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Gippsland Toy Run Motorcyclists Partner with Local Primary Schools



Bikers representing the Gippsland Motorcyclists Toy Run visited eight Primary Schools around the Latrobe Valley to pick up the toys and goods pupils have collected to support this worthy cause.

The schools who participated this year included Newborough, Newborough East, Yallourn North, Tyers, Kosciusko Street, Traralgon South, Hazelwood North and Churchill. Bikers attended an assembly of all the pupils of each school to show off their machines and thank the pupils for their donations. During the visit, bike safety was emphasised and speakers from the Latrobe City and the Salvation Army also showed their appreciation for the effort made.

Toy Run Co-ordinator, Alf Vella, said that

of all the Toy Runs being conducted around the country, the Gippsland Toy Run was unique in that it involved primary schools, and has done so for 9 of its 11 years. So it's developed into a partnership between bikers and school kids. This year, the total value of toys and goods collected from the school added up to the phenomenal sum of \$10,600.

The 11th Gippsland Motorcyclist toy run was held on Saturday 4th of December under clear blue skies. A far cry from the tropical deluges experienced during the week and with sunshine came large numbers of riders out to enjoy the great weather and support a cause that is close to the hearts of the motorcyclists across the country to help the Salvo's and St

Vinnies brighten the Christmas of many families in need.

This year the phenomenal amount of \$53,000 in donations, sponsorships and raffle receipts has accumulated and items filled 3 trucks, which were located at Old Gipps town.

Many locals came out to view the parade of bikes as they made their way through Traralgon, Morwell and on to Old Gipps town in Moe.

The Toy Run itself was the final stage of many months of planning by the three organizing bike clubs, The Eastern Riders, Ulysses Gippsland Central Branch and the Us and Them Tourers. Many corporations, individuals and primary schools became involved in the collection and donation of

goods and toy's and early planning is already taking place for 2011.

Local charities say that this year's collection will be able to meet the needs of every family who seeks support this Christmas and that's something that the bikers are proud of.



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Monday December 20th 2010 at 8pm

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CAR PARKING: Use the main car parking area above the GEP and walk down.

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GETTING THERE: There are two pathways down from the car parking areas.

WHAT TO BRING: a chair, (no seating is provided) candle, matches, cushion and rug, money for the collection which is in aid of the breakfast clubs at our local schools.

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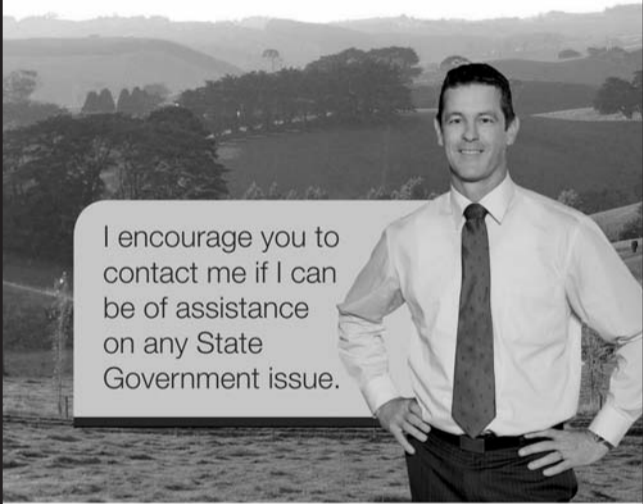
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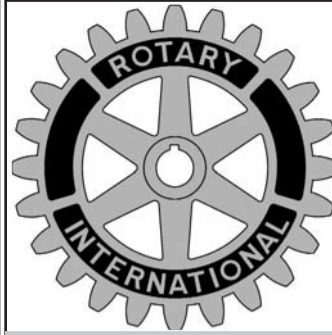
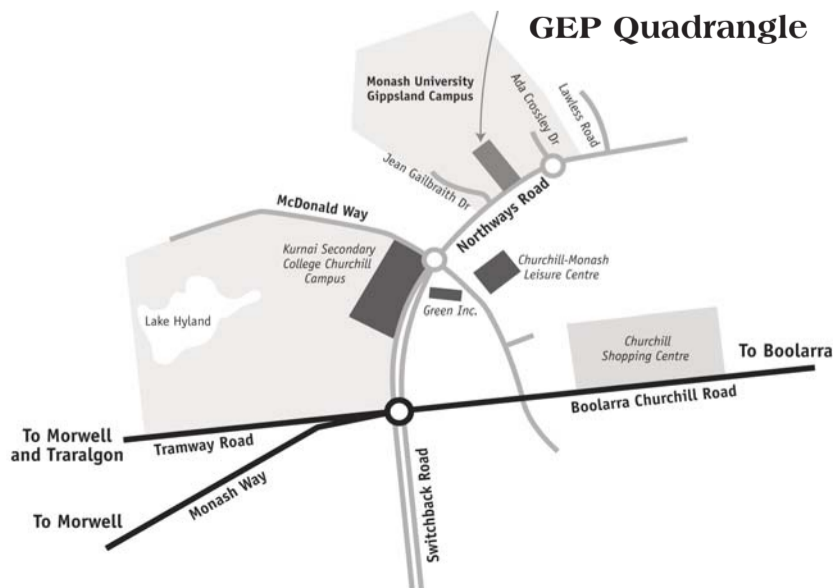
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Not only is it unacceptable for this violence to take place, it is unacceptable that we allow certain behaviours and attitudes to go unchallenged.

Some of us experience violence first hand. Others hear stories of violence against women.

Others observe it or look on from afar. The worst part? We remain silent.

If we are to move our society forward and prevent violence against women from occurring, we must speak out. We must take action to challenge attitudes and behaviours. We must not remain silent.

The White Ribbon Campaign is the only national violence prevention campaign, and it is unique in that it aims to raise awareness among Australian men and boys about the roles they can play to prevent violence against women. The campaign calls for men across

Australia to speak out and take an oath swearing never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

Members of the Churchill and District News team took the opportunity at their last meeting to sign the following oath that the organisation and its members: *'does not condone violence against women, or excuse violence against women, and will not remain silent about violence against women'.*

For more information about White Ribbon Day go to: <http://www.whiteribbonday.org.au/>

If you or someone you know is experiencing violence and needs help or support, please contact one of the support services below:

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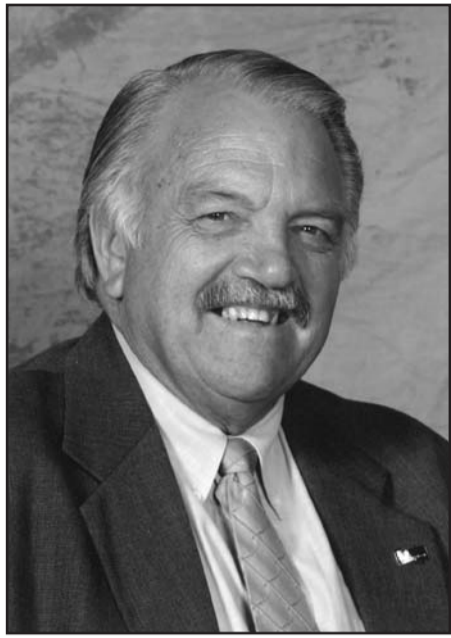
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The reconstruction of Philip Parade is proceeding largely according to plan. The western side of the stretch between McDonald Way and Georgina Place has been completed, and the remainder of the contract will be completed in stages over the next few months.

