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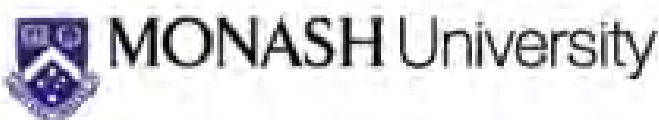


Recovery on the Road



The Hazelwood/Jeeralang Community (Recovery) Committee wanted to find a different way to remember the two year anniversary of the Black Saturday fires. They took a bus trip to the Jeeralang, Koornalla, Balook and Callignee areas to experience what has been achieved in the recovery process. "Reconstruct, Regrow, Renew" was co-ordinated by committee representatives and supported by Latrobe City Council. Turn to Page 9 for the full story.

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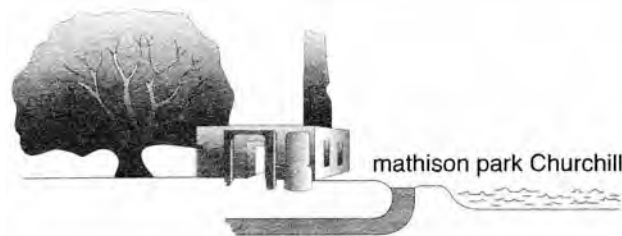
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Recent Working Bee - Removing Dead Trees

Many fallen branches and dead trees needed the committee's active attention last working bee.

Six willing workers added to an already large pile of branches to burn and created another.

The aid of a chainsaw trained member is a big plus and allows much more work to be done in the time.

Thank you to everyone who turned up and worked so hard.

One of the two old pine trees which was possibly 100 year old, and which were probably planted by the O'Hallorans when they first settled in this area, has fallen over after slowly dying over the last year.

These two trees have been stand out

landmarks in Mathison Park. "It is sad to see one of these giants which has been home to many birds including black-shouldered kites, slowly die and fall over," said one long standing member of the Mathison Park committee.

The next working bee will be on the 16th April.

Everyone is welcome.

Just meet at the Latrobe City Council sign along Monash Way as it comes from Morwell, and before reaching the round-a-bout.



Left to Right: Max Zygarickl, Dave Cranwell, Chris Foley, Jim Fulton, Peter Ambler

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More Police on the Way for Latrobe Valley



Darren Chester said moving police back onto the front line in the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland would help to make local streets safer.

"There's no question that increasing the number of police on the beat and having a high visible presence is the most effective way to prevent crime and improve community safety," Mr Chester said.

"I welcome the government's decision to move police away from desk jobs and onto the front line in the Latrobe Valley and throughout Gippsland.

"Improving community safety is a key issue for local residents and recruiting additional police will be welcomed across the region."

Mr Northe said the allocation model formed part of Victoria Police's Building Operational Capacity and Capability project, which would deploy the 1,700 new recruits effectively during the next four years.

"The project will be reviewed and tested every year to make sure resources are being allocated effectively and accurately reflect the demand for police services across the state," he said.

concern for community members, especially in and around our night time entertainment precincts," Mr Northe said.

Mr Northe said today's announcement by Victoria Police would be followed by the rollout of further police during the next four years.

"Victoria Police is best placed to decide where to allocate resources, based on their analysis of where the highest demand is for new members.

"The demand-based model that Victoria Police uses considers factors such as population, crime to population ratio and the level of road accidents to population ratio."

Federal Member for Gippsland

"The Coalition Government is delivering on its commitment to make Victoria safer with 16 new front line police to be allocated to the Latrobe Valley by June 30," Nationals Member for Morwell Russell Northe said today.

Mr Northe said Morwell was included in the 46 Police Service Areas (PSAs) across the state identified by Victoria Police as needing additional resources to tackle violent crime and anti-social behaviour.

Mr Northe said he was fiercely committed to improving law and order in the Latrobe Valley which is why he had campaigned strongly for more police on local streets.

"Community safety is a huge

Churchill Neighbourhood Watch/ Safer Community



Group Crime Report

Assaults

6 for the month (6 previous month.)

In all six incidents of assault this month offenders have been charged.

All but one assault has taken place in a public area with one incident involving the offender using a motor vehicle as the weapon of choice.

This offender has been charged with assault and traffic offences.

Property Damage

15 for the month (5 previous month.)

Almost half of the criminal damages for the month occurred in residential areas.

Windows of houses were damaged by rocks or similar by unknown offenders for no apparent reason.

One offender was charged after a family violence incident whilst two other offenders are being followed up by police.

Burglary

6 for the month (8 previous month.)

One offender was charged after a burglary on the Glendonald Pre School Centre.

The Maternal Health Care, Centre which is attached to the preschool, was also targeted during the month although it appears that nothing has been stolen.

Police ask the community to keep an eye on places such as schools and kinders during the coming school holidays.

Theft from Motor Vehicle

2 for the month (2 previous month.)

Fuel was stolen from a vehicle parked outside the victim's residence overnight on the 25th March, whilst the window of another vehicle was removed in Rae Cres on the 19th.

Nothing was stolen from this vehicle.

Theft Of Motor Vehicle

1 for the month (Nil previous month.)

The victim's vehicle was stolen from an area nearby their residence.

It was located stripped and burnt out the next day in the Jeeralang Junction area.

Theft

1 for the month (5 previous month.)

Freedom fuels were once again the victim of a theft when a vehicle driver filled their vehicle and drove off without paying for the fuel.

Police are working with service stations to increase their security and put an end to this style of theft.

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.

Neighbourhood Watch Police Showband & Pipe Band Concert is on on Wednesday 15th June, 2011.

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Northe's Natter



Russell Northe with Lumen Christi Primary School Captains Teresa and Cam

I had the opportunity recently to visit both Churchill Primary School and Lumen Christi Primary School to present student leaders and school council members with their badges for the 2011 school year.

It has been great to see the students taking such an active role in the school community, and putting their hand up to be a leader for their peers.

I had the privilege to visit a number of local schools at the beginning of the year, and all have been always welcoming.

I thank all of the staff, from administration

to teachers for providing such a safe and welcoming environment for both the students and visitors.

Another warm and welcoming event in March was the award-winning Boolarra Folk Festival which always draws a crowd.

This year we were blessed to have beautiful weather, which was perfect for the wide variety of performances and stalls which filled Boolarra with beautiful music, laughter and conversation.

It is always a great experience at the Festival and I commend all those involved for making

it a truly enjoyable experience.

I also want to express my gratitude to the Churchill Football Netball Club for their hosting of a fundraising event for the family of its much beloved club legend, David "Crocka" Williams.

The recent sudden passing of "Crocka" sent shockwaves through our local community and it was wonderful to see the enormous support for his family at this function.

A big well done to all associated with organising this event and our best wishes are with the Williams family at this difficult time.

I'd also like to congratulate the Yinnar District Community Association for the launch of their highly informative website <http://yinnar.vic.au>, which contains information on what is occurring in and around the Yinnar district.

This is a valuable resource for those living in the area who would like to know what is happening in the community, and I encourage all those with internet access to have a look at the website at some stage.

A big well done to the YDCA for this great initiative, keep up the good work.

I also encourage anyone with a love of art to have a look at ARC Yinnar's website <http://www.arcyinnar.org.au>. With art exhibitions every 2, 4 or 6 weeks, and classes exploring life drawing, fiction writing, textiles, and much more, there is something to interest most people.

ARC is an artist-run, non-profit



organisation, and I commend the hard working community members involved in the group for bringing such fantastic creativity to the town.

With Easter fast approaching, I would like to remind everyone to please be vigilant on our roads.

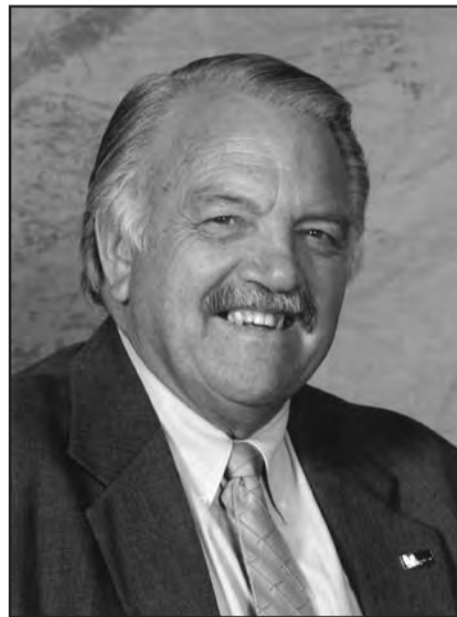
With the current closure of the Princes Highway in Morwell, there may be longer than usual delays, which can lead to impatient driving behaviour.

Whilst I understand this is not an ideal situation,

I ask that you have patience, for the safety of you, your family, and others travelling at this time.

I wish you all the best for the month of April, and hope you have a very happy Easter holiday.

"Draft" - Municipal Early Years Plan 2011-2015



The Council at its last meeting considered and resolved to release for public consultation the draft Municipal Early Years Plan (MEYP) 2011 - 2015.

A Municipal Early Years Plan (MEYP) is a local area plan designed to provide a strategic direction for the development and coordination of early years programs, activities and other local community development processes that impact on children 0 - 8 years and their families in a municipality.

The MEYP uses an action planning approach that engages the local community to achieve a set of agreed, positive early years outcomes for the municipality.

Latrobe City Council adopted its first MEYP 2004-2008 in June 2004. The review of the MEYP 2004-2008 has been delayed as a result of a state-wide review of the framework for development of MEYP's.

This review has been identified as a Key Strategic Activity in the 2010/11 budget and an action in the Council Plan 2010 - 2014 and is

planned to be presented to Council for consideration by 30 June 2011.

The Latrobe City draft MEYP 2011-2015 has been developed in the context of a policy and funding environment that is investing in children while in their early years.

An outcome of this investment in Latrobe City is the growth of programs provided by a range of agencies and alliances that are introducing new services and programs.

The Plan identifies five goals:

1. Children in Latrobe City have optimum health and wellbeing outcomes.
2. High quality, accessible services are available for children aged 0-8 and their families.
3. Community infrastructure both natural and built provides families with opportunities to support the growth and development of their children.
4. Children's learning and development is enhanced through quality early learning programs.
5. Parents and communities have the capacity to care for children and promote their development.

The MEYP will be monitored during the period of implementation by the Latrobe City Best Start Partnership.

The partners have been important in the development and delivery of the plan and currently play a significant role in the development of early years services within the municipality.

To ensure community input regarding the implementation and progress of the MEYP, representation will be sought with a focus on parents with young children.

The draft Latrobe City Municipal Early Years Plan (MEYP) 2011 - 2015 has now been released for public consultation for an eight week period in accordance with Council's

Community Engagement Plan 2010 - 2014.

A copy of the MEYP will be forwarded to all stakeholders involved in the initial consultation who have agreed to take part in the review.

Written submissions in relation to the draft Municipal Early Years Plan 2011 - 2015 will be received until 27 May, 2011.

