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Writing and Poetry Competition Presentation Night



A large crowd of people attended the Churchill and District News Tenth Writing Competition Presentation Night at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, to receive their well deserved prizes. For some of the first prize winners it was also the opportunity to read their stories to an appreciative audience.

Special guests helped to present the prizes. Darrell White and Ed Vermeulen from Latrobe

City Council, Ray Beebe from the Rotary Club of Hazelwood, Peter McShane and his wife Kaye from Churchill and District Lions Club, Marilyn Grissotto and Lisa Twigger from the Churchill and District Lioness Club, and Ian Combridge of the Co-Operating Churches Parish Council.

The guests were thanked for coming and being part of the night's proceedings. Mention

was also made of the sponsors and supporters who were thanked for their backing of the competition. The Churchill and District News appreciates very much the support of Latrobe City Council, International Power Hazelwood (now IPR-GDF Suez Hazelwood), The School of Applied Media and Social Sciences-Monash, The Churchill Lions, The Hazelwood Rotary, Churchill Lionesses, Morwell

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Without the support of these business and organisations, such a competition would not be possible. Thanks also went to all those who entered and shared their talents. Please keep writing and using your imagination.

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Beachcombing, op-shopping sculptor takes over at Switchback Gallery

Combining old, new, lost and found to create simplicity from complexity, Melbourne-based sculptor Charles Farrugia's latest exhibition at Monash University Gippsland's Switchback Gallery, brings truth to the saying "one man's trash is another's treasure".

Best known for his creative installations that float huge constructions on the surface of lakes, sculptor Farrugia has established himself as one of Australia's leading contemporary artists, with an enviable portfolio that extends to drawing, painting and photography.

In his latest exhibition, Micromirror7, Farrugia shifts away from large-scale sculpture to more intimate assemblages, with surrealist works that explore ideas relating to entropy, memory and reflection.

"Through Micromirror7, Farrugia becomes part beach-comber, part op-shopper, bringing together parts found in wildly different contexts – a deserted beach and a crowded city, for example – to achieve surprising juxtapositions of form," said Rod Forbes, Director of the Switchback Gallery.

"Farrugia's success comes from his ability to create complementary, seamless links between objects that would generally never be found together, combining natural and man-made materials to develop works with

fascinating simplicity."

For Charles Farrugia himself, Micromirror7, represents more a museum collection than an artistic exhibition, with his fascinating assemblages providing an insight to the diverse objects unique to everyday lives and the world in which we live.

"These artworks are collections from the flood of 'awful' and 'beautiful' forms that invade our senses in a consumer torrent at any shopping centre, and the found, biological remains at any beach. The works also involve the anonymous personal histories found in objects at opportunity shops, as discards and legacies of so many complex lives," said Farrugia.

Born in Malta, Farrugia has lived in Australia for most of his life. He completed a Bachelor of Fine Art in sculpture in 1987, a Graduate Diploma in 1989 and his Masters by Research in Fine Arts in 1993.

He currently teaches drawing and sculpture in Melbourne.

Micromirror7 was officially opened on Tuesday 6 October at 5pm (with drinks and nibbles with the artist) and continues until Thursday 20 October. The Switchback Gallery is located at Monash University Gippsland, Northways Road, Churchill, and is open Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm. For more information, phone (03) 5122 6261.

Jeeralang North Hall Re-Opens

Two and a half years of long hours of hard work by the Re-Building Committee are over.

The keys to the rebuilt and refurbished hall have been handed over and the official opening is to be held on the 22nd October 2011.

The Official opening ceremony will be held between 2-3pm. This will be followed by afternoon tea served from the shiny new kitchen.

Coco the Clown will be present to make people of all ages laugh at his antics.

An informal dinner event will happen around 6pm, with all food supplied.

Then about 7.30pm the bush dance will begin. This is a dance for all ages with lots of fun and no previous experience required.

This dance is free also, but you can bring along some nibbles if you wish.

There will be door prizes. It promises to be a great family night of entertainment. The Jeeralang North Hall has great amenities, including a BBQ area, children's playground, a commercial kitchen, audio visual facilities, a great hall that has so many positives.

The hall is for hire for meetings, family get-togethers, parties, etc.

It is a wonderful setting with bush surrounding making it a peaceful place to visit and enjoy.

The Jeeralang North Old Time Dance will again be run this month on the 28th October at the hall.

For the past 18 or so months Zelma and Bob Mildenhall with Hans Dortman have run the Jeeralang North dance at the Hazelwood North Hall.

The Jeeralang North Re-building Committee would like to say a big thank you to all those who has helped them reach this point of achievement.

Centenary House praised in Federal Parliament

The outstanding volunteer effort that has resulted in Rotary Centenary House becoming one of the most important facilities to Gippslanders receiving cancer treatment, has been praised in Federal Parliament by The Nationals Member for Gippsland Darren Chester.

Mr Chester was speaking on a motion in recognition of the contribution that volunteer organisations make to regional communities.

He said Rotary Club volunteers across Gippsland have done an outstanding job to work with all levels of government and local businesses to raise funds and establish Centenary House.

"This organisation was established to provide accommodation for people as they attended the Latrobe Regional Hospital, normally for cancer treatment," Mr Chester told Parliament.

"Rotary club volunteers from across Gippsland have done an outstanding job in terms of fundraising and were instrumental in establishing, with support from the previous Coalition Government and the former State Labor Government in Victoria, the first stage of this project that provides accommodation.

The people of Gippsland have benefited for several years now from that work of the State and Federal governments, philanthropic organisations, local businesses and Rotary members. "

Mr Chester said Centenary House had ongoing bipartisan support with Stage Two nearing completion after receiving \$1.5 million in Federal Government funding.

"While it is depressing that we need to build an additional nine units at Centenary House because demand is so high for cancer treatment at the Latrobe Regional Hospital, on the positive side it has also brought out the best of the Rotarians right across Gippsland," Mr Chester said:

"Rotary members from clubs right across the Gippsland district have been fundraising again over the past 12 months.

I would like to congratulate the organisers, Kay and Tony Radford, Carmen Cook and the rest of the fundraising team, along with the Chairman of Centenary House, Mr Ken Peake, his team and the House Manager, Carol Crewe, who does such a great job in accommodating Gippslanders at a time of great need in their lives.

These are just a couple of examples of some great Australians, some great Gippslanders, who are setting an extraordinary example for our community.

I think it further highlights the importance of volunteering to help others. I encourage Gippslanders who are interested in getting involved in community groups to join up and help make a difference in our community."



The Nationals Member for Gippsland Darren Chester with Chairman of Centenary House Ken Peake and House Manager Carol Crewe. Mr Chester this week praised the efforts of Rotary volunteers in establishing Centenary House in Federal Parliament.



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Hazelwood House has started up a "Knitting Group." As you can see the residents are very keen. We are starting with "squares," for a rug. We may then move on to bigger things. It is a fun time for chit chat, and getting those fingers working.



Peggy Morgan celebrated her birthday with family.....Happy, happy birthday Peggy.



Toni Hutchinson celebrated her birthday this month with family, friends and residents. She had many visitors and by the look on Toni's face she thoroughly enjoyed her day.

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Latrobe City's "Sister Cities Festival" Celebration – 23 October at Kernot Hall



This Festival enables Latrobe City to celebrate our "Sister City" relationships with both Takasago in Japan and Taizhou in China.

The main intent of our international relationships, which is supported world wide, is to establish peace, goodwill and friendship between nations.

Latrobe City has the opportunity through these "Sister Cities" to promote common prosperity and development by way of exchange and cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, science and technology, culture, education, sports, health, personnel, etc.

A key priority for Latrobe City is

to have the focus on our young people and to have Council's programs give strong emphasis to the youth of our community.

Whilst acknowledging that the main aim is to establish peace, goodwill and friendship, Council has managed to achieve many other direct outcomes to the benefit of the municipality, including the opportunity annually for an Assistant Language Teacher to be recruited locally to work in the City of Takasago. These benefits will only increase as the formal relationships between Latrobe and its sister cities and other international places become stronger and involve more

and more people.

For this year's event a small group of dedicated men from the Churchill Men's Shed were set the challenge of making two Japanese "torii gates" to be on display at this year's Sister Cities Festival.

This has been quite a challenge for Japanese "torii gates" are traditionally found at the entrance to a Shinto shrine and have been a feature of Latrobe City's annual Japanese Festival.

These newly created "torii gates" mean that Latrobe City now has its own set for this year's Sister Cities Festival, and for future events. The work involved in creating the "torii

gates" has been intricate and complex and the men worked solely from photographs. It's a credit to their dedication and workmanship that the gates have been constructed so well. Churchill's Men's Shed started two years ago through the efforts of Churchill Neighbourhood House, which currently has Henry Parniak at the "helm".

In the past, both festivals – Japanese Day and the Chinese Festival – have drawn large crowds. This year, the added bonus of having the mix of activities, food, music, costumes and traditions from both cultures under one roof will be an additional attraction.

Northe's Natter

This month has seen some great announcements for the Latrobe Valley that benefit our local community.

Firstly, it's terrific to see the Princes Freeway at Morwell open again with the necessary works completed and traffic now flowing along the freeway once again. I am sure this is of great relief to Churchill and District residents who would have experienced additional traffic in local streets, particularly in Morwell, and this was of considerable concern to not only local residents but businesses in the Latrobe Valley and wider Gippsland region. The reopening was scheduled to be in time for the school holidays, and I trust that families have had a nice relaxing break and are now ready to get back into the school term.

With the School Holidays upon us: I had the pleasure of also reopening the new facilities at Tidal River, Wilsons Promontory in September. Many of the facilities were destroyed in March this year due to a freak rain event, but it is

wonderful to see this iconic and beautiful area now open to the general public again. Wilsons Promontory is an extremely popular destination for many Latrobe Valley residents, and I encourage all and sundry to pay a visit over the next period of time.

I'm also pleased to announce that the Latrobe Valley has also been allocated 5 extra frontline police by 30 December this year, as part of the Victorian Coalition Government's commitment to make Victoria safer. This is on top of 16 police already allocated to our region prior to July of this year, and this is part of an overall package to recruit 1700 new police officers in this term of Parliament.

Families have every right to be safe and feel safe in their homes and on the street, and this allocation will ensure that our local police stations are properly resourced to undertake necessary crime deterrence and preventative measures. In my discussions with local police, it's pleasing to note that the Churchill Police Station has seen an increase in manning hours

and this is vitally important to the local community.

I'd also like to take the time to recognise the great work our local police do each and every day to keep residents safe, and I took the time to pay my respects to Victoria Police members who have been killed in the line of duty on Blue Ribbon Day, on 29 September.

157 officers have made the ultimate sacrifice for law and order in our society and Blue Ribbon Day was a chance to honour their courage and commitment to duty.

On a sporting note I would like to congratulate the Churchill Football Netball Club on winning the under 18's North Gippsland Football League premiership. Well done to coach Rob Jellis and his team for a great season, and to the hard working Committee for their efforts during the 2011 season.

Also big congratulations go out to Churchill United Soccer Club who claimed 3 of the 4 Grand Finals recently. Well done to the Reserves, Senior and Women's teams for a fantastic weekend of soccer, and I commend the

club on their victories. Churchill certainly dominated the league this year, and I congratulate the players, coaches and committee for their dedication and hard work throughout the season.

I'd also like to thank the Churchill Bowls Club and its members for their recent hospitality at their Annual General Meeting. This was a great evening, and I would like to thank the club for their generosity and welcoming environment.

I wish you all the best for the month of October and I look forward to seeing the continuing work of the Churchill and District community.



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World Youth Day

by Cory Foster



World Youth Day was an amazing experience for me. I am so thankful for the parish of Lumen Christi Churchill for helping me get to Spain, and I am very proud to be one of the 2 million pilgrims that gathered in Spain to share their faith.

One of my highlights was staying with the nuns in Talavera. Our group of 41 plus a French group stayed in a convent with these nuns, the most beautiful people I have ever met.

All of the time they were happy, they were just enthusiastic about life in general. They taught us about their school and what they teach. I really valued their happiness and generosity and whilst staying with them I felt myself constantly having a big smile.

Other highlights included the various activities in the city of Madrid. In the mornings we went to catecheses sessions, the Australian gathering one morning, and in the evenings we attended big events like the stations of the cross, the Pope's arrival, the opening mass and the big sleep out with the mass with the Pope. Our group had the privilege of being just a

couple of metres away from the Pope. I enjoyed being that close to the Holy Father. There were great speakers at the catecheses sessions; I valued what some people had to say.

Being there with so many people that were there for the same reason as me, made me realise that Catholic youth aren't a minority, there may not be many Catholic youth in Australia but there are plenty all over the world.

I loved the country of Spain. Everywhere we went the people were very friendly. They might not have known much English but they enjoyed the fact that we had come all the way from Australia. The architecture of the cities was really pretty. The old buildings and cathedrals were beautiful.

I travelled with a group of 41 from all around the Sale diocese. It was a great mix of age, gender, personality and origin. It was a great group. I will always remember those people. We were probably the loudest group, but the faith was very loud in the group too.



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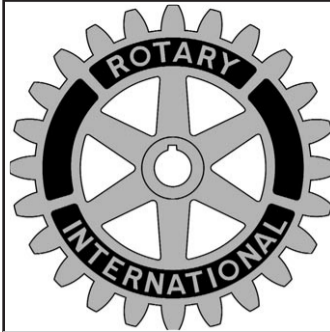
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Saturday Breakfast

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David works at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

He has a Certificate IV for Fitness, so is able to work in the gymnasium or as a personal trainer, and sometimes teaches exercises in the park.

He works with all age groups, so often teaches children or older adults.

There are programs called COTA or Council of the Aging.

He stressed that older adults still need their exercise, but one needs to take account of conditions like arthritis.

It is also considered advisable not to include exercises that involve raising the arms above the head, as this can raise the blood pressure for some people.

As the population is becoming older, the COTA programs are being seen as more important.

They cost \$5.40 a session and are held at Churchill, Morwell and Traralgon.

They consist of gentle exercises with smaller than usual weights, sitting on a ball and band exercises.

Some need to do exercises sitting on a chair. COTA also has gym classes.

A program can be written specifically for people with certain disabilities. Older people are now encouraged to take part in Karate too.

For the best effect, people should exercise two or preferably three times a week for half an hour, or three periods of ten minutes.

After the groups at the Leisure Centre, social activities are encouraged, each session ending with a cup of tea or



coffee.

We were told to remember that physical exercise and mental health go hand in hand. One doesn't need fancy equipment to exercise.

There is now a STEP class which involves walking up and down stairs and some weight lifting.

Ladies Boxing Classes are available. This is not as savage as it might sound.

Participants work in pairs and one holds a pad for the other to punch.

Residents are welcome to come to the Leisure Centre at any time, to be shown around and told of what classes are available.

Co-Operating Churches Snippets

The Fun and Trivia Night was a happy occasion, which had minds thinking and table groups consulting to find the answers to questions.

There was also a beetle collection to tally as the beetles were displayed on the various overheads.

It was amazing that one table counted quite a few more than they should have.

The large size Connect game had teams vying to produce the best strategy to win a four in a row arrangement of the same colour discs.

The church hosted the Churchill and District News Writing Competition Presentation Night with a large crowd including lots of the children, all of whom were nervously excited and eager prize recipients.

It was special to hear some of the first prize winners read their stories.

The Ladies Fellowship has their annual Dinner with Partners. This was held at one of the lady's homes.

It was a delightful evening of sharing food and fellowship, with all partners being able to attend.

The Saturday Breakfast guest was David Griffiths from the Churchill Leisure Centre.

David said how important it was to continue to exercise, from both fitness and social aspects of aging.

A more detailed report appears elsewhere in this paper.

Lumen Christi Snippets

Lumen Christi School Fete

Friday, 21 October – Lots of stalls – books, pot plants, trash and treasure and more.

Women's Spirituality Day

Saturday, 15 October, 10am-5.30pm – Women's retreat day.

Fr Hugh is our guest speaker.

Men's Weekend

Tamboritha Men's Weekend, leaving Lumen Christi carpark at Churchill, on Friday evening 18 November 2011 and returning on Sunday 20 November in the late afternoon.

All most welcome.

Your early confirmation will assist planning for meals, etc.

Lumen Christi School

Congratulations to Amy Hutchinson, Riley Harding, Harry Van Rossum, Chloe Answerth, Teresa Simpson, Jemma Sawyer, Shenae McLure, Neesha Simmons, Zara-Louise Ernst and Toby Williamson who received awards in the Churchill and District News Writing Competition.

Born to knit

Thank you so much for supporting Save the Children – Born to Knit schools campaign.

There was an overwhelming response for which we are truly thankful.

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Kokoda Trail

Thank you very much to Ann Van Rhine for your presentation and showing us great photos of your recent trip to New Guinea and the Kokoda Trail.

Ann walked the trail with her brother and two

friends as part of a group of 18 supported by local porters and No Road Expeditions.

They were very fortunate to have good weather.

Visitation of the parish

Bishop Prowse wrote to Fr Hugh indicating that he would like to make an official visitation of the Parish from 16-18 March, 2012.



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Winners of the Writing Competition

The sad Polar Bear - By Kayley Answerth

Children 7 years and Under

Once there was a Polar Bear. His name was Rocky. Rocky lived at the ice cream shop.

One day some penguins came to the shop to steal all the ice cream.

Rocky looked in the fridge to see if there was anymore ice cream left but there was none.

Rocky decided to find the penguins and get the ice cream back.

He looked in the supermarket but they were not there.

He looked in the pub and they were there eating

ice cream

Rocky went up to the penguins to ask for the ice cream back.

They were so scared to see a polar bear in a pub that they dropped all the ice cream and ran away.

Rocky was very happy to have his ice cream back.



My First Sprite - Shayla Smith

Children 8-10 Short Story

Hi my name is Sarah Dogle and I'm going to tell you about the time I caught my first Sprite. Oh and for those of you who don't know what a Sprite it is just like a fairy but much more common. Anyway it was a lovely spring day and I was meant to be at school but I told the teacher I was sick. Because my mum had just bought me this new book called How to tame a Sprite I didn't even know what a Sprite was but then I read it and knew. After that I went outside to start making Sprite houses but when I started mum kept asking me questions so I went to nans that was better. When I started it was a bit hard at first but I started to get the hang of it.

For the roof I used a paper cup and stick leaves to it. And for the house I used an old Shapes box and cut our doors and windows and stuck leaves to them. I slept at nans that night. When I got up the next morning I got dressed and went outside to check my sprite houses. I couldn't believe my eyes, It was a Sprite a, real Sprite. I fled inside to tell Nan but she didn't believe me. So I took her outside to show her. My Sprite but it was gone. I told her it was there but she didn't believe me. I read some more of my new book and it turns out Sprites only

drink fresh s p r i n g water and they only eat fruit. So that night I set out some fruit and f r e s h s p r i n g water. The n e x t morning I got up I got dressed and went outside to check my Sprite house. It was back I got Nan, she saw it she really saw it she couldn't believe it she could barely breathe it was so cool i could hardly breathe either it was unbelievable.

I don't think it knew we were there because it just kept eating happily. I ran inside to get a container but Nana stopped me. I learnt a lesson that day.

I learnt to just leave things alone.



Once there was a Polar Bear. His name was Rocky. Rocky lived at the Ice cream shop.



By Shayla Smith



My Thinking Cap - Kieran M Reeves

Children 8 - 10 Poetry

My mum tells me everyday
Not to doodle or to play
But to sit and do my work as I should.
She always, always tells me
'Use your thinking cap, Billy'
But I'm puzzled and don't know what to do.
So doing as I am told
Being good and never bold
I get up and go look for my cap.
First I look under my bed
Then I search inside the shed
But nowhere can I find my thinking cap.
Then suddenly it hits me
My thinking cap is with me
It's always there inside my little head.



