 7.45 am at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Ave, Churchill.

The guest speaker will be Dianne Dye, the manager of Ritchies Supa IGA supermarket in Churchill.

Dianne will talk about her role as a manager, how the store functions and about her background.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au by Thursday 24 February.

## Rubbish Dumping What our young folk think...



Niesha and Emily (standing), Hannah and Ella (sitting)

This is about the concerns of four young children and our local environment. Rubbish has been dumped everywhere, e.g., Gaskin Park and the Skate Park, they say. Here they will give you their opinion on how they feel about going to these places.

1. Lately, I personally have been down to Gaskin Park and the Skate Park with my cousins and was disgusted to see all the rubbish dumped around the place.

2. I also have been down to

Gaskin Park and the Skate Park with my cousins and was shocked to see the state of the place. People need to start respecting the place and putting rubbish in the bins.

3. I went with my cousins as well and was shocked to see how lazy the people down at Gaskin Park and the Skate Park have been, just leaving their rubbish lying on the ground and treating the place like a tip.

4. I also went to the Skate Park and Gaskin Park and was horrified

to see all that rubbish lying around. I just don't understand why people do that. I also saw how people are too lazy to take back their shopping trolleys. Its' so simple – pick up your mess.

That is four young children's opinion. Hopefully they have made you think about using rubbish bins and not throwing rubbish on the ground. Please use rubbish bins and return trolleys.



Churchill & District Community Association

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(casual vacancy; term ends at August AGM)

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## Speakers, Issues and Information

By Margaret Guthrie

Our January meeting was held at the newly extended and renovated Churchill Leisure Centre. The manager, Josh Graham, provided our members with a tour of the building. It certainly looks great, with new lounge, meeting room, poolside seating and a variety of new and/or upgraded recreational facilities – “state of the art” would seem an apt description!

At our February meeting, our guest speakers are Matthew Peake, Executive Officer of the Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group, and Peter Collins, Sustainability Education Officer from Latrobe City Council. They will be providing information on waste management and reduction strategies, including a new trial to be conducted in Churchill for the recycling of food waste into compost.

Neighbourhood Watch provides a brief presentation at each CDCA meeting. Last month the focus was on reducing burglaries during the holiday season. Safety on days of total fire ban was also discussed.

Unfortunately, there have been a number of recent incidents of vandalism, public brawling and other anti-social behaviour in Churchill. CDCA has written to local and State MPs and police requesting that, until Churchill is provided with 24 hour police coverage (as was promised in the lead up to the last State election), the local police station be open and staffed at night, with hours that match the hotel opening hours.

CDCA has been advised that some residents are finding the switch to digital TV problematic. To assist the community, we have arranged, in partnership with the Churchill News and the Neighbourhood Centre, a Community Information Session, to be presented by the Gippsland Community

Liaison Officer, Anton Hockey.

The presentation will include information on the switchover, a ‘virtual tour’ of the website so that specific advice can be located and an opportunity for residents to ask questions.

Two free sessions will be held on Tuesday 1st March at the Churchill Hub – the first at 2pm and an evening session at 7pm. All are welcome.

CDCA has also arranged for another free community information session to be presented by Consumer Affairs later in March. The topic is ‘Incorporated Associations’, with particular emphasis on recent changes to the Incorporations Act and compliance requirements.

This session will be held on Monday 21st March at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre from 2 – 4pm. Places are limited!

Registrations must be received by Tuesday 15th March – contact Consumer Affairs’ regional office on 5116 5701 to book your place.

Latrobe City Council has released its ‘Playground Improvement Implementation Plan 2011-2016’ for public comment. CDCA is currently preparing a response, based on the feedback we receive. Some residents may be interested to know that playground equipment at the White Parade Reserve is listed for removal in 2012-13 and from Walker Parade Reserve in 2014-15.

Residents can contact CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill.

CDCA is currently in urgent need of a secretary. An organisation such as CDCA, although not large, cannot function effectively without a secretary. If you are interested in supporting your community by performing this vital role, please contact the Acting President, Bruce Stephenson, on 5122 1335.



# Friends of Upper Morwell River Receive Praise For Their Conservation Efforts



Seating along the new tracks

With scrumptious food and a photo presentation on the beauty of the Upper Morwell River, the Friends of the Upper Morwell River Inc hosted a happy get-together at the Boolarra Hall on Australia Day.

Two of the friends, Mich Schiller and Catheryn Thompson had received awards from the Boolarra community thanking them for their involvement in conservation projects around Boolarra. The photo presentation began with an acknowledgement, by Catheryn, of the cultural significance of land and water to the Gunaikurnai people.

“All the Friends love the river”, said Catheryn, “and we have had many working bees before and since the formation of the Friends in 2009. The Friends meet on the last Sunday of the month, rain or shine, to reclaim tracks that were once diligently maintained by prisoners from the now closed Morwell Prison Farm. Mick has been constructing tracks and infrastructure at the Morwell River

Falls and the Landcare Old Mill Site in Boolarra, while Catheryn has focused on projects along the Upper Morwell River and the Morwell River Falls. “Reclaiming the tracks from years of neglect is hard physical labour.” says Mick,

“But it’s easy doing something you love”.

The slide show presented the many happy faces of people who enjoy the falls, and the plants and fungi that reflect the changing tones of outdoor life. Platypus sightings have been recorded and one man was recently lying in the pond above the top falls when he saw a huge platypus cruising gracefully by him. Ancient crayfish can occasionally be seen, and you can see yabbies scaling the falls walls.

Some may not know it, but there are three drops of the Morwell River Falls, and when visiting from the Morwell River road, the tracks take you through pungent mountain ash regen forest and down through wet forest to cool temperate rainforest glades.

The Friends know that many people love the river, and they are hoping for the day when the funding for railings to assure the safety of the new tracks, is available, so that they can be officially re-opened.

“We know how important this river is to the health and vitality of Boolarra and the region”, said Catheryn, “Over the summer months there were countless campers enjoying the beauty of the river, and the coolness under the trees, with many visiting the Morwell River Falls as the highlight of their trip”.

Along with the ongoing tasks of blackberry control, invasive weeds and litter control (unfortunately some campers are not as clean as they could be), the Friends educate themselves on various river management issues. Information about the Falls is available from the Boolarra Post Office or Top Shop or ph. Catheryn 0435 048 153 or Denise 51696 425.



Beautiful tree ferns at the Upper Morwell River reaches



Morwell River Falls

# Toy Library Open Times

The Churchill & District Toy Library will be open on alternate Saturday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon. The cost of membership is only \$10 per term or \$5 for concession holders. Family Day Carers are welcome to join for a cost of \$15 per term. The library is located in Heesom Crescent Churchill (old Watson Park Kinder). It is closed during school holidays.



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# C & D News Celebrity Chef Do-Dars and Marguerites

Our first 'Churchill celebrity chef' for 2011 is Olivia from the writing group at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. Olivia says she has little time for 'fussy' cooking in retirement as she is too busy pursuing her other interests! However, she enjoys making biscuits and is happy to share the recipes for two family favourites with us. Here they are ...

One of my favourite recipes was given to me by my grandmother over 40 years ago.

It is an easy-to-make recipe for biscuits, called Do-Dars

**Ingredients**

- 8 ounces melted butter or margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 level cups S.R. flour
- 4 tablespoons coconut
- About 6 tablespoons cornflakes.

**Method**

Preheat oven to 200 C.

Mix all ingredients together and press into a greased flat tin, or one lined with Glad Bake paper.

Cook 10 to 15 minutes in centre oven. Remove from oven and ice biscuits in the tin while still warm. I start with white icing, then add some cochineal, so that I have some white and some pink icing on each biscuit.

While still warm, slice up into biscuit-size pieces.

Another easy and popular recipe for Marguerites was handed down to me by my mother.

**Ingredients**

- 4 tablespoons of butter or margarine
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups S.R.flour
- 2 cups chopped dates, sultanas etc.
- Corn flakes

**Method**

Preheat oven to 200 C

Beat together butter and sugar. Add eggs, then sifted flour and fruit.

Roll teaspoons of mixture in a breakfast bowl of corn flakes. Arrange on greased or papered tin. (N.B. This mixture does not spread.)

Time: 10minutes.

Good luck!

Churchillians — men and women, boys and girls — who like to cook, are invited to share their favourite recipes in our columns.

Recipes from other countries are especially welcome. Contact me on 51221611 to 'get cooking'. Bon appetit!

**Cora Pal**



# Writing On At the Hub

Classes in Creative Writing have resumed at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre at the Community Hub.

The writing group meets from 10 a.m to 12 p.m on Tuesday mornings in a friendly, non-competitive atmosphere. We are looking forward to another productive and successful year.

In 2010 members of our group carried off a swag of prizes in the Churchill & District News Writing Competition.

Winners and honourable mentions included Anne Beschle, Robert Waller, Daniel Barclay and

Olivia Jackson. Molly Keeley, a new member in her eighties, had two stories published during the year — one in the Victorian Women's Network magazine, another in the Churchill News.

Kevin Jackson was shortlisted in the Gilgamesh Fable Competition, Melbourne. Anne Beschle and Cora Pal were winners in the MoArts Festival.

New writers are welcome to join our class. There are no pre-requisites. Contact Henry Parniak on 51221759 or Cora Pal on 51221611 for further information or just show up on the day!

## Monash University School of Nursing and Midwifery

The School of Nursing and Midwifery is preparing for the start of a new cohort of nursing and nursing/midwifery students on 21st February, 2011. New students will have the advantage of using the refurbished clinical nursing laboratories and for those students studying midwifery, two midwifery laboratories were are ready for use. The new facilities are state of the art and will provide students simulated learning environments in which they will be taught the skills required for practice as licensed professional nurses/midwives.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery welcomes new staff who have joined our team from around Australia and overseas. The new staff bring a wealth of experience that will

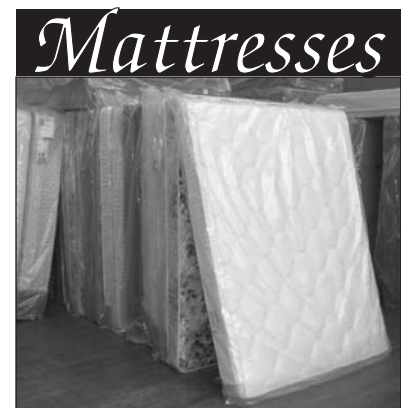
compliment the skills of the current staff.

Dr Mohammad AlMohaqq successfully completed his PhD in 2010 and has returned to his homeland, Jordan, to take up a teaching position. Mohammad was an inspiration to his peers and we wish him all the very best.

2011 will be an exciting year with the inaugural intake of Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery students commencing their fourth and final year of study. On graduation these students will have licences as both registered nurses and midwives. It is the school's hope that many of these graduates and those completing the Bachelor of Nursing degree will choose to take up positions in the Gippsland region in 2012.