Following the community consultation process a further Report will then be presented to Council at the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 20 June, 2011 detailing all submissions received and presenting the Municipal Early Years Plan 2011 - 2015 for consideration.

"Draft" LIBRARY PLAN 2011 - 2017

Library users have the chance to comment on Latrobe City's draft Library Plan 2011 - 2017 that has been released for public comment.

The Plan will guide the delivery of Latrobe City's libraries over the next six years and continues to focus on the six key program areas of service delivery; partnerships; facilities; marketing and communications; resources; and information technology.

The national and international trends, along with the results of an extensive community engagement process, were taken into account when developing the plan.

Consultants, 'LibrariesAlive!', engaged with library users and other key stakeholders over a three month period last year.

Capturing the feedback for the development of the draft plan included discussions with Councillors, Friends of the Libraries, library staff and other council officers as well as focus groups and surveys.

A total of 383 surveys were completed, including 108 responses from people who do not currently use any library facilities.

Through all of the consultation channels

used, more than 400 people were engaged in the development of the draft Plan.

It has been considered important that as much feedback as possible be captured to ensure the draft plan places Latrobe City in the best position to take advantage of a well-developed Library Plan.

The extensive consultation has been in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Plan 2010 - 2014 and it has provided a great opportunity for the community to provide input into the draft plan.

The previous Library Plan 2006 - 2011 has delivered many enhancements to outreach services and highlighted the importance of libraries as community resources.

High points of the previous plan included the opening of the new library as part of the Churchill and District Community Hub; several successful and prominent exhibitions including two Latrobe Valley Ukrainian photography exhibitions, the State Library of Victoria's Travelling Treasures Program and the two year state-wide Independent Type travelling exhibition.

Council is keen to receive feedback from the wider community now, so that the new Library Plan can be shaped to offer an even wider array of services to library patrons.

Copies of the draft Plan can be obtained from any Council Service Centre or Library; on Council's website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au; or by telephoning 1300 367 700.

Written submissions will be received until 5pm Tuesday 19 April, 2011 and should be forwarded to Debbie Skinner, Coordinator Libraries, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell VIC 3840.

Autumn vegie patch and flower garden

Hello again gardening folk.

We have a very busy time in the garden from now on. If we are not preparing for planting our Autumn vegie patch and flower garden, we are looking after already established plantings. Some may be still harvesting summer crops such as melons, tomatoes, beans, lettuce etc. Also keep a close look out for caterpillar moths, grubs and eggs or any other pests.

Have you planted your sweet peas yet? If not, you still have time to do so. Remember they like a good dressing of lime (chicken manure). It is also time to cut back and tidy up all types of geraniums.

All my potted bulbs have been brought out of hibernation and have been topped up with fresh potting mix if needed, or re-potted if necessary, lightly fertilised and placed around the garden in sunny spots to start their new season.

I have a large pot of yellow autumn crocus in bud.

Talking bulbs! It is also time to chill tulip, daffodil and hyacinth bulbs for about six weeks, in the crisper compartment of your refrigerator. When planting bulbs, dig in a bucket or so of compost, or old manure, or even sugar cane mulch. Plant bulbs approximately twice as deep as they are thin, with of course flat (or round end down) down except ranunculus, which before being planted, look a bit like a pulled double tooth. The roots, like legs, are planted downwards.

I am going for all dwarf vegetables this year. I am about to plant dwarf green peas, broad beans, and the smaller varieties of cauliflower, and broccoli, and as always, sugar loaf cabbage. We love them the best. You can pick as early as you like, and they are so sweet.

Tomatoes were slow this year, owing to the cool summer, but now ripening at a rate of knots. The downside of this is the ground devoted to tomatoes this summer is slow to be prepared for this winter's rotated crop. Oh well we will just put it down to what we usually say "Hasn't it been a funny year!" We even have a mollis azalea in flower.



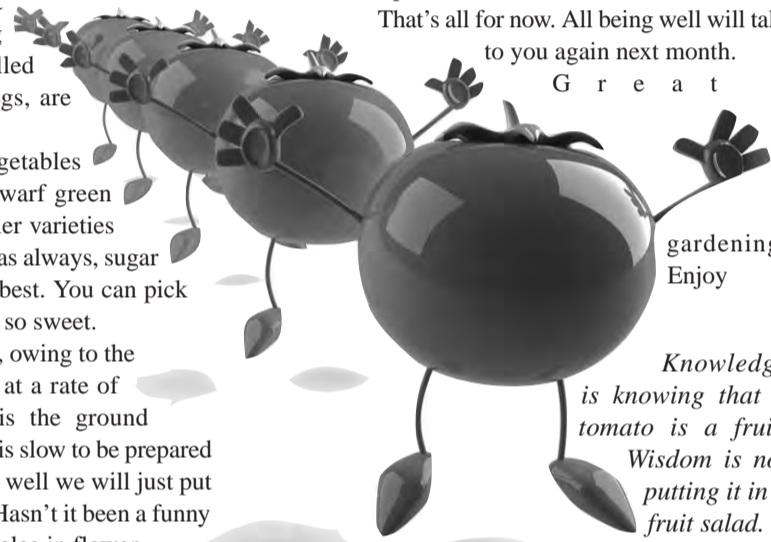
You can be kept busy lightly pruning most shrubs during autumn.

Vegetable seeds to plant now – broad beans, peas, cabbage, broccoli, carrot, English spinach, spring onion, onion, lettuce, leek and kale.

Flower seeds to plant now- alyssum, celosia, cineraria, cleome, cyclamen, gypsophila, hollyhock, Iceland poppy, marigold, pansy, primula, salvia, stocks, sweet pea, viola.

That's all for now. All being well will talk to you again next month.

G r e a t



gardening. Enjoy

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Celebrity Chef

Our celebrity chef for April is our youngest ever: Samantha Tingay of Hazelwood South.

Samantha is nine years old and a student at Grey Street Primary School, Traralgon.

She has a younger sister, Mackenzie and a labrador dog named Griffin.

Samantha's recipe for gingerbread men was first given to her by her Nana.

As well as cooking, her favourite activities include netball, guitar, bike riding and playing on the beach.

Gingerbread Men

Ingredients:

- 125 gms unsalted butter, softened
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 2/3 cup golden syrup
- 2 ½ cups plain flour, sifted
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 cup icing sugar, sifted
- 1 egg white.

Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to 190 C
2. Place butter and sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat for 10-20 mins, or until light and creamy,
3. Add golden syrup, flour, ginger and bicarbonate of soda, beat until smooth dough forms.
4. Refrigerate for 30 mins.
5. Roll out the dough between sheets of non-stick baking paper to 4mm thick.
6. Use big and small gingerbread man cookie cutters to cut out shapes from the dough.
7. Place on baking trays lined with non-stick baking paper and bake for 8-10 mins until golden.
8. Cool on trays.



9. To make icing, place icing sugar and egg white in a bowl and stir well to combine.

10. Pipe icing along the edges of each biscuit. (Makes approx 22 gingerbread men)

Do you have a favourite recipe you'd like to share in our pages? We'd love to hear from you.

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Maple Crescent, Churchill.
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Ladies Meeting:
Tuesday 10.00am

Saturday Breakfast

By Olivia Jackson

The monthly Saturday Breakfast was held on the 26 March. Our visiting speaker was Rob de Souza-Daw, a local historian who was speaking on "The Three Sisters from Hazelwood." This topic proved to be very popular as over 20 people attended, some coming from as far away as Melbourne.

Rob de Souza-Daw's talk was about three nursing sisters from Hazelwood who served in World War 1. The first one he spoke of was Sister Agnes Nadenbousch. She was born in Hazelwood in 1882 and she attended Hazelwood Ridge State School. In 1908 she commenced nursing training at the Warragul and District Hospital, completing this in 1911. At the age of 33 years she joined the A.I.F. as a Staff Nurse and was paid at the rate of 7s 10d a day. In 1917 she was sent by ship to Bombay, to work at the Cumballa War Hospital. Over the following 3 years, she served in various areas until 1919, when she returned to Port Melbourne, and then on to Morwell by train. Later that year, she was discharged from the Army Nursing Service. Three years later she was admitted to Mount Ida House, Hawthorn as a melancholic. Two years later, in 1924, she died, aged 42 years.

The second nurse was Sister Annie Thompson. She was born in Traralgon in 1884 and attended Hazelwood North State School. Annie Thompson had a sad childhood, as her father died in 1890 and her mother in 1891. She commenced her nursing training in 1906, completing it in 1909.

At 31 years, she enlisted in the A.I.F. as a Staff Nurse. She left Melbourne in 1917 and travelled by ship to Bombay, where she worked at the Alexandra War Hospital.

Over the next 3 years she worked at various hospitals, finally leaving from Calcutta in 1919 and travelling to Melbourne.

Later that year, she left the Army Nursing Service. She went on to work at the Darwin Hospital then Maldon.

It was there she met George Cruddas, whom she married in 1925. She died in 1955 at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital.

Sister Bessie Waldon was born in 1883 in Moondarra. In 1890 the Waldon



family moved to Fremantle. Her mother died in 1902. In 1908 Annie enrolled as a nurse at the Warragul Hospital, completing her training in 1911. In 1913 she did a course in midwifery and gynaecology at the Women's Hospital in Carlton. In 1916, at the age of 27 years, she joined the A.I.F. and later that year, was sent by ship to Plymouth, then on to France. A week later she was working at the Rouen Hospital in France, where she first saw wounded soldiers and those suffering from gas gangrene.

Over the next 3 years she worked at various hospitals, finally returning to Port Melbourne and then on to Morwell. In 1920 she was discharged from the Army nursing Service. In 1921 she married Arthur Hardie at Highfields. In 1944 fire destroyed Highfields. In 1966 she died at Heidelberg.

It was fascinating to hear of the adventurous lives of these nurses. Rob De Souza-Daw is to be commended for the work he put in researching their lives and the precise dates of the mile-stones in their lives.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held on the 30 April at 7.45am at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Avenue.

The guest speaker will be Zibby Lelito a professional model builder who works in Traralgon and he will be talking about his hobby of building models, mainly boats and ships.

People interested in attending should contact me, Keith Enders by THURSDAY 28 APRIL on 5122 1148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au

Church Snippets

March has been a busy month with lots of special occasions.

Some of the Ladies Fellowship members attended the AWA (Anglican Women of Australia) Rally at Newborough's St Aiden's Church.

The guest speaker was Beth Hooke, who spoke about Anglican women around the world who are taking brave steps beyond their comfort zone to show the love of Christ to their neighbours in refugee camps, conflict zones and in poverty.

Beth spoke of the choices these women had made to put their faith into action in love.

World Day of Prayer was celebrated on the 4th in a combined service with Lumen Christi, at the Co-Operating Churches.

The service was prepared this year by the women of Chile.

Their theme was "How many loaves have you?"

In other words what do you have to share with others?

What is your attitude to sharing?
Chile is a land rich in resources, but with a cruel history in the past.

The Chilean earthquake and the mine disaster brought the land of Chile to our notice last year.

The service was beautifully prepared, encouraging us to realise our blessings and to share them.