Construction works have consistently been held up because of wet weather and the contractors are expecting to complete the project in late February 2011 if there are no further hold ups.

The original plan was to have the drop-off area and parking bays between the Churchill and District Community Hub and the skate park built as the first stage of the project.

However, the completion of this work has been delayed, and alternative temporary arrangements for set down and pick up areas for the Hub will be put in place until the new area is finalised.

Eel Hole Creek and Monash University Campus Precinct

The 2007 Churchill Town Centre Plan includes an upgrade of the east-west pedestrian link between the commercial centre and the Monash University campus, via Latrobe Leisure Churchill.

Monash University is currently working on a master plan for the Churchill campus. It is therefore timely to review and refine the sections of the Town Centre Plan to reflect the new development at Latrobe Leisure Churchill, incorporate the drop-off and parking area at the Hub, consider options for improving the Eel Hole Creek environment, and confirm the location and design of the east-west pedestrian link. These plans will be then able to complement the details of the Monash University Master Plan.

Consultation on refining the plans for this precinct will take place over the next few months.

Proposal to Rename the Entire Length of Dobbins Road, Jeeralang to Lindners Road

Dobbins Road, Jeeralang commences from the south at Jeeralang West Road and joins

Philip Parade

Cr Darrell White

with Lindners Road at the intersection of Outlook Drive and Morans Road.

Council understands that currently there is some confusion and concerns relating to the change of road names at this intersection. In particular, it is understood that confusion arose on Black Saturday when the CFA Fire Trucks had difficulty in locating the resident's property on Dobbins Road.

Historically, it appears that a middle section of Dobbins Roads was not constructed initially and as a consequence the northern section of Dobbins Roads was known as Lindners Road and the southern section off Jeeralang West Road was known as Dobbins Road. The confusion in road names appears to have arisen following construction of the middle section of Dobbins Road and erecting road name signage sometime after.

Council received representation from a Dobbins Road resident advising of the apparent Dobbins/Lindners Road name confusion. In response to this advice Council wrote to the six affected property owners inviting comments concerning a potential road name change.

Council is also required to ensure that a road naming proposal complies with the statutory requirements of the Geographic Place Names Act 1998, and guidelines.

In reviewing renaming options against the Act's specific principles and guidelines, the preferred option to rename the entire length of Dobbins Road to Lindners Road has been

identified as it complies with the applicable principles and guidelines.

Before Council can resolve to rename a road, it is required by the guidelines to consult with affected property owners and the general community and then seek the Registrar of Geographic Place Names approval of the proposed road name prior to publishing a notice in the Government Gazette and erecting road signs.

Council is inviting public comment concerning the proposed road rename. Written submissions addressed to Chief Executive Officer, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell, 3840 should be received by Friday 24 December 2010 and state if the person or a person acting on their behalf wishes to speak in support of the submission when the matter is considered by Council.

Written submissions will be considered by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 7 February, 2011, in the Nambur Wariga Meeting Room, Headquarters, 141 Commercial Road, Morwell, commencing at 7pm.

For further information contact Henry Morrison, telephone 5128 5641.

Christmas/New Year

With Christmas very fast approaching may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and special Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Northe's Natter



The month of November was certainly a very busy month, and I would like to thank the Churchill and District community for your support following my re-election to Parliament for the Electorate of Morwell

The last four years have been extremely busy; however it has been a fulfilling time for me and my staff. To have the opportunity to serve our community for a second term is a great honour and privilege.

I am looking forward to being part of Coalition Government and to be appointed Parliament Secretary for Small Business is an added

bonus for me personally.

The help and encouragement of community members over the past four years has been greatly appreciated, and I look forward to the new challenges that my role will continue to bring, and also the successes we will have.

I have had, in recent times, the opportunity to conduct community visits in Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra. It is not always easy for local residents to visit their Member of Parliament so these visits were instigated to provide local residents with an opportunity to converse with me in their own communities.

I want to thank those people who took the time to raise matters of local importance to my attention or simply drop by and say hello. I look forward to conducting further community visits into the future.

During the election campaign period I announced my commitment to a couple of projects that will provide significant benefits to the Churchill and District community. In Government I have indicated that Churchill will receive a 24/7 police

station. Churchill deserves a 24/7 police station so that our community can be adequately serviced in a time of need.

Our police do a wonderful job but they require greater support; hence the reason why the Baillieu Government has committed to 1,700 new police officers in Victoria. The Baillieu Government has also announced \$100,000 to upgrade lighting at Gaskin Park main reserve. This will not only benefit local sporting enthusiasts but the Churchill community more generally.

For example, I had the opportunity to visit the recent Cancer Councils "Relay for Life" event which was hosted at Gaskin Park. Participants had to contend with awful weather and I'm sure improved lighting would have made their experience just a little easier. I wish to commend the organising committee and all participants for their sterling efforts in supporting such a worthy cause. Despite the

inclement weather I understand that in excess of \$100,000 was raised, which is a mighty performance.

Speaking with many of the exhausted participants and organising committee at the conclusion of the event it was obvious that despite the bad weather and lack of sleep the Churchill "Relay For Life" was a huge success. In more exciting news for Churchill, the much anticipated opening of the redeveloped Churchill pub will provide another social meeting venue for many local residents.

With the end of the year drawing to a close, I pass on my very best wishes to all within the Churchill

and District community, and I thank you all for taking the time to contact my office, have a chat with me when I'm out and about, and for being active community members.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Remember to drive safe, and be vigilant on our roads. For those taking holidays make sure it's a safe one. For those staying in the region this summer, take the time to visit some of our local attractions and events during the festive season.

May this Christmas be a joyful one for you and your family and good luck for 2011.

Lifeline Gippsland We are Here to Help

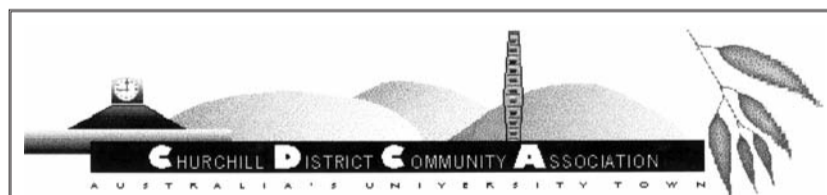
As children make inroads into their advent calendars and the countdown to Christmas gathers steam, it's important to keep in mind that whilst Christmas can be a wonderful time of year it can also be stressful for many people. Financial worries, family or other issues may feel heightened at this time of year. If you are feeling anxious or overwhelmed then it may be time to call on some extra help.

Lifeline's telephone counselling service is available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. By calling 13 11 14 you can speak to a trained counsellor about any issue you may be experiencing or you can talk over your concerns for someone else. The counsellor can also help put you in touch with other appropriate

services in your area.

Asking for help can be very difficult but, it is always better to seek help early-on rather than wait for things to get worse. Talking can be a great way to get some perspective, and whilst talking won't necessarily fix a problem, it can help start the process of identifying the problem and make you feel better knowing someone has listened to you. Lifeline counsellors are here to listen to you whatever the time of day or night.