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# Boolarra Folk Festival Is Free And Thriving!

Boolarra's annual celebration of the best local and regional musical talent is just around the corner. The ninth Boolarra Folk Festival will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011.

It's a relaxed family day with entertainment spread over eight hours and all for free.

Returning to the town is Melbourne band, The Go Set, who has quite a local following from their successive appearances at the festival.

The day will also feature two bluegrass/folk acts - John Flanagan and The Begin Agains and The Stetson Family. Artists such as Khristian Mizzi and the Sirens and Jenny Biddle will also complement the diverse line-up.

The festival continues to promote local musicians and will showcase Brody Young,

Powerhouse Blues Band, Takin' Time, JC Apthorpe and The Buttons. Celtic devotees will be pleased by the appearance of The Molly Maguires.

Organizers expect over 5000 people to attend and the Boolarra town centre is the venue for much of the day's activities.

The performance area is located in shady 'Centenary Park' where the 'School Drumming' act will open the festival at 11am.

In nearby 'Railway Park', the large food and arts/crafts market will have over 60 stalls to explore. The healing tent is always popular, and car-parking is free.

A pre-festival gig featuring local acts such as Lauren Taylor and Borderline will be held on the Friday night, March 4 at Yinnar A.R.C. from 7.45 pm.

An informal 'open mic' session, where musicians can play to an appreciative audience, will be held from 8pm at the local football clubrooms, following the close of the festival on Saturday.

Accommodation is available at bed and breakfast providers throughout the district.

Camping is free at the Boolarra Memorial Park. More information can be found at [www.boolarrafolkfestival.com](http://www.boolarrafolkfestival.com) or contact Ray Stewart on 03 5169 6275.

If you only attend one music festival this year, make it a local one at Boolarra.

For more information please contact Kate Reiske, Publicity Officer, on 0428 410 252.

## Rotary has New President



Whereas Rotary Clubs usually change over their Presidents in July, the Rotary Club of Hazelwood recently saw the installation of a new President, Ken Peake, who will preside over the club until the end of the Rotary year in June.

Ken a former President in 1998/99 takes over from President Leo Billington who extended his presidency by six months following the resignation of President-Elect Reg Kemp who was transferred in his employment before he could take over the reins.

District Governor David Piper conducted the Handover ceremony at a special meeting of the Club

held at the newly opened Churchill Hotel.

Incoming President Ken outlined the Club's plans for the remainder of the 2010/11 year and acknowledged the work of retiring President Leo Billington who had guided the club through a period of high activity.

During January the members of Hazelwood Rotary have visited a number of local industries including Gippsland Aeronautics and Kiel Industries and have been amazed at the contribution that these industries make to the economy of the region.

## Letter to the Editor Asbestos Safety

Dear Editor,

In the December issue you published an article on asbestos safety. I read it with interest and then horror. I had never heard that asbestos was used as a backing for vinyl floor coverings in times past.

We had used some old vinyl from our kitchen as a covering on the ground under our house, which over time had become broken and crumbly at the edges. When I read the article I knew this had become a dangerous situation and took steps to see what should be done.

The Council was rung and a very helpful young lady told me what to do and how to do it.

We are now safe again.

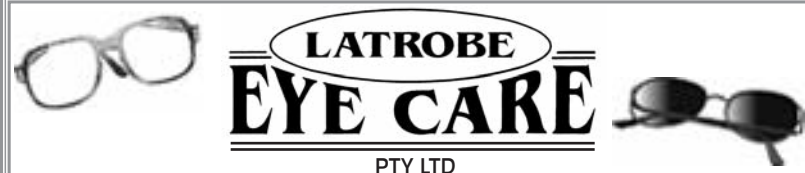
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# Churchill Community Bank Steering Committee

In the previous issue of the Churchill News (Dec. 2010), we published the profiles of four of the Steering Committee members of the Community Bank.

We continue this profiling for the next two

issues, showcasing the passion of these dedicated people for this project and its outcomes.

Some of the older members see many possibilities for the future of Churchill through

having a Community Bank. They have expressed the opinion that their work on the committee is not so much for their generation's outcome, as for the good of future generations who will benefit most from the advantages of a

Community Bank for Churchill and district.

It is the hope of the committee that these articles will continue to inspire yet more people to make a pledge to see this project to fruition.



**CRAIG FLANIGAN**

Craig grew up in Churchill and went to Churchill Primary School. He says he loved growing up in Churchill and thinks it is a great place to bring up his family.

Craig has been very much involved with sporting groups all his life and so is his family.

He says fundraising is hard work. Banks make money and a Community Bank gives profits back to the community, which in turn reduces the dire need to raise funds to survive.

“Have you ever thought of investing in shares?” asks Craig. “This bank gives you the opportunity to own shares in your own bank, with profits going back into the community.”

Craig says the committee is putting much hard work into achieving this goal, and asks the community to support them.

Those who cannot be a share holder might consider opening an account with the Community Bank. Then, he says, “Watch this town flourish!”



**JUSTIN CLISSOLD**

Justin has lived in Churchill since 1995. He has brought up his children here, and thinks this is a great place with such a diverse community mix. His children attend the local primary and secondary schools. He loves Churchill because it has lots of facilities. Justin plays volleyball and enjoys off road motor bike riding. He strongly affirms that he and his family are not leaving Churchill. They are here for the long haul and dedicated to securing the Bank in that process.

Justin sees the Community Bank as a way of bringing community groups together to help each other. Through this financial undertaking, it will be possible to achieve common community goals. More money will be accessible by means of which major projects can be undertaken.

He urges the community to get on board.

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and investment that can return profits to the community within which it operates through grants, sponsorships and dividends.

The small group of volunteers on the steering committee are working hard to spread the message but you can help.



**ROSS OLLQUIST**

Ross was the initiator of a community bank for Churchill. He saw a Bendigo Community Bank fascia and with his curiosity whetted, made inquiries and decided this was a great idea. He returned to Churchill and began lobbying, trying to round up people who might be interested.

“Liz and I came to Churchill in 1967 for 5 or 6 years to open Churchill's first pharmacy. Earning a living was hard work to start with,” says Ross. “After raising our four daughters in the area and 43 years later, we're still here.” In those early times Ross wrote the successful Churchill Citizens Association submission for a Community Health Centre.

Throughout that time, Ross has been a fantastic community supporter and innovator. He is passionate about continuing to help make this town a better place. He has enjoyed being involved in numerous community activities such as community health, service clubs, sporting and political groups and was a member of the Morwell Shire Council.

Ross sees this project as a continuing way to add improvements. He hopes to emulate Drouin Community Bank which has now distributed \$1 million to their community. He personally would like to see future profits spread between education, sport, youth and community services and amenities, especially supporting the Community Bank efforts.



**DR. ANN DETTRICK**

Ann has lived for 35 years in this area. She has taught in the area's primary and secondary schools and now works at Monash University in the Gippsland Medical School.

She says she has happily brought up three sons here in this beautiful area. It is great to bring up kids here. They were on acreage, where the kids were able to help with the farm. It is close enough to go ski-ing, and enjoy all the many opportunities offered in the area.

Ann feels it is essential to organise a Community Bank for the future of the area's people, both old and young. Ann is working for the future of this town.

“I know this community is resilient, has courage and fortitude. After the economic problems of the last twenty years, the people of Churchill and district have the opportunity to become economically stronger using their own abilities and talents,” said Ann.

Come on Churchill and district, let's get behind this project and make it happen!

For further information or to make a pledge, contact one of the following members:

Wayne Casey 51221363

Craig Flanigan 51222846

Jeff Kemp 51221293

Sharon Middlemiss 0412 348 964

Or visit our web site [www.churchillcommunitybank.org.au](http://www.churchillcommunitybank.org.au)

At present, the steering committee has pledged totalling \$306,000 of the necessary \$750,000. Pledges can be of amounts from \$500- \$10,000.



# Churchill's Extraordinary Citizens!



Cr Ed Vermeulen (left) and Russell Northe MP (back right) with Churchill & District Lions Citizens of the Year

## Pocket Rocket Wendy Steenbergen Churchill & District Lions Citizen of the Year

The Churchill Lions Citizen of the Year (2010) was awarded to Wendy Steenbergen at the Australia Day Ceremony. Wendy affectionately known as the Pocket Rocket has spent many decades, volunteering and helping others in her community.

Wendy is the younger of two daughters, to Marie and Charles Fawcett. She attended University High in Parkville, Melbourne before commencing work on counting machines in the banking sector.

In her late teens and early 20's she saved very hard for a number of years to pay for a working holiday to the UK and Europe, where she worked and travelled for over three years.

Following her return to Australia in her late 20's she married and raised two children, Karen and Edward. She has two grandchildren, Ireland and Cedar.

Wendy was involved in the establishment of

the Lymphedema Association of Victoria, was one of the key advocates for its creation and was a founding member. She was asked to cut the celebratory cake, being one of the original members, at a special ceremony in Melbourne in 2010 marking 20 years since the association was established.

She also established a local Lymphedema Support group based in Morwell, securing state government funding for the group. She was one of the founding members, has been one of the main organizers and the treasurer for many many years, and continues to regularly coordinate activities with the Lymphedema support group in San Remo.

She has been the treasurer of the Friends of Morwell National Park and member for many years. She will rarely miss a Koala count or monthly activity and will regularly pick up other members if they couldn't get there by

themselves.

She has been involved in the Wattle club and Planned Activity Groups, being a Lead Volunteer in Churchill. She has been volunteering every Wednesday's and Fridays for decades, driving the bus to pick up participants and helping out in the kitchen and with the activities.

Wendy was a Charter Member of the Churchill Lioness when it was formed in 1991 and has been their treasurer every year bar one but was Assistant Treasurer that year.

She often takes on unofficial leadership and key organizing role in many of the groups and in the work she does, but prefers to stay out of the spotlight.

She loves her garden and anything outdoors and loves working in the garden at Hazelwood House.

She has continued to travel and has been

back to the UK, Europe and New Zealand a number of times and has travelled all around Victoria and Australia.

She has a strong social network and can be relied upon to get friends to medical appointments, the train or just be a sounding board.

She knows how to organize statewide trips on the smell of an oily rag and how to use her free travel vouchers to greatest benefit for all.

She is rarely idle and even in front of the television is always knitting or sewing squares for rugs or such like. She then organizes for the rugs and other donations to go to various charities in Melbourne, including Open Family and travels down to Melbourne on the train with bags of rugs under her arm.

Congratulations to Wendy, a most valued member of the Churchill community.

## Jodi Lee Hammett Young Churchill Citizen of the Year

Approximately 10 years ago a young lady we all known in Lions as Jodie arrived in company with Lion, Jeff and Peta, and took up a seat in the Lions Drinks Van at The Outdoor Camping and Leisure Show in Morwell and from that time she has assisted with many lions functions and catering functions.