The guest speaker was Barbara Hutton who spoke of her time with her husband as a missionary in Papua New Guinea, and of the passion of the people when they grew to know Jesus as their Saviour and of their devotion to prayer and the positive outcomes of that prayer ministry.



From Left - Right: Betty Reid President of The Ladies Fellowship, Marion Answerth Leader for 2012 at Lumen Christi, with Guest speaker Barbara Hutton and Secretary of Ladies Fellowship Dianne Whitehead.

It was lovely to have the people of Lumen Christi share this service with us.

A time of fellowship over a cuppa followed the service.

Our minister Rev Dr. Bob Brown has been leading us in a series of Lenten Studies written by the Anglican Bishop of Gippsland John McIntyre.

These have been thought provoking. Coffee Connection had as the guest speaker, Jan McIntyre, the Bishop's wife.

Her talk was entitled "Where my day takes me." She spoke engagingly of the people she meets and of her interactions with them sometimes leading to surprising revelations and situations.

She was presented with a lovely arrangement of flowers.

Our AGM was a celebration of our previous year's achievements.

Reading all the reports reveals just how much is done by our special congregation.

Saturday Breakfast was very well attended when Rob de Souza-Daw spoke of 'The Three Sisters of Hazelwood.'

They were three nursing sisters who served in World War 1.

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Community Safety



BY Margaret Guthrie

Newly appointed Sergeant to Churchill Police station, Sgt Mel Hamshere, will be guest speaker at our April meeting. This meeting will be held in the function room at Churchill Hotel at 7pm on Wednesday 20th April.

The topic of the night will be "How Police are working with the local community to make Churchill a safer place". All district residents are invited to come along and meet our local Police Sergeant. An opportunity will be provided for questions.

Also attending will be our local Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Communities Co-ordinator, Peter Gray, who will present the local crime report & be available to answer questions on home, car & personal security.

There has been a number of anti-social incidents in Churchill over recent months and CDCA is helping to address this problem. We have written to our local State Member of Parliament, Russell Northe, reminding him of his pre-election commitment to a 24 hour police station for Churchill. In the interim, we requested the police station be open to match hotel opening hours.

We have also written to Latrobe City Council, requesting the establishment of a Council facilitated 'Churchill Community Safety Consultative Group', comprising residents & representatives of local stakeholder organisations. We believe such a group would be well placed to co-ordinate the efforts of local groups to improve community safety, whilst identifying further strategies that could be implemented in Churchill.

A number of local organisations are taking steps to address safety concerns. Additional security cameras have been installed at the shopping centre. Monash University has also increased security around the campus, including residences. The hotel has installed some 60 cameras in, & around, the building.

The hotel car park is well lit, and Philip Pde, the Hub & the Town Hall will all be well lit at night when works are completed in that area. Security guards have also been employed to patrol the shopping centre.

Monash Student Union is trialling a 'Good Neighbours' social program, to introduce local residents to post-graduate students & their families who live in our town.

The University has an 'International Student Friendship Program' whereby international students are paired with a local resident to meet, chat about living in Australia & experience some of our culture & family life.

Representatives from Latrobe City Council &

Monash University have met with users of the skate park to address some of the issues that have been reported in that vicinity. All too often, it is not the skaters 'proper' that are the cause of problems, but rather the 'hangers-on', who use the area as a meeting place. The same happens at other 'venues' too – the town centre, car-parks, local shops, playgrounds, schools & sporting clubs have seen acts of anti-social or prohibited behaviour over recent months.

There have been a number of reports of under-age drinking in public. Most concerning is the security camera evidence of adults purchasing alcohol for teenagers. There are heavy fines for buying alcohol (& cigarettes) for under-age youth.

Many of the offenders involved in criminal & anti-social behaviour in Churchill have been identified and are facing prosecution. Sadly, at least for some, a criminal conviction may affect future employment & travel prospects.

All residents are encouraged to report incidents to police. Sometimes the police struggle to respond in a timely fashion, as they must prioritise matters & respond to the more serious first. Local police may be detained at road accidents or other life-threatening situations and so it may be some time before other incidents are dealt with.

However, it is essential that the police receive information regarding anti-social & criminal activity. This assists police to identify patterns, patrol areas at times of 'high risk', monitor suspects (as well as known offenders), solve crime & prosecute offenders.

Community safety relies on the effectiveness of partnerships between police, residents & other local agencies.

Prior to our April meeting on the 20th, some CDCA Committee members will be dining at 6pm in the Churchill Hotel. An invitation is extended to all residents to join us, find out more about CDCA & express your views about local matters.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact either Bruce Stephenson on 5122 1335 or Ron Bunn on 5122 1493 so that sufficient seating can be provided & the kitchen advised of likely numbers.

CDCA meets monthly and all local residents are welcome to attend as observers. An opportunity is usually provided at our meetings (time permitting) for all attendees to raise local issues of concern as items of general business.

For more information about CDCA, contact the Acting President, Bruce Stephenson, on 5122 1335 or write to CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill.

The World's Greatest Shave

A team of 7 has raised \$1,541.25 for the Leukaemia Foundation in the World's Greatest Shave.

The team, Lauren, Eliz, Colleen the photographer, Chantel, Jana and Tamar from Kats Hair Design, Churchill and Rosalee Francis, started with a goal of raising \$100.

They have had a lot of fun and are hoping to make it even bigger next year.

The team would like to sincerely thank the following for their help.

Firstly, David Bunney of the Churchill Hotel for the use of his venue. David has also promised the use of the hotel again next year.

Secondly, thanks to all the big and small companies who so generously gave what they could for the mystery auction.

Thanks also to the Churchill Football club and lastly to thanks to the general public who gave selflessly to make the event the success it was.



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Wednesday 20th

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Guest Speaker
Sgt Mel Hamshere
Churchill Police Station

Topic: 'How Police are working with the local community to make Churchill a safer place'
Churchill Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Communities co-ordinator, Peter Gray, will also be in attendance

Death Notice

Dennis, Anne; Born in England

February 22nd 1937 – March 18th 2011.

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Hazelwood/Jeeralang Community (Recovery) Committee Reconstruct, Regrow, Renew Outing

The Hazelwood/Jeeralang Community Committee wanted to find a different way to remember the two year anniversary of the Black Saturday fires, by taking a bus trip to the fire affected areas and see what has been achieved in the time since the fires.

This initiative took the form of a bus trip on Saturday 19th March, themed as "Reconstruct, Regrow, Renew" which was co-ordinated by committee representatives and supported by Latrobe City Council.

The trip set off from the southern car park at the Churchill Shopping Centre, with thirty

adults and five children including guest speaker Ken Harris. First call was Jeeralang North Hall to see what progress has been made on the reconstruction work. New windows have been installed and other building works progressing well.

Along the route, comments were heard about how lush and green the areas look. There has been prolific growth in all areas visited. People who had not been to Koornalla or Callignee recently had their eyes opened at the extent of the fire's passage.

There are lots of new buildings going up.

People in this area appeared to have got on with their re-building, dealing positively with the situation.

Koornalla was the next stop, where the historical monument was observed at the bus turning circle.

From there the bus took them to Balook area where they lunched at the Lyrebird café and listened to a talk about flora and fauna of the area given by Ken Harris.

Then it was on to Callignee where the bus trippers found it good to catch up and talk with others who had been fire affected.

"The Callignee Community Hall is a fantastic complex," said Robyn. "We had a tour of the fire station, playgroup room, hall with its catering kitchen, meeting rooms and cricket club pavilion." After the tour afternoon tea was served. One local lady provided a wonderful treat including delicious cup cakes decorated with strawberries.

Along the way trivia questions, word searches, and colouring sheets for the children kept all participants alert

Two years on Reconstruct, Regrow, Renew, is wonderfully evident.



Churchill & District News

Short Story and Poetry Competition 2011

THE Churchill & District News invites you to enter our 2011 Short Story and Poetry Competition.

There are some great prizes, with all entrants

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3. Children's 8 - 10 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome).
4. Children's 11 - 13 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome).
5. Children's 11 - 13 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome).
6. 14 - 18 yrs Short Story.
7. 14 - 18 yrs Poetry.
8. Adult Short Story.
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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Walkley Park Kinder - A History

Continued from March Edition
By Ruth Place

They considered themselves fortunate in the current Assistant, Linda Logue who became a close and valued colleague throughout 1985 but then left to have a baby in 1986. Fortunately Margaret Klose, was available to relieve for the remainder of the year. Robyn and Libby interviewed and appointed Lynda De Vink in 1987 and enjoyed a close working & social relationship with her throughout 1988 and 1989. Lynda became pregnant and left in 1990 and Libby & Robyn appointed Mirjana Hrvojevic as their next wonderful Assistant.

Robyn left at Christmas 1991 when her family moved to Western Australia.

Among the many happy memories of working at Walkley Park Kindergarten was the use Robyn made of her musical and dance ability and her experience in Theatre.

These were used in theme nights, and social gatherings around the event. One example was dancing through the ages. The whole community was involved in helping to present the show. Mothers and fathers would make the costumes and props. Parents were roped in for parts. Robyn taught different dances from the ages to the kids and they loved it. Children danced, played instruments or helped in ways according to their talents and interests.

The room was decorated according to the theme, with many displays, and pictorial representations.

Many photos were taken of the various events as a record and to give to the children as a keepsake.

Visionary fundraising events were held, like the dress parade with the children being the models. A show of entertainment was built around the night. People like Paul Devlin were roped in to play guitar. As many links and partnerships with the community as possible were sought out, including with Lumen Christi folks, where they were parents in the group, like Judy and Barry Woods, utilizing their talents.

Robyn believes their strength was that they involved the wider community of Churchill, linking very comprehensively, especially with the schools.

Libby's passion was involving the children in learning about the environment, and being aware of how to protect it.

During the time they were at Walkley Park the ladies changed all the paints to powder ones and the glues to non-toxic. This was a cost factor at the time, but was also essential for a child who was chemically intolerant.

Robyn says that she and Libby felt quite driven and dedicated in their roles. They also had the wonderful support of their husbands, and they portrayed great role models. This was especially noticed at working bees where lots of men turned up.

The Kindergarten Committees were fantastic and very supportive. Members came from both groups. Libby and Robyn were given lots of autonomy, respect and trust. They put that down to the fact that they worked hard to build a cohesive community. Their aim was to always do things in the best interest of the children and families, through their

dedication and capacity building.

During their time, they were able to develop the playground. One initiative was buying new matting which was made of recycled tyres. This was put down under the covered area on wet days so the children had a chance to play outside despite the rain.

Lots of work was put into developing the garden and the playground, with installation of shade cloth, a pergola, veggie patch and digging patch, and a special garden of natives for a smelling garden.

Inside, they looked at resources and made sure that they had covered all the aspects of what they wanted to teach. This included diversifying the range of books, puzzles, and picture collections. The latter came first from old calendars and the like, through to commercial picture sets. Collections of 'junk' were used creatively and included bits of wood, rocks, cardboard boxes, gumnuts, shells, leaves, bark, twigs and sand.