Fireworks! - By Stephen Darvill

11 - 13 Years Poetry

The best fireworks you've ever seen
Exploding flares of blue, red and green
Soaring up like rockets, cascading down like showers
Illuminating the sky like vibrant summer flowers.

Catherine wheels whizzing round and round
Screamers scream out their ear-splitting sound
Sparklers letting loose like fairy dust
All these different fireworks, you must see them, you must

Children watching their eyes opened wide
Grandparents seeing and in memory they sighed
Parents debating among themselves which colour is best
A baby crying, what an absolute pest.

Illuminating the sky like vibrant summer flowers
Soaring up like rockets, cascading down like showers
Exploding flares of blue, red and green
The best fireworks you've ever seen.



Winners of the Writing Competition

The Blades - By Daniel Schneider

11-13 Years Short Story

The sky was tinged blood red, and the trees swayed gently in the cool, soft breeze. The green grass rustled as a young boy scrambled out; a bow poised threateningly, the string drawn tight. There was a soft hiss as a black shafted arrow shot through the air, embedding in the chest of a small deer. "Well done," spoke a gruff voice. With a small grunt, a large figure jumped from a nearby tree, landing with a dull thud. He looked at the young boy and took in his features. He had large brown eyes and black rustled hair, his nose bent out crookedly as though it had been broken, and he had a strong build. You shoot well the man said. Grabbing a knife from his belt the man asked "may I?" Silvio nodded. Carving the deer into strips of meat he handed it to the boy. The boy merely stood there as the man went on, do you go to school? At this point the boy was scuffing his feet into the dirt uncomfortably. Suddenly another voice carried across the paddock, SILVIO WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT TALKING TO STRANGERS? Coming mother, he called scrambling through the long grass carrying his large meal.

Strapping the light leather armour to his strong body, Silvio grabbed his short, blunt sword, his small worn bow and his roughly carved arrows, and ran out the door ignoring the shouts from his mother that he would be late. Trudging through the thick under growth, Silvio reached school. The grounds were deserted as he ran through the front gates, and there was complete silence. Barging through the door to the main cathedral, where the class ceremony is held, hundreds of thoughts ran through his head, where would he be put, "Warrior?", where all the strong courageous people are put, "Archer", where all of the small swift people are put, or a "Wizard" who is the wisest of them all, using the power of his spirit.

Running into the crowded room all eyes turned to Silvio. Embarrassed he ran to an empty chair at the front sitting quietly. All eyes turned back to a boy standing on the front stage. He held a large, smooth, pale blue stone that let out a radiant light. Suddenly it flashed a deep red colour and the word Wizard magically appeared, the boys face lit up vividly and he went over to a group of children. Silvio noticed that there were three separate groups, (probably one for each class).

An old man walked onto the stage and looked around. "I see that the last person for sorting is here," let it begin". Two burly guards walked over and escorted Silvio to the stage. He

stood there unsurely as he waited. The old man hobbled over to him leaning on his thick wooden staff, "Here" he said in an old but strong voice "hold this". The old man placed the stone in Silvios hands. He grasped it tightly and waited. Suddenly a golden shine emitted from the stone lighting up the room, everybody gasped and looked at the single figure appearing on the stone. It wasn't a word but a complicated symbol. Snatching the stone from Silvio the man examined it thoroughly. "EVERY BODY OUT!" he shouted. Running for the door Silvio heard a loud yell come from behind him. "You stay here".

The old man gazed at Silvio unblinkingly, and Silvio sat down staring at the floor. "So you're the chosen one?" The man asked unbelievably. Silvio looked up into the old man's face, and shrugged. "Yes with training you could become strong." The old man said enthusiastically. Now meet me outside.

A stick was thrown into Silvios hands as soon as he walked outside, and several obstacles were placed around the area. The old man walked over and said "now I want to see your style,, begin." Silvio started to whack the obstacles, and shoot the obstacles with his bow, and the man stood by encouraging him the whole time. You're doing well I think that you should fight me. Silvio stood still gazing at the man doubtfully, "you want me to fight you?" "You must be joking, your just an old man!" the old man smiled wryly "well then you shouldn't be worried at all. Silvio stood, bracing himself for the fight to begin but the old man stood still and relaxed. Begin he said croakily. Silvio charged, swinging his sword crazily. The old man stood back and Silvio fell over, grazing his knee on the gravel, the old man taunted him and pranced around yelling out "I'm just an old man" "I'm just an old man". Silvio charged again blood flying from his sore leg; again the man stood back, only this time, he hit Silvio on his way past. Silvio became extremely angry and a wave of power washed over him, Silvio charged again this time hitting the man with a sharp jab. The man laughed and yelled out "come on is that all that you've got". Blinding fury came upon Silvio and with a blinding flash; his stick caught on fire, although the flames were a blue and purple colour and were surprisingly cool to touch. Charging for the final time, Silvio hit the man in the side burning him. Deep exhaustion washed over Silvio and he fell. Everything went black.

Silvio awoke taking in his unfamiliar

surroundings, he was in a large bed, draped with lace, there was a large cupboard (empty), a chest full with armour and weapons, and spell books that glowed in the dimness. With a creak the large buckled door opened and the old man walked in a large bandage on his thigh. "Good morning" the man said cheerily I think that I should introduce myself, I'm Gurlan the pure. Silvio said hello politely and kept sitting. Now it's time for breakfast, so get dressed and come down to eat. Silvio entered the great hall and everyone stared. A great silence fell as Silvio walked to an empty bench. All eyes turned to the front as Gurlan started to talk to the assembled students; "today we are going to play a game of capture the flag, weapons and magic allowed!" a chatter of excitement rose from everyone as they settled down to eat breakfast. Silvio looked around at students and realised that they were ordering from their menus. Looking at the menu Silvio uttered the words "bacon and eggs", and magically they materialised on his empty plate. Pleased, Silvio sat down and started to eat.

People milled around the arena, wooden swords drawn, waiting for the siren to indicate the start. The siren sounded and people charged, racing to their team's flag to defend while others charged off attacking. Silvio stood at the back of the defenders unsure of what to do. The battle raged on and Silvio realised that when you were hit you were escorted to the boundary and you couldn't get back into the game. The game went on and eventually there were only a couple of people left on Silvios team, Silvio was one of them. Running around he started getting into the game, firing arrows at the unsuspecting opposition defeating them instantly. The game dragged on and eventually Silvio was the last person on his team against a burly boy about two years older, they both fired their last arrows.

Silvio struck the boy, and simultaneously jumped out of the way of an oncoming arrow. A roar of happiness erupted from Silvios team, and groans of disappointment came from the opposition. He stood there glowing as his team washed over him, and carried him away, all cheering his name. "Silvio" "Silvio".

There was a happy murmur coming from every table, and all of the talk was about Silvio or addressed to him. Everyone was happy, except for Gurlan, he sat still and extremely quiet piercing his ears for an unusual sound. The night dragged on and towards the end of the night, Gurlan jumped up alerted.



Everybody's gaze diverted to where

Gurlan stared. Gasps erupted from everybody's mouths as they stared through the window and into the face of a wild haired, crooked toothed, blood shot eyed man, crazily staring at the children.

Gurlan signalled for everyone to stay in the room and stay close together, and then took off running outside sword in hand. Cries rang outside and Silvio stood still staring. A feeling of rage passed over him and before he knew it he was charging to the front gate and out into the grounds sword in hand. Silvio gasped as he saw what was happening, Gurlan was lying on the floor in a crumpled heap and about 20 large burley men stood sniggering.

A weird feeling of power and control fell upon Silvio and instantly his sword caught on fire. The sniggering men hastily stood back, their looks of arrogance turned to a startled and fearful expression. Silvio charged whacking the men with quick strikes killing them instantly. After a while the leader was the only one left, with no pity Silvio struck him down. He suddenly felt exhausted and collapsed backwards, blackness encumbering him.

He woke in a large room lavishly dressed with flowers and it smelled strongly of sweet flowers and noticed that Gurlan was lying on a white bed, strapped in thick bandages. A nurse bustled over and attended to Silvio then left him to sleep. In the evening Silvio got dressed and went down to supper. As soon as he entered everybody went silent, and then they all cheered. Silvio glowed with happiness as they all called him over yelling out that he was a hero. Silvio never thought that he could be happier.



Where's Cheeky? - BY Caroline Tuohy

Adult Poetry

A project was happening – a house renovation,
And our family was stressed from just one
reservation.

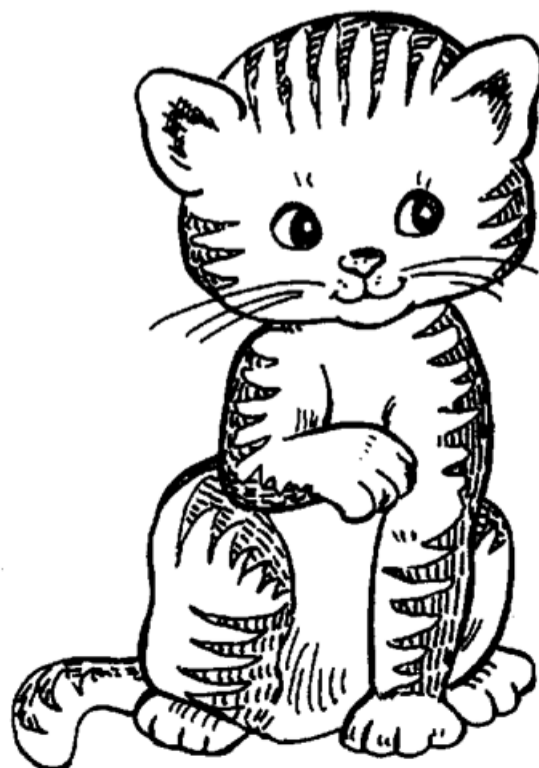
Not the price, nor the mess, no nothing like that,
Instead we were stressed about Cheeky the Cat.

A house full of builders would give him great joy,
He'd torment and tease, every trick he'd employ.
So the laundry became Cheeky's place to reside,
The rest of the house, he was firmly denied.

We said to the builders "do not let him out,
Or he'll cause endless trouble when wandering about."
But, as is often the case with a run of good luck,
On the last day of building, our plan came unstuck.

As the tiler cemented the final floor tile,
And varnish on floors had been drying a while,
We discovered the laundry empty and bare,
Cheeky the Cat was no longer there.

We searched all the bedrooms, the lounge and the hall,
But Cheeky was gone – he was nowhere at all.
"We'll just have to wait," my annoyed mother said.
"Let's hope he comes home when he needs to be fed."



It was later that night when from under the floor,
Came a tortured meow – it was Cheeky for sure.
We stood on the tiles staring down at our feet,
As we realized the cat was stuck under concrete.

"Well this is a hassle," my mother announced,
As out to the shed she went with a founce.
She returned with the axe and before we could speak,
Chopped into a floorboard of beautiful teak.

Quick as a flash, Cheeky leapt through the hole,
And casually sauntered across to his bowl.
As he chomped his way through his ocean-fresh fish,
We all stared at the floorboards, now shattered in bits.

It was then that the builder decided to ring,
To inform us that he had forgotten one thing.
"The floorboard," he said, "at the end of the hall,
Isn't nailed down; if it tilts, you could fall."

"Well," said my mother, "I'll see you at eight,
And if I were you, I wouldn't be late.
You have other boards that now need to be fixed,
Because of the cat and his mischievous tricks."

Winners of the Writing Competition

Waiting In The Rain- Naomi Ipsen



As I looked on the scene before me, I knew things would never be the same again. Rain fell like a constant pouring of teardrops from the sky. Raindrops bounced off the dark green leaves of the ivy which was spread all around me on the ground. Water dripped from the underside of these leaves, soaking into the soil and burrowing away from me and my sorrow.

I stood there on the path, arms tucked against my body... not to keep myself warm... perhaps to protect myself against further pain and loss? Before me, the path twisted and rolled through the trees, meeting the horizon and the splendid white glow of sunlight breaking into the darkness of the bush.

He was walking along that path. He was, in the distance, a small black figure, outlined by that brilliant white light. He was too far, now. He had kept walking, had not looked back. I wondered if I would ever see him again. Still he walked, walked away from me, from our love and our dreams.

I stood there for a long time, thinking on the past and on the future, heedless of the chilling wind whipping against my dress, the gathering shadows that signalled the end of another day. The brilliant sunlight at the edge of the bush in the distance began receding into a mellow golden glow, receding and slowly sinking below the horizon. Tears rolled down my cheeks. I blinked once, and when I opened my eyes again, he was gone.

"Yes, we do worry about Charlie," Mum said to me that night, bustling around my little kitchen to make me some hot soup, "but moping about isn't going to fix a thing, now, is it? Make some bread to go with this stew, dear."

I stood to do as she bid me but my movements were those of obedience, not willingness. I kneaded and rolled the dough, feeling the floury, soft substance ooze and puff between my fingers and stick beneath my fingernails. It seemed I couldn't speak. The kitchen was silent but for the sounds of two women, tied up in their own thoughts and worries, working together to make the evening meal.

An hour later, as I began serving, it hit me like a well-thrown punch to the stomach. I had put out a plate, bowl and spoon for Charlie. Mum looked at me, then reached over to remove the things. I collapsed on a seat and began weeping. Fear had twisted my insides into knots. War wasn't a game. It wasn't carried out by little boys in gumboots carrying sawn-off wooden sticks as guns. It wasn't the rough-and-tumble between a father and little children that had them laughing and squealing for wild horse rides around the house. No, this was war, this was the real thing. Real guns, real grown up boys in heavy fighting boots. This was real horses, real fights. This was a real battle, where

the stakes were life or death. I sat next to the fire, doubled over until my head rested on my knees, and sobbed with the sheer terror I felt for Charlie.

Mum held me close. I felt tears falling on top of my head and I knew she was worried for him, too. She was worried for our neighbours, our friends; this war had taken young men off us all. I was grateful then that we weren't on a farm. Mum and I would not have been capable of holding together a farm for who knows how long before our men came back. If they ever made it back. The war had been raging for close to a year now, and thousands of men had already died. What if Charlie was to be one of them? I clung to my mother and wept until I thought my stomach couldn't possibly hurt any worse. Then I cried some more.

Charlie's first letter came on June the eighth, 1915. The tiny smudge of blood on one corner of the paper made me feel sick. Dust and black powder was smudged across the page. He hadn't written much. He explained that they had arrived on Turkish soil two days prior to him writing. He said the weather was stifling; he said he was constantly thirsty. I cried, and my tears made it hard to read the rest of his letter. They hadn't seen any action, yet, he said, however they could hear the constant rumble of gunfire and bomb explosions. He wasn't afraid, as such, he wrote. He just wanted to get it over and done with and get home again. He ended his letter soon after he said this, telling me he loved me and would return to me very soon. "This bloody war can't go on for too long," he wrote with a confidence that made me smile, "we'll make you women proud." He had signed off, "with all my love, Charles Sunder."

I wrote back to him. I told him of the winter weather we were having, that several parts of Victoria had been flooded in the last couple of weeks. I joked that we had enough rain to keep his thirst quenched for years, but then I thought better of my words and tore up the piece of paper to start over. Tears fell onto the page as I wrote. I told him I missed him and wanted him to come home soon. Of course I understood it was important to fight for Australia, I said, but Australia didn't care whether my Charlie was dead or alive, only I cared about that. So I told him to take care and get back alive. I was terrified he would die without me ever seeing him again. As I wrote, I glanced at my left hand. My third finger was bare, and I trembled at the thought that perhaps he didn't love me as much as he said he did. We had been a couple for many years now, and not once had he broached the subject of marriage.

Letters flew between us. I walked three kilometres to the post office every day to see if he had written. The pain and fear would grow stronger and stronger as each day passed without a letter... until finally there was another dusty, crumpled envelope, addressed in his confident, broad writing. Then I would walk home again, winding my way through the bush, reading his letters over and over, touching the paper he had touched, trying to read more and more into the brief words he had sent me. He always affirmed me of his devotion, promising me he would return and be mine forever. I wept

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every time I read his letters, wept for fear and loneliness, but I always had a touch of a smile, as his letters embraced me with his love and longing.

Time dragged on. Each year, on the twenty-second of May, I would walk slowly down the path through the trees. It would be at the same time as on that day, and the sun would be going down just as it had been as I'd said goodbye to him. Once, it even rained, like it had the day I had farewelled him on that ivy-strewn path. I would stand there, feet sinking slightly in the soft ground. My eyes would be on the horizon, where the twisting path met with the glow of the setting sun. He never came, but still I would stand there and wait in the rain for him.

I tried not to panic when several weeks passed with no word from Charlie. It was early September... the last letter had had sent me had been dated July twenty-eighth.

"I'm sure he's fine," Mum said soothingly one night. "He's probably just... just..." but when she couldn't think of anything more to say to soothe my fears, I knew she was bluffing and was just as scared as me. My tears that night were more plentiful than the raindrops falling on my face when I said goodbye two years previously.

Then a letter came. It was a telegram.

It had a thick, black edge struck down the left side.

I didn't need to open it to know what it said.

I didn't need to open it to feel the pain start.

The physical pain that tore into my stomach and clenched my throat so tight I couldn't breathe. I wasn't crying. I couldn't cry. My head was pounding and my fingers trembled.

"Are you alright, darling? You need to sit down?" the kindly post office woman asked me, watching me with concern. I looked around her little shop. I was thinking... but I didn't know what. I said something, but I couldn't hear my own voice. I was sitting down and drinking something but wasn't paying any attention. She was calling Mum out at the house, telling her to come pick me up. Then I was in my bed, shivering and sweating. Blankets were heaped over me and another cup of liquid was pressed into my hands for me to drink. Then a blackness. A blackness that I crawled into gratefully, wanting to hide from the world.

I couldn't get that one image out of my mind. That black edged telegram. With a stranger's handwriting on the front. That small piece of paper. The black slash down the side. It haunted my dreams. I felt like that telegram was slicing my heart, piece by painful piece - small paper cuts that gradually grew deeper and deeper. The next several days passed in a pain-filled, tear-ridden daze.

I walked to the post office every day after that. I couldn't stop myself. Not going seemed like admitting defeat, accepting his death. And so I kept walking. And when it rained, I walked even slower, feeling the raindrops splash down my arms and on my face, my head, my neck. I would watch the ivy leaves along the path dip and bow with water, shining and sparkling as though they had not a care in the world.

It was two weeks later that there was another



dusty, brown envelope sitting in the pile of mail for me to collect. My heart beat faster. Was there one last letter from Charlie that he hadn't sent in time? I pulled the envelope out and looked at it. It was addressed to me, to Molly James. But the hand-writing was not Charlie's. I turned it over and slid my finger under the flap. I pulled the letter out, and started walking slowly towards home as I began reading.

Dear Molly,

I suppose you will have received the telegram already, about the passing of Charlie Sunder. My name is Robert Drew, I was one of Charlie's mates. I wanted to tell you personally how much your fiancé meant to me.

I choked up at these words. Charlie hadn't been my fiancé. How I wish he had been! But he hadn't been, and nothing could change that now. I wiped away my tears and kept reading.

He was a brave man, a good soldier. His death was especially hard on me, as his death was the result of him saving my life. He was a hero and a gentleman in every sense of those words, Molly. I know his death will be hard on you. I hope to possibly ease your pain with my few lines of condolence... and perhaps, one day, I might be able to meet the fiancé of the man I loved as a brother, meet the woman that he was very, very in love with even until the moment he died.

I hope you are as well as the circumstances can allow for, Miss James.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

Robert Drew.