So please remember no one needs to face their problems alone. Call Lifeline on 13 11 14 for support or dial 000 in an emergency.



Churchill & District Community Association

Wishes All Residents, Families & Friends

a Safe & Happy Festive Season

Our first meeting in 2011 will be held on

Wednesday 19th January at 7pm

Community Meeting Room

Latrobe Leisure Centre, Churchill.

Contact the CDCA at:

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President: Margaret Guthrie: 03 5122 2997

Email: mgcdca@hotmail.com



Fire Hazards Removed



Latrobe City has recently undertaken fire clean up works to remove dead or dying trees and limbs that pose a hazard to motorists.

Former Latrobe City mayor, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan, said that it was important to make local roads as safe as possible.

"These trees have been removed as they were deemed dangerous, or a potential hazard, for road users. Maintaining safe roads is something Latrobe City takes very seriously; there are other works currently taking place across the municipality, with more being prepared for the future," Cr O'Callaghan said.

Latrobe City Council acting manager Infrastructure Operations, Jody O'Kane, explained that the works have

been undertaken across most fire-affected roads in the Hazelwood / Churchill / Jeeralang district.

"Some of the lopped trees will remain in the road reserve to provide a habitat for local fauna, whilst most of the removed trees and limbs have been burnt off in woodpiles along the roadsides.

"Salvageable firewood has been transported and stockpiled by the corner of Glendonald Road and Jellefs Outlet, Hazelwood South for local residents to cut and collect.

"Roads in the area that have also had hazardous trees removed include Thompsons Road, Glendonald Road, Dusting Road, Rules Road, Crawford Road, Stonehaven Road and Dobbins Road," Mr O'Kane concluded.



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You should consider the information in the kit carefully, as the kit is just one of the tools you can use to ensure you are prepared for bushfire. For more information, CFA recommends:

Attending a local FireReady Victoria meeting or a bushfire planning

workshop in your area

Joining or establishing a neighbourhood Community Fireguard Group

Requesting a site visit from CFA to help assess your risk.

To find out more about these options visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

The Churchill Fire Brigade extends to the Churchill and District community their thanks for the wonderful support over the last year as we all continue in the recovery and rebuilding after Black Saturday, and wish all a safe, prosperous and enjoyable festive season.

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2nd and 4th Sundays:
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

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Sunday Service: 9.30am.



Churchill Christian Fellowship
Maple Crescent, Churchill.
Sunday: 10.00am
Ladies Meeting:
Tuesday 10.00am

Christmas Services

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill Christmas Eve

6.30pm: Crib Service

8.00pm: Anglican Holy Communion at Boolarra

10.30pm: Anglican Holy Communion at Churchill

Christmas Day

9.30am: UCA Family Service at Churchill

9.30am: UCA Family Service at Yinnar
Saturday 26 December

10.00am: Combined Parishes Service at Boolarra followed by a picnic lunch in the Rail Trail Park

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Sunday 19 December: Christmas Carols Service: 10.00am

Saturday 26 December: Christmas Service 10.00am

Lumen Christi / Boolarra / Yinnar Catholic Church

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Thursday 16 December: 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Mass: Friday 24 December: 8.00pm (Churchill)

Christmas Day Mass: 9.00am (Churchill)
(There is NO Saturday evening Mass at Churchill on Christmas Day)

Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday 26 December: 9am - Churchill, 10.30am - Boolarra

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God:

Saturday 1 January: 9am - Churchill
(There will be NO Saturday Evening Mass on 1 January)

Feast of the Epiphany: Sunday 2 January: 9am - Churchill, 10.30am - Yinnar

Saturday Breakfast Book Review



Saturday Breakfast participants

By Olivia Jackson

On Saturday 27th November we had our last Saturday Breakfast for the year.

13 people were present. This time, instead of having a visiting speaker, we provided our own entertainment. Each of us was asked to bring a book or two that we had enjoyed and tell the others about the book. What a variety of books we heard about!

The first was Arrivederci Roma, Hello Melbourne by Franco Dompietro. This was about Frank's early childhood in Italy, then, as a young man, deciding to immigrate to Australia and later to bring his wife and two children to settle here.

The next book chosen was Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brien. This was about

the British Navy in the 18th century. The Commander was the Ship's Surgeon. If one of the sailors had a bad injury to his leg that wouldn't heal, the Ship's Surgeon had to amputate it there at sea.

Women of the Outback by Sue Williams told of some women who had been through extraordinary difficulties, like losing a husband or child or being badly damaged in an accident, and yet still became successful and good leaders.

What Makes Us Tick by Hugh McKay writes of the author's observations interviewing numerous people in his work as a psychologist.

Other books reviewed were The Horse Who Bit a Bushranger by Jaquiss French,

The Driven by Donald Stuart, about a camel driver, Kings in Grass Castles by Mary Dusack and The Lucky Country.

There was an Omnibus of Books by James Herriot including It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet.

There was The poem of Man-God by Maria Valuator, who crippled and bed-ridden, wrote of her experiences with Christianity. Then there was a book about Masonic Research and a book called Model Aeroplane. Finally we had The Infidel by Aym Hirst Ali.

We all enjoyed hearing about such a wide variety of books and will have no trouble choosing what next to read at the library.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be in February.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY CRIB SERVICE

Come, Remember and Celebrate the Reason for the Season

Is Jesus Birthday.

Service begins at 6:30pm and runs for approximately one hour!
Service includes, re-enacting the Christmas story through, singing, activity, and receiving.

Where? Co-Operating Churches in Churchill,
Cnr. Williams Ave and McDonald Way Churchill.

When? 24th December at 6:30pm.

More information? Ring Ruth Place on 5122 1961



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Church Snippets

A highlight of the month was a combined service with Boolarra/Yinnar/Yinnar South parish at Churchill. Rev Tim Angus, head of Gippsland presbytery of the Uniting Church, gave the sermon and led the communion.

During the service, the findings from our dreaming were presented. We have some new work to consider, and some fablerite programs to continue as we step out into the future.

We also thanked Evelyn Ang, who is studying medicine at Monash for being a lovely part of our congregation for the last two years, and farewells her as she leaves to return to Singapore to be married, before returning to Australia to complete her studies at Frankston. We wish her God's blessings.

We were pleased to welcome David Lade to conduct our service of the word.

During the last week of the month we welcomed back Rev Bob Brown who has been on leave.

Christmas Club has operated for

two of the three Thursdays of the program. Children from Churchill Primary School in two sessions (/s and /s) came to the church to hear the Christmas Nativity story, do some craft and sing songs.