One particular activity remembered was a large natural materials mural of the beach and bush to which the children could add as they wanted.

Excursions were multi-faceted, with going out, and bringing in people to talk. One example is when a Dad who worked at the SEC came in showing and talking about his safety equipment. Then there would be follow up talks about safety. The Home Corner would become a work place where the children could play out what they had learnt.

Other excursions focused on seasonal changes with visits to the parks, picnics, Family Social events, a visit from the CFA truck, concerts at the schools where they would be invited to attend, visiting shows, the shopping centre, and many more.

All during the year, and especially on excursions, photos would be taken of each child's participation. These were compiled, along with specially kept paperwork, and a hand and foot print, into a bound Memory Book which was given to each family at the end of the year.

Towards the end of her time at Walkley Park, Robyn says the political climate of Kindergarten teaching changed. Local government was undertaking cost rationalization with changes to pay, working conditions and operational aspects of the kindergarten being put in place. Robyn feels that for her, there was a sense of disempowerment and frustration as the best interests of the children and the community became secondary to the business side of things.

LIBBY ROBERTSON 1985-1993
Libby was happy to put together these memories for this history.

This wonderful preschool finished operating as such at the end of 1993. The Committee had worked so hard to make sure it still held a significant place in the lives of families in Churchill. Brenda Burney, Heather Notting, Heather Farley and, Helen Sutton are some of the people who worked towards this aim.

From 1994 the building proceeded to be used as a Children's Centre offering a variety of services, such as After School dDrama classes, tutoring and 3 year old groups and play groups.



WALKLEY PARK PRE SCHOOL GROUP 2 1992

Libby Robertson (Teacher), Renee Veysey, Tara-Lea Jones, Thomas Hawkesworth, Brett Robinson, Jason Norder, Emily Perry, Cory Mathieson, Michelle Cooper (Assistant), Mitchell Jackson, Matt Goldsborough, Beau Weiss, Joanna McNeilly, Matthew Stephens, Marie Townsend, Jody Ellis, Bradley, Stephanie Simic, Rebecca Cheater, Rhea Chapple, Sarah Bellerby, Laura Webster, Jacqueline Webster, Damien Dunne, Julian



WALKLEY PARK PRE-SCHOOL GREEN GROUP 1993

Libby: Libby Robertson (Director), Kate Wilson, Amelia Talbot, Stephanie Wilson, Samantha Robson, Marissa Hoffman, Kara D'Amico, Michele Cropper (Assistant),
 Mirna: Mirna Booth, Thomas McDougall, Alice Gibson, Melissa Borthwick, Samantha Larard, Stephanie Williams, Stephanie Gilmore, Ben Moss, Sperry Peterson,
 Holly: Jodie White, Sophie Lord, Jenna Thomas, Daniel Hoch, Jarrod Sutton, Sarah Wilson, Samantha Howell, Breanna Barnes, Sth. Guppsland Pre-School Photos



Planting trees on Open Day



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



I had originally taught 3 Year old Kinder at Walkley Park back in 1978. This was a two day a week position for me, a session during the week and one on Saturday morning. Pat Williams was the full time teacher at Walkley Park then, probably working 8 sessions a week. I had Margaret Klose as my Assistant. Pat had Carmen Cook. I only did this for a year as I wanted to be home with my little son Jamie who was turning 2.

My next time as Preschool teacher at Walkley Park was in 1985, as teacher of four year olds. Morwell Shire employed Robyn Lister and myself as teachers there in a very innovative idea! Job sharing! We suggested it to the council as we had little children and weren't ready for full time work. The council put us there on trial to see if it worked out. We were responsible for one group each and it worked out very well.

This was the start of a wonderful teaching experience there. Robyn and I worked very co-operatively together, innovating ways relevant to job sharing. We worked independent programs, following the interests of our individual group. However, having each other to discuss things with was very supportive. We enjoyed working with the families and Committee together. One of our 'traditions' we set up was to involve the children and families in an annual Dance Night. Our families of these times will certainly remember the fun we all had.

Walkley Park had a tremendous group of families supporting it. Robyn and I enjoyed these years very much. Over the years we taught a few children in each family so there was a lovely continuity of management and friendships at Walkley Park.

Robyn and I shared assistants - there was Linda Vogue, Lynda DeVink, Mirjana Hrojevic and Michelle Cooper.

Robyn left Christmas 1991 and I continued in the position of full time teacher there. I enjoyed another 2 years teaching there with the wonderful families. Sadly the preschool was doomed to close at the end of 1993. It was a very sad time. Closing the door on such a wonderful preschool was a huge jolt to the families and staff. However the very innovative Walkley Park Committee created a way to keep it going as a Children's Centre for a number of years.

During the nine years I was involved with Walkley Park we experienced and shared many highlights with the families. I have listed some of my memories of the sort of program and social highlights over the years there.

- Continuity of families meant commitment and caring. Parents and our own hobbies and children participated in setting up a wonderful landscaped playground. We established herb gardens, seating, large sandpit and garden areas.

- Fundraising was well supported; there was a huge sense of Community involvement. A result was that the centre was extremely well equipped, had excellent facilities and pleasant surroundings. It facilitated an outdoor covered area to be built so we could use this area in our programmed activities.

- Social Events included - car trials, wine tastings, fashion parades and Dance Nights. These Family Dances became a tradition. Parents joined in these themed 'performances' with their children. It was great fun. We included the costume preparation and learning songs into the children's program. Brenda and Rod Burney headed up our Bush Night

programs and other years we had Fantasy Nights, Rock n' Roll Nightsa few 'red faces' experiences.

- Excursions for the children and family outings included going to Mossvale Park in Autumn, Morwell National Park, Farms, Parents homes, over to the Uni for Music, to mention a few.

- An innovative way to save some money was to create our own entertainment for the children. Parents shared their own skills and hobbies. Some of the mums put on plays for the children by acting the story characters themselves. We had breakfasts and luncheons for the children. Program days such as teddy picnics, puppet shows, Mini Olympic days, Father Nights, Grandparent days, Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas all helped to include the wonderful community of the preschool.

I'm sure the families of Churchill have warm memories of the time Walkley Park Preschool was running. I was very fortunate to have shared this experience with them.

HEATHER NOTTING 1993-1994

Heather began her association with Walkley Park Pre-School when her daughter Kobi began kindergarten in 1993. Heather became the Treasurer of the committee and later continued as Treasurer of the Walkley Park Children's Centre.

Libby Robertson was the "awesome, fantastic teacher" at the time. Brenda Burney was the President of the committee and Helen Sutton was also a committee member.

At some stage through that year, as the numbers of pre-schoolers had dropped, the Council decided that two of the pre-schools in Churchill would close - Walkley and Watson. The Walkley Park committee voiced their opposition of the closure to the council. But decisions needed to be made. So Walkley Park voted in favour of closing, but recommended that Watson Park remain open because of its proximity to Churchill Primary School. That then meant that Andrews Park and Walkley closed while Watson and Glendonald remained open. Heather states that it was a hard decision, as each pre-school committee wanted their own pre-school to stay open.

With the decision made, Libby Robertson had to leave.

Brenda Burney, Helen Sutton and Heather Notting put their heads together in a brainstorming exercise, and came up with the idea of the Walkley Park Children's Centre. It would be a facility which would incorporate childcare and 3 year old kindergarten. People could hire it for birthdays. Other children's activities could be run there.

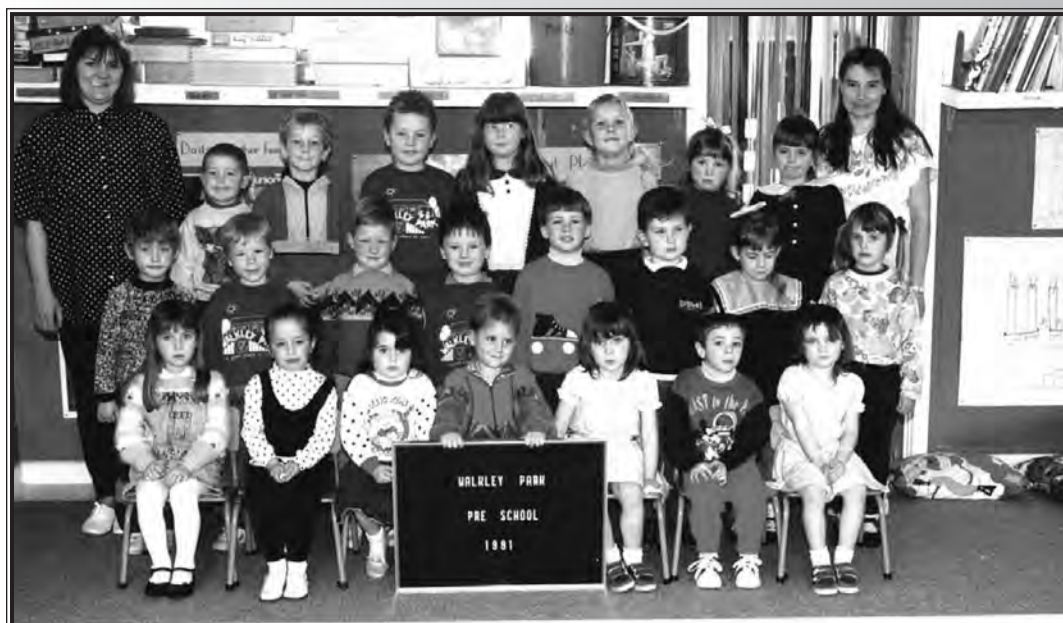
Phillip Meyer from Yinnar ran a very successful drama group, and for a short time a children's aerobics and drama course was held, as well as computer classes.

It brought together the playgroups- Owl and Pussy Cat, and Churchill Play Group- into a new home.

Heather says that the effort to set up the facility was huge. She recalls a very helpful woman, Maria, who worked at the Council (which was very supportive of this move), who was a marvellous sounding board, supportive and encouraging.

A petition of the neighbourhood to gauge approval resulted in an almost unanimous assent.

Continued in May Edition



BACK ROW: Mirjana Hrojevic (Assistant), Clinton White, Brett Robinson, Dean Verdaas, Kassie Dear, Jarrod Hunt, Jessica Zaghet, Meagan Difabrizio, Robyn Lister (Teacher).
MIDDLE ROW: Matthew Jonas, Matthew Rennie, Cory Mathieson, Kyle McQualter, Ryan Cornell, Robert Meall, Charlene Matcott, Melinda Curwood.
FRONT ROW: Renee Veysey, Ashlee Whitehead, Nicole Maddock, Matt Goldsbrough, Libby Porter, Matthew Sutton, Kai Porter.
ABSENT: Lariana Nainmith.



Christmas Party 1988



Christmas Party 1985



1992

Rotarians work for Hazelwood House

By Mike Ainsworth

Members of Hazelwood Rotary recently held a working bee at Hazelwood House to restore the fountain which the club had installed many years previously but which required maintenance. Highlight of the day was the morning tea provided by the staff from Hazelwood House. President, Ken Peake said that the club was always pleased to do work at the House as it was a project that had been close to the club's heart from its inception.