And then I knew. Charlie was no longer living on this earth, he wasn't going to return to me to put his arm around my shoulders and comfort me when I cried and laugh with me when I laughed. But I knew, as I folded the letter and slid it back into the pale brown envelope... I knew that even while Charlie had been called to a better place, he lived on in my heart. And as long as Charlie lived on in my heart, true love would never, could never, die. And I smiled through my tears as I wound through the bush towards home, the setting sun casting shadows all around me.

I am the Tree - By James Kettner

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The forest is my home.

I stand still, amongst my brethren

In the breeze I sway, so too do my brothers.

I am grounded, by arms spread out.

My hands stretched, my fingers...reaching.

Reaching to the navy sky and those I have known from birth.

Around me are the fallen limbs of my brothers and scattered is my family's knowledge.

I stand tall, but when it is time, I fall.

My body covers those that hide from the elements.

My broken bones can fuel hope.

I am the still sentient of the earth.

The soil my mother.

I stand and watch as the sun and the moon rise and fall.

I endure all, I know all, my age is displayed in rings.

I am the silent watcher.

I am, the tree.

Winners of the Writing Competition

The Feud - By Vicki Daddo - Category 8 - Adult Short Story



Alice couldn't really remember what had started the feud. It had gone on for so long that it had simply become a part of her life. Alice Pepper versus the Sweetings. But what she couldn't accept was just how low and petty the whole thing had become in recent months. What started as an occasional practical joke had escalated into a mini war and Alice had begun to feel weighted down by the whole sorry show. She was beginning to wonder whether or not it was time to offer the Sweetings a white flag. Especially after the greenhouse experience.

On Sunday, she'd been walking her dog, Hera, when she spotted Geoffrey Sweeting tipping grass cuttings into her ornamental pond, presumably in retaliation for her own act of persuading the paper boy to let her throw the local paper, just once, and launching it so hard that it shattered a pane in the Sweeting's greenhouse. It had been an accident. Alice hadn't realised her own strength. It had been years since she'd done anything remotely sporty, not even a round of golf. Not since Bill had died.

How had they gone from silly messages to criminal damage, Alice thought as she walked up and down the aisles of Esme's Emporium of Everything? She heaved out a sigh in front of the novelty condiment sets. Time to plan a surrender speech.

"Look, Dawn, this has gone on far too long. It was funny to start with, you know, all the prank pizza deliveries and the silly answer-phone messages, but now it seems to have got a little nasty. I'm sorry for whatever nonsense I've been a part of, but it's time to let bygones be bygones and get over it." Then she'd offer her hand and they'd have a laugh and end up enjoying tea and scones together.

Too sickly? What about...?

"I'm sorry, Dawn, for all the utterly silly things I've done and said over the past few years. You're my neighbours, and I think it's time to bury the hatchet and move on. I mean, if Palestine and Israel can talk, then I'm sure we can."

Too dramatic, perhaps?

"It's gone too far, Dawn. I'm over it. Let's put the past well and truly behind us and turn a new leaf of hope."

Too short? Too apologetic? To clichéd? She picked up salt and pepper shakers in the form of a pair of little red devils and instantly thought of Dawn and Geoffrey. Perhaps, she wasn't ready to move on just yet.

She turned at the end of the aisle, into the haberdashery section and browsed the assortment of fabrics, enjoying the kaleidoscope of colours and textures, looking to see if there was anything appropriate to add to her friendship quilt. The news of an old cousin's first great-granddaughter being born was the perfect reason to add a new section. She'd brought the quilt with her and just as she pulled it from her bag to check what colour and material might be appropriate, she heard Dawn Sweeting's nasal tones from the front counter. Alice shoved the quilt back into the bag and went to hurry out, but realised that she'd be spotted. The only option was to wait for Dawn to leave. Alice slunk down, sitting with her back to the shelves. The woman could talk for

hours, so she figured she'd be in for a lengthy wait.

"You should have seen her, Esme. Honestly, that woman is mad as a hatter," Dawn was saying to the owner. "She threw that paper like a javelin and it smashed straight into our new greenhouse. All of Geoffrey's tomato seedlings were covered in glass."

Alice cringed, remembering the shattering sound and her own feelings of shock at what she'd done. Had it been deliberate? If she thought about it, she couldn't be certain that it wasn't.

"Did you call the police?" Esme asked Dawn.

"We thought about it, but well, she's just a lonely old woman, isn't she?"

Alice stiffened at the description. Was she a lonely old woman? Old? She was 74, but the Sweetings were no spring chickens themselves. Lonely? She'd been widowed for five years but was she really lonely? She had friends. The ladies from the Book Club were very kind. And she still had the occasional afternoon tea with Hetty from the Golf Club. Although, that only ever seemed to be at Hetty's behest when she had some amazing story to share, or new outfit to show off. No, she was sure that she'd know if she was lonely. Other people are lonely. The ones who die on their own at home, and nobody notices for three weeks. That wasn't Alice. Someone would knock. Wouldn't they?

Dawn seemed intent on chatting forever. She jabbered on about this and that whilst Esme agreed or disagreed on whatever the subject matter was. Alice's back and hips were getting sore as she sat on the yellow lino. What was she doing? Why didn't she just get up and walk out? Neither woman would probably think any the worse of her than they already did. Alice Pepper, that poor, lonely, old mad woman.

"So, how's Geoffrey?" Esme asked.

"I left him in bed, actually. He was feeling a bit under the weather and he didn't fancy a long trip down the street. I was quite relieved, really. He seems to be so slow these days. And always complaining about this ache and that pain."

"Poor old stick. We're all getting old. I was just going to look for something for my fifth grandchild. Danielle has had her third. Makes me feel ancient."

"Ah, but it's lovely to have such a big family, isn't it?"

Alice clutched her quilt. Who was she making it for anyway? She had no children to pass it to; no close family nearby. It would end up in the spare room on the bed nobody ever stayed in, along with the fluffy towels and sequined cushion she'd won at the Golf Club raffle last year. It seemed ridiculous to be making a friendship quilt, when quite patently she had no friends to pass it on to. She wriggled her aching buttocks, ready to haul herself up.

"It's very quiet today, Dawn. Why don't we head out to Quentin's for a coffee and a sandwich? I'll put a 'Gone for lunch' sign on the door."

Before Alice could pull herself up, the door shut, the lock clicked and she was left in the Emporium of Everything with nobody but herself to complain to.

Alice pulled out her quilt and analysed the squares that she'd stitched together so far. There was one for her dear old Bill: a blue and green fabric, onto which she'd sewn little figures representing her and him playing a round at the Links course they'd loved to play. Then there was one for her sister, Alma. A twin who hadn't survived, but one she'd always felt close to. The square was a deep shade of purple, almost black. It shone in certain lights, creating a two-tone effect: light and shade, living and dead.

She'd sewn two squares for her parents, a quirky print with cows and pigs and other farmyard paraphernalia. It was her father all over. Farmer George, happy to wallow in manure. For her mother, there was a lacy swatch, delicate and regal. She should have been a Duchess rather than a farmer's wife.

Alice checked her watch. Nearly twenty minutes had passed and she was still sitting in the same aisle. She pulled out the mobile phone Hetty had persuaded her to buy. In the four years she'd had it, she'd hardly ever used it. Well, not for the purpose that was intended - safety and security. Hetty had punched in her own number and on a whim, Alice had entered the Sweetings home number too. She'd used the phone on several occasions to order a family pizza deal and several taxis.

"Perhaps this is karma," she muttered to herself, putting the useless thing back in her bag, and picking up the quilt again.

There were two red squares, devoid of any pattern. They represented the two children she'd miscarried. She'd dared not make them pink and blue. She had no idea what gender they'd been, and she cared not. She felt her eyes fill as she fingered the fabric, soft velour. She put it to her cheek and let the tears spill.

She got up and wandered the aisles, cursing her own stupidity. She could have been at home, drinking tea and eating spiced apple cake. It had been nearly an hour since Esme and Dawn had left. She could call Hetty, but at this time in the afternoon, chances were that she was on the golf course. She could call the fire brigade or the police but that would be deemed a nuisance call and she'd hate to bother them in what was really a ridiculous mess, not an emergency.

She pulled up the Sweetings number. Perhaps Dawn had taken Esme to her house for a spot of lunch. There was nothing to lose. She held her breath and hit the green button, listening for the tinny bleeps of the connection.

An eternity seemed to pass before a muffled voice answered. "Geoffrey?"

A long pause.

"Geoffrey, is that you? This is Alice Pepper from next door. Well, I'm not next door. I'm in a bit of a predicament."

"Huh?" Geoffrey Sweeting's voice sounded gravelly and distracted.

Alice remembered that Dawn has said he wasn't feeling very well and she felt at once embarrassed and weepy. "I'm sorry, Geoffrey. I believe you're not well. But I do need some help."

Geoffrey was silent momentarily and then sucked in a huge breath before uttering what sounded distinctly like, "Heart."

Alice stiffened. "Geoffrey, are you all right? Are you feeling sick? Can you talk?"

"Heart...pain."

"Oh dear. Oh dear, dear. Hang on, Geoffrey. I'll call for some help. Put the phone down and I'll call you an ambulance. Then I'll ring you again. Do you understand?"

His voice was barely audible, but he definitely whispered a yes. Alice disconnected and called for an ambulance, giving them the address. She immediately called Geoffrey again and after an agonising delay, she was relieved to hear his croak.

"Hello Geoffrey. Just hang in there. An ambulance is on its way. I'll stay on the line with you until they've arrived. I know you can't speak much, but I'm going to talk to you and you can just say yes or grunt occasionally so that I know you're still with me. Okay?"

"Yes."

"Well, you'll never believe where I am. I'm sitting in Esme's Emporium of Everything, in the haberdashery aisle, trying to select some material to make a new square for my friendship quilt. Dawn came in and she and



Esme

got talking, and well, the funny thing is that they decided to go for lunch together and they locked me in. Isn't that hilarious?"

Geoffrey coughed, a hideous rattle that gave Alice the shivers. She went on to describe to him the different materials on her quilt and the reasons that they had been chosen. She felt certain that his voice had broken when she'd told him about the two red squares.

Esme and Dawn watched the ambulance shriek down the main street and turn left. "That's heading your way," Esme pointed out.

Dawn nodded. "I wonder which poor old soul is having a hard time? Perhaps it's dear old Alice. Oh, I shouldn't joke, should I?"

Esme tutted. "No, and I hope it's not one of those practical joke calls. I was watching the telly the other day when they said that almost 50 percent of emergency calls are hoaxes."

"You don't think Alice would pull a trick like that, do you?" Dawn's voice was querulous.

Alice listened to muffled voices in the background, and when an ambulance officer spoke to her, she was finally convinced that Geoffrey was in the best hands. The problem was that she was still stuck in the shop and she hadn't had the heart to mention it to the ambulance officer.

After a while, Alice came across a beautiful print of a peaceful village scene, houses and a pond, fluffy clouds, golden sun, neighbours leaning over the fence talking. It was idyllic and perfect. She took the roll up to the front counter, pulled out Esme's fabric scissors, cut a square and took out a large note from her purse.

On her way back, she saw a roll of pure white material. She cut a square of that too, and added another note to the pile.

It was nearly five by the time Esme returned to the shop. She was astonished to see Alice sitting at the front, sewing.

"What are you doing?" The inference was "What are you doing, you dotty old bat?"

"I was waiting for you to come back. You locked me in."

Esme looked miffed. "There was an emergency. I couldn't get back any earlier. You should go home, Alice. I haven't got time for silly nonsense. It's been a big day."

Alice picked up her friendship quilt and gave Esme a tight smile. "It certainly has."

She spent the rest of the evening sewing her quilt, edging the coloured patches with the plain white squares. She knew who she would be giving it to and she knew what she'd tell him the white squares were for. It was time to surrender.

Winners of the Writing Competition

How We Got a Dog Without Even Trying - BY Caroline Tuohy

Category 10 - A Short Story for Children

Do you have a pet dog? You are so lucky if you do. My sister and I would give anything for a pet dog, but Mum doesn't want one.

"They are too much work," she keeps saying. "They need a walk everyday; sometimes two."

"We'll do all the walking," we say.

"They poo everywhere," she keeps saying.

"We'll clean up the poo," we say.

"A dog needs to be trained, and I don't have the time to do it," she keeps saying.

"We'll do the training," we say, showing her the 'How To Train Your Puppy' book we borrowed from the library.

But Mum didn't budge. Even with all our trying, she didn't budge.

But then, last Sunday something amazing happened. We looked after a cat. Here's how it started:

Mum's friend Margaret phoned all in a tizzy. Mum was busy cooking, so she put the call on speaker phone. We heard every word. This is how the conversation went:

"I know you're not a cat person Jo," said Margaret, "but I am in a real pickle."

"What's wrong?" asked Mum.

"It's the cattery," explained Margaret. "They have lost my booking. And they have no spare cages. It's a disaster. I leave for my week's holiday in exactly one hour. I hate to ask, but do you think you could look after Cheeky for the week?"

Mum's mouth dropped open. If we had to rate Mum's dislike for dogs, we reckon it's about a six out of ten, with hope for improvement.

Mum's dislike for cats, is at least a nine out of ten, with no hope for improvement. Ever.

"Cheeky is no trouble at all, you won't even know he's around," went on Margaret cheerfully.

Mum's face wore a look of utter dismay, but she put on her happy voice. "Of course, Margaret. Bring him round."

I looked at my sister and she smiled. We were thinking the same thing: We were about to get a proper pet. Yippee.

Mum said goodbye to Margaret then turned to us. "Go and get the laundry ready for a cat, please," she asked. "And don't look so happy about it," she added, as we raced off.

When we had cleared away all the dirty clothes, sports equipment, and the vacuum cleaner, Mum came in to inspect. "Cheeky," she said, "is not to be let out of the laundry. Do you understand?" We nodded solemnly. Now was not the time to disobey Mum.

Margaret arrived soon after that, and she carried Cheeky in a plastic pet box which had a mesh door. He did not look pleased.

"Jo, you might find he doesn't like the laundry all the time," said Margaret, sorting out his bed in the corner. "He's happiest in front of the television on the couch," she added.

Mum glared at us behind Margaret's back with a look that said, "Do not let the cat anywhere near the couch."

"I'm sure he'll manage," was what she said to Margaret.

Once Margaret left, we shut the laundry door, and life returned to normal. At least it did until we all went to bed.

Then the meowing started. Margaret was right. Cheeky didn't like the laundry.

At about three o'clock in the morning, Mum finally gave up and let him out of the laundry. He settled himself on the couch in front of the television and went to sleep. We all staggered back to bed and did the same.

"Let's hope the rest of the week isn't this bad," said Mum, as she turned off our bedroom light. But that was only the beginning.

On Monday Cheeky ate a gold fish out of our fish tank. I went and found some wire netting to cover up the rest of the fish. "Only six more days to go," said Mum as she calmed my sobbing sister.

On Tuesday Cheeky escaped outside and marched through the wet cement in our new footpath. I dragged some pot plants in front of the paw prints so Mum didn't have to see them. "Only five more days to go," said Mum as she wrestled Cheeky out of a tree and back into the laundry.

On Wednesday Cheeky pulled the entire roast chicken off the

dining room table and dropped it onto the floor. I grabbed the jug of gravy before he could get that too. "Only four more days to go," said Mum as she started making ham sandwiches for our tea instead.

On Thursday Cheeky knocked my mouse house over, and my five pet mice escaped. I managed to round up four of them all by myself. "Only three more days to go,"

said Mum as she sat on the kitchen floor holding a piece of cheese, hoping to encourage Speedy, pet mouse number five, to come out from under the fridge.

On Friday Cheeky coughed up a fur ball during Mum's card group. I went and got the paper towel and disinfectant to clean up the mess. "Only two more days to go," said Mum as she fanned Mrs Taylor, who looked like she might faint.

On Saturday Cheeky opened the bird cage door and nearly ate Mum's pet canary. I grabbed the cage before it toppled over and hit the coffee table. "Only one more day to go," said Mum as she pulled the canary's tail feathers from Cheeky's mouth.

On Sunday, Margaret returned and took Cheeky home. "I can't thank you enough," she said. "I hope he wasn't any trouble."

Mum smiled and gave us a wink. "No trouble at all," she replied.

We decided that Mum was a good friend to Margaret and we made her a cup of tea.

For the rest of the day, Mum lay on the couch.

On Monday, Mum said "The reason Margaret asked us to look after Cheeky, is we are her only friends who don't have a dog." She paused, and then picked up the car keys. "Come on," she said. "We're going to get a puppy."

And that, is how we got a dog, without even trying.



Friends of Morwell National Park

Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter. We continue to have good rain and with the occasional warmer day, you can tell spring is not far away. With the ground still very wet and a few storms there are a few trees down in the Park. There are none down across the main track but otherwise be careful when you are out walking.

Over the month we received the sad news of the passing of Tom Lawless. He has been a long time supporter of the group and his interest in our group was a great demonstration of his interest and support of his local community. Among the correspondence are a few updates from the Friends of Tyers Park. They are a busy and active group. The next activity is the Koala Count so bring a crowd and hopefully we will see many koalas.

September Activity Report

For this month's activity we had John, Margaret, Ken, Peter and Darren in attendance. Along for the first time was Judith. Hopefully this will be the first of many activities with us. A few of the regulars were away on holidays

while others were organizing the APS annual meeting in Gippsland.

Craig had brought a quad bike for transporting the gear to where we would be working. In the car park we were greeted by the cries from a black cockatoo. The group divided with Craig and Ken driving in the ute and the rest walking in. At the second creek crossing the ute was bogged and came away from the trailer.

The ute was first removed from the silt build up beside the creek. With the creek being a lot higher recently much silt has collected at the creek crossings. The soft spongy surface had provided little traction. The trailer was unloaded of the smaller items by Margaret since she was the only one with gumboots on. The quad bike was then driven off the trailer and used to tow the trailer out of the creek. It was decided to leave the trailer there (there was still another creek crossing to make) and the travel forward was with the ute and quad bike.

At the bottom of Blue Gum Hill the quad bike was loaded with some of the plants, stakes



and tree guards. Ken's small wheelbarrow carried more seedlings. The rest of us carried in the remaining tools, while Craig quad biked the rest up the hill. At some stages he needed to travel in reverse because he could not turn at the corners of the zigzags up Blue Gum Hill.

We planted into an area beside the zigzag tracks on Blue Gum Hill. The terrain was steep, making progress slow and testing the steadiness of some of our legs. Many slips occurred and while you watched somebody slip you hoped they got traction quickly.

At lunch we got to enjoy the great view and enjoy a breeze which was not available to us on our steep planting slope.

The hillside was rocky and in some places the soil was hard. Hopefully the rain forecast over the coming week will settle these seedlings in well. Over the day nearly 200 seedlings were planted and that gives us 100 remaining to be planted. We will need to put these in next month since the seedlings will not last much longer, and any later in the year it will be too dry. Next month we will plant out closer to the track and possibly onto the vehicle track cut

across Blue Gum Hill. This location will require more travelling and carrying of planting gear but it will be a flatter terrain to work upon.

On the way back the trailer was reconnected and care was taken across the remaining creek crossings.

October Activity - 10.00am Sunday 16th October

Part 1:

The group will meet at 10.00am at the Junction Road entrance to continue with the tree planting from last month. Note: This is a change from the calendar. The area to be planted out will be the hillside at the start of Blue Gum Hill. The ranger will need to bring the seedlings and planting gear.

Part 2:

At 1.30pm will meet at the Kerry Road car park to undertake the Koala Count.