She was always quick to help even at such a young age, gave her best and had a very sharp wit. Just ask Andre.

Just like all young girls she gave

her parents a great deal of grief

Mums recollection is that she loved the pots and pans cupboard. She always wanted to help and despite mums procrastinations she would always find a way to help. A chef in the making.

On her first birthday Jodi tried to pre-test her birthday cake but finished up face first in the cake and she gave a thumbs up

Jodi always wanted to help and take the lead in anything she did.

She was adventurous and during

one Lions Catering Function she found herself lost in a Security Sensitive area and tried to find her way back to the catering function but got lost and all hell broke loose. Jodie since her initiation in the Lions Drinks van has been a very regular volunteer at Licola Lions Village and multiple Lions projects. Initially she went with her parents but once she arrived at camp she set about finding things to do to help.

On average Jodie now attends approximately two Camps at Licola

each year and has developed into an integral part the Lions network and operations at Licola Wilderness Village, developing from general roustabout dragged along by her parents to Youth Leader, who has worked with Camps for the Aged, Disabled and Youth from all areas of the general community.

Jodi Lee completed year 12 a Kurnai College last year, and also certificates 1, 2, 3 and 4 with Fern training in child services and aged care. She also completed a

placement with Human Services as part of this training which involved in working with children, children with disabilities and the aged.

It would be fair to say that Jodi is not one who promotes herself before others. She is one of the many that work in the back ground and complete any task that is asked of her. She, I believe is what being a true volunteer and Australian in that she gives her all and seeks no thanks.

Well Done Jodi

## Ashleigh Bellingham Churchill Student of the Year

Ashleigh was born in Palmerston North, New Zealand and currently attends Hazelwood North Primary School. She is always looking at the positives, she is polite and helpful at all times.

Ashleigh became a member for the Schools Junior Council when she was in grade 4, and assists other students with any problem at all.

Just like most young girls, she loves music, singing, dancing and is also learning to play the guitar.

She enjoys a wide range of activities including reading, drawing and riding her dirt bike. She competed in her first race on a quad bike in New Zealand against the top riders for her age group, and came a very respectable

third.

Ashleigh enjoys all sports and has been playing in her school team for the past two years, and has represented her school in Netball, Soccer and Athletics.

Like most girls she has a love of animals and in September 2010 she commenced volunteering at Jean Quicks Wildlife Rescue.

She became aware that Jean was short of funds for her work, so Ashleigh decided to bake and sell cookies, muffins and slices to the neighbours and friends, raising in excess of \$100.

Ashleigh has always been polite and willing to help and to give anything a go, pursuing her goals to the best of her ability.



# Regan Sultana Churchill Student of the Year

Born 7th August 2002, Regan has just completed Grade 2 at Hazelwood North Primary School. Regan plays soccer for Churchill and also attends Valley Swim School in Morwell. In 2011 Regan will start swimming with the Churchill Swim Club and is looking forward to the training and competition.

Regan is a very independent and strong minded boy. He enjoys being outdoors and loves to help his Dad out in the garden or

building something. He loves to read and is forever asking Mum questions that she has no answer to and she tells him to speak with his father or look it up which he always does.

During 2010 Regan became interested in gardening at the school and even approached the Principal to seek permission to start a garden for all to use. He became the leader of the gardening group and the veggies are available for all to use. He organises his fellow students into work groups to get tasks

completed.

Just like all young people, Regan leaves his parents exasperated because he can very be very argumentative when he believes in what his is saying.

Regan is the leader of his class as he loves to organise and talk just like a politician.

He attempts to help Dad with business quotes and surprises him with his input.

Late last year Bunning's put in place a Community Involvement Program around

gardening and Bunning's attend the school for see what was happening. Regan stepped up to the mark with specific directions as to how the garden was to develop.

Regan does not hesitate to offer or give assistance.

When Regan was nominated for this honour the School Principal rang his mum who was at work and as it was first time he had contacted her at work she feared the worst. What has he done wrong – NO TRUST MUM.

# Gemma Laidlaw Churchill Student of the Year

The multi talented Gemma Laidlaw was this year's Churchill and District Lions Australia Day winner in the student category. Gemma is a kind, caring and thought full member of the school community.

A student at Churchill North Primary school, Gemma is her grade's House Captain. In this position she has organised the entire school sports day's programs which went off without a hitch. She demonstrates some wonderful leadership skills, is buddy to many younger students and role model to her peers.

She performs the role of sports gear link during lunch time at school and as such she is

responsible for the disbursement and collection of all sports equipment used by students.

No matter what or who requires help she is first to offer help and organises working bees to get the task completed. She is prepared to give anything a go and listens to others views before at all times. Gemma is keen and enthusiastic to take part in all facets of school life, concerts, competitions, lunch time activities and out of school pursuits too.

She always puts in 110% in her education, completing homework, projects and prepares articles on behalf of the school for inclusion in local papers.

Her class work is of the highest possible standard and her input into the school is fantastic. The entire family are fantastic members of the community within Churchill and the local, district

Her greatest love is the Speedway at Rosedale. She is a Junior Member and can not drive in the race car at this time but takes every chance to help out.

Recently Camp Quality attended the Raceway and on her own volition, she sold raffle tickets and painted kids faces as a means of Supporting Camp Quality. She also assisted approximately 25 Camp Quality Campers with

preparations for them to be driven around in the Race Cars.

Gemma also loves dancing with Destination Dance of Churchill and Swimming. Just like all young ladies she is taken by the Television Idol and tried to sell her own abilities during the schools Idol Program which she helped set up and run.

Gemma is always there to help and support others. Nothing is too great a responsibility for Gemma to commit to.

# Australia Day Community Awards in Boolarra



Around 250 Boolarra residents gathered in beautiful Railway Park to celebrate Australia Day with a free breakfast cooked by the wonderful CFA volunteers.

There were some games for the kids and a Trivia Quiz for the adults, followed by presentations of 12 Community Awards to the following deserving people:-

## Emma Cooke

For her energy, persistence and leadership in battling the red tape, coordinating the youthful artistic endeavours and designing the final display to bring the Boolarra Fire Art project to fruition.

## Michael Schiller

For his inspirational work on the redevelopment of the Morwell River Falls and the Old Mill site. The many hours of hard physical work to developing tracks, and installing seating and signage are a testament to his 100% enthusiasm and energy.

## Faye Taylor

Her long-standing encouragement of and dedication to Boolarra's young women through the sport of netball, and in particular, the significant contribution she makes as a committee member and general support to all at BFNC.

## Kristy Mills (Cupples)

Her lovely calm persona belies the energy, artistry and commitment she focuses on her passions, including the

Boolarra Primary School garden and surrounds, the Youth Theatre Company and her Yoga classes.

## Mandy Peter

For her unstinting efforts during the past four years in a sometimes difficult and time consuming role as School Council President, Mandy conducts herself as a great team player. With tact and integrity she is unfailingly supportive of the school.

## Michael Taylor

For his tireless work as Greens Keeper and Bar Manager for the Boolarra Bowling Club, Michael has demonstrated his commitment despite ongoing health problems.

## Lisa Papa

For her enthusiasm and commitment during the establishment of the Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company, her fine work as Secretary, and her efforts behind the scenes, Lisa has enabled the new group to operate smoothly and effectively.

## Garryelle Rose

Recognized for her enthusiasm, vision and ongoing commitment to the community through projects such as the Youth Theatre Company, Christmas in July and the Carols, Garryelle makes Boolarra a richer place to live.

## Samantha Brick

The Boolarra community recognises her for her commitment to Boolarra as a

Community over many years. Her organisational skills, drive and enthusiasm have been a key factor in the success of the healing tent, pamper day and Youth Theatre Company. She has a commitment in her professional and private endeavours to achieving improved outcomes for all associated with her.

## Catheryn Thompson

As a passionate conservationist, Catheryn has been very prominent and active, both hands on and organizationally, in many worthy local area conservation activities. These include organizing weed control and water awareness seminars, and some great work on the upper Morwell River, especially the falls area.

## Gwenda Pither

Gwenda is recognized for her wonderful efforts to promote community activities, and to help people. Her coordination of the Boolarra Stompers Relay for Life team deserves full praise for the money raised, the enjoyment experienced by the team members, and the recognition it provided to Boolarra as a community.

## Dr. Margaret Costello

In her quiet unassuming way she provides the community of Boolarra with a friendly, reliable and skilled medical practice that most rural communities could only dream of, with bulk billing, no appointments required and house visits when required.





# Yinnar Australia Day Awards

A large crowd of Yinnar and District residents attended the celebrations for Australia Day. They enjoyed a bacon and egg breakfast cooked by the Lions Club, and music in Centenary Park by the Strzelecki Stringbusters, before the official proceedings began.

Herb Smith, YDCA President, introduced local MP Russell Northe, who then presented the Australian Flag to Yinnar and District Scouts, who carried out the flag-raising. Following a rousing rendition of the National Anthem by all present, Brittany Smart, Yinnar Primary School, School Captain, reminded us what Australia Day means to us all.

Councillor Ed Vermeulen attended as council representative and spoke about how fortunate we are to live in Australia.

A highlight of the celebrations was the announcement by Herb Smith of the Yinnar & District Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year Awards.

## Long Term Community Supporter is Citizen of the Year

Shirley Bolwell, a forty-year contributor to the community of Yinnar and District, is the Yinnar and District Citizen of the Year for 2010. School Parent Club President, Cub Leader and Strzelecki Showtime Musical Director, Venturer Leader (Churchill), member of the RSL

Women's Auxiliary, and St John Ambulance volunteer for 17 years are just some examples of the support Shirley has given to the community. Shirley progressed from a St John's First Aider to become a First Aid Instructor and then to being a specialised artist who created simulated wounds on 'victims' for major training exercises.

In her 'retirement' Shirley has delivered meals on wheels for 6 years, and participates in a group which developed and prepares lightweight food parcels and comfort packs for Australian soldiers on patrol while serving in Afghanistan.

At a personal level, Shirley is a very supportive neighbour. She has also supported husband Gordon in his many years as Captain of Yinnar Rural Fire Brigade, and her children in their substantial voluntary community service work.

Shirley is without doubt a worthy recipient of the 2011 Citizen of the Year.

## Hannah Linton – Yinnar and District Young Citizen of the Year

Twelve - year old Hannah Linton, a student at Yinnar Primary School, is the Yinnar and District Young Citizen of the Year for 2011. Hannah's nomination emphasised her personal qualities and her sporting abilities.



Yinnar Australia Day Awards winners Hannah Linton and Shirley Bolwell with Russell Northe (left) and Councillor Ed Vermeulen (right)

# International Power Australia Allocates Another \$55,000 to Fire-Affected Gippsland Communities



Boolarra Wildlife Shelter receives assistance to rebuild after the 2009 fires

Four more Gippsland community organisations have been successful in the final round of funding from International Power Australia's (IPRA) Bushfire Recovery Fund.