Distribution of Food Waste Bin Kits

Rotarians were given the task by Gippsland Waste Group of distributing food waste bins, biodegradable bags and instructions to over 2,000 homes in Churchill last month. The project is a pilot program designed to reduce the amount of food waste which finds its way into land fill. Around 40% of household

waste is food scraps and by providing a separate bin and biodegradable bags, householders can place scraps in the green organic waste bin and eventually they breakdown and become mulch.

It was a challenging task for Rotarians who were required to deliver the kits by foot and wore out plenty of shoe leather in the process.

Long standing member Ross Ollquist, said, "there was plenty of walking involved but we gained satisfaction from the knowledge that we were helping the environment with this project".

Men's Health Guest Speaker

Dr Chris Lampell, a GP from Moe, recently addressed the Club on the question of Men's health with a particular emphasis on bowel and prostate cancers.

He urged members to have regular bowel scans by obtaining the kits which are readily available and



through Rotary. He also urged men to be tested for prostate cancer periodically as it can be dealt with, if detected early enough.

Disaster Aid Australia

Another interesting speaker to address the club last month was Peter Faulkner of Disaster Aid Australia, the Rotary based organization that provides emergency housing and equipment for people who suffer natural disasters all around the world.

Formerly known as Shelter Box Australia, this organization has hundreds of emergency kits in storage in Singapore, which can be



Rotarians Mike Anwerth & Geoff Thornhill preparing food scrap kits for delivery to Churchill homes.

shipped to places all around the Pacific basin immediately there is knowledge of a major disaster.

The kits contain tents, blankets, bedding, tools, fuel, water purification kits and other items to

assist survival following a major incident.

Disaster Aid Australia activated its resources for the Christchurch earthquake and the Tsunami in Japan.

Tanjil Valley Art Show

Entry forms are now available for the 5th Tanjil Valley Art Show with entries closing on Friday 27 May. This community run event is held at the former Hill End School over the Queen's birthday weekend 10 to 13 June.

The organising group encourages all aspiring and

experienced artists to get busy with their creations in time to enter this popular show.

Topics this year are for the categories of 2D and 3D art, photography and youth photography, "From Tanjil Valley to Baw Baw". For 2D art, "Still Life including a Feather". For

youth art, 13 years and under, "My Perfect Pet". Those in the 14 to 18 years category can choose any of these topics.

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Have Your Say on the Draft Library Plan 2011 - 2017

Library users will have their chance to comment on Latrobe City's draft Library Plan 2011 - 2017 that has been released for public comment.

The Plan will guide the delivery of Latrobe City's libraries over the next six years and continues to focus on the six key program areas of service delivery; partnerships; facilities; marketing and communications; resources; and information technology.

Latrobe City mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said that national and international trends, along with the results of an extensive community engagement process, were taken into account when developing the plan.

"Our consultants 'LibrariesAlive!' engaged with library users and other key stakeholders over a three month period last year.

Capturing the feedback for the development of the draft plan included discussions with Councillors, Friends of the Libraries, library staff and other council officers as well as focus groups and surveys.

"We were very pleased with the response. A total of 383 surveys were completed, including 108 responses from people who do not currently use any library facilities. Through all of the consultation channels used, more than 400 people were engaged in the development of the draft Plan.

"However, we also want members of the public to be able to voice their opinions too. It is important that we capture as much feedback as possible to ensure the draft plan places Latrobe City in the best position to

take advantage of a well-developed Library Plan.

"The extensive consultation was in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Plan 2010 - 2014 and provided a great opportunity for the community to provide input into the plan, now we want the community to let us know if we've got what they told us right," Cr White said.

Cr White added that the previous Library Plan 2006 - 2011 had delivered many enhancements to outreach services and highlighted the importance of libraries as community resources.

"High points of the previous plan included the opening of the new library as part of the Churchill Community Hub; several successful and prominent exhibitions including two Latrobe Valley Ukrainian photography exhibitions, the State Library of Victoria's Travelling Treasures Program and the two year state-wide Independent Type travelling exhibition.

"We look forward to receiving feedback from the wider community now, so that we can shape the new Library Plan to offer an even wider array of services to library patrons," Cr White concluded.

Copies of the draft Plan can be obtained from any Council Service Centre or Library; on Council's website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au; or by telephoning 1300 367 700.

Written submissions will be received until 5pm Tuesday 19 April 2011 and should be forwarded to Debbie Skinner, Coordinator Libraries, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell VIC 3840.



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Latrobe, Pour Your Support into Cancer Council this May

Cancer Council Victoria is calling on Latrobe residents to help create a stir in the fight against cancer by hosting a Morning Tea this May.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is one of Latrobe's favourite fundraising events, with 75 local hosts raising more than \$16,000 for Cancer Council last year alone.

In 2011, more than 500,000 Victorians are expected to share a cuppa to raise \$2.2 million towards Cancer Council's work in cancer research, prevention and support.

Cancer Council Victoria spokesperson Barbara Fernandez said hosting a morning tea is a simple and fun way to raise funds whilst making a difference to locals facing cancer.

"Just \$10 from your guests can help staff the Cancer Council Helpline (13 11 20) with expertly trained nurses and health counsellors who provide free information and support for people facing cancer," Ms Fernandez said. "In 2010, around 949 people from Latrobe utilised Cancer Council's Cancer Information and Support Service including the Helpline to seek support during their cancer journey.

Without the generosity of passionate communities like Latrobe, through events such as Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, this work would not be possible.

"Whether you decide to charge an admission fee for your event, set up an online fundraising page, or simply ask for a donation on the day, your efforts will help Cancer Council continue to provide invaluable support services as well as fund important cancer research and prevention programs for cancer



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patients and their families," she said.

An Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event can be a simple morning tea with workmates, a sophisticated high tea with friends or an all out fare with your local sporting club or school.

Taking part is easy, simply register as a host, set a date in May and invite your friends. While the official date is Thursday 26 May, events can be held any time during that month.

For more information or to register visit www.biggestmorningtea.com.au or call 1300 65 65 85 today.



Dead Platypus Toll Continues To Rise

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is warning rogue anglers to stop illegally using opera house nets after another platypus was found dead in the Bunyip River this month.

The dead platypus, a female, was found trapped in one of three opera house nets tied to a log in the river near Labertouche in West Gippsland.

DSE Senior Wildlife Investigator Mike Sverns said this latest death was devastating for the local platypus population because the female platypus may have had young left in the burrow.

"The young will starve to death because of the lazy fishing practices of a rogue angler and the platypus deaths in this river are beginning to take its toll," Mr Sverns said. "DSE officers will be investigating this incident.

"In Victoria, opera house nets may only be used in private waters such as farm dams.

People can still catch yabbies or freshwater crayfish with hoop nets, which are far safer for platypuses."

DSE wildlife officers have been collecting data since mid last year.

Since then 11 opera house nets have been reported resulting in the deaths of five platypuses.

"This is a disturbing number considering the platypus population is already a protected species," Mr Sverns said.

"What is particularly concerning is many of the nets and platypus deaths go unreported and therefore unnoticed.

"We want to deter lazy fishing practices and the illegal use of nets. Trapping protected native

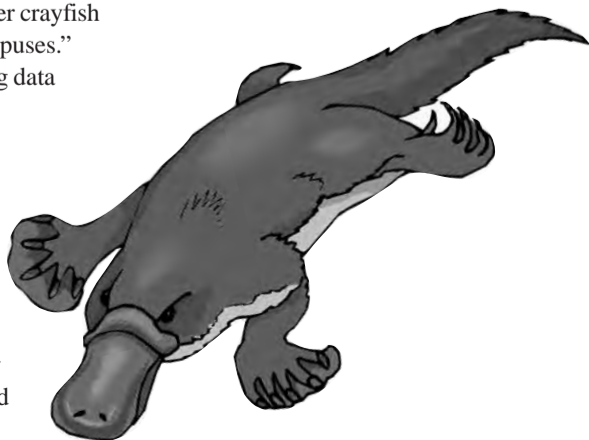
wildlife such as a platypus is a serious offence and will result in prosecution."

Under the Fisheries Act 1995 offenders detected, possessing or using an opera house net in or close to inland waters can be issued with a penalty infringement notice or charged under summons to appear in court and face a maximum fine of \$11,300.

Vessels and vehicles may also be seized. Under the Wildlife Act 1975 the maximum penalty for killing a platypus is \$5,500 and/or six months imprisonment.

Members of the public are encouraged to report the illegal use of opera house nets by calling DSE on 136 186.

To learn more about the impact of the illegal use of opera house nets in Victoria's public waterways visit <http://www.youtube.com/DSEVictoria>.



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Boolarra Primary School



Our Athletic Sports

After some delays caused by bad weather, we finally held our sports just two days before the Yinnar & District event. Lots of our fabulous parents and grandparents helped us out and made the day a great success. It was delightful to see the way our students would have a go at things that were outside their comfort zone. The manner in which they encouraged and supported one another was also impressive. Strzelecki (yellow house) were the overall Athletics Champions this year. Penaluna (green) and Irving (blue) were joint winners of the House Spirit trophy – this is the first time we have had a draw for this important award.

Yinnar & District Sports

We had a great time on this day too. Our students conducted themselves brilliantly and performed extremely well. Again, we were very lucky to have lots of parents supporting and helping out all day. We were placed second overall and came very close to the winning score obtained by the talented Yinnar Primary School students, which was a superb effort. Irrespective of where we were placed, the effort, sportsmanship and respect shown throughout the day showed that we are definitely all winners! We are very grateful to Karen Foster of Hazelwood North Primary School, for the brilliant job she does coordinating the Yinnar & District sporting events.

New Building

We've had lots of action again on site which was great to see as it was very quiet for many weeks. The plastering and plumbing is finished, and work commenced on fitting the barge boards. Railing, ramps, steps and concreting will happen after this. We're hoping that we might be able to move in at the start of next term, but we won't know for sure until the last minute. The 8 other projects being worked on by the company, the weather and the Easter public holidays will all play a part in slowing things down. We've got our fingers and toes crossed!

ANZAC Day

During the last weeks of Term 2 our Junior School Council sold badges and wrist bands to raise money for the ANZAC appeal. Our Grade 5/6s were lucky enough to attend an ANZAC Day information session at the Morwell RSL. Our school captains, Lauren and Erin, will lay a wreath on behalf of our school at the ANZAC ceremony to be held in Yinnar from 9:15 am. We are grateful to Rhianne Cameron and her mum Lydia who will collect and deliver our wreath to the service.



Netta Netball

Our grade 3/4s competed in a netball tournament on a bleak and miserable day. A number of our parents assisted grade 3/4 teacher Ms Tammy Estcourt with transport, coaching and umpiring. Our young team didn't win any games but their skills got better with each game they played. Ms Estcourt reported that we could not have had better ambassadors for the school as they showed excellent sportsmanship, team spirit and kept on trying hard all day. We are very proud of their effort!