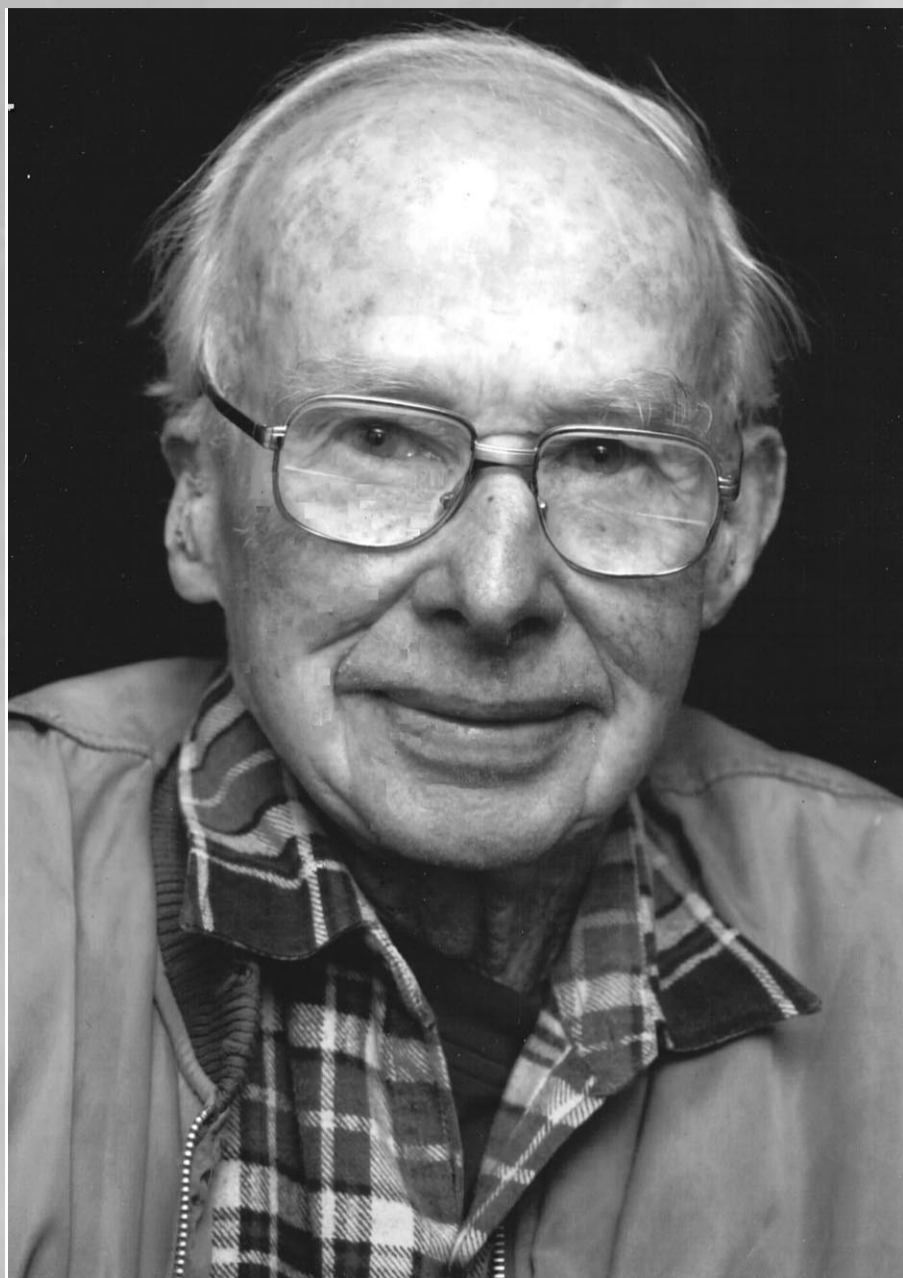
You can come along for one or both of these activities.

You will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day. If you are coming for both activities, you will need to bring your lunch.



Tom Lawless

September,



Tom was the son of James and Anne Lawless, a pioneering family of this area. He went to school at Hazelwood Ridge State School.

Tom was a 'thinker' and a great community activist.

He wasn't afraid of hard work. Tom's community involvement over the years was extensive.

He served in the RAAF (joined 1942) and was always a great supporter of the RSL. He stepped forward to be part of many community-based organisations, some of which were:

Director of the Morwell Cooperative

Director of the Yinnar Hotel Cooperative

Board member of Dalkeith in Traralgon

Fundraiser for Hazelwood House

President and Life Member of the local Fire Brigade

Committee member of the Hazelwood South Hall Committee.

Foundation and Life Member of the Latrobe Valley Aero Club

Member of the Churchill and District Community Association

(from memory from its beginnings)

Ongoing member of the Council's Mathison Park Committee of Management

In addition to all of this, Tom served as a Councillor with the Shire of Morwell and Latrobe City Council from 1986 to 1994.

On occasions, he had the privilege of being Acting Mayor.

Tom was a great advocate for the community, especially our dairy famers, but also for the broader farming sector.

He gave a huge amount of his time to the community of Churchill and the Hazelwood district.

So much was done in a voluntary capacity, always with the intent of making a positive difference for the people of our community.

Tom was a true leader and he certainly made a magnificent contribution to growth and development within our community over many years.

Tom, you certainly 'did your bit' for our community. Well done.

May you rest in peace.

LUMEN CHRISTI

Lumen Christi Parish Churchill is mourning the loss of one of its most committed and loyal parishioners with the recent passing of Tom Lawless. A member of one of the pioneering families of Hazelwood, Tom was a true example of not only holding strong Christian beliefs and principles, but living his life according to them.

Humble, self-effacing and unpretentious, Tom was widely known throughout the region for his involvement in many community organizations. His philosophy was "if you saw something that needed doing- then do it."

He participated in every aspect of Parish life and continued to be active even when illness took over his life in the months leading up to his demise. His deep faith, piety, generous heart and willingness to reach out to others, particularly those who were perhaps on the fringes of society, gave a fine example to all. Tom was also very ecumenical in his outlook on Christianity, and was always at the forefront of participation in events with the Co-operating Churches. He will be sadly missed by a wide range of people.

MORWELL RSL

Tom joined the Morwell RSL in October 1946, after serving in the RAAF in Australia and the South West Pacific. He has throughout the years been an active member of the club, and served on the Committee as Secretary, and also served as Treasurer of the RSL District Board for 48 years. Up until his recent illness, Tom was active in Sub Branch activities and was present and assisting in all of the Commemorative events, and always had vital input to the direction of both the Sub Branch and of the Victorian League. Tom was also an integral part of the Air Force Association and remained an active member right up until his illness.

MATHISON PARK

Tom Lawless was a founding member of the committee and his interest in the park dates back to his time on the land nearby, and his time as a councillor for Morwell Shire.

His contribution to the park's development through membership of the committee and through his diligent participation in working bees has been greatly appreciated. His old orange farm tractor was a regular sight as it was employed to do some heavy jobs.

Tom was a wonderful organiser and provider of all sorts of things which would fix problems. He was a conscientious member who often checked on things in the park and would fix anything he could or call for help when needed.

He will be sadly missed. We all extend our sympathy to his family on their loss.

MORWELL-CHURCHILL CORRIDOR LANDCARE GROUP

On 11/09/11, Morwell-Churchill Landcare Group sadly lost a much respected and valued member in Mr. Tom Lawless.

As a well known identity in the area, Tom belonged to various associations, committees and groups.

In mid 1992, Tom became a founding member of a work group to prepare a strategy for the area between Morwell and Churchill. In this role, he had the dual capacity of Councillor and land holder.

With great foresight, he saw community involvement in regenerating degraded areas and improving existing areas for the future.

Tom chaired a meeting in January 1994 on this subject, and by May of that year The Morwell-Churchill Corridor Landcare Group was formed.

Tom had been experimenting with local plant varieties to see what would grow best in the area, and so was a bit of an authority on the best plant species.

At a sprightly 86, he was still attending meetings and planting days, not just for his satisfaction, but for the enjoyment of future generations.

Much of the native re-vegetation that we see along Bennett's Creek and adjacent farm lands (some 20,000 trees and shrubs) was largely due to the foresight and effort of this man.

Tom will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

BOOLARRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The loss of Tom Lawless from the Boolarra Historical Society will be noticed. Tom's knowledge of the settlement of the Budgeree East and Budgeree areas where Scanlons and Lawless families were pioneers was appreciated. Tom gave our museum many farm tools of yesteryear and only recently donated a yoke used in a bullock team owned by his father. We were always happy to hear Tom's advice and criticism. We extend sympathy to the Lawless family.

LATROBE VALLEY AERO CLUB

Tom Lawless was a founding member of the LV Aero Club.

He served in the air force during the Second World War. Tom maintained a very keen interest in the club even though his farming concerns prevented him from learning how to fly.

While as a councillor Tom was the representative on the L.V. Airfield Advisory Committee.

Tom was a great one for working bees and attended them up until he was 85. He was instrumental in setting up the airfield on Driffield Road Morwell, and then continued his involvement when it moved to its current position.

Tom was awarded an Honorary Life Membership.

CO-OPERATING CHURCHES IN CHURCHILL

Tom Lawless will be greatly missed from our combined services and events with Lumen Christi. It was Tom who arranged the star picket which held up the cross for Easter at the roundabout, and later near our church. Until last year Tom walked the distance of the Good Friday Witness Walk and usually had a turn carrying the cross as we went.

It was Tom who made a special effort to attend the combined services that were held, having a part to play where needed.

He was a staunch Catholic but always said he was a Christian first and a Catholic second.

Tom, with Kevin Hourigan, made sure the nativity scene was located under the big tree near the roundabout. When pieces were damaged or stolen he would see to their replacement.

The lighting under that big tree was an initiative of Tom's and adds a special effect to that area.

His willingness to go the extra mile and help where possible, was always available and was always appreciated.

Tom was a marvellous example to us.

YINNAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tom came to the Yinnar Historical meetings. He was a great one for just popping into meetings unannounced.

Tom gave small treasures to be put in the museum at Yinnar - miscellaneous items including tools.

Tom was a wealth of information about local knowledge. He was amazing at remembering dates of events. His mother was the first president of the Yinnar CWA and when they had their gold/silver Deb Ball, they asked to Tom to accompany Iris Farley, then president, to have the debts presented to them.

Tom was a proud Australian.

TOM'S GRANDCHILDRENS TRIBUTE

ANDREW LAWLESS: Granddad was a great man. When we would get introduced to someone, 9 times out of 10 they'd ask "any relation to Tom", although I can imagine his having trouble coming to terms with what all the fuss was about!!

He did lots around the community, and I bet he taught his community groups something along the way, but his work on the farm was where he excelled. You could just about guarantee that rain, hail or shine Granddad would make an appearance down there because "There was always something do", except on Sundays of course!

It was only the other day I went for a walk through the workshop down the farm. I'll never forget the day he was sitting on his little drum full of bags and rags. I'd just finished school, maybe grade 3 or 4, and I clearly remember asking

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Grandad if he could teach me to be a carpenter...be his apprentice. The next day after school I ran over to the workshop and was happy as Larry. Grandad had made me a little toolbox with heaps of old tools in it!! I remember in Year 7 I had an argument with the wood work teacher, he tried teaching me how to use a plane; I wouldn't hold it straight because Grandad taught me "on the angle cuts deeper and better". I think the teaching only lasted about 2 weeks, but every day I was over there, and sure enough to this day I am still using the skills he taught me.

Grandad would be working away, Tim, Matt, Beck and I would go hide all around the work shop and in the hay stack, and start throwing little rocks on the workshop roof. This went on for years and I think we might have had him puzzled for the first couple of rocks, after that I'm sure he knew it was us. But he'd still play along, pop out, have a look scratching his head...

But let me tell you if Grandad gave you a tool, or you took a tool from the workshop, it had to be a boomerang - "There's a spot for all these tools to go back in this workshop, make sure it happens" and we would do our best to make sure those tools went back!!

If you misunderstood what he said and said "what or hey", well you had a lecture coming your way on how to speak!!

You would be surprised at how many uses sump oil has; that and saliva, best lubricants going 'round - just ask

him...

The first day Grandad saw me with my eye brow ring he said "Get that bloody bar of metal out of your eye, looks ridiculous, who is going to give you a job with that thing in your eye!" Sure enough a lecture followed and it took him a little while to get over it!! I really loved and appreciated his ways. Grandad with his big orange tractor and many Land Rovers: Numerous times we would be sitting in the lounge room and all of a sudden this massive pile of tree branches would make its way past the window. Sure enough Grandad drives past waving, struggling to see anything of course...more fuel for one of his many fires...his most recent Land Rover would blow more smoke than Puffing Billy. You would usually see the cloud of smoke waiving over the hill before Grandad would come putting down. The thing did not run when he got it. But he sure did manage to get it going after a bit of tinkering...

In the years spent at home on the farm I've come to realise the place just will not be the same without you Grandad. Those little jobs Tim and Dad never got time to do, always the handy man - well you are going to be truly missed.

You will struggle to find anyone else that is more proud of his Grandad. I love you mate. God Bless.

TIM LAWLESS: You were a big influence on my life Grandad, and I am going to miss seeing you down on the farm every day, but mostly I will miss just having you there

for advice any time I needed it.

I will look after the farm for you with Dad, and hopefully one day pass it onto my son!

I appreciate everything you've done for us. God Bless Grandad; I'll see you on the farm mate.

BECKY LAWLESS: My Grandad and I shared some good times together. A few that come to mind are:

Sleepovers at his house when I was little and getting the blocks out and he always played with us.

When he would go off and collect honey then give me pieces of honeycomb to suck on, and later we would always get a fresh jar of honey which I would just eat straight out of the jar it was that good.

The bee stings that he got because he couldn't be bothered covering his arms and my mum would always have to help him get the stings out.

Teaching me how to correctly plant a tree, then planting one together out the front of the farm.

Me being an annoying child and playing with EVERYTHING in the workshop and asking a million questions, but grandad was always able to give me an answer about everything.

Hearing stories of his life when he was growing up and the war times, they always fascinated me.

And my best recollection of Grandad is him teaching me how to milk a cow by hand. Now the cow was dead and I was convinced I wouldn't get any milk out but he sat

down on the grass with me and taught me how to not just pull at the teats but to massage them. I got a squirt of milk out and you couldn't wipe the smiles off our faces.

Grandad, my loving thoughts of you will never be forgotten and you will forever be in my heart. You were a true inspiration to me and will be sadly missed by many.

It really is true when they say that God only takes the best.

I love you grandad, and God Bless You

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If you were put in a situation where you had to work out how to defrost 11 tonnes of frozen fish in freezing cold weather, what would you do?

This is just one of the scenarios representatives from the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), Phillip Island Nature Parks, the Department of Transport and the Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre were left to ponder when they took part in a two day training course last week at Phillip Island, in how to care for wildlife affected by an oil spill.

Caitlin Barry, from DSE's Wildlife Conservation and Management unit, said marine wildlife is one of the first casualties in an oil spill.

October Community Safety Month

Community Safety Month provides Victorians with a chance to take part in activities and events, and learn how to make local communities safer places to live and work.

Held in October each year, the month aims to promote awareness about a broad range of safety matters, including crime prevention, personal safety, safe work practices and staying safe during an emergency.

Community Safety Month was initiated in 1996 by the Victorian Safe Communities Network, which coordinates the project with support from Victoria Police.

Local communities, groups, schools, regional services, businesses, state and local government departments and agencies, are encouraged to build community safety partnerships by organising safety activities with other groups.

By promoting safety and safe practices within your community, you will be contributing to increasing the confidence of Victorians about safety.

Community Safety Month practises a partnership-based approach, with over 80 per cent of activities organised in partnership between two or more different organisations, groups or government agencies.

Community Safety Month - Frequently asked questions

What is Community Safety Month?

Community Safety Month is an opportunity for you to get involved with safety issues in your local area. You can do this by organising a safety activity, by volunteering to assist in an activity, or simply by attending local safety events.

Local community groups, schools, councils, businesses, government agencies and departments – in fact anyone can undertake activities that contribute to reducing crime, violence, injury and emergency in Victoria.

What's happening during Community Safety Month?

Many activities take place during Community Safety Month, please visit the Calendar page to keep up to date with activities held across the state.

How can I get involved in Community Safety Month?

Getting involved in Community Safety Month is easy. You can organise a safety activity, volunteer to assist in an activity, or simply attend local safety events.

If you are organising an event, you should think about forming a partnership with other organisations and groups in your local area to organise activities that address mutual safety concerns.

This is a way of sharing the resources and spreading your safety message to a wider audience.

Why should I get involved?

A significant number of crimes,

violence, emergencies and injuries in our community are preventable.

By undertaking an activity during Community Safety Month, you are helping to promote safety and safe practices to people in your group, organisation, workplace or community, and increasing their confidence about safety.

Through being involved in Community Safety Month, you will:

- help raise awareness of safety issues
- improve safe practices in Victoria
- highlight existing programs or new programs with a safety focus, which will benefit your local community.

What are some examples of activities that I can organise? Can I run the same activity as last year?

Some good ideas for activities you can do are:

- promote Community Safety Month in your organisation's newsletters and on your website
- organise a community forum or seminar on a community safety topic of your choice
- run competitions with a safety theme in your local newspaper or organisation's newsletter
- undertake safety audits of local areas – home, business or shopping centre
- prepare a safety display for your local shopping centre
- launch safety projects and campaigns in your area
- run practical workshops on safety, e.g. a self-defence seminar
- work with other local organisations to jointly promote community safety
- involve local celebrities or well-known social figures to endorse your event and/or message
- create an Open Day-style event, enticing the public to get an "inside look" at the safety measures you have in place.

Repeating activities messages is one of the best ways to reinforce the safety message and ensure that the message gets out to a wide audience.

If you think that there is interest and a need to promote the safety area then we would strongly encourage you to do the same activity again.

Can my organisation be involved if it does not have the resources to organise an activity?

Yes, absolutely. If you do not have the resources to organise an activity on your own, seek to form a partnership with other local organisations such as your local council, community health centre, Neighbourhood Watch group, police station, or Local Safety Committee.

You can also volunteer or sponsor an event, and one of the best ways of helping spread the safety message is to organise your friends and family to attend an event.

"Seabirds that are smothered with oil are vulnerable to internal damage because preening their feathers means they ingest the oil. This can cause chemical poisoning," Ms Barry said.

"Oil can also interfere with the buoyancy and temperature regulation of seabirds, which leaves them extremely cold and tired."

"DSE has established wildlife response procedures for marine pollution emergencies for the rescue, humane treatment and rehabilitation of oiled wildlife".

"Whether the oil spill has only affected a handful of wildlife, or requires a much larger response, there are a number of things we need to have in place to respond effectively including a rehabilitation centre, transport, food, bird washing materials and water."

In the case of an oil spill, one of the key stages in rehabilitating wildlife, is cleaning the oil off them, which is one of the things the 25 participants practised at the training sessions using "dummies".

Phillip Island Nature Parks spokesperson Roz Jessop said it takes about 50 litres of water to wash one penguin.

"The birds are given a pre-treatment, and handwashed using dishwashing detergent and a soft cloth.

They are then rinsed and dried.

If they are not rinsed properly, the penguins can become waterlogged and drown because penguins aren't waterproof when they have oil on them.

Another important tool in rescuing penguins from an oil spill are small "penguin jumpers".

Surprisingly these cute little jumpers aren't to keep the penguins warm; they are used to stop the penguins from preening themselves and ingesting the oil on their feathers while they are waiting their turn to be washed.

They used to use little ponchos but the penguins worked out how to pull these off –



there are now people all over the world dedicated to knitting penguin jumpers to use in oil spills.

Oiled wildlife is generally treated here at the Phillip Island Nature Parks, where we have purpose built facilities that can house up to 500 penguins and other marine wildlife in the case of an oil spill.

This can be increased to 1500 during a larger incident by setting up makeshift facilities in the grounds of the nature park."