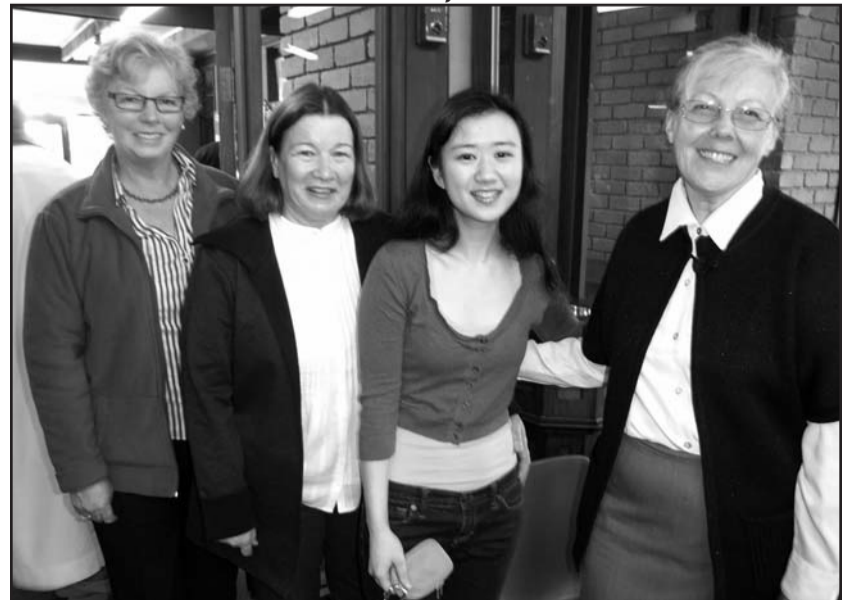
The Grade /s divided into nine groups of three and took a scene each to create from junk materials, the story of the nativity. Their results were outstanding. It is possible that the helpers had as much fun and contributed great ideas as the children. These have been photographed and made into a DUD and a booklet for the children.

Saturday Breakfast was the last for the year. People who came were asked to bring and share a book they had read this last year. There was an amazing variety of topics and types of books presented.

An invitation for the Ladies fellowship to join the Lumen Christi Women's Group for a meal and entertainment was gladly accepted. A great time was had by all and we thank them for this lovely time of fellowship.



Christmas Club participants with their scene from the Christmas Story



Farewell to Evelyn Ang. From L-R Julie Berryman, Anne Lyne, Evelyn Ang and Delma Hodges



Ray Beebe and his wife Barbara and family following presentation of Paul Harris Fellowship

Rotarians Honour Ray and Kay

Mike Answerth

Hazelwood Rotarians have honored two of their members, Ray Beebe and Kay Radford, by awarding them Paul Harris Fellowships. The announcements were made at the club's Annual Meeting held on 29 November and attended by more than fifty Rotarians and friends. Among the guests were members of the award recipients' families who had been made aware of the upcoming "surprise" event.

Past District Governor Ken McDonald presented the awards to Kay and Ray and in doing so read their respective citations.

"Kay Radford has been a member of Hazelwood Rotary since 1999 and is a Past President. Her commitment to club activities

is very strong, particularly in relation to Gippsland Rotary Centenary House where she is involved in a great deal of hands-on fundraising as Chair of the Fundraising Committee. Kay has also been involved at District level of Rotary for the past two years in the capacity of Vocational Services Advisor. She also has a long association with other community organizations & charities especially Ronald McDonald House."

"Ray Beebe has been a member of Hazelwood Rotary for 17 years and is a Past President. He has been a very committed and active Rotarian in his roles as President, Secretary, Board Member and co-ordinator of Christmas Puddings and Cake sales for a long period.

Ray has a great record of attendance and participation in club projects and is involved in community activities outside Rotary including Scouting, the Coal Valley Choir and student mentoring."

Paul Harris, after whom the award is named, was the founder of Rotary in 1905 in Chicago. Rotary Clubs are able to recognize members who have served well by nominating them for a Paul Harris Fellowship and paying US\$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation which funds Rotary's many humanitarian projects around the world.

Ray and Kay join nine other Hazelwood Rotarians who have received Paul Harris Fellowship award over the past 27 years.



Kay Radford receives her Paul Harris Fellowship from Past District Governor Ken McDonald

Rain Gauge



Spring this year has been the 9th wettest on record for the Victorian region with significant rainfall events a feature.

The humid conditions in November, according to the Bureau of Meteorology, were unseasonable with rainfall in the last week of the month almost double the amount usually

received for many locations. On 28th November 35.4mm of rain was recorded at the Latrobe Valley Airport. Our rain gauge in our garden recorded 45mm on that day.

We recorded a total of 10.5mm for the month of November with 86.8 being recorded at the Airport.

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New Committee and Rules Revision

By Margaret Guthrie, President

At our Annual General Meeting this year, CDCA resolved to undertake a review of its aims and objectives and rules of conduct. It has been some years since CDCA has undergone this process and members agreed that it was time to reflect on our purpose and procedures.

We have held a couple of special meetings for this exercise – thank you to the Churchill Bowls Club for providing a venue – and have had various good suggestions and ideas put forward, engendering lively discussion between the members who have participated.

A final draft document arising from this process will be circulated to members, seeking any further comment, prior to being debated at our January committee meeting. We hope to adopt our revised rules early in 2011.

The 2010-11 committee was also elected at our AGM, comprising some new faces, as well as some who have been participating for several years. Office Bearers were elected by, and from, the new committee membership at their first meeting.

The Committee comprised: Margaret Guthrie (President); Bruce Stephenson (Vice-President); Margaret Collins (Secretary); Charles Uber (Treasurer); Ron Bunn, Bill Brown, Ian Gibson, Peter McShane and Rob Whelan (ordinary committee members); and 'representatives' Peter Gray (Neighbourhood Watch); Teresa Pugliese (Latrobe City); Alan Scarlett (Monash University) and Dan Jordan JP

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Unfortunately our new Secretary, Margaret Collins, had to resign after only a couple of months in the role, due to increased demands of her business interests. We thank Margaret for her work with CDCA and also applaud Ron Bunn for volunteering to assist with some secretarial duties over the summer period until a new Secretary can be elected early next year.

A very special thank you also to our new VP, Bruce Stephenson, who has taken on organising the special 'rules revision' meetings, including collating comments, typing draft documents, distributing information and so forth. This has been quite a time consuming task!

Many thanks to Committee members for their input and hard work over the past few months, especially our Treasurer, Charles Uber, who has been performing this role efficiently for a couple of years now, along with other members who regularly participate, either via meeting attendance or other forms of communication.

CDCA performs an important role within our community, as evidenced by some of the 'highlights' contained in this year's Annual Report –

Public presentations, including Establishment of a Community Bank in Churchill, Proposed Park for Walker Parade and Gippsland Education Precinct Art and Cultural Pathway

Membership of a diverse range of organisations, including the Churchill

Town Centre Implementation Group, both the Churchill Hub Board and the Hub Users' Committee and the Latrobe City Business Tourism Association

Participation in community consultation forums, such as Latrobe City Bus Services review, the proposed Gaskin Park Recreation Precinct development and Council's Community Engagement strategy

Providing support for local residents and organisations to address local issues e.g. the establishment of a Churchill Lawn Bowls facility, recognition and development of Walker Parade parkland and the continuing development of Churchill's recreational pathways

Our volunteers, particularly those who take on specific committee positions, are to be commended for their hard work and commitment to our local community.

New issues can always be raised with CDCA, as items of General Business at our committee meetings, particularly if CDCA is contacted prior to agenda preparation – this usually ensures time for discussion!

CDCA's first monthly committee meeting for 2011 will be held in the community meeting room, Latrobe Leisure Centre, Churchill on Wednesday 19th January at 7pm. All local residents are welcome to observe.