Harmony Day

On this day the classes all undertook a range of activities focussing on positive relations with all people. The P/1/2s performed a traditional Indonesian Ceremony to bring peace and wellbeing to the school and to families suffering from the earthquake aftermath in Japan. The Grade 3-6s developed some prayer hands. At lunch-time we played a soccer match as it's known as the world game. Ms Finley Smith kindly made orange ribbon brooches for us all to wear to mark this very special day.

Bushwhacker Band Visit

We were very fortunate to finish the week with a bush dance recently. This free event was possible as some of our parents who were involved in organizing a town bush dance factored the school in for a visit by this highly regarded group. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed some heel and toe polka and other dances.

Family Murals

The first of the murals that will eventually be hung on our front school fence has been finished! The Hassett family bravely worked with Melissa Pavey (the artist who helped create the murals on the Budgerie Building / Art room) to create a pictorial representation of their life in Boolarra. The Cornell/ Prior family are the next family to work on a mural. We obtained FRRR funding that makes this project possible.

Yinnar South Primary School



At Yinnar South Primary school the children have been busy planting strawberry plants that were donated by one of the student's grandparents. They have also planted beans, peas and radish seeds. The children were amazed to see the radishes sprout so quickly. We picked lettuce and beetroot leaves out of our garden to use with our Healthy Lunch Day menu.

This month the children made pumpkin, spinach and ricotta pie and

butter milk berry muffins.

This was a new food to many of the children and they all tried it with pleasing results. The children all took the recipes to try at home. Yinnar South Primary school participated in the Yinnar and District school sports on the 17th of March.

Out of the many schools that participated we were very proud to be placed 3rd overall.



Lumen Christi Primary School



Grade prep/1/2 excursion to Cape Patterson

To celebrate the end of term and the end of our 'Under the Sea' theme, the Grade Preps, Ones and Twos went to Cape Patterson to explore the rock pools. The children saw many sea creatures including crabs, sea snails, star fish, barnacles, hermit crabs, jelly fish and lots of sea weed. Lots of fun was had by all!!!

Excursions

Grade 2BW wrote about their recent excursions to the movies and Cape Paterson. Here is what some of them had to say:

By Alanah in Grade 2BW

On Monday Grade Prep to Two went on an excursion to the Traralgon theatre and to the park. First we went on the bus. It took a long time but we finally got there. The movie was called Elephant Tales. It was a sad movie, but I liked it. After, we went to the park. At the park we went for a walk. Then it was time to go back to school. It was so much fun that everyone was tired when we got back. -

By Ryan Turi in Grade 2BW

I liked the bit in the movie when the hunters got trapped in the cage.

By Tamika Sorby Grade 2BW

Yay, yoo hoo, we're there finally. Ooh, it's beautiful. Did you know it even smells beautiful. Did you know if you touch an open

sea anemone it closes and sometimes if they're closed and you touch them they squirt water out.

By Sophie Banks in Grade 2BW

When we got to Cape Paterson we got in groups and we explored the rock pools. I found a crab and snails and a cave. I had the best day ever. When I found a crab my foot got



wet. I just didn't care about it. I put both in the water. It was fun!

Sport

Lumen Christi has been busy over this first term with our involvement in the Yinnar and District inter-school swimming and athletics. The training that was put in prior to participating at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve, on March 17th, paid off for some of our grades, especially our Grade 2's who were rewarded for their extra training by managing the long distance event very successfully. Our relay teams also achieved our best results to date and we look forward

to the Champion's Athletics Day which will be held in third term. We have a number of students who excel in either track and field and it is great that they have the opportunity to experience these types of events and to see how far they can progress.



Hazelwood North Primary School



Junior School Council

This year, our Junior School Councillors for the first semester are: Keiley A, Thomas H, Thessa K, Josh L, Emmerson T, Boyd M, Glen S, Lauren A, Peter D, Sam W, Hayden R, Emily H, Erin T, Jack M, Micheal G, Callum G, Ethan T, Matthew K, Alisha B and Lara N.

Our first fundraising event was Crazy Hair Day. The \$280 we raised went to Cystic Fibrosis. Every

teacher was a certain amount of money. If we got that amount of money, that teacher got their hair coloured. We did not quite reach the \$400, but we are proud of our efforts.

The school is having a disco dress up day on the last week of this term, to raise money for our sponsor child. - By Thessa and Keiley.

R.S.L Visit

Grade 5/6 from Hazelwood North Primary went to the R.S.L. The two people who showed us the presentation were Les and Ted. They showed us a movie about the war and showed us some things from the war. We got to hold some helmets that were used in the war and some people got to dress up in different costumes. After that we split into two groups.



We looked at some photos, some guns that they used in the war and a gas mask that they also used. We got a short break where we got some lemonade. We also got to go in a library where there were some books, photo albums and some badges that we got to look at. Then we sat back down and Les and Ted told us some more about the war. We left after we had said "thank-you" to the people at the R.S.L. by Tess

Yinnar Sports

On Thursday Hazelwood North Primary School went to the Yinnar and District Sports. Schools that participated were Hazelwood North, Churchill, Churchill North, Lumen Christi, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Boolarra and Thorpdale. The events were shotput, discus, long jump, high jump, sprint and long distance. Instead of shotput and discus preps, 1's and 2's did bean bag distance and bean bag accuracy. We rotated around activities in our age groups. Grades 3-6's did relays and everybody else cheered them on. Later in the year, 3-6's will be going to Champion's Day, an athletic event at Newborough. - By Mitch W

Crazy Hair Day

On Monday, everyone came to school with wild hair except for the teachers. At assembly some of the teachers got their hair done. We raised money and each teacher had an amount of money that we had to reach before they could get their hair crazy. It was fun for everyone and even Mr. Quirk got his hair coloured. Everyone had colourful hair and it was awesome!

We raised \$276 for cystic fibrosis. Cystic fibrosis is a disease in the lungs. People with it become very ill and even die. We hope that the money that we raised can save someone's life or at least expand their life.

We thank all of the students at our school for pitching in to help people with cystic fibrosis.



Kurnai College Junior Campus

Kurnai Idol Auditions...

Kurnai Idol auditions have occurred across all campuses of the college. Large numbers of students contended for the top 11 positions available to go into the next round – the Heats.

Throughout the lunch breaks of term 2 at each campus are when the heats will take place.

The Era of ... The Bands

There are a number of college and campus based bands that all 120 or so music students participate in. College bands consist of students from all campuses and rehearse after school from 3 till 4pm.

Morwell campus hosts the KP NoiseMakers, whilst Churchill hosts the Big Band.

At each of the campuses there are also a number of campus based bands that are voice/rhythm section orientated as well as concert band.

Multi Cultural Festival...

Kurnai College Music recently participated in the Schools Multi Cultural Concert at Kernot Hall. Music students from all Kurnai College campuses were selected to be featured in a massed combined item that celebrated music from the American continent, with pop or "American" music chosen to represent North America and the percussive drive of the Samba to feature South America.

The Australian influence was shown through the choice of song Absolutely Everybody, made popular by our very own Vanessa Amorosi.

The inclusive lyrical content of the song with the act of the Kurnai College Music presentation was notated as being "the highlight of the show" (The Express 17th March, page

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The Kernot Hall stage was just large enough for the 50 strong combined Kurnai students of KP NoiseMakers, The Projectors, selected vocalists for Morwell and Churchill campuses, plus the massive Horn/Wind section.

Each instrument section was clearly featured throughout the presentation both on and off stage into the audience.

The experienced students were well supported by those students that started music at Kurnai College for the first time this year.

Accolades were received from a number Teachers and principals of participating schools, as well as feeder primary schools and parents that were in the audience.

Roses and Rhythm Festival...

A group from the GEP campus performed again at this year's festival, held in the Rose Garden in Morwell. Students Vanessa Gillett, Courtney Semple and Lachlan Stirling performed an acoustic bracket of past and current pop and ballad items.

Looking towards Mt Gambier...

The Big Band is looking at attending the Generations In Jazz Festival in Mt Gambier in May of the year.

The festival in nationwide, with secondary schools bands attending from all over the country to play in the various divisions.

In 2010, the winner of the division one section also performed on Hey Hey It's Saturday.

The festival is organised and supported by high profile Australian musicians like James Morrison.

The 17 piece Big Band from Kurnai College is fundraising to assist in minimising to costs to

get to the Festival.

The sound, spirit and will exists within the group. Any financial assistance towards this trip will be greatly appreciated.

For information about Kurnai College Music, contact Joseph Bonnici on 5132 3700.

Kurnai College Swimming Sports

For the first time, Kurnai College recently held a combined swimming sports with students competing from all three campuses. Held at the outdoor pool in Moe, students participated in a variety of events including swimming, diving and novel events.

In what was also a first for the College, students competed in newly formed Houses named after sporting greats Ian Thorpe, Cathy Freeman, Tim Forsyth and Peter Siddle.

Cloud cover and some rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of students and a few teachers who braved the cold water. There were some outstanding performances on the day, and 12 swimmers went on to represent Kurnai College at the Gippsland Swimming Championships.

Victors of this inaugural event were Forsyth, followed by Thorpe, Freeman and Siddle.

Kurnai College Churchill Campus

Fun Run

On Friday the 10 March the students of Kurnai College competed in their annual fun. Doubling as the cross country trials the event was used as a fund raiser for the Physical Education faculty. Medals will be presented to the place getters of each category and a trophy will be awarded to the fastest male and female. Ellis Hayes-Hills, in year seven, took out the boys section and Chelsea Chambers posted the quickest time for the girls section. The Lake Hyland walking track was the venue for the event. The results for each year level in the 4k run are listed below: Year 7 - Male – 1st Ellis Hayes-Hills 18:44, 2nd Oakley Martin 18:48, 3rd Tyson Key 18:49

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Year 9 Male – 1st Isaac Van Rhine 18:50, 2nd Daniel Brick 20:00, 3rd Toby Richards 20:31

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Year 10 Male – 1st Ben Skinner 23:47, 2nd Jayden Hawkins 25:30, 3rd Nathan Noblett 26:02

Year 10 Female – 1st Tahlia Flake 26:52, 2nd Laura Stratford 38:15, Darcy Britton 38:15.

Ellis Hayes-Hills traversing the bridge and well on his way to quickest time of the day.

Isaac Van Rhine and Daniel Brick battle it

out for the first place medal in the year nine male category.

Gippsland Regional Swimming Championships

By Robyn Fitzpatrick

12 students from Kurnai College made it through to swim at the Gippsland Regional Championships on Thursday 17th March.

Fabienne Schoutens, Sharna Smith, Cassandra Godden and Sarah Mayo came 1st in the 15/16 girls Medley relay.

Sarah Mayo also came 1st in her 50m Breaststroke event.

Stacey Webster received a 2nd place in her 50m Backstroke event and 3rd in her 50m Freestyle while she also competed in 50m Butterfly.

Regan Webster received a 3rd place in her 50m Breaststroke event and also competed in the 100m Backstroke and 400m Freestyle.