The Department of Transport is the lead response agency during a marine pollution emergency, and DSE is responsible for leading rescue and rehabilitation efforts for any affected wildlife.

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Lions Club Citizen Awards 2012

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

The event has proven very popular in recent years.

To enhance the event, the club will present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding

person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months.

This Award is now adopted as a tradition and we ask that residents again nominate candidates.

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

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

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions Club of Churchill and District at the Churchill Australia

Day Ceremony on 26th January 2012.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on 26th January 2012.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on 26th January 2012.

**Closing Date
30th November 2011**



*Lions Club of Churchill
and District Incorporated*

PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842



The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on 26 January 2012.

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

years shall be eligible. Members of the Lions Organisation are ineligible to nominate. The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or

the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

2012 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

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

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

Must be 18 years or under on 26 January 2012

DETAILS OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED

Surname:

Other Names.....

Private Address.....

Occupation: Telephone: Private: Business:

Date of Birth: Age: Marital Status: Children:

THE PERSON IS BEING NOMINATED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY IN:

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Additional material may be attached if desired.

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ANY OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE:

Name: Name

Position: Position:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Mr/Mrs/Miss:.....

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Organisation represented (if any): Telephone:

Signature:.....

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bill Hurenkamp, The Secretary
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
Phone: (03) 5174 4221

FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
PO Box 110
CHURCHILL 3842

Max Zygarlicki's Story



By Ruth Place

From his beginnings in a small Polish Village, Max has had a series of life changing experiences which have made him a man with a great work ethic, a wicked sense of humour, and an appreciation of life.

Max was born at Ruda Rozaniecki in 1939 and named Mieczslaw. He was the third child of Karol and Franceszka Zygarlicki. The town was a small farming village approximately thirteen kilometres from the Russian border. The family lived on a small farm which also allowed them to lease a section of nearby forest for wood.

Max had two older sisters, Brenda (Bronislawa) and Margaret (Emilia) and a younger brother Frank (Franciszek). Brenda was married to Stefan.

At the outbreak of World War II Poland was declared a territory of the General Government of Germany and thus invaded by Germany. The death sentence was handed out to anyone who opposed German rule. Karol's father told Karol to take his family to Canada, America or Australia as Poland was no longer a safe place.

However, it was too late and Max, his family including his grandparents, aunts and uncles were all forcibly removed from their homes and put in concentration camps.

Max remembers when the German soldiers came. His mother had something cooking in the stove and asked if they would wait until it was cooked. The answer was as a gun was

pointed at her, "Come now or you won't leave this place alive."

After a while Max's parents were made to work as forced labourers for a German family at Klarenholtz from 1943-1945. These people fed the family well and there was even enough food for Max's father to share with other less fortunate forced labourers. The German family knew but said nothing. Both Max's and the German family knew to keep quiet about it or it would have meant death for both.

At the end of World War II the family was put in refugee camps for five years. The first was Warendorf (1945 -1947), then Haltern (1947 for some months) and finally Kunsebeck (1948 -late 1949). They were housed in large Nissan hut type barracks. The ends of the barracks were open and the cold winds and winter weather were hardly kept out by the blankets hung overhead. Rats would run from one end of the roof to the other.

Max remembers when the German soldiers came. His mother had something cooking in the stove and asked if they would wait until it was cooked. The answer was as a gun was pointed at her, "Come now or you won't leave this place alive."

Max remembers taking his blunt axe and going to the forest to cut down trees for fire wood to try to keep warm.

School in the refugee camp was taught in Polish. On one occasion Max got into trouble when a kid threw a chalk duster full of dust which landed in his eye. The dust irritated the eye. His teacher told him not to rub his eye but he continued as it was so sore. When he did not stop the teacher made him kneel on the floor on dried peas which was very painful.

School hours were from 8am to 1pm for the first group of children. The second group came from 1pm to 5pm. Max wonders when the teachers had lunch!

Max also joined the Scouts. With a huge smile on his face, Max recalls the occasion the Scouts went on a night excursion which took them through the cemetery.

"We went on the outside of the graves," said Max, "so as we wouldn't get caught by a ghost!"

The kids made their own fun he said. "We pushed old tyres around. My Dad made a bike out of scraps of old bikes." Max was too small to put his leg over the bar so rode it at a jaunty angle to balance with one leg below the bar, standing on both pedals. Unfortunately, going around a roundabout one day he met a truck. He threw himself off the bike and onto the rocks around the roundabout, while the bike was wrecked under the truck.

In the refuge camps they had some clothes.

Max believes they were supplied by Red Cross which was active in the camps. His Father was a good worker and a great role model for his sons. He acquired a good selection of tools and could make a range of things including clothing, men's suits, shoes and furniture which could be sold.

Frank was the cutest little fellow who could 'win' chocolate from the United States soldiers. He would take it straight home to his Mother because it was better than money. It could be traded for essentials like material for more clothing. They were fed basic food in the camps. It was while they were at Kunsebeck, that Karol who was quite a bit older than Franceszka died. He was buried at Senna in Germany. Max and his wife Bev were able to visit the grave when they went to Europe in 1998.

Before his death the family had talked about their future. There was much bad feeling among the countries which had been involved in the war. The unsubstantiated stories about life and danger back in Poland made them fearful of returning there for fear of reprisals and ending up in a Siberian Labour Camp. So the family decided that they would apply for refugee status to the USA, Canada and Australia. The waiting time for the former two countries was long, so Australia was the choice. Even after Karol's death, the family determined to continue their plan.

To be accepted the family had to go through medical checks, be immunised and have x-rays for TB. These they passed.

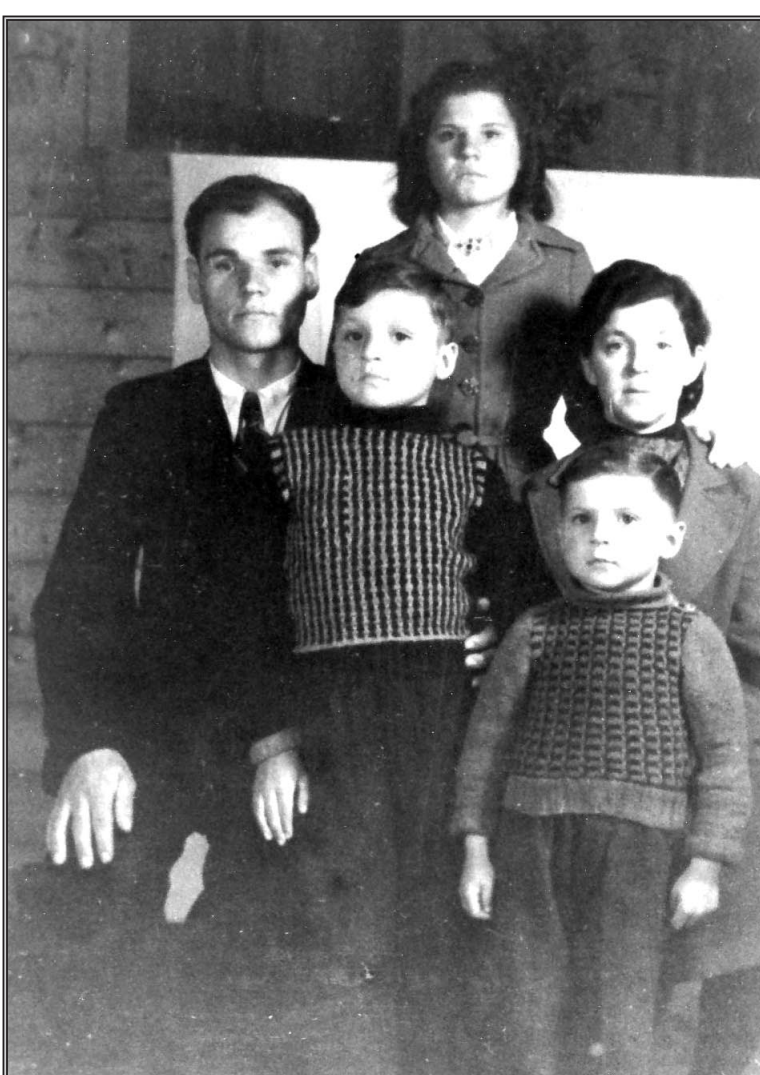
In 1950, with papers supplied from the International Refugee Council from Geneva they made their journey by train through Austria, Salzburg and Innsbruck to Rome then Naples, where they boarded the ship S.S. Hershey, a former USA Navy ship. They sailed through the Suez Canal to Fremantle, then Melbourne.

For sleeping the men were separated from the women and children. Hammocks were their beds. Everyone was allowed to mingle on deck.

From Melbourne they travelled to Bonegilla near Wodonga. Max thinks that they had some clothes which they had brought from Germany, but were given more on arrival. They spent some time at Bonegilla to learn English.

Brenda and her husband Stefan Gorski were sent to Sydney. Margaret was sent to Melbourne, and Franceszka and Frank were sent to Balook near Tarra Valley to work in the Guest House, each on two year contracts with no say in where they were sent. The contract was a way of having the refugees pay for their passage to Australia. If by any chance they had to move, they would have had to inform the Police to get permission, because they were refugees with no criminal record.

The assignment at Balook was for one adult and one child. That left Max without a placement. He was sent to the Catholic Boys Home in Geelong. Max recalls it was huge two storey, red brick building. The boys were often hungry and Max would steal bread from the farms.



Max in the middle with Uncle, his Mother, sister and brother Frank



The Zygarlicki family home with 'chapel' built by Karol. Max's mother, Franceszka, had a dream and told him to build the chapel



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



"It was tough, and you had to learn to box," said Max. Some of the boys learnt to box very well and thought themselves the chiefs. They would rough up the other boys. Max was one who was roughed up. However, he became friends with a boy who was also roughed up and they decided that they would take on the bully together telling him he could probably take on both of them at once. He was up for the challenge, but the tenacity of Max and his friend won the day and the bully left them alone after that.

Fortunately on that day, Margaret his sister came to visit Max, and saw his torn clothes and battered appearance. Margaret took it upon herself to contact the Grass family where his Mother and brother Frank were contracted and let them know of Max's existence. The Grass family immediately sent for Max to join his Mother at Balook.

Max's mother worked as a kitchen maid. Their accommodation was supplied. But when Max joined his family they moved into a ramshackle old house nearby.

Max went to Balook Primary School.

A mail car went from Yarram to Traralgon. People could ride in it also. Towards the end of their two year contract, the family went to Yarram in the mail car, for a visit where they met other Polish people who helped Franceszka to get a further job in the Yarram Hotel. Max says that hotel is now the headquarters for the DSE (Department of Environment and Sustainability). The Grass family also moved to Yarram soon after and took over yet another pub. Franceszka went to work for them.

Their living quarters was a garage which was the bedroom for Franceszka and Frank, another smaller room, 'no bigger than a laundry of a house' just big enough for a bed and a small chest of drawers where Max slept, plus a kitchenette. Max says they had to be tough to survive the conditions.

Max attended the Roman Catholic school, St Mary's, in Yarram. On his fourteenth birthday, as Max's mother could not afford to buy him some long or short pants for school, he left, not even completing the year.

As Max's Mum was doing some domestic work for the wife, Mrs. Patience, of the manager of the Butter Factory, she talked to her about Max's situation and needing a job. Mrs. Patience spoke to her husband and Max became an employee for the next three years.

So he came to Traralgon where he obtained a job working for the CRB (Country Roads Board) which later became Vic Roads. His work was on the road gangs, which in those days camped on the roadside near their job. Max won the job of weekend cook. Max was apprehensive as they were very tough men who used to fight often. "But," he confides, "You could never touch the cook!"

The regular cook tutored Max in simple recipes for the weekend meals. They must have been acceptable as Max says he gained some respect as he fed them well.

This work lasted for three years then Max obtained a job at the SEC working in various positions for thirty-three years until he took a redundancy package. At the end he received a gold watch with a leather band (they offered to replace it with a gold one but he refused) and a copy of the book 'Sir John Monash'.

Max enjoyed working at the SEC. He said some of the employees called it Slow, Easy and Comfortable and had that sort of attitude, but Max prided himself on his work ethic and liked to do a good days work.

Max attended Yallourn Technical College, doing night

classes to learn how to weld.

One job he found he particularly liked was when he qualified for his rigger's ticket, with on the job training.

After leaving the SEC Max spent ten years doing many varied casual jobs, including spending twelve weeks working at the Longford Gas Plant after the 1998 explosion

It was during his early years at the SEC that Max met Bev Dean, to whom he was married in 1964 at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Morwell, by Archdeacon Knife.

They built their first home in Morwell- a triple fronted brick veneer home, living there until 1979. Then five acres at Hazelwood South was bought and they built their second home.

It was here that their three children Pamela, Royce and Melinda were born and grew up.

They had the benefit of open spaces to explore, including a pine plantation on their back fence. There were dogs, sheep, horses, ducks and chooks to care for and enjoy.

In 2005, they decided to down-size and moved into their third home in Churchill.

Bev and Max have seven grandchildren- Tegan, Gabe, Sophie, Poppy, Tilly, Charlotte and Isabelle.

Since officially retiring, Max has gained much pleasure from joining two choirs, is a volunteer with the Mathison Park Committee, plays table tennis weekly, participates in gym work regularly and has a happy time being part of the Men's Shed in the Churchill lower town hall on Wednesdays.

Max is a jolly person who enjoys a laugh, is kind-hearted, considerate, thankful and is committed to what he takes on.

When you consider the life he has lived and particularly the hardships of his early life, Max is a wonderful example of how to persevere and make the most of the opportunities that are presented, combining them with a dedicated work ethic and a desire to make this world a better place for having been here.

Max's daughter Melinda in 2010 paid a visit to Ruda Rozaniecki, and with family relatives, Max's cousin's, was shown the two room house where Karol and Franceszka lived, and the room where her father Max was born was pointed out. The house was between 110-120 years old.

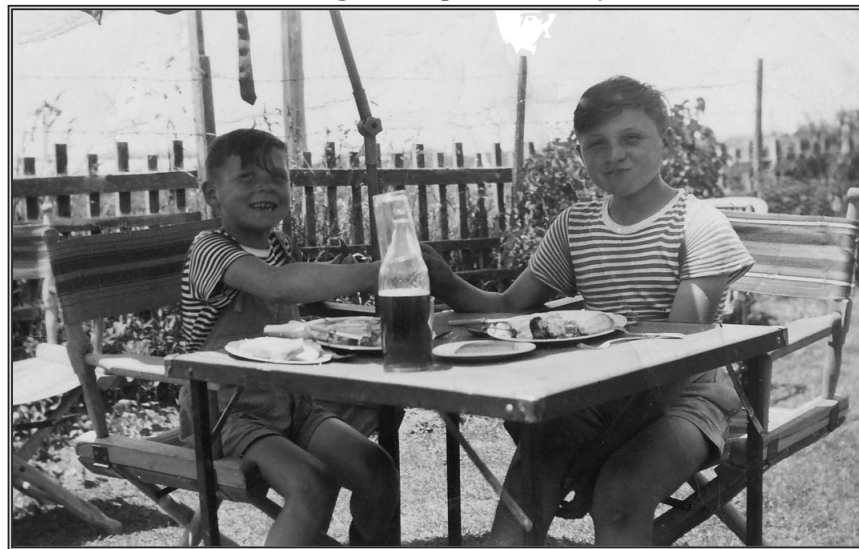
Melinda received a very warm and hospitable welcome, with the three kisses on the cheek local greeting, being told that the most important thing was that she feel comfortable.

Melinda was given plenty of simple food- cheese, meats, tomato, cucumber and bread.

Although not well off their generosity was humbling. Melinda described it as a very touching experience.



Max, second from the left in the front row with others at the refugee camp in Germany



Max (right) and his brother Frank at Balook

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1 Rok i numer księgi chrztów 1939; Lib. mat. Ruda Rozaniecka T. II pag. 75
(Annus et numerus libri baptistorum)

2. Imię i nazwisko *Mieczislaus Zygarliński*

3. Imię ojca *Carolus* wyznanie *rom-cath.*
(Nomen cognomen) (religio)

4. Imię matki *Francisca* z domu *Olbrek* wyznanie *rom-cath.*
(Nomen matris) (nata) (religio)

5. Miejsce i dzień urodzenia *Ruda Rozaniecka - 5.X. 1939*
(Locus natiuitatis et dies natiuitatis)

6. Data i miejsce chrztu *Płazdu - 15.X. 1939*
(Dies et locus baptismi)

7. Uwagi w księdze chrztów - kan. 470 § 2, 1988 *adnotaciones nullae*
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Max's Baptism Certificate



Archdeacon Knife, Bev and Max on their wedding day

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Churchill Chefs

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Healthy Apricot Crumble Slice Base

- 1 cup plain wholemeal flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- ¼ cup cold pressed grape seed oil
- 2½ tablespoons apple juice concentrate

- ### Filling
- 225 gm dried apricots
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 teaspoon finely grated orange rind
- ### Crumble Topping
- 2 egg whites
 - ¼ cup almonds, finely ground
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
 - 2 ½ tablespoons apple juice concentrate
 - 3 tablespoons shredded coconut

Method
Combine all the base ingredients in a food processor or blender. Blend until they bind together. Firmly press into



20cm x 30cm foil lined slice tin. Set aside.

To make the filling, place the apricots, orange rind and water in a saucepan. Simmer for 10-15 minutes or until apricots are soft. Puree and cool slightly, pour over base.

While apricots are cooking, preheat oven to 180 degrees.

To make the topping, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Fold in all the other ingredients in the order they are listed. Pour over filling. Bake for 20 - 25 minutes or until top is firm and lightly browned. Cut into shapes and keep refrigerate

Churchill Town Safety Group

by Margaret Guthrie

At the Sept CDCA Committee meeting, it was decided to establish a sub-committee to address town safety issues.

The sub-committee comprises a small number of locals, from CDCA and other organisations, who will meet in the near future to determine how best to provide mechanisms for residents to be involved, identify and report their safety concerns and ensure these matters are followed up by the appropriate agencies.

The sub-committee will be chaired by Peter Gray, Churchill's Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. Advice has been sought from Snr Leading Constable Brett Godden (the Safer Communities co-ordinator for the Latrobe and Baw Baw local government areas), who has indicated his support for the concept. Likewise, Sgt Mel Hamshere from Churchill Police station has given the idea the 'thumbs up'.

Some of the safety matters that this sub-committee might address are the recording and reporting of hazards, such as footpath faults, hazardous tree limbs, faulty public lighting and so on. Likewise, minor crimes, such as incidents of vandalism and graffiti, could be identified and collated, along with suggestions for 'improvements', like additional road safety signs or the pruning of vegetation to provide better visibility in public areas.

The sub-committee will report back to CDCA and further information will be provided to local residents in future issues of the Churchill News.

The CDCA Committee has also decided on our "Priority Items" for the Committee's attention over the 2011-12 year. These are:

- 1) the on-going implementation of the Churchill Town Centre Plan
- 2) support for Christmas activities in Churchill (including the purchase of additional decorations for public display)
- 3) recreation and open space – encompassing (but not limited to) the establishment of a Churchill Lawn Bowls facility and the preservation of the Walker Pde parkland

4) town safety

Considerable time was spent at our September meeting viewing the proposed land exchanges required to advance the second stage of the Town Centre works. These land exchanges appear quite complicated, but if they proceed, will simplify future ownership and maintenance issues within the Town Centre.

The major works involved in the second stage of the Town Centre Plan is the realignment of Georgina Place through the central shopping centre car park to new intersections with Marina Drive and Phillip Pde. (The first section of this new alignment is already under construction at the Phillip Pde end).