Contact CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill or by phoning the President, Margaret Guthrie, on 5122 2997 or via email: mgcdca@hotmail.com

Letter to the Editor

More debate over Climate Change

I congratulate my political opponents on their campaigns, and to Russell Northe of the Nationals for winning the election. I am very pleased with my result and see this as an excellent starting point for my entry into politics. I achieved one of my principal objectives, which was to increase debate on the issue of climate change, as part of my opposition to the closure of Hazelwood. I believe that more scientific research needs to be done, before government can justify closing down industries, taking choices away from consumers, increasing the cost of living with more costly forms of energy, and putting people out of work. This was a key issue for the Morwell district, and the voters responded to it.

I invite community groups and constituents to contact me to share their thoughts and concerns. This will assist me to develop a set of policies based on the needs of people here in the Morwell district. This includes from residents in the Churchill and surrounding areas. During my campaign I spent considerable time talking to Churchill residents that were concerned about:

- insufficient public transport to Churchill,
- concerns over road maintenance & logging trucks on narrow roads used by residents,
- lack of bicycle paths in-between towns,
- the relocation of engineering courses away from the Churchill university campus,
- crime / public safety, and
- that there wasn't a full-time youth worker based in Churchill.

In time, I hope to keep improving my policies, based on the concerns of the local community, and bring hope to families and individuals, by being an alternative to the major parties.

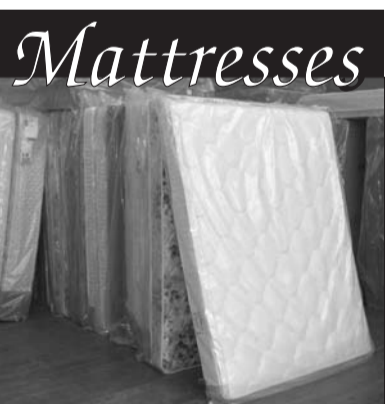
On a personal level, it was my first election and a tremendous learning experience. It has been an honour and privilege to interact with the community and to design policies which I hoped would provide solutions. I thoroughly enjoy working with others and plan to be very active over the next four years by volunteering my time to assist others, meeting regularly with local community groups, and talking to concerned members of the public.

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Letter to the Editor

Digital Reception in Churchill

Last Sunday I sat down to watch Day 4 of the 1st Ashes Test Match series. I have digital television, along with the proper antenna equipment, and it's FANTASTIC when it works properly. But that day my reception was very poor (picture freezing, pixelating and even a blank screen at times), so I switched my television over to 'analogue signal' and was still able to watch the cricket.

This led me to wonder what I will do in the future, should my digital reception be poor (as it sometimes is) when our analogue signal is turned off next May. I contacted the 'Digital Switchover Taskforce' to seek some advice on this matter.

Both the 'Digital Ready' website and the operator who answered my call to the 'Digital Ready Information Line' inform me that unfortunately, when there are certain prevailing atmospheric conditions, digital reception will be poor....'poor' meaning 'unwatchable'.

I was informed that it is the task of the local 'Digital Switchover Liaison Officer' to provide advice on, and assist in the resolution of, issues that communities are experiencing with digital television coverage and reception, including 'black spots', poor reception and the like.

I was told, however, that the Liaison Officer for this region has yet to be appointed, nor is it known when this will occur, despite the claim that Liaison Officers will be appointed approx 6 months prior to the analogue signal switch-off.

I was further advised that there is no avenue of complaint regarding reception issues arising from 'certain atmospheric conditions'. Apparently, this is something we will have to learn to live with!

I have contacted our local Federal Member, Darren Chester, to advise that the analogue switch-off seems problematic, given the unsolved reception issues with digital television.

I'd also like to know when we can expect the appointment of our local 'Digital Switchover Liaison Officer'. Their role includes "to make public presentations to local communities who require more information" and "provide advice to residents experiencing problems with the digital switchover".

I'd like to urge other residents of Churchill and district who are experiencing either digital coverage or reception problems to contact Darren Chester's office with their complaint. We need to be vocal about the quality of service we wish to be provided with.

Margaret Guthrie, Churchill

Neighbourhood Watch



Crime Report

Willful And Obscene Exposure - An offender has been charged with multiple exposure offences which occurred in Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill. Victims stated the offender had approached them wearing a beanie and nothing else. He had not attacked anyone. Offender was arrested after a report from a victim; police attended and located the offender and his vehicle.

Assaults - 3 for October (5 Sept) - In two of the assaults offenders have been charged or cautioned. One young female threw a rock at a passing vehicle causing damage to the passenger window. This is the second incident of its kind and parents need to stress to their children the dangers involved.

Property Damage - 4 for October (6 Sept) - Two offenders were charged with criminal damage. Other offences included damage to equipment at a construction site and damage to a vehicle.

Burglary - 3 for October (4 Sept) - All three burglaries occurred on residential premises. One of the premises was under construction and work tools were stolen from the house.

Theft from Motor Vehicle - Nil for October (1 Sept)

Theft of Motor Vehicle - 1 for October (1 Sept)

Theft - 1 for October (5 Sept) - Offenders entered the front yard of victim's residence and dug out a feature tree.

Burglary Reduction

As you all head off on your summer holidays, or on trips away from Christmas, this bulletin serves as a timely reminder for homeowners to

consider ways that you can protect both residential and holiday homes from burglary.

A home that looks unattended is generally an easier target for a burglar. The key to deterring burglars while you are away is to make your house look like someone's at home. Before heading off on holiday, here are some easy tips to prepare your home:

- Leave your radio on and tune it to a talkback station.
- Cancel or divert deliveries, such as newspapers.
- Alternatively, get a trusted friend or family member to spend a few hours at your home when they visit, and ask them to open different curtains etc. to change the appearance of the house to a potential burglar. Also get a trusted neighbour to take your bin out and in when they are collected, even if they are empty.
- If you are going away for an extended period of time, consider a reputable house sitter, and arrange for your lawns to be mowed.
- Divert your house phone to your mobile
- Don't give details of your holiday on your answering machine, simply say 'we/I can't come to the phone right now'.
- Leave old shoes outside the front and back doors.
- Don't leave holiday information out in plain view.

Most Police stations operate an 'Absence from Home Register', where you can leave your contact information, times and dates you'll be away. Police can use this information to perform checks in the area during usual patrols. If using this service, notify police when

you return, especially if returning earlier than planned.

Operation Unite

December 17 - 18

Police Blitz On Drunken Violence
Operation Unite will again be conducted in Gippsland towns on December 17th and 18th.

Operation Unite is a demonstration of unity and resolve by Australasian police in tackling the culture of binge drinking in public places. Its goal is to challenge the drinking public to take responsibility for its conduct and to remove alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour from our streets.

Police warn a zero tolerance policy will be taken when it comes to dealing with the Latrobe Valley's dangerous culture of binge drinking in public places. Police will not tolerate drunken, violent, unruly behaviour and people must take responsibility for their behaviour and alcohol consumption.

Operation Unite will see groups such as NHW, CBD Safety Committees, licensed premises and town businesses unite to tackle the root-causes and problems associated with alcohol abuse.