Ryan Peter, Samuel Solomon, Bradley Rogers and Caiden Gill came 1st in the 13/14 boys Medley relay.

Caiden Gill also came 1st in his 50m Butterfly, Freestyle and Backstroke events and also competed in 50m Breaststroke.

Daniel Gill came first in his 50m Breaststroke event.

Tom Morrison came 1st in his 400m Freestyle event and also competed in 50m Breaststroke.

It was a great day for the students with all the 1st place getters going onto compete at the Secondary Schools State Finals on Thursday 7th April.

Annual Fun Run

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Churchill North Primary School



Our School Captains

The Churchill North School Captains for 2011 are Breanna K-D and Blake H. Breanna's interests outside of school are; football, soccer, basketball, volleyball and netball. Her favourite activities at school include; sport, art, computers, clubs and playing with friends. As school captain she would like to open up the school canteen, try to get better computers for the school and more sports equipment. Breanna would like to be a vet when she grows up.

Blake interests outside of school are; basketball, swimming, motor bikes, soccer and football. His favourite activities at school include; computers, sports and science. As school captain he would like to open the school canteen, make speeches and help people. Blake would like to be a builder or a vet when he grows up.

By Ebonie (grade 3/4)



Earthquakes & Volcanoes

After the devastating earthquakes in New Zealand recently, Grade 5/6 have been examining earthquakes and volcanoes, focusing on how they form. The initial discussion stemming from the natural disaster in New Zealand got students asking questions and researching about movement in the earth's crust, which lead to an investigative project on tectonic plates and what happens when they bump, rub or pull apart from each other. As well as a geological focus, the students developed scientific skills in order to recreate the result of tectonic plate movement (creating a working volcano).

'At Churchill North Primary I interviewed Cheyenne and Blake about the volcanoes they made in class. Before they made their volcanoes they chose their partners, then shredded paper and made papier m ché out of it then the two buddies got a bit of cardboard and put a tube in it, then they made it into a cone shape. It took about three weeks to dry then they painted it brown and decorated it. I also interviewed and took a photo of Emily and Cayleigh's volcano; they told me they enjoyed making the volcano and challenging themselves with the papier m ché cone shape and to complete their overall piece on time.'

By Shaylah (grade 3/4)

Lunchtime Links

During the school terms Maryanne Lugton organises 'Lunchtime Links' which is a free activity based program providing opportunities for students to play games they may not experience in their everyday lives outside of school. This program encourages interactions between different age levels from; prep to grade two students and grades three to six. Activities encourage and refine skills not only in specific sports but also in fine and gross motor development. The organisational roles and responsibilities in running the program have been assigned to different student volunteers from grade four to six. The experiences these volunteer organisers gain by preparing, running and being responsible for equipment provide opportunities for character development and teach skills which are of great value not only within the school but later on in life as well.



Yinnar & District Sports Carnival

The annual Yinnar and District sports was held recently where a variety of local schools come together for a day of good fun and sportsmanship, competing in a variety of track and field events. This is a great opportunity for

our students to showcase their abilities and promote the positive attitude our school embraces, where all students give it their best shot and well celebrate all achievements and effort.

'All students had lots of fun participating in all different types of events. Thank you to Mrs Hanratty for her efforts to help all the students do our best. Thanks to all the teachers and parents for making the day run smoothly. I had

a wonderful and amazing day at all my events; long jump, distance run, shot put, discus and high jump.'

By Jessica (Grade 5/6)

Churchill Primary School



Visit from Russell Northe

Russell Northe came to Churchill Primary School to present the School Captains, House Captains and Junior School Council with their badges. He attended our assembly and he congratulated the leaders on attaining leadership positions in the school. He wished them, and the whole school, the best for the school year.



Playgroup

Playgroup is continuing on Fridays at 9:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m. It is held in the GP room at the school. All mums and toddlers welcome.



Football Clinic

We thank Churchill Footy Club for sending three representatives to our school to run a footy clinic for grades 3 – 6.

They taught us how to kick properly, kick off the wrong foot, take speckys and how to bump. Then we played a game where the people in the middle had a go at kicking out and the others on the outer had to go and get the balls and return them. There was a lot of things happening and I learned how to take a specky properly. You run towards the ball and put the side of the knee onto the opponent's shoulder.
By Bailey Flanigan



Our Seemore Club

The SEEMORE CLUB is a combination of our Safety Club and Peer Mediators. Our House Captains have taken on this role in the school. They will be in the playground each lunch time, ready to help out students who may need a friend or a helping hand to solve any issues. They are also on the look-out for hazards in the playground which may need investigating. Their role in the yard is to promote personal and physical safety for all of our students. They will be running events during the year related to safety.

Sports Days and Achievements

We have had our School Sports and it was the turn of Blue House to win. We had a great day and the students were running, jumping and throwing with lots of enthusiasm.

The Yinnar & District Sports day was also a great day and we congratulate Yinnar on winning this year. It was great to see smaller schools getting high up on points. Our students had a great day, the weather was just right and the organisation was terrific. Again our students were enthusiastic and competitive.

Bailey Flanigan made a huge effort in athletics in Melbourne and we congratulate him for getting to state level in 70 metres, 100 metres, 200 metres and 80 metre hurdles. He learned that you have to have confidence and not be nervous.

Elephant Tales

Grades Prep, One and Two went on the bus and we went to Elephant Tales and watched a movie about the elephants. There were 2 elephants and a giraffe and a monkey and the elephants names were Seth and TuTu. The giraffe was Stretch and the Monkey was King. It was fun when we got to watch the movie. I liked it when the elephants ran and the monkeys couldn't catch up. The monkeys were cheeky to the elephants. TuTu thought her mother was gone because a rainbow took it but it was really the bad guys. By Hamish Sinclair

Pre Service Teachers

Welcome to Hollie Woodman, Nan Phong and Sandra Cultrera from Monash University. These Education students are a welcome addition to our staff and we thank them for choosing to come to Churchill Primary School. Hollie will be with us 2 days per week for the terms 1 and 3 and Nan and Sandra for two weeks.



Churchill Football Netball Club – Season 2011 Update

Welcome back to all of our past and present members, players, supporters and officials.

In the off-season our committee has been hard at work getting the ball rolling to ensure season 2011 will be one to remember for the Cougars.

We have made a number of improvements to our facilities – including removing the turf wicket from the centre of the ground, upgrades to the football change rooms, refurbishment of the social rooms and upgrades to the netball change rooms.

Work is about to commence on a new timekeepers box and viewing area above the entrance to the social rooms.

Our president for the next 12 months is again Michael Johnson, and we have a number of new faces on our committee who are looking forward to being a part of the action for the year to come.

Our football coaches this year are Tim Darby (Seniors), Lee Kelly (Reserves) and Rob Jellis (Thirds).

Tim has returned to the club after a few years away playing for Yinnar and Traralgon. Tim will be assisted by Brendan Holt and Shameus Answerth with Damian Blackford as Chairman of Selectors.

New recruits this year include Brendan Holt and Jarrod O'Meara with some former players returning to the club: Lee Kelly, Jason Sutherland, James Larkin and Troy Jenkins.

A number of our Thirds players will potentially be exposed to Senior Footy this year, which will be a great stepping stone for them in the future, and Shaun Zaggett will be moving from playing in the thirds last year to playing within the senior teams in 2011.

Congratulations to Chris Williams who has been successful in being selected in the Gippsland Power squad.

On the netball side of things we have appointed the following people to coaching roles: Rachael Paterson (A Grade), Nolene McDougall & Megan Marks (B Grade), Stacey Spence (C Grade), Linda Welsh (D Grade), and, Katrina Hutchinson & Amanda McInnes (Under 17s).

The girls have been training hard since before Christmas and are all chomping at the bit to get out on the court over the coming weeks. This year will see the introduction of an umpiring mentor and the development of new umpires and coaches along the way.

We have a number of new faces at the club this year: Lauren Dear, Courtney Moulden, Melissa DePelligrini, Lauren Hornibrook, Katrina Pizzi, Alicia Wood and Amanda Thomas.

Good luck to all our netballers in 2011, may it be a successful year on and off the court.

One of the committee's big focal points for the year is an increase to our membership base. The club is putting the call out there for all of our supporters to show your passion for our great club and become a financial member. The form is attached, and for all brand new members in 2011 you will receive a free gate entry pass into a home game during the season to come along and support the club.

Our first home game for the year was held on 2nd April vs Woodside.

The next home game will be this Saturday, 16th April vs Rosedale. We will have meals available in the function room after the game.

For more information about membership or upcoming events within the club, please contact Amanda McInnes (Secretary / Venue Manager) on 0438 230 283 or via email: amanda_barling@hotmail.com.

Churchill Football Netball Club Rejuvenates Past Players & Officials

A group of Churchill past players is rejuvenating the Churchill Football Netball Club (CFNC), Past Players & Officials association.

Past Players & Officials in any club are a vital element to the organisation's success.

Not only does it help continue old relationships, it fosters heritage and history around the club and helps generate a family feeling, where people meet regularly, enjoy each other's company and work together to make the club a better place, ultimately providing greater sporting opportunities for our youth.

First formed in 1986, the CFNC Past Players and Officials Association flourished for a number of years with a very active membership and a number of reunions and functions. During this period Past Players and Officials raised money and provided funds and assistance to

support junior football in our town. They also played a key part in rebuilding the Club's history following the clubroom fires where much of the clubs memorabilia and history was destroyed.

Since those initial days, the CFNC has actively developed their netball involvement and become very successful at all levels in their leagues competitions. The Club's netballers now also boast a substantial list of Past Players & Officials.

Following a reasonably dormant period, a core group of ex-players, (ie. footballers and netballers) are busily working to rebuild their association.

This group has targeted the North Gippsland Football League's "heritage" weekend, round eight on the 28th May, as their official comeback.

The group is organising a day/night event, commencing at half time of the senior game against Heyfield, followed by a post match function commencing at 7:00pm in their Club's function room. It is anticipated that over 150 past players will attend this event. Old acquaintances will once again be rekindled and many goals scored during the discussions that will no doubt take place on the day.

The organising group is calling for your support.

They would love to hear from anyone who

may have CFNC memorabilia from any era of the club.

They would like to scan photos, get access to playing records, history about the club, medals, flags, etc, that may be sitting in cupboards collecting dust. If you would like to donate, or loan your memorabilia for scanning etc, please contact Kevin "Pedro" Neille by e-mail at kbneille@wideband.net.au. You can also call Pedro on mobile 0407 803 885. Alternatively you can contact Club Vice-President, Mark Answerth on e-mail manswerth@creditcollect.com.au or on mobile 0439 750 088. These guys would love to talk with you and arrange the safe keeping of your materials.

Details about the Heritage Weekend, Past Players and Officials event, can be viewed on posters at a variety of shop fronts around town and at the CFNC. Past Players registered on the Club's databases will also receive personal invitations to the event. Invitations will be mailed out early to mid April, so if you haven't received an invite, you may not be on their database. To be included, contact the guys above with your details and they will promptly get your invite to you. See you there for a great day.