Plans of the proposed road re-structure and the proposed land exchanges are available at Council's website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/MediaRoom/PublicNotices/ Members of the community wishing to comment on these proposals have until 25th October to do so. CDCA has resolved to make a submission in support of the land exchanges, whilst seeking assurances in regard to pedestrian safety, adequate public lighting, sufficient traffic calming measures and so forth.

Contact Ian Gibson on 1300 067 700 for further information about the Churchill Town Centre Plan – a Concept Plan is available on Council's website and regular updates (progress reports) on the Phillip Pde reconstruction can also be found there – just type in 'Churchill Town Centre' on the search facility at Council's home page (www.latrobe.vic.gov.au)

CDCA's next Committee meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 26th October in Studio 1 at the Churchill Hub (Studio 1 is in the town hall, Phillip Pde entrance).

All residents of the Churchill and district community are very welcome to attend as observers. If time permits, there is an opportunity for visitors to raise issues and new items of general business before the close of the meeting.

For more information about CDCA, write to CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill, email mgcdca@hotmail.com or phone 5122 2997.

Author Challenges Justice's Commitment To Mental Health

Victoria's mental health system is a catastrophe, according to Andrew Fraser, guest speaker at the forthcoming Barrier Breakers, Tangled Spring Charity Dinner.

A former prominent criminal lawyer and renowned author of the book Lunatic Soup, a true story of life within Victoria's justice system, Andrew developed a serious cocaine addiction that was costing \$1,000 per day and led him to experience the other side of justice.

Andrew was convicted in 1999 of drug importation charges and spent time in prison living with some of our most notorious criminals.

His observation was of a seriously dysfunctional justice system that locks people up when they commit a crime but does little to treat their mental illness or rehabilitate them in preparation for their release.

Andrew Fraser is a passionate advocate for improved mental health services who is set to entertain, inspire and challenge the audience with his

view of how mental health rates within Victoria's justice system.

The Tangled Spring Charity Dinner, to take place on October 22 at Century Inn, will contribute to Barrier Breaker's supported accommodation project.

Talented local artist, Eleanor Marguerite, has donated an exquisite headwear creation to be auction on the night and to complement the piece, Nicolangela, the revered fashion boutique in Melbourne's GPO, will donate a gown and provide a number of prestigious pieces to be modelled on the night.

Mental illness can happen in anyone's family. 1,500 Gippslanders are recognised as having severe mental illness and supported accommodation is urgently needed to assist them and their families.

Anyone wanting to know more about the Tangled Spring Charity Dinner or the work of Barrier Breakers can contact Derek Amos, Hon, CEO at the Barrier Breakers office on 51744588 or via email at Derek@barrierbreakers.org.au

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Churchill Fire Brigade



Pre-School Visits

Three groups from the Churchill pre-School paid a visit to the station where they learnt about the clothing worn by the fire fighters when they turn out to fires.

The different uniforms are used for different types of fires; the green one for structure fires and the orange one for wild fire.

The children also learnt how to report an emergency using '000'.

After a quick tour of the station, they went outside to see the tanker fire truck and were allowed a squirt of the hose. Seeing the truck lights and hearing the siren with their hands over their ears completed their visit.

Thanks to Captain Steve Barling, and Lieutenants Scott Randall and Steve Shankland who helped with the visit. Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) Fund Raiser

A group of GEP students had a community service project to do. They decided that they would raise some money for the Churchill Fire Brigade. To do so they held a raffle of a Trauma Teddy and cooked sausages to sell at lunchtime.

Lieutenant Scott Randall took the fire truck to the GEP and helped cook the sausages for sale.

The Churchill Fire Brigade thanks the students for their efforts. It is most appreciated.



Churchill Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Community Group



Crime report for period 01/09/11 to 30/09/11

Robbery

Nil for the month (Nil previous month.)

Assaults

5 for the month (13 previous month.)

In all incidents offenders have been charged, with only two coming from family violence incidents.

Arson

4 for the month (2 previous month)

One offender has been charged with three counts of criminal damage by fire during September. A number of suspects are being followed up by police after a series of criminal damages by fire in the shopping centre.

Property Damage

5 for the month (11 previous month.)

One offender has been charged with property damage as a result of a family violence incident. Other damages occurred in residential areas with windows broken. A residential fence was damaged when unknown offenders have spread paint across the fence and surrounding footpaths.

Burglary

4 for the month (3 previous month.)

The Churchill Cricket Club has been targeted four times during the month with alcohol taken. Police request that community members nearby remain

vigilant as to suspicious activity and vehicles around the club.

Theft From Motor Vehicle

Nil for the month (18 previous month.)

The drop in thefts from motor vehicles can be attributed to a number of thieves being charged in the previous month.

Theft Of Motor Vehicle

1 for the month (Nil previous month.)

The only vehicle stolen during September has been recovered and returned to the owner.

Theft

3 for the month (4 previous month.)

An anchor buoy was stolen from a boat in a residential driveway. Two mobile phones were stolen from bags at the Leisure Centre.

Police advise users of the Leisure Centre to use lockers provided to place items in, such as phones and clothes.

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

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2011 Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza

The "Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza" was a great success in 2010 when some 352 garden-lovers descended on the picturesque township to visit the gardens opened for the day. On Sunday 6th of November this year, between 10.00am and 4.30pm, it's on again, with 8 diversely different gardens being opened, most for the first time.

Located in a secluded valley bordering the forested foothills of the Strzelecki Ranges, the small township of Boolarra is blessed with a host of private gardens just waiting to be appreciated ... and at mid-Spring, they will all be at their blooming best, despite the more than average rainfall we have experienced this year.

\$10 will provide access to all of the gardens, a program and a button badge which is your entry into the gardens. Children under 15 will be admitted free, however dogs cannot be permitted.

Tickets may be purchased on the day in Boolarra in Railway Park and you will be issued with an accompanying Garden Location Map, and Button Badge which is your entry into the gardens. All proceeds from Ticket sales will go to local community groups.

While visitors will be welcome to use the picnic table facilities in Boolarra's Railway Park for lunch, the Pony Club will hold a 'Sausage Sizzle' in the Park



and the nearby Boolarra Shop will have take-away food for sale, there will be Devonshire Teas available in the Boolarra hall, and tea & coffee at the Old Mill Site.

The Community Plant Sale will be on again this year at the Boolarra Primary School during the day. Hosted by the Primary School, the sale will offer a wide array of plants donated by the wider Boolarra community.



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Boolarra Primary School

Footy Day

On the last day of term 3 our Junior School Council arranged an out of uniform day. Students could dress in their team colours, or however they liked if they weren't into footy. Everyone gave donations to go towards the Boolarra Stompers fundraising efforts to raise money for cancer research. \$41 was raised. The Junior School Councillors also sold hotdogs for lunch and raised an additional \$83 for this good cause.

Just prior to dismissing, the staff and parents played a footy game against the grade 5/6s. It was a tight competition with the adults winning, mainly because they had the assistance of some past students for the first half.

The grade 3/4s did a super job umpiring, keeping the score and acting as trainers. The rest of the students cheered on their favourite players. All in all this proved to be an entertaining way to conclude a great term.

Vandalism at the School

After a weekend recently we were all very disappointed to find 4 broken windows. Our local police officer found clear evidence that this was the work of vandals. Parents helped clean up the shattered glass which was spread across some classrooms and repaired the damage. Thanks to their efforts we only had to pay for the new safety glass but we'd much rather this money was going to benefit our children rather than on fixing damage that has been deliberately done.

Camping Program

Our grade 5/6s go to Ballarat early in term 4 and our 3/4s to Forest Lodge later in the term. An action packed program has been planned to ensure that they learn lots from these experiences. Powerful learning occurs when you experience things first hand. Even more importantly, the camps will build independent organizational skills, stronger relationships will be built, and new friendships forged with students from Thorpdale and Narracan, who will ultimately attend secondary school with many of our students.

Breakfast at School

This program, coordinated by local community volunteer, Elizabeth Black and our Junior School Council, continues to provide a healthy and sociable start to the school day whenever it is staged. One of our parents, Tracy Anderson, has been supplementing the porridge and toast menu with scrambled eggs made with freshly laid eggs, which has been greatly appreciated.

Boolarra Idol

Acting Principal Mr. Mark Chandler and our Junior School Council conducted our annual quest to uncover hidden talent. As usual, the competition was of a high standard. The winner of Boolarra Idol was Tilly Chalmers who performed a very impressive dance routine. Ant-Idol winners were Bella Papa, Tilly Chalmers and Alannah Green who created and starred in a very funny skit.

Athletic Champions

The following students qualified to represent the Yinnar and District Schools in a range of events at the Latrobe Valley Athletics Day: Mitchell Schelling, Erin Hoghton, Kayla

Napier, Daina Howard, Airtrea Cupples, Ella O'Kane, Leah Barnett, Adam Pickett and Thomas Rawnsley. Kayla won her high jump event and Erin placed second in her discus event, ensuring that both girls will now go on to represent the Latrobe Valley schools, and compete at the Gippsland Regional Athletics.

Congratulations to the Boolarra Senior Football Team!

Everyone at school was inspired by the magnificent effort of our local football team. They showed us that by setting goals, making the effort to practise hard and often, and by working as a team you can achieve amazing things! We are especially proud of a number of former students who played in the winning grand-final team

Writers' of the Term

Congratulations to Madison Jeffrey of Grade 1, Ella O'Kane of grade 4 and Harrison Thompsett of grade 5 who received this special award. Impressive samples of their writing are included below:

But Where is the Dancing Dog?

By Madison J

Here is the Yellow Dog.
And here is the Red Dog.
Here is the Cleaning Dog.
And here is the Explorer Dog.
But where is the Dancing Dog?
Here is the Party Dog.
And here is the Hip Hop Dog.
Here is the Tap Dancing Dog.
And here is the Greedy Dog.
But where is the Dancing Dog?
Here is the Dancing Dog.
Asleep on the trampoline!
The End.

Imagine

By Ella O'Kane

Imagine you are on a small raft drifting down a beautiful bright ocean. You are in your own world.

You feel like you're in a dream but you're not. You suddenly have an urge to jump into the water.

It's like the sea is calling you in. All of the sudden you jump in. You start to worry because you don't have enough oxygen.

You come out of the water but your raft is gone! You go back down into the water just in time to see your raft going down. You follow it down.

You feel like you have enough oxygen to last you for ages. You follow your raft down until it hits the bottom. When you touch the bottom a little crab crawls on to your big toe. You try to shake it off but it's like it's stuck on. It's pointing its claw at an old ship wreck.

You swim over to it. When you get there you see at the top there is a statue of a turtle. You look at it and you feel sure that its mouth moved. You blink. When you open your eyes the turtle has come alive.

It is stuck. You swim over to it but when you get close you go back to where you saw it.

It's like there's a magic force field surrounding it.

You start to get really annoyed. Just when you were about to crack you see something gold out the corner of your eye.



You look around and you see a gold treasure box with jewels on it. The little crab is pointing at it.

When you get over there the little crab points at the biggest jewel.

You press it. The treasure box opens. You look inside and all you can see is a full oil can.

The crab points at the turtle. You go over to it and this time you can reach it. You put some on the turtle and it is free. It starts to swim off. You follow it. It comes to a cave. The crab on your toe is pointing at the cave. You go into the cave. It's like it's pulling you in. Just when you get into the cave you can't breathe. Just when you think that you are going to drown you are back on your raft drifting in the sea. You think of the crab and the turtle. Then you decide that it was just a dream. You look down at your toe and you see a little mark shaped like a crab.

An Excerpt from Legend of the Smiley Face Pirate Invasion

by Harrison Thompsett

In the year 2034, five friends are in a secret lab in Perth. They are sleeping like sleeping beauty. When it turns 5:00 am, Darius wake up.

"AAhhh!" said tired Darius as he turned on the Xbox 360 and put in Black Ops. A loud noise woke up Jason.

"What are you playing?" asked Jason

"I'm playing Black Ops!" replied Darius "Wanna play Zombies?"

"Okay!" replied Jason

They were on round 23 and they had ray guns, when they got to level 40 Rory woke up and watched them play zombies. At level 60 Harry and Samuel woke up. Jason and Darius died at level 109 and Darius yelled, "Let's have breakfast!"

After breakfast Harry turned on the news

"A usual day" said Jason.

"Yes it is" said Rory.

"I have to go to work" said Samuel.

"See you at 5" said Rory

"I need to go to work too, can I come?" said Harry

"Sure!" replied Samuel. Harry and Samuel leave for work.

"Oi, I am going to play Black Ops, want to play again?" Darius said to Jason

"No thanks, I have a job." replied Jason. Jason and Rory went to work.

"Well, looks like I am playing one player" said Darius to himself

A few hours later Darius went into McDonalds and sees Jason there.

"What are you doing here?" asked Darius.

"Well I lost my job at Harvey Norman because I was all alone and I tried to steal a TV" Jason pulls a sad face "the manager walked in and fired me." said Jason

"That sucks," said Darius feeling sorry for Jason. "Any way can I have a Big Mac, large fries and a chocolate milkshake please?" asked Darius

"Sure" replied Jason.

Jason made the order and said, "thank you come again!"

3 hours later everyone came home except Harrison.

"Where's Harrison?" asked Samuel

"I don't know" replied Jason "I'll call him."

Jason called Harrison and was shocked to hear what he said. He turned on ABC news 24 and there was breaking news

"Breaking news today it seems there is a pirate ship coming to Perth!" said the news reporter. "How did you find this ship Harrison?"

"Well I was doing my job as usual and I saw this weird figure through the window. I looked through the binoculars and there it was."

"Well there you go folks! There is a pirate ship heading our way!" said the news reporter.

Aussies of the Month

The following students were honoured with this prestigious award last term.

Aussie of July – Emma Benjamin for always being helpful, considerate, hardworking and polite.

Aussie of August – James Stanton being such a reliable, sensible and level headed young man.

Aussie of September – Matilda Chalmers for her care and consideration of others.

Kurnai College Churchill Campus

Year 10 Humanities 20th Century History

By Emma Adele Blacker.

This semester in year 10 Humanities we are studying 20th century wars with my teacher Ms. Ros. Porter.

We started off investigating the causes of World War 1. I remembered a box that my mum's mother had been given by her uncle, Norman Ernest Short. He was a young man just 23 years old joining up in the Australian Imperial Forces to fight overseas in the First World War. I decided to bring into school the two medals he was awarded to show my teacher and fellow class mates. These medals led me to

a further and still ongoing investigation into my great, great uncle's life in the war.

So far in the investigation of Norman Ernest Short I have learnt about some of the battles and struggles he had been through. I have found his enlistment papers for the AIF. (see below)

Throughout the investigation I have gathered much information leading up to my great, great uncle's life in the war finding information that belongs to my family and not just history books.

The Australian Archives means more to me than ever, now that I have discovered and

uncovered a personal family history that now belongs to me.

There are probably more exciting discoveries still to be found in a further investigation on his experiences.

"The Victory Medal" which was won for World War 1

states "the great war for civilisation". It said that because they believed that it was going to be the war to end it all, the last one for those who witnessed everything that happened over that period of 5 years: the beginning the end and the reconstruction of civilisation.



Lumen Christi Primary School

School Concert

Lumen Christi recently held their school concert.

Titled "The Christi Awards", the concert was based around the theme of a movie award night.

The whole school opened the concert with the song "We're all in this together" from High School Musical.

Each grade chose a movie and based their act around the songs from that movie.

We began with Grade 5/6W who dressed as famous movie stars and sang "Saturday night at the movies".

The "movie stars" also were compares for the night and presented the awards. Grade Prep/One J sang and danced to a medley of "Shrek" songs whilst Grade Prep/One M presented "Under the Sea" from "Little Mermaid".

Grade Two did a beautiful rendition of "Chim Chimney" and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" from Mary Poppins. Grade 3/4's sang and danced to "Grease" songs and "Burning Love" from "Milo and Stitch".

Grade 5/6W was the final grade to perform on the night with a spectacular presentation to the theme from "Pirates of the Caribbean".

Our grand finale was the whole school singing "Absolutely Everybody" to thank everybody for their contribution to the night.

A big thankyou must be given to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children, both in the lead up to the concert and on the night.

It was a truly

Camp Woorabinda

Grade 3/4's recently went to camp overnight at Woorabinda. The children all had a fantastic time.

What I liked about camp was that we did lots of activities like archery, canoeing, zip wire and hut building.

Archery was my favourite activity because it was a challenge for me. I also liked the quest because we nearly won.

By Blake

I loved the zip wire at camp. I liked all of the activities these are some of them: canoeing, archery and hut building

By Nikiesha

Archery was fun and canoeing was fun too, because archery was shooting arrows and with canoeing you could

only use your hands. In my room there were 5 people.

I was very sleepy after the day was over, but I had a very good time.

By Keegan

Camp was fun we got to do different activities like archery, hut building, canoeing, zip wire and a quest.

At night we did tabloid sports. My favourite activity was the Zip wire. It was awesome.

By Chelsea

At camp we were put into 4 groups and we had a little area where we met for our activities.

We had 4 activities which were Canoeing, Archery, Hut building and Zip line. I liked Zip line best because you were going really fast and you could feel the wind on your face.

By Chloe

My favourite two things were the zip wire and archery. I did not like the canoeing at all.

By Chris



Gippsland Education Precinct

Royal Melbourne Zoo Excursion

The last week of term three saw an interesting and enjoyable trip to the Royal Melbourne Zoo for the VCAL Photography class.

As part of their assessment in the course, students were required to plan and run an activity where they could demonstrate a range of skills including organisation and leadership.

The group, which consisted of both Year 11s and Year 12s, began putting their ideas together several weeks ago.

It would be a trip the rest of their classmates could attend, embarking on a tour of the zoo before spending some time

exploring the Melbourne CBD.

The group coordinated train times and locations, excursion paperwork, as well as an itinerary and map for the others attending.

They placed students into groups, organised and allocated camera equipment, and briefed the class on what they could expect on the trip.

The day began at 8:30am with everyone getting to the train station on time.

The class disembarked at Flinders St Station before spending half an hour in Swanston Street, stretching their legs and having something to eat.

They then returned to the station, under the direction of the lead group, and caught a metropolitan train to the zoo.

After several hours photographing the plethora of animals on display, the class made their way back to the city where they explored the streets and shops at their leisure.

Some students had their first experience on a tram, while others took the opportunity to grab a bargain at Southern Cross DFO (Direct Factory Outlets).

The class returned to the Valley at 9pm after an exhausting but thoroughly enjoyable day.

They look forward to sorting through their photographs and evaluating the success of the day.



Hazelwood North Primary School

Healesville Excursion

By Natalie B and Tess D

On the September 12th, the kids from Hazelwood North Primary from Grade Prep to Grade 2 went to Healesville Sanctuary on the bus.

They saw kangaroos, frilled neck lizards, blue tongue lizards, platypuses, wedge tail eagle, Tasmanian devils, tree frogs, snakes, koalas, bats and emus.

They went to the animal hospital and saw a baby wombat. They also went to a show called Birds of Prey. Alex got to feed a mouse to Pinky, the Tawny Frog Mouth.

They fed a ring tailed possum corn, carrot, potato and apple. They saw another show called Creatures of the Night where they saw a bilby and lots of other animals.

In the nature classroom they learned how they could help the environment at home by recycling and buying recycled products. They had a wonderful time and would recommend it to other schools.

Murder under the Microscope

By Brodie

At Hazelwood North Primary School, we have joined a nation wide program called Murder under the Microscope [MUM]. MUM is where primary and secondary schools all investigate an environmental issue on the internet.

The two 5/6 grades have been working hard, researching their victim, crime site & villain. There are 2250 combinations of what the crime could be!!! It is really challenging but we like a challenge! MUM is really interesting. Wish us luck that we are correct!!!!