Moe South CFA, Boolarra South Landcare Group, Yinnar South CFA and the Boolarra Animal

Shelter will share in an allocation of \$55,000 provided by IPRA.

IPRA announced a community support package of over \$500,000 in the aftermath of the terrible fires in early 2009.

The Fund included a significant allocation of £100,000 (\$A170,000) from the UK head office which was intended to assist the Latrobe Valley community in the important community recovery process.

IPRA's allocation committee approved an initial tranche of A\$90,000 in 2009 that was received by community organisations in Callignee, Mirboo North, Boolarra and Hazelwood South.

On the second anniversary of the 2009 fires, IPRA's Group Manager of Corporate Affairs,

Mr Jim Kouts, said whilst the memories of the 2009 fires were still vivid to many people, the determination of Gippsland's community groups to rebuild their communities was clearly very strong.

"Our funding committee felt these submissions reflected sincere and genuine efforts to restore community infrastructure and to provide additional mitigation capacity for the future," Mr Kouts said.

He said the applications again had strong employee connection with IPR, showed diversity and reflected good restoration capacity for local infrastructure.

"We would like to congratulate these organisations on their successful application and wish them every success as they continue the recovery, rebuilding and rehabilitation process in their communities," he said.

Representatives from the four organisations will assemble at 11am on Friday 28th January at Boolarra's Memorial Hall to receive their cheques from senior IPRA representatives.

This final round of funding completes the

original funding package of more than \$500,000 made available by International Power for projects to assist Gippsland to recover from the 2009 fires.

## Funding Recipients

### Boolarra South Landcare Group for the Development of a nature trail and picnic facilities.

Boolarra's Old Mill Park is a unique redevelopment opportunity and another local environmental asset in the Boolarra area. Severely damaged in the 2009 fires, work to establish a new walking track to the Boolarra Cemetery is progressing well.

The Boolarra South Landcare Group is restoring this old Mill site south of the township to incorporate visitor picnic facilities and rehabilitation with native vegetation.

An award of \$20,000 for the future construction of gazebo shelters and visitor facilities has been approved.

### Boolarra Wildlife Shelter for rebuilding some of the wildlife housing capacity

This community wildlife shelter suffered extensive damage during the 2009 fires and attracted good early support however additional funds are required to continue the rebuilding process.

The Boolarra shelter needs assistance to rebuild small features like wading pools and bird respite areas.

The Award is valued at \$10,000 and will be administered by the local community development group.

### Yinnar South Rural Fire Brigade for the Replacement of tanker cab

## chassis (part)

The Yinnar South Rural Fire Brigade is seeking to replace its brigade-owned tanker truck which is designed to access tough bush areas and has a 1500 lt capacity for fire fighting efforts.

They intend to replace the cab chassis and retain their tank unit.

By trading in their existing unit, their changeover cost is economic and together with their fund raising, up to 12 k is required to replace the vehicle and provide extra equipment.

Yinnar South has Hazelwood employee members and they have played important response roles in mine fires in recent years.

An excellent project valued at \$12,000 to assist a community at risk from future fires.

### Moe South CFA for the redevelopment of their CFA building

The Moe South CFA played an important role in the Delburn Complex and Black Saturday fires of Jan/Feb 2009 and since that time has recruited several Hazelwood employees.

This submission asks that IPR consider a project that will deliver a refurbished building and an expansion area for a new vehicle.

This brigade is in an area where it is well placed to respond to incidents at Hazelwood.

The project submission is asking International Power to assist in its fundraising efforts.

The \$13,000 award will target specific new infrastructure for the brigade's facility.



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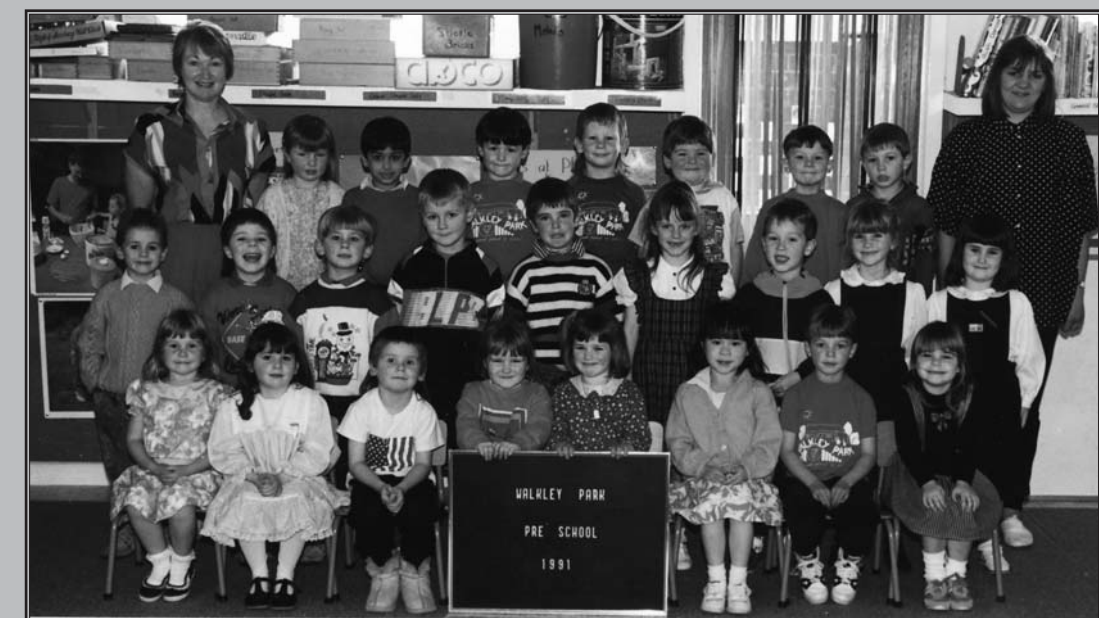


# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



# Walkley Park Kinder - A History



**BACK ROW:** Libby Robertson (Teacher), Katrina Smith-Roeder, Arnab Roy, Robert Smith, Marc Matthews, Daniel Webster, Bryce LePetit, Brett Embry, Mirjana Hrvojevic (Assistant).

**MIDDLE ROW:** Dael Scurlock, David Gray, Brady Wilhelm, Steven Foster, Lloyd Dabkowski, Jaimie Woodbridge, Ryan Fletcher, Hayley Drusko, Bridie Ruane.

**FRONT ROW:** Anne Stewart, Laura Corponi, Spencer Rose, Cathy Pinson, Jessica Brighton, Leanne Yee, Kane Carrodus, Lauren Stevens.

By RUTH PLACE

With the closing of the Watson Park and Glendonald kindergartens at the end of 2009, compiling a history of each kindergarten was envisioned.

Watson Park's history appeared in Churchill News some time ago. Finally, Walkley Park is ready for publication. It is the intention to write the history of Glendonald and Andrew's Park kindergartens in time.

As you read this history, and note any omissions, please do not hesitate to contact the paper and these can be added in.

Moves to begin Walkley Park kindergarten began in 1971, as Peter and Kay McShane tell us as the history begins.

### PETER AND KAY MCSHANE 1971

In late 1971, Peter and Kay McShane, whose daughter Jacki was coming along, Des Dalton and others with young babies and families on the way, could see that Watson Park was overflowing and that there was a huge waiting list. They discussed the situation and decided to go to Council about the matter.

Peter, Des and others approached Ron Waters, CEO Morwell Shire Council, who told him they needed to define a clear need, not just an immediate, but a long term need for the establishment of another kindergarten in Churchill.

So a Steering Committee was formed with their first task a door knock of houses in Churchill asking three things:

1. Do you have little people ready to start kinder?
2. Are you pregnant with a little person who will need kinder?
3. Are you thinking about having little people, who will eventually need kinder?

The result was a range of statistics which revealed that Churchill had a problem at the present time, but also a bigger one reaching into the future.

The Steering Committee, armed with this information, was then invited to Council to present their results. They had also approached Parliamentarians for their support and received strong responses depending on survey results. Council was sold on the proposal, Government grants were applied for and approved and the contract was eventually awarded for the building.

The Steering Committee had a say in how the kindergarten would be set out. They also made lots of suggestions re the equipment. It was the time when stricter regulations re building and safety were imposed. Equipment had to be very specific sizes and special paint used.

Peter declares that Walkley Park kindergarten was the best equipped kindergarten in the Morwell Shire. They used their money wisely!

Pat Williams was appointed as the first kindergarten Director. Peter says she was absolutely outstanding, and was in every way responsible for the success of the kindergarten.

A number of local people acted as assistants including Carmen Cook, Marg Van Rossum, the late Marg Klose,

and Kathy Sorby (Fyfe).

Peter was the first President of the actual Kindergarten Committee- the first male president of a kindergarten committee in Victoria, and maybe, Australia. He was part of the steering committee and then the committee for over eight years in total, until his daughters progressed through the kinder. He remembers it as an exciting and fun time.

Kay was a regular fruit and milk lady, also acting as an emergency, as well as Publicity Officer. Nicole, (second daughter), went to kindergarten so often with Mum, before she started, that she thought she should go straight to school!

In September 1975, all was in readiness for the kindergarten to get underway.

When it was time for Jacki to attend kindergarten, she was unlucky to miss out on the ballot. This dreaded ballot was necessary because even with two kindergartens Churchill did not have sufficient places until Andrews Park was built some years later. With first draw, first daughter Jacki missed out, but received one of the reserved places set aside for special needs, or people who had contributed much to the kindergarten. Places were in such short supply that it was necessary to run third groups part time including Saturday mornings to satisfy the demand.

Peter describes the kindergarten parents as a close knit group who were prepared to fight to get a state of the art facility for their children. With this 'fight', grew a deep sense of ownership, and pride. There was a great feeling of "this is a great place to be". Working bees were a treat. There were so many folks- parents, staff and families, who turned up that the committee and Director had to organise a list and allocate jobs to keep everyone involved.

Peter declares that there were blokes on the committee, something usually unheard of in those days. They were not uncomfortable, but contributed well on this first mixed committee.

As Pat Williams recalls fondly "They were very special times!"

### CHURCHILL NEWS REPORTING:

The Churchill News 17th April 1975 reported:

"At the recent annual meeting of this pre-school centre the following people were elected:

- President- Mr. Peter McShane
- V.P.'s - Mr. M. Dalton  
Mr. M. Ingram
- Secretary- Mrs. A. Oussa
- Asst. Sec. - Mrs. V. Rowley
- Treasurer- Mr. K. Tierney
- Committee: Mrs. B. Baker, Mrs. S. Kennedy, Mrs. H. Bigelow, Mrs. O. Jackson, Mrs. J. Stephenson, Mr. A. McDougall, Mrs. P. Steenbergen.

Mrs. K. Sunderland has kindly accepted the appointment as Liaison Representative between Watson and Walkley Park Pre-School Centres. Her experience should prove invaluable to our committee and successfully pave the way for close co-operation between these two centres.





# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



We have been informed that the position for Directress is to be widely advertised (Melbourne and local papers) in the very near future, and it should attract keen interest.

The new building in Mulcare Crescent appears to be progressing slowly. We hope that occupation can still take place in/during Term 2. With no final or projected completion date, firm arrangements are hard to make.

So far, the committee has received 37 enrolments. Further enrolments to the required total of 50 will be accepted on a "first in first served" basis. Enrolments beyond this figure will be placed on a "waiting list". CONTACT MRS. A. Oussa, 24 DUNBAR GRAVE. PH. 221674. Further information regarding 1976 enrolments and policy will be given regularly through these columns."

## OLIVIA JACKSON

When requested, Olivia wrote the following paragraphs of her memories of Walkley Park Kindergarten.

"I remember taking my young daughter Belinda to Walkley Park Kindergarten.

She was happy there in the spacious rooms with big windows and a large playing area. Her teacher was Pat Williams, who was assisted by Margaret Klose, who sadly has now died.

I joined the committee. No doubt at the time we thought we were making important decisions but they were mostly about the day to day running of the kindergarten. Being on the committee was a good place to meet other mothers and have a bit of a chat before, after and during the meeting. Previous kindergarten meetings I had attended consisted entirely of mothers and the teachers. This one was a little different as there was one father there too. I noticed the difference it made to a meeting if there were men or even one male present. The atmosphere changed – perhaps there was a little flirtation or perhaps it was point scoring as "Look, we are in the majority here!"

On kindergarten days, the mothers took turns to be on duty, to prepare the children's milk and fruit for mid morning. Meanwhile, my husband Kevin took his turn in mowing the lawn in the grounds.

The kindergarten was in a good position, being situated in parkland. There was green land on each side and out the back. There was a road out the front but it was a minor road in the form of a crescent. There was little traffic except for cars taking children to and from kindergarten. Belinda and I enjoyed our walk to the kindergarten each day."

## PAT WILLIAMS - WALKLEY PARK KINDERGARTEN'S FIRST TEACHER-1975

During that time her assistants were Kathy Scorby (Fyfe), Carmen Cook, and Marg Van Rossum

Pat had been teaching primary school, but her personal dream was to teach kindergarten. Pat says that being appointed to the Walkley Park Pre-School was a most exciting experience. She was able to watch the building take shape- from the first concrete pour. She was so thrilled to have the position. It meant that she had to study for the extra qualifications to secure her ongoing appointment, but it was all so worthwhile, she recalls.

Not only was it exciting from the point of view of securing the position, it was also very exciting because she was working for, and with a wonderful group of parents who were so enthusiastic and supportive; wanted to make the most of

their fund raising money by contributing; and were prepared to find out correct dimensions of equipment and then make it themselves. A set of building blocks, and wooden trolleys were produced among the items given. This saved the exorbitant prices being charged by supply firms. The people really put their whole selves into the project, and left their mark for successive generations of kindergarten children and their families.

Lots of parents sewed the art smocks, water-proof pants and smocks for the digging patch, curtains and other things, which also saved heaps of money.

Pat believes the Apex Club also contributed much to the outdoors equipment.

There were Committees of 10-15 people, with offers of help from others for working bees, baking and donations of goods etc. People like Peter McShane and others were marvellous motivators, organisers and managers.

Excitingly, it was also a time of change in programming ideas in the pre-school field. Pat says they were given licence to be experimental and encouraged to be different. Through Pat's studies she was exposed to inspirational and clever tutors who encouraged her try out their good ideas.

Pat says it is a treasured fact that she was able to use spontaneity in her program.

It was fortunate, says Pat that they were able to take advantage of nearby opportunities to explore the environment through walking excursions such as to the building sites, of which there were many at the time. This was particularly wonderful for all the children who loved to see the trucks and other machinery at work. Many parents were eager to accompany such treks around the town. This made it easy to fulfil the strict regulation in force.

The happy times included bus excursions to farms, including Pat's own farm, and Dunalton Park where the children would have a wonderful time meeting the farm animals. There were also picnics and other outings. Again the bulk of the parents would accompany the excursion.

Pat instigated home visits which she says proved very valuable. It meant that a greater security and rapport was established not only with the parents, but also the children. Parents became tuned in to the same wave length as the staff. It also allowed for the ability to cater for individual needs of each child, and the planning of a better, more appropriate program.

The introduction of the third group under Brenda Burney made for maximum use of the building. This had not traditionally been employed. But they were forced to think outside the square with the huge numbers wanting kindergarten places, so the third group was born. Pat really appreciated Brenda's appointment- a person of tremendously high calibre, who was a great asset. Ideas were shared and professionally it was a brilliant time recalls Pat.

Pat says the parent support was such that the more they did the more she wanted to do also. She says her husband commented that she was married to the kindergarten; she spent so much time there!

They were very special days.

Pat went on to open Andrew's Park Kindergarten and then the new one at Boolarra.



Walkley Park Kindergarten



Cameron Hibbert's first day at kinder January 1978



Carmen Cook and Brendan Hibbert at Pat William's farm



Brendan Hibbert on a visit to Pat William's farm 1981

*The story of Walkley Park will be contined next month*



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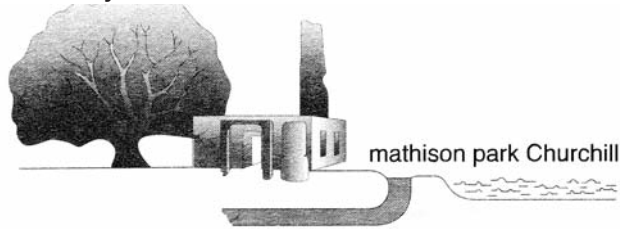
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## Neighbourhood Watch Churchill



### Churchill and District Crime Report: December

**ASSAULTS** - 6 for Dec (3 Nov) - Three offenders charged. On at least four occasions alcohol consumption was a large contributing factor. Two were the result of family violence and one involved a brawl at a 16th birthday party on a neighbour's lawn in Acacia Way. When the neighbour came out to investigate he was assaulted. Again alcohol was an issue.

**ARSON** - 1 for Dec (Nil Nov) - A pile of rubbish left outside a unit in Dunbar Grove was deliberately lit by unknown offenders. Damage was caused to the unit.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE** - 4 for Dec (6 Nov) One offender charged as a result of a domestic in Glendonald Road. Neighbour involved in the assault at the 16th birthday party also had property damaged. A letterbox and windows were damaged at two other premises.

**BURGLARY** - 1 for Dec (2 Nov) - A vacant premises in Bookoola Place was entered by smashing a window. Nothing was stolen however a number of holes have been caused by the offenders kicking walls.

**THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE** - 13 for Dec (3 Nov) - Added to this were six more attempts to steal items or break into vehicles. A total of 15 of the 19 vehicles were left unlocked. Police again remind vehicle owners of the need to lock vehicles when away from them. No offenders have been charged.

**THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE** - 3 for Dec (Nil Nov) - Only one recovered by early January. A motorcycle that offenders attempted to steal had the ignition barrel damaged.

**THEFT** - 2 for Dec (6 Nov) - One victim had a mobile phone stolen whilst another left his wallet behind at a shop and it was gone when he returned to retrieve it.

### LOCK IT, REMOVE IT OR LOSE IT

For the year to the end of December there have been a total of 685 thefts from motor car in the Latrobe Police Service area. Of these 3 occurred in the Boolarra response zone, 45 in Churchill's, 229 in Morwell's, 207 in Moe's and 196 in Traralgon's.

The majority of the vehicles that were entered were left unlocked making it extremely easy for offenders to remove items such as GPS units, handbags, purses and wallets containing credit cards and cash, mobile phones, laptops and iPods.

Police advise car owners they need to take more care and lock their cars as thieves are targeting vehicles in the street or driveways where they have been left unlocked.

Leaving an unlocked car on the nature strip or in the street makes the vehicle more vulnerable to theft.

Leading Senior Constable Godden said that the community needs to take some responsibility by not

leaving vehicles unlocked and with items in the car.

"Some folks put their spare change in the centre console and this adds up very quickly. Thieves will take the opportunity for easy money and steal items that they will either keep or can get rid of quickly."

Police also advise it is easy to discount suspects because of your stereotyped preconceptions of what criminals look like.

"Please remember offenders come in all shapes and sizes. One of the most active offenders at the moment is a 12 year old girl" LSC Godden said.

The community can assist police by following simple rules with the security of their cars.

1. Always lock your car before leaving it, even when you are parked in your own driveway or a car park.

2. Never leave valuables where they can be seen. Items such as CDs, wallets, mobile phones, iPods, laptops or personal identification sitting out in the open in a car are a temptation to thieves.

3. If you need to leave these items in your car place them somewhere they cannot be seen. Do this before you get out of the car because thieves may be monitoring the car park and be watching you.

### THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The new school year has now begun and younger citizens are hitting our footpaths in large numbers, on foot, scooters and bicycles. Our children are also being alighting from vehicles, both cars and buses, and numbers are high at train stations and at bus stops.

As adult motorists we must be aware that children can possess little or no road sense. They are unpredictable, can be difficult to see and act on impulse. Once they make up their minds where they want to be, they can be quick to act and run across the road.

Please take care and slow down when driving past schools, paying particular attention to buses setting down children. This is of particular importance on our rural roads where buses stop near children's homes. Be aware that children may unexpectedly run out from behind buses when they do not have a clear view of oncoming vehicles.

For schools on the standard 50km/hour roads, there are permanent 40 km/h speed limit signs around schools. Motorists must obey this speed limit at all times although some roads will only have the time-based 40 km/h speed limit signs in place.

On roads outside schools in 60 and 70 km/hour speed zones, a time-based 40km per hour speed limit applies between the hours of 8.00 am to 9.30 am, and from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm on gazetted school days.

On 80-100 km/hour roads, a 60 km/hour time-based speed limit applies from 8.00 am to 9.30 am and from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Normal 80-100 km/hour limits apply outside school times.

## Black-shouldered Kite in Mathison Park

By Ken Harris

Various birds of prey are occasionally seen in and around Mathison Park, but the most frequent is the Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus axillaris*). This is among the smaller Australian raptors, and is particularly attractive. Its back and wings are a soft grey while its head and front are white. It has a broad black bar on the shoulder of its wing.

It is not uncommon in the park and is also quite often seen by the roadsides when driving in open country. It hunts its prey over grasslands. It is very distinctive for its habit of hovering, holding itself stationary while scanning the ground for food. The only other Australian raptor that hovers like this is the Nankeen Kestrel.



Its prey is mainly small rodents, lizards and large insects. I took this picture of a hovering kite and an instant later the bird plunged to the ground and flew up with a rodent in its claws. It carried it to a tree where it plucked a lot of fur from it and was even seen to nip off and discard its tail.