It's the rejuvenation of the Churchill Football Netball Club

Past Player

To mark this event we are holding our Heritage game celebration on round eight 28th May 2001 against our old foe Heyfield.

Come and join our great event. We're having a day and night function. Come along to either or both of these sessions.

Day Function

Ex Footballers, Netballers, Committee, Life Members, Trainers, Members and Supporters all coming together for a great day to barrack along our current day players, renew acquaintances and remember and relive old times.

Night Function

Our night function

commences at 7.00pm till 12.00am. There will be a formal welcome, recognitions and a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the commencement of Roos Era., also the anniversary of the 1951 Senior, 2001 Seconds and Thirds and 2001 D Grade Netball Premiership.


Dress is smart casual (no denim guys) cost \$10.00 each for Past Players, partners and guests.

Finger food will be supplied.

This will be a great event!


If you are a Past Player we just need you to be there!

Make sure you are on the Club's database by contacting Pedro Neille on email: kbneille@wideband.net.au and send your contact details.



Churchill Football Netball Club

MEMBERSHIP 2011



Member Information

Please complete this form and return to the Club in person or via post with cheque or credit card details.

Post to: **Churchill Football Netball Club
PO BOX 111
Churchill 3842**

Name: _____








Postal Address: _____

Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Type of membership (please tick):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cougar Gold Cougar General benefits plus admission to all home games, entry into regular home game cash draws, entry into \$500 cash draw, \$10 voucher towards club apparel, home game afternoon tea and gold membership card	\$130
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cougar Gold Couple Cougar General benefits plus admission to all home games, entry into regular home game cash draws, entry into \$500 cash draw, \$15 voucher towards club apparel, home game afternoon tea and two gold membership cards.	\$240
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cougar General/Social/Student Club newsletter, voting rights and membership card.	\$50

In lodging this application, I agree to abide by the CFNC Guiding Principles

Signature of member: _____

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Churchill Football Netball Club CARES

- Care about our players and members
- Acknowledge our responsibilities to the community
- Respect our team mates, opponents & facilities
- Encourage everyone to achieve their goals
- Support our principle of a family friendly club

If paying by credit card, please complete the information below and return with the membership form to CFNC for processing.

Name on card: _____	Amount to be paid: _____
Credit card number: _____ / _____ / _____	Expiry date: _____ / _____
Card type (please circle): Mastercard VISA Bankcard	
Signature of cardholder: _____	Date of signing: _____

Churchill Tennis Club



An invitation is extended to local residents to join in the following Social Tennis Program which is held at the Churchill Tennis each Monday at 1.00pm

The 35+ Seniors' Social Program aims to provide those aged 35+ with the opportunity to play tennis on a social basis.

Participants can play as much tennis as they wish, with the emphasis on playing fun, social tennis in a relaxed setting without the pressure of competition.

The program is open to players of all standards, from beginners to advanced and also for those who have previously

played tennis and wish to get back into the sport.

Benefits of the program include:

- Great for health, fun and fitness
- Meet and socialise with others in your community
- Some tennis racquets are available and balls supplied
- Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee after the tennis
- Coordinated by helpful and enthusiastic club volunteers

Carol Scott, Treasurer of the Churchill Tennis Club is the local Coordinator and enquiries can be made on 5183 6168.

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

12/03/2011 Foursomes Championship - Final Round:
 DAY WINNERS: C Thomas and G Walsh (16) 61. R/UP: J Thornby and G Down (21 1/2) 62. DTL: A Body and G Hornsby 65 1/2, R Jenkins and B Baldock 66 1/2, P Ludlow & R Welsh 67 1/2, P Coad & P Sherridan 68. NTP: 3rd C Thomas. 5th C Thomas. 12th P Ludlow. 14th H Martin.

2011 Foursomes Champions:
 C Thomas and G Walsh 130. R/UP: G Down and J Thornby 133.

13/03/2011- Stableford:
 WINNER: J Ambrosini (24) 36pts.
 LADIES - Sunday 13th March. Stableford.
 WINNER: M McConville (25) 34pts.

15/03/2011 - Tuesday:
 Captains and Presidents Day - Stableford. WINNERS: Capt. M McConville (25) 39pts.c/b. R/UP: D Thomas (29) 39pts. Pres. L Peake (41) 40pts. R/UP: D Judkins (40) 37pts. DTL: J Leslie 34pts, B Beebe 34pts, J Beck 34pts, D Scurlock 33pts, NTP: 3rd D Thomas. 5th C Ellis. 14th M Dear. BIRDIE: 3rd D Scurlock. WINNING TEAM: Presidents 311pts.

19/03/2011 Stableford:
 Winners A. Grade W. Peter (18) 41 pts; B. Grade J. Banfield (24) 35 pts; C. Grade D. Steyn (27) 39 pts. DTL J. Thornby 39, B. Downie 38, G. Down 38, A. Sherrock 37, H. Martin 37, M. Smith 36 c/b NTP 3rd D. Byers, 12th G. Down, 14th J. Thornby. Birdies 12th B. Forrest.

20/03/2011 Stableford Mens Winner B. Downie (13) 36 pts

20/03/2011 Stableford Ladies:
 Winner J.Blizzard (30) 39 pts

22/03/2011 Ladies Open Day 4 BBB Stableford:
 Winners D. Judkins (39) A. Williams (24) 44 pts; Runner Up L. Pinner (21) S. Carmody (22) 43 pts. Best 9 In M. Munckton (37) J. Catherwood (23) 23 pts, Best 9 Out S. Trail (22) S. Hughes (31) 23 pts; DTL J. Leslie (28) T. Reside (28) 42 pts;
 M. Dear (36) M. Kamphius (25) 41 pts NTP 3rd M. Proudfoot, 12th J. Woznica

26/03/2011 Monthly Medal Mens Stroke:
 A. Grade M. Smart(12) 65 Monthly Medal Winner, B. Grade G. Hornsby (21) 67, C. Grade T. Collins (21) 66. DTL P. Smart 66, D. Scurlock 68, F. Sedjak 69, P. Shields 69, K. Hills 69, T. Webb 69, B. Downie 71 NTP 3rd P. Smart, 12th P. Smart, 5th M. Smith, 14th T. Webb. Birdies P. Smart

12th Scratch Winner D. Scurlock 68 New Course Record D. Scurlock 68 off the stick.

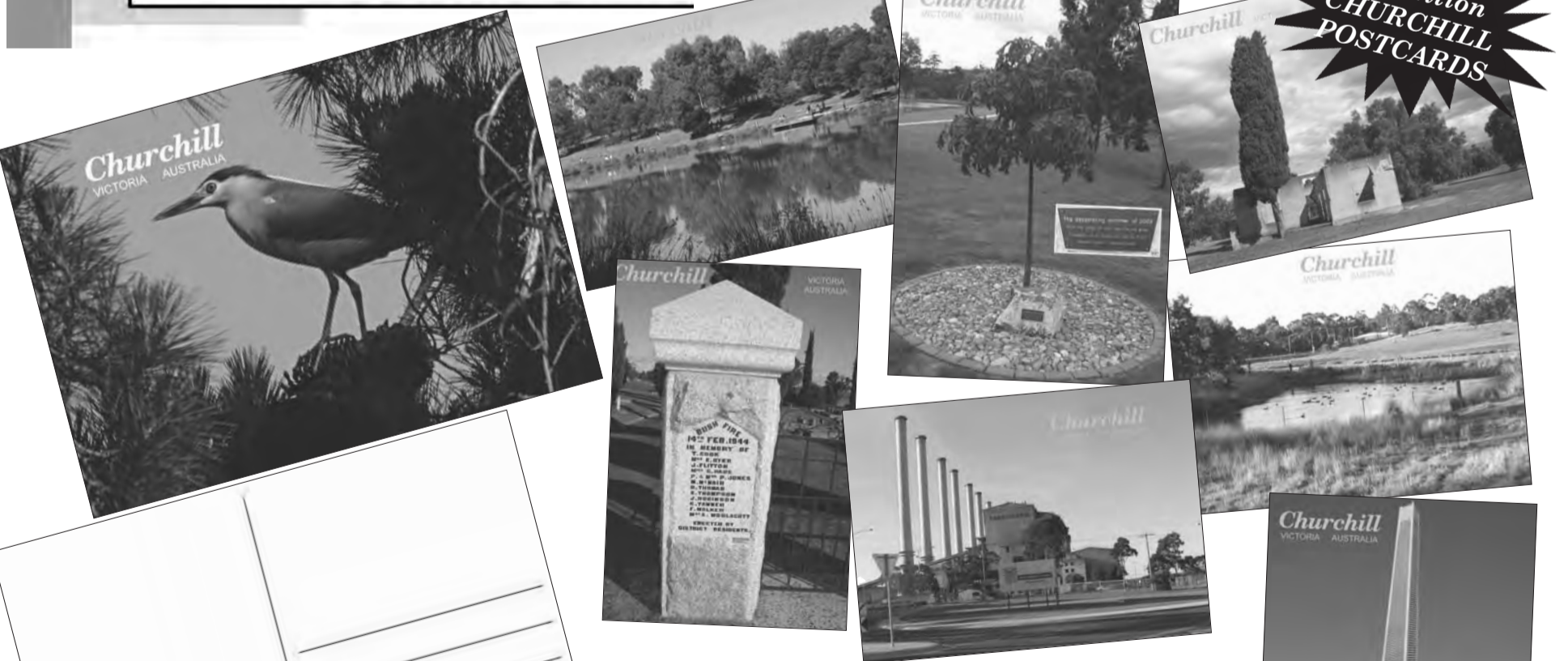
27/03/2011 Toongabbie Challenge:
 Winners P. Jordan(30) T. Webb(8) J. Leslie (27) 70 net 59 1/6, Runners Up B. Downie (13) J. Robbins (28) A. Hibbert (35) M. Munckton 74 net 59 7/8,
 Visitors I. Bloomquist (22) R. Thomas (26) L. Thomas (26) 76 net 63 2/3, DTL W. Judkins (22) D. Judkins (39) W. Peter (18) 74 net 60 5/6, N. Lugton (14) G. Down (25) B. Beebe (35) 74 net 61 4/6. NTP Mens 3rd G. Beyer, 5th P. Jordan, 12th P. Smart, 14th R. Brown Ladies 12th D. Scurlock Winner of Challenge Churchill

29/03/2011 Par Ladies:
 A. Grade Winner D. Thomas (29) +1 c/b, B. Grade B. Beebe -2 c/b, DTL D. Scurlock (14) +1, M. Dear (35) -2, J. Blizzard -3 c/b
 Longest Drive 0-34 J. Blizzard, 35-45 B. Beebe NTP 5th 35-45 (2 shot) A. Chapman, 12th J. Blizzard.

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Churchill North Primary School After School Care & Playgroup

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- Interact with other adults, learn simple rules & routines

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Construction
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Stories & much more

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When: Wednesdays (during school terms)

Time: 9.00—11.00 am

Bring: A healthy snack & drink

Cost: Gold coin