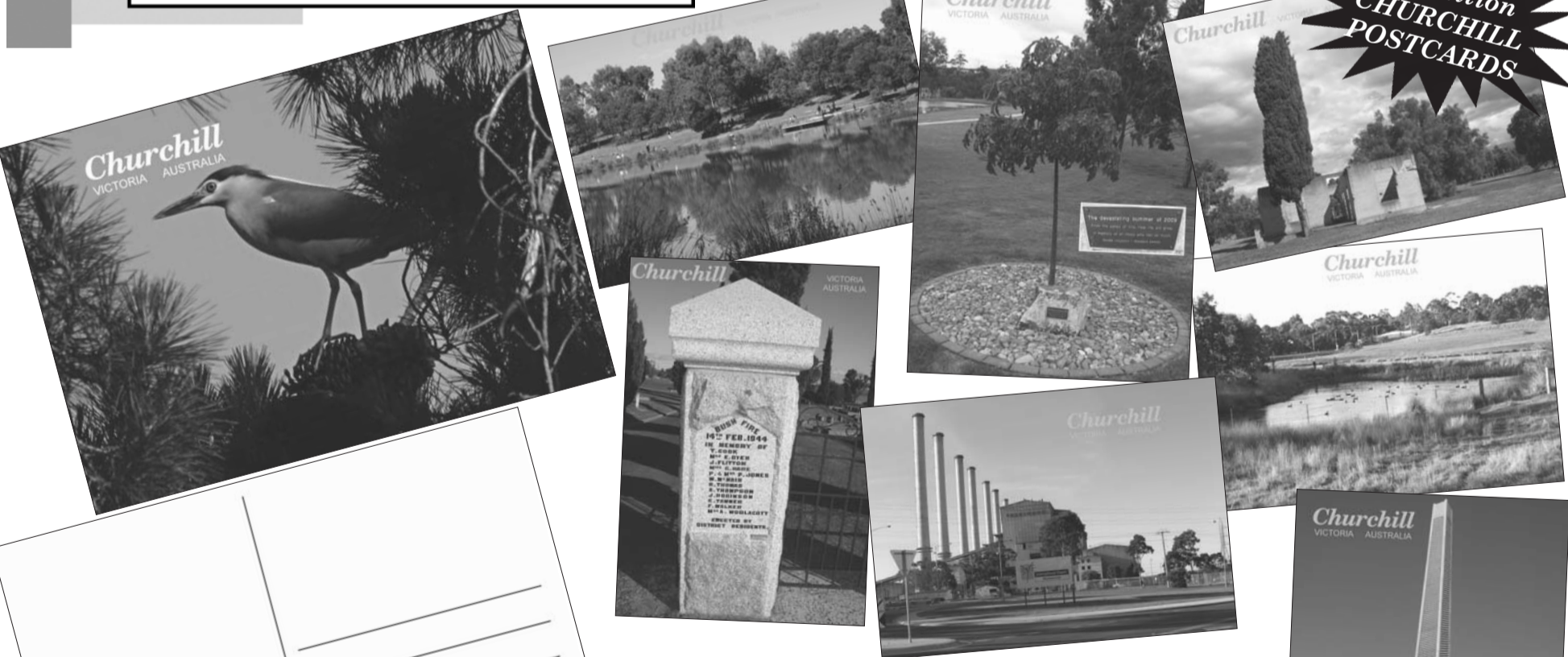
Police remind revellers they can be fined if they are found to be excessively drunk or behaving badly on LV's streets. Criminal charges will be made where appropriate.

A strong police presence will working across the Valley's busy night-time entertainment precincts. Licensing police will also target pubs and bars checking compliance with liquor license requirements.

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Jeeralang North Hall Refurbishment

It is just on twelve months since the announcement of funding to refurbish the Jeeralang North Hall, which was extensively damaged by the Black Saturday fire starting near Churchill in February 2009. The hall project has become an important icon to symbolise that the local community is succeeding with recovery in Hazelwood-Jeeralang.

The past twelve months have involved hard choices for the Hazelwood-Jeeralang Community Recovery Committee (CRC), as they have had to cut aspects of the restoration project to fit the available budget, and principally focus on the hard building. A shortfall of \$80,000 has forced cutting the site landscaping including ramping for disabled access, and put on hold a second water tank planned as an emergency water supply to support the CFA in the vicinity of the hall. It also means that internal furnishings such as tables, seating and curtains are to wait.

The CRC is grateful for the support they have had from Latrobe City Council, VRBBA -Victorian Reconstruction and Recovery Authority and GERF (Gippsland Emergency Relief

Fund), together with extensive support from McDonalds, the Bendigo Bank, and service clubs Rotary (Tasmania), Inner Wheel and the Soroptimists. The Hazelwood Jeeralang Community (Recovery) Committee has just this one capital project, and the shortfall in funds to support the project emerged quite late this year when tenders were considered.

The committee is determined to continue its hard work to secure the required funding for the restoration project, and already has several irons in the fire, awaiting answers.

Progress on the restoration project is being made. Builders' site works are in place, and site surveying has commenced. It is anticipated that the restoration of the building will be completed in April next year. The local fire affected community too has been active on site.

A replacement bus shelter was obtained and erected by locals to replace the use of the hall's foyer, for local children during reconstruction. This shelter is on loan from Latrobe City Council. Positive community spirit has been built since the fires with the

willingness of the community to continue to work hard for the area's recovery.

People affected by the bushfires in Hazelwood and Jeeralang are still living daily with the results of the fires. There are many building repairs yet to be done. Although most fencing is replaced and many primary residences have been rebuilt, there is ongoing need for assistance which may reach ahead as much as 4-5 years. Among these things to do is the removal of dead trees. This is slowly happening.

Significant support from our local community is still needed for encouragement and help.

Apart from the committee working hard, several positive initiatives have also happened. A book club has been formed and the participants are enjoying the experience of reading and discussing a variety of books. A number of community events have been staged including three large picnics and a bush dance.

Residents are fighting on but they need our support. Ask yourself how you might be able to help and then take action.



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Snakes in Mathison Park

By Ken Harris

Summer is with us, and the snakes have now become much more active. All the snakes found in this area are poisonous and must be treated with extreme caution. They all belong to the family Elapidae, which includes most of the most dangerous snakes in the world, such as the cobras of India and the Death Adder in Australia.

There are two snakes that are quite often to be seen in Mathison Park. The commonest of these is the Copperhead (Austrelaps surebus).

Copperheads are quite variable in colour, but are commonly brown on the back with orange along the lower sides and creamy underneath. They are sometimes black in the back and get confused with the Red-bellied Black Snake (Pseudechis porphyriacus) which is also found in this area, but has not so far been recorded in Mathison Park.

Copperheads are usually found in or near marshes and swamps and are to be seen around the lake and other water-holes in the park. They feed mostly on frogs and although they are usually inoffensive their bite is poisonous. Bites from copperheads are uncommon.

The other snake that has been recorded a few times in the park is the Tiger Snake (Notechis scutatis). The Tiger Snake is easily recognised by the dark bands across its body.

Tigers are considered aggressive when roused and are therefore more dangerous than the Copperhead. When aroused and when aware of your presence

close to them they can flatten out the head area giving them an appearance somewhat like a cobra with its hooded head. This effect can be seen in my photograph of a Tiger Snake in Morwell National Park. This snake also feeds mainly on frogs, but is more likely than the Copperhead to be found away from water.