That picture was not taken in the park, but the other two were. The first is an adult showing the black shoulder patch. The other is a young bird and has an orange face and throat and mottled wings. It was taken in December 2009 and at that time you could see two adults and two juveniles almost daily in the park, so that I speculated that they might even have bred in the park and if not somewhere very near to it.



## Plants in my Garden - *Dryandra cuneata*

By Mike Beamish

Family: Proteaceae

**Dryandra:** Named after Jonas Dryander (1748-1810), a Swedish botanist and friend of Robert Brown (who named the genus). Dryander succeeded Solander as librarian to Sir Joseph Banks and was the first Librarian of the Linnean Society of London.

**cuneata:** A Latinised form of the botanical term 'cuneate', which means wedge-shaped, in reference to the leaves.

**Common Name:** Wedge-leaved Dryandra

**Distribution:** Occurs in sandy heaths in the south-west of Western Australia, mainly between Albany and Esperance with isolated occurrences north of Perth.

**Description:** A medium-sized, well-branched shrub to 1.5 metres high, sometimes erect, sometimes spreading. Leaves are wedge-shaped (hence the name), up to 70cm long and 30mm wide, tapering to the base, with deeply toothed and prickly margins.

The yellow flower heads are borne terminally over the winter months, are about 40mm in diameter and are surrounded by short silky bracts about 12mm long. The perianth

tube of individual flowers is about 30mm long and also covered in silky hairs, with the style being about 38mm long when the flowers are open.

**My opinion:** My plant came from a quarterly weekend sale a year or three back and immediately went into a 45cm square waterwell tub, with a Snow Daisy (*Brachyscome nivea*) and a Morning Iris (*Orthrosanthos laxus*) for company.

All these plants have survived the dry periods, although the Snow Daisy has been known to droop piteously when I forget to top up the well, which occurs much more often than it should.

The Dryandra really is a prickly mongrel, with those stiff, rigid and sharp spines that go through even the toughest of fabrics with ease. As you can see from the photo, the plant looks pretty good when posed to hide all the dead leaves that seem to gather along the lower branches.

I don't know if this is normal or a symptom of the plant not being entirely happy with its lot in life, but I'll persevere with a bit of slow-release Osmocote for Natives, perhaps a re-

potting to refresh the soil mix, maybe a touch of judicious pruning but taking care not to remove all the flowering heads, and a resolution to water a tad more often, if only for the benefit of the Snow Daisy.

**Sources:** Wrigley and Fagg- Banksias, Waratahs & Grevilleas, etc.....

Mike's garden is on a small residential block on the southern side of the Boolarra township, planted in heavy, clay loam in a 40 inch average rainfall area.

This presents many challenges in growing non-indigenous plants due to soil fertility and (lack of) drainage. There are well over 200 species of Australian native plants planted on the block. Mike is secretary of the Latrobe Valley District Group of the Australian Plant Society, which holds meetings at the Horticultural Buildings of Central Gippsland TAFE (behind Kernot Hall) at 7.30pm on the second Thursday each month.

Our program includes presentations on various subjects related to Australian native plants, field trips and visits to native gardens. Interested persons are welcome to attend meetings and join our activities. For more

information, Mike can be contacted by telephone on 51696543, by email on beamish@vic.australis.com.au or by post at PO Box 112, Boolarra, 3870.





# GEP - Grant Success Enables First Steps to Art and Culture Pathway

A new pathway to better connect the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) and the Churchill community, and help showcase the region's rich history, is a step closer to being commenced thanks to a \$7,500 grant from the Victorian Government.

Linking the Churchill township to the Gippsland Education Precinct, and winding through the Monash University Gippsland campus, the Churchill/Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) Art and Culture Pathway will feature sculpture, street art, photography and other works to show the history of Indigenous and European settlement in the area, and the development of Churchill itself.

Leading to Monash University Gippsland's Switchback Gallery, the Art and Culture Pathway will provide an opportunity for artists and art students to work with the local community and help create a truly unique feature for Churchill.

"It is envisaged that the completed project will provide a walking pathway which physically and symbolically links the community and the university and will build on and complement the existing pathway network and current and planned developments in Churchill, in accordance with the Churchill Town

Centre Plan," said GEP Board member and Latrobe City Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Buckley.

Funding to enable the first steps of community consultation and planning for the Art and Culture Pathway was made following a recent grant of \$7,500 from Victorian Government's Community Support Grants program.

GEP Chair, and Pro Vice-Chancellor of Monash University Gippsland, Professor Helen Bartlett, said the grant demonstrated the contribution that the GEP could make to the wider community, and looked forward to working with local stakeholders to begin planning the Art and Culture Pathway.

"The Art and Culture Pathway is an important part of linking the community with the GEP, and ensuring people in Churchill can make the most of the campus," said Professor Bartlett.

"With the assistance of the State Government, the support of the GEP partners and Latrobe City Council, the grant will allow us to formally proceed with the first stage of community engagement."

Professor Bartlett said that she expected consultation with a wide range of community organisations and stakeholders would begin in February.



Art Consultant Richard Brecknock (far right) discusses plans for Churchill Art & Culture Pathway with Prof Helen Bartlett, GEP Executive Director, Loretta Hambly, and Mike Answerth, Executive Officer GEP(standing)

## Boolarra Primary School 2011 Structure

We will operate 4 small classes, two Grade P/1/2s, a Grade 3 / 4 and a 5 / 6. All will have fewer than 20 students, allowing us to provide individual programs for students with special needs and extra talents. Our Reading Recovery program will again operate to ensure our high student literacy levels are maintained. Ms Karen Twomey will provide an Arts program whilst Ms Leanne Emond will conduct Personal Development sessions to promote social skills, self assurance and resilience. Computers will be an essential learning tool in all classes.

### Folk Festival

The Boolarra Folk Festival will be held on Saturday 5 March. Steve Shultz will again work with our students to develop the drumming routine that they will perform to kick off the musical program. We will also have an Art Display all day in the Boolarra Bowls Club Rooms. Our Art teacher, Ms Karen Twomey, along with one of our parents, who is a celebrated artist, Abbas Mehran, will help our students to develop portraits to display. Entrance is free so we hope lots of people come along and admire our students' artwork and perhaps leave comments and feedback in the book we will have set up for this. The Bowls Club provide delicious and cheap Devonshire teas to also enjoy whilst you look at our Art Display!

Early in the afternoon, we will have an auction to raise money to get solar heating for our school pool. The auction will be in the front yard of the

Bowling Club. We will have furniture, carpet, air conditioning units, CDs, DVDs, bicycles and lots of books for sale. We are seeking donations of items to sell so please contact the school on 51696471 if you can help us out.

### Fence Murals

Matt and Melissa Pavey, the artists who helped us to develop the large murals on our Art room, will help us to create lots of smaller murals to go along our front school fence. Each of our families will have the opportunity to work with Matt and Melissa to design and develop a mural. The first mural will be created by the Hassett family who have 4 daughters who have attended our school; the youngest Eden is in grade 6 this year. Their effort will hopefully be completed in time to be displayed in our Art Show at the Boolarra Bowls Club at the Folk Festival.

### Adult Computer Classes

We hope to obtain funding from the Boolarra Community Development Group to continue our adult internet access and computer classes at the school. Highly experienced and patient Computer teacher Pauline Garood will be available to provide lots of support and encouragement. At the same time visitors can borrow books from our extensive community library. Everyone is welcome. Classes will be on Tuesdays from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm (unless we are busy moving into our new building!). Contact the school on 51696471 for more information.



### New Building Arrives!

After a long wait, work finally commenced on our new building late last year, with trees felled and concrete ripped up. This was highly entertaining to our students. Early in the new year, 8 big trucks delivered our building in bits which were lowered from the car-park by a massive crane onto the prepared concrete foundations. Work is currently underway fitting out our building. It looks fabulous and is far more spacious than we anticipated and very modern with cream and green corrugated iron cladding that matches our existing building colours really well. There are verandas on two sides, lots of windows and a great many ceiling fans.

We had been unable to see any examples of our building (dubbed Rural Model B) as ours is only the third in the state to be commenced (the other 2 are also currently being completed, in far flung places). We're not sure when it will be completed but anticipate that it will be during term 1. We hope to relocate our Library, Computer Lab and grade 3/4 and 5/6 classes into our new facilities, which will allow all our classes to operate in very large, spacious classrooms. This is a very exciting time for us. Our parents fundraised \$5,000 which we will use to add lots of extra goodies to our new learning space.

### New Teachers



Adam with his 2011 teacher Ms Estcourt

We are delighted to welcome Ms Tammy Estcourt, who joins us from Liddiard Road Primary School and will teach our 3/4s. Ms Finley Smith is another new addition to our staff and is commencing her teaching career with us taking a P/1/2 class, which is very

exciting. Both these teachers were able to spend time with us last year getting to know their students. They, like all our staff, spent many hours over the holidays setting up their classrooms so they are stimulating and well organized learning centres.



Prep Quinn Surrounded by his new school friends



# Hazelwood House Happenings

Hello to everyone from Hazelwood House Hostel. 2011 is well underway. We hope that it will be a happy year for all. We can only make the best of everyday. Our thoughts are with our fellow Australians in the flood areas in Queensland, and Victoria, the cyclone areas and the fire areas in Western Australia.

Hazelwood House Residents are settling into a routine of regular activities, after the busy celebrations of Christmas/New Year 2010.

Joan Greaves celebrated her birthday on the 15th January. Elsie Foster celebrated her birthday on the 30th January.

One of our regular entertainers gave his last performance on 4th January - "Peter," Lorraine and Sue. We thank them immensely for the wonderful singing and guitar playing. Peter's blindness has not prevented him from doing what he does well - entertain. He has moved to Sale, so we wish him well in his new life there.

Australia Day at Hazelwood House Hostel was a wonderful day. Our meals for the day were "True Blue Ozzie." We had cheese and chive

damper, "chuck another prawn on the barby," there were chops, snags, onion, potato and tomato, yum pavlova, lamingtons, meat pies and salad. What a great day of food. The foyer of Hazelwood House Hostel was set up with "memorabilia." The full cricket regalia - "there was a funny shaped object there - sort of looked like an oxygen mask - I wonder what that was for!!!" A display board was set up. Remember a "choo-choo bar." "The Sara Quads at school in the Womens Weekly, 1955. How about a "President refrigerator." A 1955 Holden FJ was parked at the entrance to Hazelwood House for the day, with the ozzie flags a flyin'. Residents were able to sit in the car and "go down memory lane." One couple said, "where are the keys? We are ready to go down the pub for a beer!" Residents, staff and visitors alike enjoyed the day, thanks to all who contributed.

Beth, activities co-ordinator, is on sick leave. She has her arm in plaster, and is giving Harry "what for," as she can't do anything. We wish her well, and will try to fill her shoes whilst she is away. COME BACK SOON BETH!