Science Day

By Rhys and Josh

Recently our school had a science morning for Science Week. There were four activities that each of the groups would go to. Each group went for half an hour and the day was based on chemistry. Some of the activities that the grade 5/6's did were making lemonade, using red cabbage juice to test for acids or alkalines, making play dough and illusions with a cardboard bird in a cage. The infants did some

activities too. They were bobbing raisins, speeding match strike, runaway peppe and soapy suds. We really enjoyed Science Day.

Soccer

By Nonda Lazaris, Thomas Hayes

Recently the 5/6's of Hazelwood North Primary School went to Falcons soccer ground to have a soccer clinic. There were 4 other schools there as well. We did 7 activities all around the ground with a person named Michael.

Our favourite activity was the mini soccer game. At the end we got to see some of the players and also got them to sign some of our stuff from the show bag. We all had a lot of fun.

Think Positive- Visiting Show

By Ashleigh and Shelby

Recently Hazelwood North Primary School attended a show called Think Positive. It was about how to think positive and not to think negative.

It taught us many other ways to say no eg: if anyone asks can you spell "antidisestablishmentarianism", instead of saying "no", you can say "never heard of it".

They chose some volunteers to come up to do the activities and as well as learning to think positive, we learnt to juggle.

Everyone thought it was an entertaining performance. I think this performance should be seen at many other schools.

V-Team

By Megan and Libby

Hazelwood North Primary School have been going to the GEP for the V-Team. There the students will learn how to use Power Point.

There the students will choose a topic that is listed and answer the questions given.

There were also photos for the students to use on their project.

The grades 5/6s went and we got some comments: Ashleigh said 'It was really fun but would of been better if we had some more time'. Lori said 'I thought it was good subjects and really good pictures'. 'It was good to learn something different to most years' explained Libby.

'I really enjoyed it and I think most students

did/will. It was a good experience and will defiantly help the infants' Megan explained.

The younger class's that went (2/3s) did 2Animate. We got some comments from them such as: They got taught new things.

They liked making slides. They liked how they could make the fish/animal move.

When you had finished your task you could do free subject. Most students just liked playing on the computers too.

The preps will be going next week and grade 3/4 are going next term. Most students enjoyed it and we are sure anyone else that does it will!

Book Week

By Rose

It was Book Week and we had a day when we dressed up as our favourite book character. Everyone looked great!

We had our annual parade in the central area. It was really good and it was a great start to a very fun day.

We split into 4 groups and did really cool activities. Mrs Meade had a theme on

The Wishing Cupboard. We made our own! What we did is cut out the cupboard and made it so the drawers could open.

Then we drew things in the drawers that were special to us. They were awesome!

Mrs Franks did it on Breakfast With Buddha. We did origami and made a cat or a lotus flower.

They were really cool. The lotus flower was hard and the cat was pretty simple.

We made the lotus flower with silhouettes... So they kept ripping!

The cat was made with paper. Mrs Foster did it on Zen Tales.

We just had to draw a picture themed in Asia. The blossoms were made of streamers so it looked very effective. The pictures looked amazing!

Miss Barker also did origami. We made UFO flowers which were difficult to make but fun. It was a great day and very enjoyable indeed!

Making Paper

3/4 A

Throughout this term we have been learning about Reducing, Reusing and Recycling.

We made some paper, using recycled papers. This is how we did it.

We ripped up the newspaper into small pieces.

We soaked the newspaper in large tubs overnight.

We blended the soaked newspaper to make a pulp.

(We also added some confetti to our pulp mix).

We scooped up the pulp with a 'deckle'.

The deckle drained all the water out and made the shape of a square.

We put the paper on some chux to dry out. Our finished product looked great.

Everyone had great fun making our own paper.



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Yinnar South Primary School

We have been very busy at Yinnar South Primary School. We went to Old Gippstown in Moe where the children learnt a lot about the olden days. This excursion tied in with the studies the children have been doing on the history of Yinnar South Primary school, as we get set to celebrate our schools 125th birthday, with an afternoon tea and photo displays on the 12th of November, 2011 at 1:00pm. If you know of anyone that attended Yinnar South Primary School please let them know of our upcoming celebrations and if you would like to attend please contact us on 51691540 or email: yinnar.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

We have been on an excursion to Churchill Woolworths to join in their celebrations for their 2nd birthday. This was a fantastic day where the children were shown all around the store and made fresh gnocchi with Adrian, the store manager. The children then enjoyed the gnocchi for lunch in the staff room and were also treated to birthday cake and a fresh fruit platter. We appreciate Churchill Woolworths contribution to our school.

Leslie Anne from "ARC" in Yinnar came to our school to teach us about clay and how to make wind chimes and slab vases. The children really enjoyed Leslie Anne's enthusiasm and the hands on experience.

The children have been enjoying a range of hands on science experiments over the year, the latest being conductors and insulators.

Clay art

On Thursday we all used clay in art. The ladies name was Leslie Anne. Everyone in Yinnar South Primary School did it. We all had fun. I made a vase in art. I had to use a wooden knife. We used rolling pins. We did it in the art

room. The table was a mess. Some people used the wire tool to cut the clay. We used water to keep the edges harder. We used a wooden smoothing tool. We used a sponge to water the edges. At the end, we gave her flowers.

Ty

Old Gippstown

We went to Old Gippstown. We all dressed up in old day clothes. I dressed up in a hat and vest. My favourite was having a ride in a fire truck. But the cockatoo was my most favourite. The cockatoos said hello.

Daniel

We went in a very old car at Old Gippstown. I was the driver and everyone crowded in behind me. At the end of the day we went on a lamb hunt. We went on an old fire truck around Old Gippstown six times. We saw a boy peacock at Old Gippstown, it put its feathers up. The boy had pretend eyes on his feathers.

Alyssa

Science

Conductors and Insulators

For science on Tuesday we did an activity called Powerful Colours. First we cut out small squares of different coloured paper. The colours were light blue, dark blue, black, orange, pink, yellow, white and purple. After that we went out onto the basketball court. We put the squares of coloured paper onto some newspaper. After that we put some ice cubes on the coloured paper and timed how long they took to melt. With my group's test the ice cube on the dark blue paper melted first but the ice cube was the smallest at the start. It took 24 minutes and 10 seconds to melt. At 35 minutes the ice cube on the pink paper was melting the slowest but the ice cube on the yellow paper

melted last. One week ago on Monday we did another activity on conductors and insulators. First we put hot water into a mug. After that we put some butter on the end of a plastic spoon, a metal spoon and an icy pole stick. After we did that we put a bead in the butter and put the spoons and the icy pole stick in the mug of hot water. Then we timed how long it would take for the bead to fall off. The bead on the icy pole stick fell off first. After that we did another activity. We put hot water into 4 cups. We put the hot water into a mug, a glass, a plastic cup and a polystyrene cup. After that we had to touch the cups to see which ones were hot. The mug and the glass were the hottest. It was a fun activity.

Alfonso

Woolworths 2nd Birthday

On Thursday we went to Woolworths. They

were celebrating their 2nd birthday. We got to go to the back of the store. We got aprons and hair nets. All the spare food is kept in fridges. We all got a fresh apple each from a fridge. All the frozen foods are kept in a freezer.

We saw how boxes are recycled. The boxes are put in a machine and they are formed into a recycled cube. We saw how the butchers cut boned meat.

We made gnocchi for our lunch. We got to go upstairs.

All the offices are upstairs. When the gnocchi was cooking, Alessio showed us the fruit and vegetables. We were allowed to spray the vegetables on the stand. Alessio gave us watermelon.

When the gnocchi was cooked, we went upstairs. We had fruit and cake. We had fun.

Jacque



Churchill Primary School

At the beginning of this term many of the students at Churchill Primary School entered into the Churchill & District News Writing Competition. Some submitted poetry, some submitted stories and some students collaborated with their class to create a book.

On Thursday evening, 15th September, there was a Presentation evening held at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill at 7pm, and the following students received special awards:

Breanna Ameerbeg, Daniel Zulkhairi, Teia Abbott, Rebekah Sutton, Mitchell Bruerton, Lily Booth, Alyssa Welsh, Jeremy Courtis, Shayla Smith, Zachary Scott-Smiley, Ashley Skinner, Natahlia Foster, Jade Davern, Olivia Campbell and Shannon Clarke.

There are also two special awards presented for Prep Dubois and Prep/1 Duncan for their class submissions.

Our school community congratulates all these students on their very big effort for this achievement.

On Thursday I went to the church and they called out my name and I won a certificate and a pack of cards. Then we listened to a girl read her story about a soldier who died in the war.

By Zachary Scott-Smiley

On Thursday I went to the Churchill and District News Writing competition and when they called my name I was so nervous. I got a certificate and a ball and Daniel did too. A girl came 1st, her story was funny. Then I went home.

By Lily Booth

Last night was Presentation night. It was at the church. Mum and Dad and my brother and me and Daniel went there because we wanted to collect our prizes and listen to other people read their stories and see who came first and see who came second and third. Then there was a girl that won many times. She read her story - it was a very sad story about the war.

By Sabil Akmal Sayafarie

Yesterday night me and my mum went to the Churchill writing competition. Every body from Churchill Primary School came but not everyone from the other schools. Lots of people were still there.

By Jeremy Courtis

Last night was Presentation night and some people won awards. I came third and I got a photo. On my award I saw an envelope. When I went home I opened it. Inside was a five dollar voucher for the Morwell News Agents.

By Breanna Ameerbeg

On presentation night I went to the Churchill writing competition. When we were going inside the writing competition I got a surprise. I went with Sabil's family too. I was so excited that the woman called and I felt a bit nervous and happy.

By Daniel Mohd Zulkhairi

Last night I went to the Church. I was the first person to the Church because I was really early. Later Lily had to go home early and she had no glasses on.

By Teia Abbott

Last night I went to the presentation night at the church. I won an award. I was proud of myself. I also got a prize. The prize was a beach ball. At the end there was drinks and biscuits. They were yum, very yum.

By Alyssa Welsh

Earn and Learn

A major focus in the 3-6 area during term 3 at CPS has been the 'Earn & Learn' program with the building of communities and economic structures. Market Days were held every Friday for the entire school community which meant fun for everyone and our P-2 students got to join in and go 'shopping'!

This program has been run every two years for 12-14 years at Churchill. The Grade 5/6 teachers say it is so engaging and involving for students. The whole school participates, but it is the Grade 3/4s and 5/6s who are most involved.

These classes have their rooms in the new building which was fantastic for facilitating the interaction between the 3/4s and 5/6s to

produce a shared knowledge of their business and how best to run the business for the best outcome.

This program is real life maths and language at work. There are no behaviour issues during its sessions.

The program teaches social skills and life skills as well as giving students a taste of what life in the real world is all about. There was also opportunity for relaxed interaction between students and staff.

Every student had a role whether it was in running a business or as a police officer, environmental officer, banker, postie, or treasurer.

They all worked very hard and carried out their roles well. The students with businesses worked hard to promote their business. It was good to see the students so motivated.

It was also good to know that the teachers could engage the Environmental Office to deal with any noise pollution.

A business of the week was chosen on criteria such as how the students kept track of their money, their creativity and how they used the bank. Zach and Braydon had a business called TK Madness.

It was like an op shop and they sold lots of things. They learnt to count money, using their Netbooks as a cash register.

Netbooks are a small laptop type of computer. They also learnt about taxes and superannuation using percentages.

Each week they had to pay rent, but they were paid for jobs they did.

Hayley and her partner had a business called "Paint 'n' Things" which sold gifts. She also had face and nail painting. Their business was successful. On the last day they had earned \$14,000.

Hayley learnt that the more you put into superannuation the better your retirement will be.

Carly's business was "Gifts and Beauty". She worked with Meika. Their business was very successful. The first week they were Business of the Week because they were on track, and talking to customers. They made \$5,000 each.

The last week they made over \$7,000. They learnt how to use the Excel Computer program.



Churchill North Primary School

Excursion to Caldermeade Dairy Farm and the Yakult factory

On Tuesday the bus driver drove us to the Caldermeade dairy farm to have a look, to find out how milk gets from the cow to the shop.

We found out how to milk a cow with a machine called the milking platform.

Then the bus driver drove us to the Yakult factory.

On a tour the tour guide showed us tonnes of different rooms. There was the bottle making room, the packaging room and tonnes more with different names.

The experience was awesome.

By Guy G

Grade 4

First on the excursion we went to the dairy farm.

We found out that the tank at the dairy farm holds up to 12000 litres of milk, and then our class moved to the milking platform.

We learnt that it takes 10 mins to get 50 litres out of 50 cows, next we went to the Yakult factory.

On the first level there was a Yakult bottle maker machine.

It makes 18 at a time, the bottles are made of plastic pellets and packaging gets made quickly.

The workers can drink as much Yakult as they want.

I wish I could visit the Yakult factory again; I liked it when we received a free Yakult sample and watched the cartoon.

Trent R

Grade 4

Mini School Working Bee

On the 21st September we had a whole school working bee and we achieved a lot.

The day was successful because garden beds were weeded, new plants were planted and the paths swept.

Loose branches were collected from under the trees and a new chess board was made out of pavers and sand.

Once we had finished we spread new tan bark over all of the garden beds. Because we all worked very hard Mrs Edwards gave the whole school a free sausage sizzle.

By Guy G

Grade 4

Robotics

On the 20th September students from the University of Melbourne came to our school, grades 3 to 6 went and listened to them talking about chemical engineering.

Chemical engineering is where they take the bad chemicals from the environment to make it more friendly.

They demonstrated how to play a game called engineering.

After the game we were introduced to a robot called Nex. We were split into groups with a laptop and we all had a turn to operate the computer.

It was a very worthwhile session and we learnt how to make Nex move and change direction by placing boxes into an excel spread sheet.

By Shayla H & Ebonie G

Grade 4

Footy Colours Day

On Tuesday the 13th September, Churchill North Primary School celebrated the beginning of footy finals, with a footy colours day.

Students proudly wore their favourite team's colours and enjoyed delicious hot meat pies and hot dogs and played a game of school football.

The whole school gathered together in a sea of colours with Collingwood having the greatest representation, followed by

Essendon, Geelong, Richmond, The Bulldogs and Carlton.

Many students enjoyed getting into the football spirit.

By Kayla C

Grade 5

Breakfast club

It is with great pleasure that breakfast club opened its doors to all students at Churchill North Primary School.

Coordinator Di Bosma-Lindgren worked tirelessly in setting up the program, and is rewarded by students attending for a healthy breakfast and social gathering prior to school commencing.

Hudson is a regular at breakfast club and from all accounts loves it.

"This is me in breakfast club. I love the food there. I always get spaghetti on toast. It is very yummy. I love breakfast club."

By Hudson R

Grade 1



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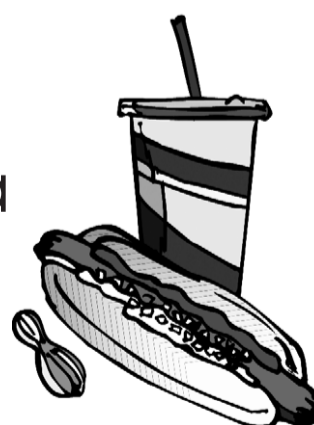
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Kurnai College Junior Campus

Towards the end of 2010, Kurnai College, Churchill Campus started the process of implementing Positive Behaviour Support (PBS). PBS supports the success of ALL students. The goal is to develop a school-wide environment that is positive, predictable, preventative and effective for the behaviour and learning of all students. Students will be explicitly taught positive behaviours that will be encouraged by all staff in all school settings.

The PBS team is made up of a wide range of staff: principals, teachers, School Support Officers and administration, as well as several students, who meet fortnightly. Members of the team have undertaken a range of activities outside the school to gain further knowledge and awareness of PBS. Student members have visited other schools within the area that are further along in their PBS journey to see PBS in action. They found this experience to be beneficial. Team members have attended training days in Moe and Melbourne, while Luke Harrison and Sally Sandy also enjoyed the annual PBS conference in Cairns. Luke found "the conference was a good reminder of the importance of PBS and the power it has to change the behaviour and attitudes of our students. It is to date, the best evidence based system I have come across for effective behavioural change in adolescence. All in all it was very inspiring to be part of the conference and see the possibilities that PBS creates within a school setting." There will be further training days for the team in the future, and additional students will join the team for succession training for when our current student members move on to the GEP in 2012.

This term, students across all year levels have been learning about 'Respect' – what it looks, feels and sounds like in all settings across the school. They are also participating in a competition to design PBS posters to be put up around the school and to design postcards.

These postcards will go home weekly to the parents/caregivers of students whom teachers feel have strived towards achieving on the four pillars upon which Kurnai is built – Work ethic, Excellence, Relationships and Engagement.

It is upon the Four Pillars which our slogan has been designed, 'WE'RE Kurnai'. The four pillars have also been used as the basis of the matrix. The PBS team have worked hard to develop the matrix which outlines the expected behaviour of students in all settings across the school and according to the Four Pillars.

It is a long process, generally taking 3-5 years for PBS to be fully implemented and to see changes occurring; however the staff is prepared for the long haul.

Support from staff, parents and the wider community are an important factor in the on-going success of PBS.

A PBS blog has been set up: pbsatkurnai.blogspot.com and we urge all who are interested to have a look at the site and provide feedback. If you have any questions about PBS or would like to be involved in any way, such as being parent representatives on the committee, or providing sponsorship for rewards that students can earn, please contact the school on 51323700.

First Parent/Teacher Interviews held in new Language and Cultural Centre

Holding the parent/teacher interviews in the new Language and Cultural Centre worked well.

It was so good to see so many parents interested in their child's education. To hear the feedback from teachers on how their child is performing in all subjects undertaken, to listen and take on board helpful advice given by the classroom teachers is a most important aspect of these interviews.

"From experience, the school has noticed there is a link between parents of students who come regularly to parent/teacher nights and

their child's classroom performance compared to parents of students who do not come on a regular basis, and show little interest in their child's performance. The school wishes to encourage all parents to show interest in their child's education, attend parent teacher nights and information sessions for the benefit of their child's educational and civic success." Said Nello Carbone, Campus Principal.

Nello wishes all staff, parents and students a happy, safe and relaxing break, in readiness to return for the final, most important term of 2011.

White Balloon Fundraiser

Josephine Slater and Jaymee-Lee McIntosh had heard about the White Balloon Organisation, which raises awareness of sexual abuse and raises money to help kids with counselling, to make them feel comfortable in the community again following abuse.

The two girls decided to get the school involved. They looked up the White Balloon web site to see what could be done. There was a photographic competition with \$1,000 to be won. Josephine and Jaymee-Lee approached the school and the idea was accepted. The two girls made a banner which is black featuring a white balloon.

Apart from the competition they decided to raise money also. A staff lunch was held with all sorts of different foods, which cost staff \$5 each. Josephine says the staff enjoyed the lunch which was made by their mums with some bought items. The event raised \$128.

Josephine and Jaymee-Lee also have initiated a colouring competition at 50c a time to colour a sheet they sourced off the web site. It features a picture of two bears with a white balloon. Proceeds from this venture are to be announced.