One more dangerous snake is found in our area but so far not in Mathison Park. This is the Eastern Brown Snake (Pseudonaja textilis). This is the largest snake in the area growing up to 1.5 metres. It is a fast moving snake and is generally found away from water, feeding mainly on small mammals and reptiles. Adults are usually uniform brown.

Finally the only other snake I have seen in the region is the White-lipped Snake (Drysdalia coronoides). It is recognised by the white line on its upper lip. It is much smaller than the other four only reaching 40 cm. It is still venomous, but is not considered dangerous to humans. I have only ever come across one in the Valley, one I dug up while tree-planting in Morwell National Park.

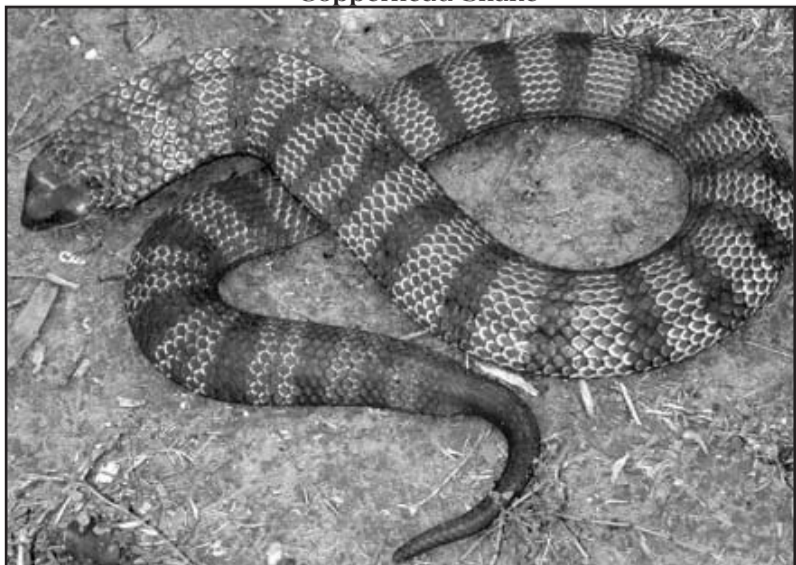
Be wary of snakes in Mathison Park this summer!



Tiger Snake



Copperhead Snake



Tiger Snake

University Advice Available For Students

Monash University staff will be visiting secondary schools across Gippsland as part of their annual Year 12 information service during Change of Preference week.

With the release of VCE results on December 13, many students will be weighing up their options for 2011 and looking for advice on how to make the most of their opportunities for further study. The free information sessions will give students and their parents the chance to discuss suitable courses, alternative entry options, finance, student support and accommodation.

Giuseppe Marino, Student Recruitment Coordinator at Monash's Gippsland campus, said the sessions were ideal for anyone looking for advice about tertiary study.

"Whether you receive a lower or higher ATAR score than you expected, or are just unsure about what step to take next, these sessions are a great way to speak face-to-face with university staff and get the answers you need," Mr Marino said.

"Monash has been conducting these

sessions across the region for a number of years and we've found that students really appreciate the convenience of having them held in their area."

Mr Marino said Monash staff were happy to assist with any university study enquiries and were working hard to ensure students and their parents were aware of all the options available to them.

"Students often think they're at a dead end if they don't receive a high score or aren't sure whether they want to commit to a full degree at university. Many are surprised about the alternative entry pathways available and the flexibility that modern universities such as Monash offer."

Students and parents from all schools are welcome to attend any of the advertised information sessions, and Monash also encourages enquiries from mature age and non-Year 12 students.

A schedule of locations and times for the Monash Gippsland Change of Preference Tour is available at www.gippsland.monash.edu/2011.

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'A very popular cake in Sri Lanka, no one knows why it is called by this name,' says Charmaine Solomon. 'There are many recipes, some using butter while others do not, some insisting that only egg yolks should be used, and others including the egg whites as well. Here is my favourite recipe.' Love cake is traditionally part of Sri Lankan Christmas fare.

Oven temperature: 150 C

Baking time: about 1 hour

Ingredients

7 eggs separated

500 g caster sugar

250 g semolina

375 g raw cashews, finely chopped

2 tablespoons light rose water (not essence, a few drops of essence may be used instead)

2 tablespoons honey

½ tspn finely grated lemon rind

½ tspn ground mace or nutmeg

½ tspn cardamom powder

½ tspn almond essence, optional

Method

Grease and line a 20 cm square tin with 2 thicknesses of greaseproof paper. Brush inner paper with melted butter. Beat egg yolks and caster sugar till light and creamy. Stir in semolina, cashews, rose water, honey, lemon rind, spices and almond essence. Beat egg whites until they hold firm peaks and fold into mixture. Turn into prepared tin and bake in a moderately slow oven until cake is evenly golden brown on top and feels firm to the touch. If cake starts to brown too quickly, cover top with paper or foil.

When cooked, the centre of the cake should still be somewhat moist, so the skewer test is not recommended.

Remove from oven and leave in the tin to get quite cold before cutting. Do not attempt to turn out this cake. Cut into small squares and lift each one separately on to serving plate.





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Season's Greetings

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From
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Entertainment for December

Friday 17 December
Unknown Quantity

Saturday 18 December
Hot Property

Sunday 19 December
Old Time Dance

Featuring Ken & Alice Rae
Friday 24 December

Revolver
Saturday 25 December
No Entertainment



Christmas Day Luncheon

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Friday 31st December: New Year's Eve with:
Hound Dogs
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Bookings now being taken for NEW YEAR'S EVE
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Telephone: 5134 2455

Latrobe City's Councillors and staff extend Season's Greetings to all residents

and advise that the following arrangements have been put into place for the Christmas and New Year period.

COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRES AND LIBRARIES

All Council Service Centres and Libraries will close at 12 noon on Friday 24 December 2010. Service Centres in Moe, Morwell Headquarters and Traralgon will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 4 January 2011. Libraries in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon will reopen at 10am on Tuesday 4 January 2011. Churchill Service Centre and Library will reopen at 11am on Tuesday 4 January 2011.

EMERGENCIES

For emergencies within the municipality, outside of office hours, contact 0408 512 953

LOST OR STRAY PETS

From 12 noon Friday 24 December to 8.30am Tuesday 4 January contact the emergencies after-hours number 0408 512 953

IMPOUNDED PETS

Council's pound facility in Driffield Road Morwell will be open for the release of impounded pets from 9am to 10am on Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 December. Impounded pets may be viewed 24/7 on Council's impound register online at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Garbage and recycling collection service
Collections will be at the normal times. For service queries over the holidays period please contact Cleanaway telephone 1800 007 543.