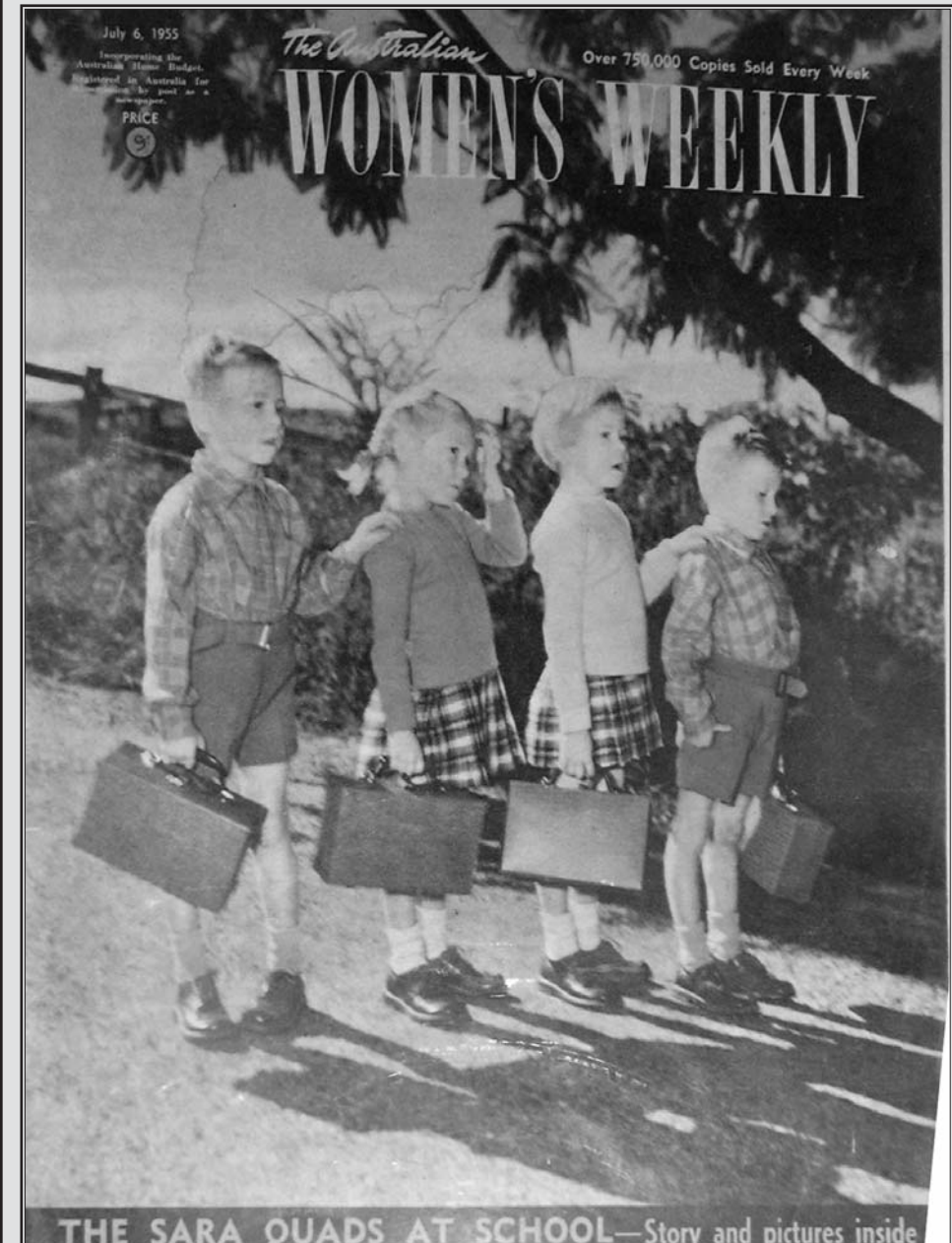
Elsie Foster's birthday - 30th January 2011



Joan Greaves birthday- 5th January 2011



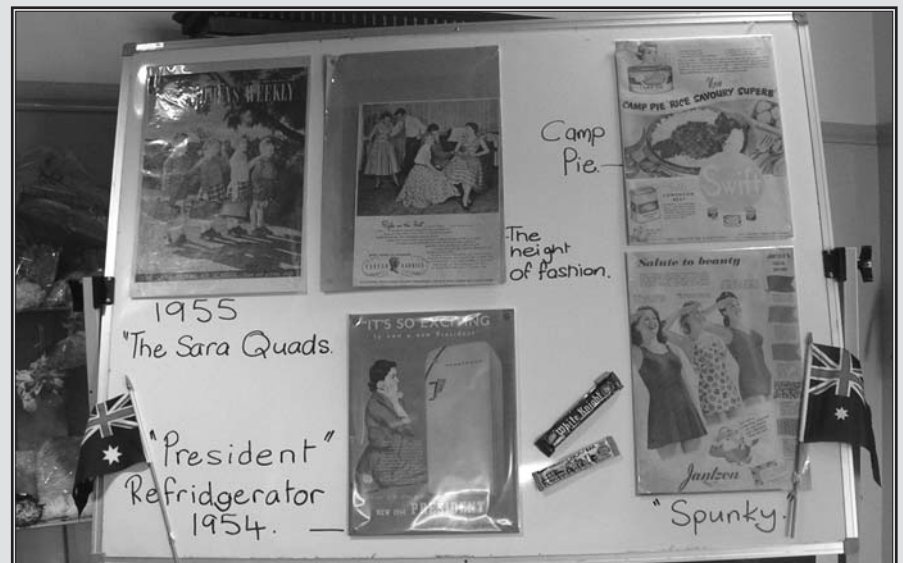
Australia Day



THE SARA QUADS AT SCHOOL—Story and pictures inside



"Peter", Lorraine and Sue



1955  
"The Sara Quads"  
"President" Refrigerator  
1954.

Camp Pie  
The height of fashion.

"Spunky"



# A Wonderful Achievement

By Michelle Foster

The day I achieved my black belt, is to date, one of the most significant and proudest days of my life. I have been going to Kim's Martial Arts in Churchill for nearly 5 years and feel very fortunate to be a student of Master Kim who has been teaching Taekwondo and Hapkido in Latrobe Valley for over 20 years, and is the only Master in Australia with International recognition and a champion in his own right as a 7th Dan master of Taekwondo. He teaches the genuine, traditional form of Taekwondo along with self defence and sparring.

My name is Michelle Foster, aged 52. I grew up in Moe in a family of six girls. My parents gave each of us opportunities to extend ourselves, sporting and otherwise. I was too timid to play any contact ball sports but the

whole family went to Little Athletics. I endured Little Aths for many years, loathing Saturday mornings and praying for rain and cancellation because I was not naturally sporty like my sisters and even though there were a variety of events, there were none I were good at. In fact all I gained was a scrapbook of 'Keep Trying' tickets. I was always conscious of the fact that I was the only one in my family that never received a sporting trophy or recognition for any achievement.

Advancing to the year 2006, I took my youngest son Cory to a Taekwondo class. I sat through his first class amazed at the art of this sport, a sport equally suited to old and young, male and female. I felt the time was right to undertake something for myself and I was encouraged to see someone else around my age. And what a bonus to share this experience with

my son. It has enhanced our relationship.

When I first started classes, I had no intention (or belief really) that I could achieve a black belt. I just liked the fitness aspect. At the beginning I found the physical workouts hard, but I was committed to a change in lifestyle and I persevered. I also went through periods of feeling inadequate, too old, too uncoordinated and lacking balance. But I NEVER gave up and I would set myself small challenges at a time. Each small accomplishment kept me going.

After four years, I still feel a beginner and I know I have a lot to learn. But I have gained so many benefits. My strength has developed; increased muscle tone has helped me lose weight and provided greater bone density. My

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circulation has improved out of sight, flexibility has improved immensely and my coordination and balance has also improved.

In achieving a black belt in Taekwondo, I will finally have earned my longed for 'trophy' which I will wear so proudly.



Michelle receives her Black Belt in Taekwondo from Master Kim



Michelle in action



## Mathison Park

It has been wonderful to observe all the birds and their young which have used the park as their nesting and breeding site - olive backed orioles, kookaburras, willy wagtails, magpie larks, eastern rosellas, bronze-winged pigeons, purple swamp hens, wood and black ducks - to name but a few.

It has also been good to see how many people have enjoyed using the park and its facilities for walking, fishing, cycling and picnicking.

Thank you to all those who come and

use the park, show respect for the surroundings and the environment, together with the work of the volunteers.

A new swing set has been added to the playground equipment. We would like to acknowledge Latrobe City Council and thank them for the community grant which paid for its purchase and installation.

The next working bee will be held on the third Saturday of February (19th) from 9:30am to lunchtime.



## Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

### 18/12/2010 Monthly Medal Stroke 9 Hole Competition

A. Grade M. Smith (11) 35 1/2; B. Grade N. Hutchinson (22) 31 c/b; C. Grade T. Collins (26) 29. DTL H. Martin 31, J. Jeffrey 31 1/2, A. Casey 35, G. Blizzard 35 1/2, T. Sterrick 36, G. Hornsby 36 NTP 3rd M. Smith, 5th K. Van Vliet Birdies T. Collins. Count Putts T. Collins 11 Scratch H. Martin 41

### 19/12/2010 Stableford Men's

Winner T. Webb (13) 43 pts, DTL J. Thornby (19) 38 pts. NTP 3rd T. Webb, 5th T. Webb, 12th T. Webb. Ladies Winner: M. Dear (45) 41 points.

### 21/12/2010 Stableford

Winner M. Dear (45) 37 points; DTL J. Beck (35) 36 pts NTP 5th M. Dear

### 15/1/2011 Stroke Captain and President Day

A. Grade C. Armour (13) 68; B. Grade E. Hayes -Hill (20) 60; C. Grade K. Garlick (33) 68 c/b. DTL A. Casey 61, H. Martin 68, R. Welsh 68, C. Waterman 69, P. Smart 69, W. Peter 69, G. Blizzard 69. NTP 3rd C. Waterman, 5th P. Coad, 12th C. Armour, 14th L. Stein. Birdies C. Waterman 3rd, A. Casey 3rd, W. Olsen 3rd, P. Coad 3rd. Winner of Captain/President Day - President

### 16/1/2011 Mens Stableford

Winner D. Steyn (29) 46 pts, DTL F. Stallbom (10) 42 pts, J. Ambrosini (25) 41 pts NTP 3rd N. Erasmus.

### 16/1/2011 Ladies Stableford

Winner M. Dear (42) 47 pts; DTL E. D'Alterio (25) 42 pts NTP 3rd D. Scurlock, 12th D. Scurlock, 14th M. Dear.