Josephine Slater with the White Balloon banner she and Jaymee-Lee McIntosh made

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Inc. Ph: 5122 2955

Term 4: Monday 10th October - Friday 16th December 2011

Monday 10am - 12 noon	Tuesday 10am - 12 noon	Wednesday 10am - 12 noon	Thursday 10am - 12 noon	Friday 10am - 12 noon
Playgroup 11.00 am - 1.00 pm	Creative Writing Discover your hidden talents by putting pen to paper, and have your writings published.		Patchwork (advanced) Gum Leaf Quilters attend Learn quilting, material choice, technique & design, or if you need help /advice, call in & we will set you on the right quilting path.	Basic Computers For the beginner, learn the basics
ACDSee Photo Editor Learn cropping, red eye reduction, & adjustment.. Restore old photo's	Social Media Internet, Email, SMS, Facebook, Skype, Genealogy & more	Adult Literacy & Numeracy 10.00am to 3.00pm Career Development. Online learning - self management Study using computers or Traditional class room tuition Having trouble spelling, rading, writing or maths, let us help you get up to speed.		Lead Lighting create your own designs, lamp shades, butterflies, dragon flies, window & door inserts
Stitch/Chat/Sew/Knit Finish UFO's, socialise, have a Cuppa/chat. Learn to Sew or Knit	Child Immunisation 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm 4th Tuesday each month 25/10, 22/11, 13/12			Chit & Chat Do something different, watch a movie, or go out for lunch. Talk about it, share life's adventures. Make new friends.
Community Workshop Incorporating Men's Shed Program 9.30am - 2.30pm All Welcome	MS Word/Excel/Publisher 12.30 pm -2.30 pm Editing, formatting, templates, layout, tables, columns, toolbars, shortcut keys, & more	Decorative Painting 12.00 noon to 3.00pm Learn different brush techniques, create beautiful & functional items for your home, or gifts for family & friends	Thursday 1pm - 3pm	
Computers unplugged open up a whole new world of information. Discover how to make greeting cards, birthday, etc.. Posters, flyers, calendars		QuickBooks Learn to use the tools of QuickBooks for home or business use	Patchwork (advanced) Gum Leaf Quilters attend Learn quilting, material choice, technique & design, or if you need help /advice, call in & we will set you on the right quilting path.	Book Club Churchill Book Worms 4th Friday of the Month Wriggle & Read with us
YOGA for Men with Carol 5.45 pm to 7.00 pm For more info. 5194 2397	Tai Chi 6.00pm - 7.00pm	Patchwork learn the art of quilting , design & material selection. Night Class - 6.30 pm -9.00 pm	YOGA with Carol 6.00 pm to 7.15 pm For more info. 5194 2397	'Annie' Quilting Machine Training by appointment only. Learn to use 'Annie' our Quilting, machine to complete your fantastic creations.

Diary Book Sale

Since 2003 the Friends of Latrobe City Libraries have raised \$25,000 from the sale of surplus stock from Latrobe City Libraries and donations from the public.

The next BOOK SALE on Saturday 15th October will see Novels, Non-Fiction, magazines, CDs and Children's books selling individually for \$1 or by the bag from \$10 upwards 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 patron trolleys, CD stands and display boards made possible via the Book Sales.

For information please contact Jill Beck 5174 1005.

Mathison Park

The Friends and Committee of Mathison Park met for the working bee with sadness in our hearts at the death of our esteemed member Tom Lawless. The working bee was again a productive time with more maintenance work being done of the eastern pathway, some mowing and cleaning up along

Mackey's Road end and around the lake, as well as collection of branches from fallen trees.

The Next working bee will be held on Saturday 15 October 2011, at 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please meet at Mackeys Road carpark.



Youth Allowance changes a positive step for regional students

Monash University Gippsland has welcomed the Australian Government's proposed changes regarding Youth Allowance, saying the move represents a positive step for students in Gippsland and other parts of regional Australia.

Under the new legislation – due to be tabled in Parliament next week – students from regional areas will no longer have their eligibility for Youth Allowance determined by their specific geographic location, but instead be assessed using a single regional classification.

If successful, the measures will bring an end to the uncertainty created by the approach, which classified a student's eligibility (and level of assistance) according to whether their primary place of residence was considered Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote.

Pro Vice-Chancellor of Monash University's Gippsland campus, Professor Helen Bartlett, said the announcement was a welcome sign that the Australian Government was actively responding to the issues being faced by students in regional areas.

"In our submission to the Australian Government's Review of Student Income Support [May 2011], we highlighted the need for student income support reforms to recognise the specific financial challenges faced by students in Gippsland and regional Australia,"

said Professor Bartlett.

"Monash University Gippsland believes that eligibility for student income support should not simply depend upon whether the family home is classed as urban, regional, rural or isolated, but instead be based on whether a student needs to either move away from home to study, or spend considerable time and expense on daily travel to and from university."

Professor Bartlett said that for many students living in south and east Gippsland, travel times to and from Monash's Gippsland campus could easily take over 1.5 hours each way, and that students from these areas often had little choice but to move out of home to Churchill or the Latrobe Valley.

In addition to the introduction of a single regional classification, Professor Bartlett said the enhancement of relocation scholarships would also help more students in Gippsland and regional Australia address the challenges of accessing and completing tertiary education.

"These measures are a pleasing step in addressing the barriers to education in regional areas, and acknowledge the significant financial and social costs borne by students in uprooting themselves from their homes, family, work and social networks," said Professor Bartlett.

Community ICT Grants Program Now Open

Nationals Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, is encouraging community organisations to apply for funding under the Victorian Government's 2011 Community ICT Skills Grants program.

Mr Northe said community organisations from throughout the state could apply for grants of up to \$25,000 to fund projects that helped Victorians build information and communication technology (ICT) skills.

"The \$600,000 program is particularly targeted towards assisting those groups within the community who have traditionally been less likely to access computer technology, such as Victorians living in remote or isolated rural locations, senior citizens, migrant and refugee communities and people with a disability," Mr Northe said.

"The effective use of computer resources can support individuals, make the most of opportunities for employment, education and skills development; as well as promoting increased independence and providing another forum for social

interaction."

Mr Northe said funding could be used for a variety of projects including volunteer training, development of training materials or online resources for community networking and the purchase of equipment.

"In 2010, the Community ICT Skills Grants program provided funding of over \$450,000 to fund a variety of important projects run by 23 organisations across Victoria," Mr Northe said.

"For example, one group used funding to train facilitators from a diverse range of backgrounds, who were then able to instigate computer training sessions within their own cultural communities.

In some rural communities recipients used the funding to create mobile ICT resources, such as an internet bus, in order to provide access and training to those in isolated areas who might otherwise have missed out."

Mr Northe said the Victorian Coalition Government encouraged all those interested in applying to seek further information via the Department of Planning and Community Development website at www.dpcd.vic.gov.au or 5174 7308.

Applications for the 2011 Community ICT Skills Grants program close on 21 October 2011.

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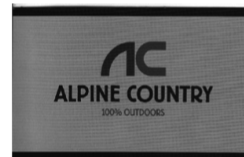
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Churchill Junior Football Club

Presentation Day

On Sunday 11th September, 2011 we held our Club's presentation day. Awards were presented followed by an afternoon tea.

The top 6 Award winners of each age group are:

U10s
 Best and Fairest - Caleb Bell
 Runner Up - Patrick Kearns
 2nd Runner Up - Jarod Walker
 Most Consistent - Thomas Sevenson
 Most Improved - Oliver Doig
 Coaches Award - Daniel Rawlinson

U12s
 Best and Fairest - Jaryd Downes-Smith
 Runner Up - Ryan Lowrie
 2nd Runner Up - Dustin Weir
 Most Consistent - Josh Kerrison
 Most Improved - Patrick Ludgate
 Coaches Award - Drew Makepeace

U14s
 Best and Fairest - Rowan Lawson-Pepper
 Runner Up - Josh Liddicoat
 2nd Runner Up - Tristan Turpin
 Most Consistent - Jacob Didjurgies
 Most Improved - Brendan Campbell
 Coaches Award - Ryan Baptie

U16s

Best and Fairest - Brendan Mason
 Runner Up - Jayden Hawkins
 2nd Runner Up - Matthew McMillan
 Most Consistent - Josh Dovovan
 Most Improved - Patrick Haines
 Coaches Award - Cameron Adams

All players who do not receive a top 6 award receive a participation award in recognition of their contribution to the team.

Brooke Hornsby Award for Courage and Determination was awarded to Drew Makepeace.

At the beginning of the season, due to medical disabilities, Drew was unable to play football. Rather than give up on being part of a team, Drew came down to the Club and expressed his interest in assisting his age group by being the team's water boy.

The more he trained, the more eager he was to play.

Whilst attending one of many doctors' appointments, Drew and his parents were given the great news that he could play football.

Drew then became a player of Churchill Junior Football Clubs U12s.

Coaches Rob Turpin & Ray Smith were both touched by not only Drew's eagerness to play, but by the massive smile he carried with him to every training session & game day.

He would give everything a go without complaining. Although the U12s weren't successful in winning games this season they felt like winners by helping Drew fulfill his dreams of playing football.

The biggest win came when Drew kicked his first goal for the team. Drew has shown our club that when you have courage and determination you can achieve.

He is a very worthy winner of this award and we know he will treasure it too.

Coaches Positions

The Club is seeking Coaches for all age groups for 2012 season. Applications or expressions of interest can be sent to P.O. Box 27, Churchill Vic 3842.

For further details on coaching positions you can contact Noel Hawkins - 0428 358 307 or Rob Turpin - 0407 873 844.

Committee Members

Our Club is also seeking new Committee members for our 2012 season. If you are interested and can help with this please contact Noel Hawkins - 0428 358 307 or Rob Turpin - 0407 873 844.

Trivia Night

On 30th July, 2011 our club ran a trivia/auction night. It was well attended and although it was a long night, fun was had by all. The Club raised approximately \$2000. Thank you to all who attended and supported



Drew Makepeace being presented the Brooke Hornsby award by President Noel Hawkins and Vice President Ray Smith

our major fundraiser and to the Committee members who organised and ran the night.

2012 Season

We hope to see all our players back next season. Bring your mates along to have some fun too. Enjoy the break everyone..



U10 award winners (left to right) Patrick Kearns, Caleb Bell and Jarod Walker.



U14 award winners (LtoR) Josh Liddicoat and Tristan Turpin.

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Rams victorious!!!

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Gippsland Soccer League grand final day 2011 was one to remember for Churchill United Soccer Club, with the Rams victorious in three of the four grand finals.

Churchill clinched the senior Grand Final Trophy with a clinical 4-1 thrashing of their fierce rivals, Fortuna.

"We've been chasing that cup since probably 2005 when we won it, so it's great to finally get our hands on it again," Churchill captain Jamie Robson said.

"I think we go back a couple of months when we still had a sniff of the league and I don't know what's changed, something has just clicked and we've started scoring goals and started really playing well as a team."

After a cagey opening period, the match came to life 10 minutes in as Taylor Jackson blazed a volley over the bar, while at the other end Robson's last ditch challenge denied Hayden Tanti a one on one with Rams goalkeeper Jason Sands.

A fascinating battle materialised in midfield with talented young players Joel Pirotta of Fortuna and Nathan Lugton of Churchill going head to head. Fortuna keeper Josh Witherow made the first real save of the match, keeping out Nathan Osborne's glancing header with his feet.

The Orangemen produced several chances of their own but it was Churchill that broke the deadlock as Lugton's low strike was parried by Witherow and Dade was on hand to bundle the ball home at the second attempt.

The score remained 1-0 at the break and

Robson admitted his team was determined to press its advantage in the second half.

"After the league match when we were 2-0 up and Fortuna came back... to get a draw 2-2 I guess the message was to remember that feeling after the game and try to put a few away and put the result beyond doubt," he said.

The Rams almost did just that immediately after the restart, but leading scorer Luke Cheney's volleyed effort trickled agonisingly wide.

At the other end Cameron Dunne's deflected cross fell to Shaun Pickett, who dragged his shot across the face of goal.

Moments later Churchill did double its advantage as Stephen Maselli's free kick eluded a crowd of players before Cheney tucked the ball past Witherow at the back post.

The Orangemen responded with their best chance of the match, as Andres Nilo's powerful strike fell to Hayden Tanti, but the Fortuna winger's tame follow up was claimed by Sands.

The missed opportunity proved costly as

Lugton collected a pass, beat his man and guided his shot past Witherow to make it 3-0.

Fortuna was handed a lifeline as Cameron Dunne's stunning 25-yard strike found the top corner, but Robson sealed the win three minutes from time, heading home from another excellent set-piece delivery from Maselli to end the match 4-1.

It was an inauspicious start to the day for the Rams, with Warragul getting the better of them in the second division final 2-0.

However, things were back on track for Churchill in the women's final, where the Rams completed a perfect season with a 2-0 win over Tyers Lightning.

First half goals to Caitlin Hall and Lani

Murdoch were enough to hand Churchill its 20th win from as many matches for season 2011.

The club's reserves team followed that up with a dominant 6-0 victory over Newborough-Yallourn United.

"It's been a great day for the club, it didn't start off too well with the second division getting beaten but after that we got the women's, the reserves and obviously us," Robson said.

"I guess the development of our junior players has gone a long way; a lot of young guys in that side have come through our junior ranks so a lot of that will go down to our junior coaches and our development side of things."



Churchill Football/Netball Under 18's Team Triumph

In 2009, Churchill didn't have a thirds team in football, due to lack of numbers.

Rob Jellis and David Williams put a team together in 2010. They went out and spoke to the kids in that age group with a two year plan in mind.

Many of the kids had never played football before, but were really keen to play as it was an opportunity to play with their mates with whom they had gone to school and grown up with.

In 2010 they made the first elimination final, but were unsuccessful in that. Rob and David were really proud of that achievement, considering that this was the team's first year together, and they were looking forward to 2011.

Tragically, David passed away suddenly on New Year's day 2011 at the age of 35.

David was a club legend, who had achieved an illustrious career, having won the club's Best and Fairest award in all grades (16's, 3rds, 2nds, and Seniors) and was the only player in the club's history to achieve such a feat. He was inducted into the Churchill Football Netball Club 200 Club, playing a total of 259 games. David was also made a Life Member in 2005.

The boys in the team were determined to win the cup this year for 'Crocka' - David's nickname. They wore his famous No. 13 on their sleeves and in their hearts.

But this year they were also missing another Williams, as their team mate and Best and Fairest winner for 2010, Chris Williams, (David's son) had made it into the Gippsland Power team.

This was great achievement and although Chris wasn't allowed to play with the thirds, he was there at all training sessions and did whatever he could to help

the team. Chris was a big part of their success.

Despite losing out to both Sale City and Glengarry in the first half of the season, the Cougars won fourteen straight games, including the season decider against Glengarry by 48 points.

Under the leadership of Rob Jellis and his off-sider, Steve Hutchinson, Rob worked consistently with these boys all season, training them up to three nights a week. It was a great credit to Rob and the club, considering many of the boys had only one year of football experience under their belts, and now they were wearing the Premiership Medal with great pride.

Many of the boys have said it's been a great year and nothing will ever beat winning the cup for Crock. It was a team effort

lead by Rob and Steve, a lot of hard work, training and dedication, but it has paid off for them.

It is something they will remember for the rest of their lives. It was more than just a GrandFinal win for them.

Also on top of their year, Alex Tatterson won the Best and Fairest for the NGFL (North Gippsland Football League) Under 18's and was named Captain of the Year.

Jayden Wilkins and Ben Kearns also won selection in the Team of the Year. Ben Kearns also won the Best on the Ground medal. Jason Akamanus presented him with his medal.

To top the presentation night off Rob Jellis was named Coach of the Year for the NGFL under 18 side.

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

10/9/2011 Mens Pairs Championships Round 1 Winners G. Spowart (28) & A. Sharrock (17) 79, Runner Up K. Hills (9) & E. Hills (18) 68, DTL M. Smart & P. Smart 65, G. Beyer & R. Scurlock 65 NTP 5th D. Byers, 12th P. Smart, 14th R. Scurlock

13/9/2011 Ladies Pairs Stableford Aggregate Winners E. D'Alterio (27) 38 pts & B. Beebe (34) 38 pts = 76 pts, DTL H. Croft (45) 35 pts & S. Jeffery (37) 32 pts = 67 pts D. Scurlock (14) 32 pts & K. Raber (39) 30pts = 62 pts NTP 5th (2nd shot) A. Chapman, 14th (2nd Shot) S. Jeffery.

Ladies 20.9.11 Event: 9 hole 4 Person Hartball Ambrose Winners: T Bailey, V Rowley, J Beck & J Pilditch 42 - 9 6/8 - 32 2/8

24/9/2011 Monthly Medal A. Grade E. Hayes-Hills (16) 66, B. Grade J. McCafferty (19) 67, C. Grade P. Jordan (28) 73, DTL K.

Hills, P. Smart, R. Scurlock, K. VanVliet, T. Collins NTP 3rd P. Smart, 5th T. Webb, 12th R. Welsh Birdies P. Jordan 5th, R. Scurlock 14th Count Putts E. Hayes-Hills/ Ken Hills 26

27/9/2011 Stableford Winner K. Raber (33) 37 pts, DTL B. Beebe (32) 35 pts, A. Hibbert (36) 34 pts c/b NTP 5th V. Rowley.

1/10/2011 Stableford A.Grade G.Beyer (12) 39 pts DTL P.Smart 37, A.Auld 34 c/b NTP 3rd A.Auld, 12th G.Beyer, 14th A.Auld Birdies G.Beyer 12th

2/10/2011 Stableford Winner P.Smart (10) 39 pts 4/10/2011 Stroke Monthly Medal Scratch Winner J.Beck (34) 118 c/b Medal Winner J.Beck (34) 84 net DTL K.Raber (33) 86 c/b, J.Blizzard (33) 86 Count Putts V.Verheyen 30 NTP 5th A.Hibbert



Churchill Football Netball Club

COACHES POSITIONS

The Club is seeking Coaches for all age groups for 2012 season. Applications or expressions of interest can be sent to P.O. Box 27, Churchill Vic 3842.

For further details on coaching positions you can contact Noel Hawkins - 0428 358 307 or Rob Turpin - 0407 873 844.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Churchill Gardening Group



Well folks, Spring has really sprung now and hasn't it been just beautiful?

Our gardens have been ablaze with all the Spring bulbs- daffodils, jonquils, freesias etc, etc. This Spring I found the hyacinths have had a lovely colour and the perfume from them has been delicious. The anemones and ranunculus are also wonderful. The list of Spring flowers is endless.

Just now flowering shrubs are coming into their own. Mollusc Azaleas and English lilacs are but two.

Aquilegias are also beginning to flower, so all is well in the spring garden. Maintenance is the main priority, owing to the Spring winds as I call them. Locals tell me September is well noted for wind.

Hopefully our Garden Group will very soon visit Morwell National Park where the native Australian Dendrobiums (orchids) grow naturally. They are now in flower in domestic gardens so I am hoping they will be in the Park.

If you put your broad beans in early you may be picking some beans by now. Mine are about a week or so away from picking. My early cabbage bolted, but the chickens loved them so all was not lost. Red cabbage, silver beet, carrot, onion, shallots and lettuce are coming along nicely.

It's a little bit early for the melon family yet; tomatoes too, but you can prepare the ground ready for them. Remember to rotate from where you planted each vegetable last year.

If you grow rhubarb, you could tidy up your current plants and feed them generously with chicken or cow manure, or if you are wanting to increase your yield or share with a friend, just dig you plant up, wash or shake your old soil from the roots, and cut or break into individual plants. Replant and hey presto, with this warm weather coming, step back and watch them grow.

Seeds to plant now:

Vegetables.

Asparagus, kale, onion, radish, spring onion, turnip, cabbage, celery, celeriac, fennel, lettuce, mizuna, (salad leaf like rocket) potatoes (tubers), tatsoi (Asian green)

Flowers

Amaranth, balsam, calendula, candy tuft, canterbury bell, celosia, clarkia, cobia, delphinium, ageratum, gaillardia, godetia, nasturtium, petunia, phlox, portulaca, salvia, sunflower, sweet William, torenia, Virginian stock, zinnia.

Well there you are gardeners; some seed ideas to get your gardens ready for the summer ahead.

Happy Gardening

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