### 18/1/2010 Ladies Stableford

A. Grade M. McConville (26) 44 pts, B. Grade M. Dear (41) 49 pts DTL A. Chapman (44) 47 pts, A. Hibbert (40) 47 pts, C. Ellis (39) 46 pts. NTP 5th M. Dear, 14th C. Ellis. Birdie M. Dear 3rd

### 22/1/2011 Men's Pairs Event

Winners M. Borisenko (17) & A. VanDenHam (33) 74; Runner Up A. VanDenHam (33) & P. Rickwood (28) 73. DTL G. Spowat & K. Garlick 72, P. Ludlow & R. Welsh 71; N. Hutchinson & A. Casey 69 c/b. NTP 3rd D. Scurlock, 12th T. G. Abbott, 5th P. Williams, 14th B. Baldock. Birdies D. Scurlock 3rd.

### 23/1/2011 Mens Stableford

Winner N. Hutchinson (20) 44 pts, DTL L. Stein (14) 39 pts NTP 3rd W. Peter, 5th L. Stein, 14 L. Stein

### Ladies Stableford

Winner M. McConville (25) 41pts, DTL C. Barnes 38 pts c/b NTP 3rd M. McConville, 5th M. Dear Birdies M. McConville

### 25/1/2011 Ladies Par

Winner A. Chapman (44) +9; DTL J. Beck +6; M. McDonald +3 c/b; M. Dear +3 c/b. NTP 5th A. Chapman, 12th J. Beck; 14th V. Rowley. Birdies D. Thomas 3rd, J. Beck 12th.

### 29/0/2011 Monthly Medal

### Winners

A. Grade T. Webb (10) 65 c/b; B. Grade P. Williams (19) 64; C. Grade B. Barnes (32) 68. DTL N. Lugton 65; B. Baldock 67; M. Bren 69; F. Borgoen; M. Brereton 70; J. Jeffrey 70; B. Rowley 70; T. Gabbett 70 c/b. NTP 3rd M. Smith; 5th J. Hall; 12th T. O'Reilly; 14th N. Lugton. Birdies N. Lugton 14th, M. Brereton 12th. Count Putts T. Webb 25 Scratch T. Webb 75.

### 30/1/2011 Mens Stableford

Winner B. Barnes (32) 44 pts Ladies Stableford Winner C. Barnes (36) 35 pts. DTL M. McConville (24) 34 pts. NTP 5th R. Diaz, 12th K. Moroney, 14th C. Barnes.

### 1/2/2010 Monthly Medal Ladies Medal

Winner S. Turner (25) 64; DTL D. Judkins (41) 66; D. Scurlock (14) 68 Scratch Winner D. Scurlock (14) 82. NTP 3rd A. Chapman; 5th A. Hibbert, 14th D. Judkins Count Putts D. Scurlock 28.

### 8/2/2011 Mary Mitchell Day Stableford

Winner Div 1 D. Thomas (30) 43 pts Div 2 A. Hibbert (39) 43pts. Mary Mitchell Salver D. Thomas 43 pts c/b DTL D. Judkins (41) 41 pts, C. Ellis (39) 41 pts, E. D'Alterio (23) 40 pts. NTP 3rd J. Blizzard, 5th (2 shot) M. McDonald, 12th J. Pilditch, 14th E. D'Alterio, 14th (2 shot) A. Hibbert.



# Lawn Bowls Coming to Churchill



**The Inaugural Churchill Bowls Club committee: Back row- W. Brown, G. Powell, D. Whelan, Front row V. Hargreaves, N. Myers, H. Speake, H. Kennedy**

## Churchill Bowls Club

### Our History and objectives

The Churchill Bowls Club was officially formed in May 2007 with the objective of establishing a Lawn Bowls facility in Churchill for the recreational and social wellbeing of all Churchill and District community members.

In consultation with Churchill and District residents in April 2007, there was a consensus that after 43 years with no bowls club facilities in Churchill and significant changes in the demographics of the area, there was a definite need for a lawn bowls facility to be established in the town.

This was highlighted by the fact, that Churchill is the fourth major town in the Latrobe Valley, with a permanent population nearing 5,000 people. A facility of this type would foster relationships between diverse community demographics, including the Monash University community. There are very few towns the size of Churchill in the state of Victoria that doesn't have a lawn bowls facility to service their community. **WE BELIEVE THE TIME IS LONG OVER DUE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LAWN BOWLS FACILITY IN CHURCHILL.**

At the present time we are awaiting the outcome of Latrobe Cities' Gaskin Park Review which will decide if the Churchill Bowls Club will be granted the redundant hockey ground site at Gaskin Park, as the location for our proposed lawn bowls green. Latrobe City will announce its decision in the next month or so.

### Bowling Activities

In the transition period (2007 to date) while waiting for our lawn bowls green to be established, the bowls club has been involved with indoor bowls, which is conducted every Thursday night at 7.30pm at the Gaskin Park Hall.

This has turned out to be a very popular activity as the emphasis is on having a fun night out, where winning isn't everything. Any one interested in playing just turn up on the night, or contact the club on the following phone numbers 51 221 252, 51 221 304, or 51 221 860.

### Ladies Pennant

The club entered a ladies indoor pennant team in 2010 and acquitted themselves well for their first year of competition. The Ladies are eagerly looking forward to the 2011 season.

The men not to be out done entered a 4 man team in the Winter Lawn Bowls Competition at the Traralgon Bowls Club, where they put up a credible performance considering the standard of competition they were up against. The winter competition is held at the Traralgon Bowls Club each year between May and June, giving our club some invaluable exposure among other Latrobe Valley bowls clubs.

### Our Club Policies

The Churchill Bowls Club is totally committed to making the club available to all members of the community and recently became the first bowls club in the Latrobe Valley to be involved in the Gippsports Welcoming Inclusive Club program. The program endeavors to make clubs aware of the barriers that prevent people from being involved in sporting clubs.

The program strives to overcome these barriers by giving people the opportunity to join a club and make them feel welcome and wanted, by experiencing the social and sporting interaction pertaining to good club culture. This has a twofold affect, firstly, by being involved in a social and sporting activity and secondly by contributing to the overall well being of the community.

Other areas the club is involved in includes Hazelwood House, where the club has an indoor bowls program for the residents of the facility who enjoy a morning out once a month playing indoor bowls and Vision Australia where we recently conducted indoor bowls activities for the visually impaired under the auspices of Vision Australia, at a sports expo held in Newborough.

The club is also in the process of setting up a program for bowls in schools and will be speaking to local school administrators early in the New Year, with the emphasis is on a positive outcome.

### Club Social Activities

The Club conducts 2 Trivia nights each year, one in April and one in October at the Top Pub in Morwell, these have proven to be a very popular nights with a lot of interest shown by the general public. A n y one interested in attending one of our trivia nights.

### Future Club Activities

The club will be conducting an open come and try day on Sunday the 20th of February 2011 from 10 o'clock till 2.o'clock at the Gaskin Park Hall Churchill. We will be conducting indoor bowls activities, with the purpose of recruiting any new or past players who are interested in playing indoor bowls. Coaching will be available and all sections of the community are welcome to attend.

We will also be holding information sessions on the future of the Churchill Bowls Club and at what stage we are now at, in regards to a lawn bowls facility in Churchill.

We are hopeful that the club will be successful with the review currently under discussion by Latrobe City Council, re- a lawn bowls facility for Churchill. If successful with the review it is envisaged that we would be applying for a grant this year to start construction of the bowls green as soon as practicable. The club would be looking at the Gaskin Park Hall as our clubrooms.

The Churchill Bowls Club is committed to involving all sections of the local and district community in the many and varied club activities which will be undertaken by the club. We will be actively encouraging local and district participation from the community, in our lawn bowls club.

### Thanks

The club would like to thank all those people who contributed to our Christmas hamper raffle in December 2010. Winners were 1st prize M. Stait and 2nd prize K. Hamilton.

The club has been successful in receiving another grant in 2010 from Latrobe City and thanks Mayor D. White and Latrobe City for their generosity, guidance and assistance over the past five years.



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**How a bowls green will look - Churchill Hockey ground with a lawn bowls green superimposed over it.**



**Thursday night carpet bowlers enjoying the evening's activities**



**Churchill Bowls Club members receiving the Gippsport Welcoming Inclusive Club Plaque. Back Row - Mayor, Darrell White, M. Willaton, H. Kennedy, J Medow. Front row: Gippsport Pprogram Co-ordinator Chris Stanlake, B. Brown and H. Speake**



# Tennis Hot Shots



As part of Tennis Australia's MLC Tennis Hot Shots program eight young players from G & S Tennis Academy had the opportunity to hit up on Show Court 3 at the Australian Open. It was Tuesday January 18th, just prior to the Sophie Ferguson first round match, the kids ran through the tunnel and onto the court. The music was pumping, the crowd was

gathering and the kids were excited as they rallied balls back and forth. Following their on-court performance, each child and their parent were given free ground passes to spend the day watching the professionals play. A great day was had by all. The MLC Tennis Hot Shots program is a fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis.

**Tennis Hot Shots:** Back row (L to R): Ethan Wilson(Trafalgar TC), Bailey Walton(Pax Hill TC), Sally Kirstine  
Front row (L to R): Owen Zimora (Newborough TC), Blake Zimora (Newborough TC), Chloe Answerth (Churchill TC), Stella Bodycomb Churchill TC), Abbey Rhimes (Pax Hill TC), Connor Kennedy (Pax Hill TC)

Aimed at children aged between 5 and 12 years of age, modifications are made to the balls, courts, nets etc to help young children learn the game. If you are interested in joining Hot Shots, contact Glen Kirstine (0408762679) or Sally Kirstine (0403282630).

## CHURCHILL & DISTRICT JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL ASSOCIATION

invites all interested players, coaches and parents to attend a

### Pre-Season Planning Meeting

to be held on Wednesday 23rd of February at 7pm

Latrobe Leisure Centre, Northways Rd, Churchill

Any enquires please call or email Kay Hill (Secretary) on 0419 118 510

Email – [dkhill@aanet.com.au](mailto:dkhill@aanet.com.au)



# Churchill North Primary School After School Care & Playgroup

**After School Care  
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**Fees & Charges**  
Each hour block is \$5.00 per child.  
Families may claim Child  
Care Benefit with respect  
to this program.

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday—Friday during the school term.  
Hours of operation are between 3:15—5:15.  
Sessions may be booked for an hour at a time.

### Playgroup

Your child can have fun playing with others while you meet other parents and share the joys and challenges of parenting.

Playgroup allows children to:

- Learn through play, listen to stories, sing & play musical instruments
- Have fun inside & outside, making friends and developing new skills
- Interact with other adults, learn simple rules & routines

### Activities include:

- Painting & pasting
- Sandpit play
- Climbing equipment
- Play dough
- Home corner
- Construction
- Music & movement
- Stories & much more

**Where:** Churchill North Primary School  
Coolabah Drive, Churchill.

**When:** Wednesdays (during school terms)

**Time:** 9.00—11.00 am

**Bring:** A healthy snack & drink

**Cost:** Gold coin