Transfer Stations

– **Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Yinnar**
Saturday 25 December **Closed**

Open normal hours all other days

For service queries during the holiday period please contact Dasma, telephone 5133 6000

Pine Gro green waste collection centres

Saturday 25 December **Closed**

Saturday 1 January **Closed**

Open normal hours all other days:

Morwell 8.30am - 4pm weekdays, 9am - 5pm weekends

Traralgon and Moe 9am - 5pm weekends only

For further information contact Pine Gro, telephone 5122 2036

RECREATION

Latrobe Leisure Moe Newborough and Latrobe Leisure Morwell

Friday 24 December 6am – 1pm

Saturday 25 December **Closed**

Sunday 26 December **Closed**

Monday 27 December to

Friday 31 December 10am – 4pm

Saturday 1 January **Closed**

Sunday 2 January to

Monday 3 January 10am – 4pm

Normal operating hours resume Tuesday 4 January

Latrobe Leisure Churchill

Friday 24 December 6am – 1pm

Saturday 25 December **Closed**

Sunday 26 December **Closed**

Monday 27 December to

Friday 31 December 10am – 4pm

Saturday 1 January **Closed**

Sunday 2 January 10am – 4pm

Sunday 9 January 10am – 4pm

Normal operating hours resume Monday 11 January

Traralgon Sports Stadium

Saturday 18 December to Sunday 16 January **Closed**

Outdoor Pools

– **Moe, Traralgon and Yallourn North**

Guaranteed to be open 3pm – 5pm daily during school holidays. If temperature is forecast 23 degrees or above the pools will be open 12 noon – 7pm

Saturday 25 December **Closed**

Sunday 26 December **Closed**

Saturday 1 January **Closed**

Visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au for more information

LATROBE REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Closes 12 noon Friday 24 December

Reopens 10am Tuesday 4 January

Closed Wednesday 26 January

LATROBE PERFORMING ARTS BOX OFFICE

Closes 12noon Friday 24 December

Reopens Tuesday 4 January

Tuesday 4 January to Friday 21 January,

10am-1pm Monday to Friday only

Normal operating hours resume Monday 24 January

Closed Wednesday 26 January

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Closed Saturday 25 December

All other days will be business as usual 9am -5pm

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Preschools

Closed over Christmas/New Year period.

Preschool administration and management staff will be available for enquiries during opening hours of Council Service Centres

Maternal and Child Health Centres

Restricted hours during Christmas/New Year period. Please contact your centre for times or contact your local Council Service Centre to obtain a timetable

Family Day Care Coordination Unit

The Family Day Care Service will continue to run at a reduced capacity. Please contact the Family Day Care coordination Unit to obtain details.

The Family Day Care Coordination Unit will:

Closes 12.30pm Friday 24 December

Reopens 8.30am Tuesday 4 January

Early Learning Centres

Moe Early Learning Centre, Traralgon Early Learning Centre and Carinya Early Learning Centre.

Closes 12.30pm Friday 24 December

Reopens 7.30am Monday 10 January

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

Operating the same opening hours as Council Service Centres. For emergencies telephone 0408 512 953

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Planned Activity Group (PAGs)

Closes Friday 17 December

Reopens Monday 10 January

Meals on Wheels

No delivery of meals on 25, 27, 28 December

(frozen meals can be ordered for this time)

Deliveries will resume for 29, 30, 31 December

There will be no delivery of meals on 3 January, with normal deliveries resumed on 4 January

For emergencies clients should telephone 0408 149 854



PHONE 1300 367 700 WEB www.latrobe.vic.gov.au ADDRESS 141 Commercial Road, Morwell



Churchill North Primary School After School Care & Playgroup

**After School Care
Qualified Coordinators
Jillian Keenan & Jess Chamings**

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

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

Playgroup

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

Playgroup allows children to:

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

Activities include:

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

Where: Churchill North Primary School
Coolabah Drive, Churchill.

When: Wednesdays (during school terms)

Time: 9.00–11.00 am

Bring: A healthy snack & drink

Cost: Gold coin



175th Anniversary Special

Proudly supported by Regional Development Victoria as part of Victoria's 175th Anniversary celebrations

2010 marks 175th anniversary of the day the first European settlers landed on the north bank of the Yarra River from the schooner "Enterprise" in 1835. This group was led by Captain John Lancey with Launceston builder George Evans and his servant Evan Evans,

carpenters William Jackson and Robert Hay Marr, ploughman Charles Wise and blacksmith James Gilbert and his wife Mary making up the party.

It was on 30 August 1835 that these first settlers landed and commenced with the building of a

thatched storage hut and the clearing of land along the north bank of the Yarra River. This location today is known as Enterprize Park where Williams Street and Flinders Street meet near the old Customs House.

The people of the Kulin nation are the traditional owners of the land that

became Melbourne, including the Boonwurrung, Woiwurrung, Taungurung and Djadjawurrung people, who gathered in this place for ceremonies and cultural activities.



A Local Lad - Ted Munckton

Ted Monkton is a local lad. The name Monkton is English and is a derivative from the word monk. Ted lived with his family on Switchback Road, half way towards Hazelwood Pondage. Ted's Father was a soldier settler, taking up the property in 1950. When the Pondage was built, Eel Hole creek backed up into the property.

Ted was born in 1947. He attended Hazelwood Estate School from 1952-58. The old hall beside the school was well remembered for Christmas Parties. Then it was on to Morwell Technical College in 1959-61, and Yallourn Technical College for 1962-63, which he remembers for its very small classrooms.

Ted left school to become a boilermaker welder working for private contractors. He worked extensively on the building of Hazelwood Power Station.

In 1969 he married Jenny Fox who lived on Jeeralang Junction. For the first nine months after their marriage, Ted was working away. As a boilermaker contractor he travelled to New Zealand, New South Wales, Bell Bay in Tasmania and South Australia. Ted says he enjoyed the days of traveling as there was good accommodation and good pay.

Ted also worked as a welder on the pipe laying barges in Bass Strait. In 1971, Jenny accompanied Ted to New South Wales. Ted and Jenny returned to Jeeralang Junction to have their first child.

Kylie was born in 1971 while living in a house they built on ten acres of their parent's farm. Their second child, Sharon, was born in 1973.

Ted worked at Yallourn Power Station then secured the job in South Australia at an oil refinery and moved there in 1974. At the end of 1974, the family returned again to Jeeralang Junction.

In 1975 the Churchill Hardware store came up for sale, and Ted and Jenny decided to "have a go at that".

The store was purchased from Barry Dawes, the original owner. Barry had previously been a policeman, owned a larger timber and hardware yard in Switchback

Road and had built many houses in Churchill during the time he lived there.

Ted says that "from being a 'tradie' to behind a counter was hard in the beginning." Then, he says, he found it more comfortable by greeting customers with a smile and being cheerful.

Ted ran the hardware store until 1983 with the next two children taking their place in the family during that time. Narelle was born in 1976 and Bradley in 1980.

It was a small, slow business, says Ted, but it was a good way of learning about the business world.

Ted remembers that he always had something in the back of his mind - a leaning towards running a caravan park when Tandara Caravan Park came up for sale. Tom and Jack Gertz had been the owners. One had died and the family was selling.

In 1983 the Munckton family and partner, Rodney Walsh, bought into Tandara.

A little time later, the Manager, Wally Pitzner, drove to Bermagui in New South Wales where he found Ocean Lake Caravan Park. They had only owned Tandara for a short while, when this new park came up for sale. Ted says he looked at it and loved it.

A joint venture was formed with family and friends, Peter Fox, Greg Houghton, and Bob Scott. There were five partners who purchased the property and proceeded to run both parks.

Ted says it was challenging as each fortnight they would leave the Valley for Bermagui. Within twelve months the partnership had split up, and the Munckton's bought out the others. They went to live permanently in Bermagui where they were happy.

The Munckton's continue to own and operate Ocean Lake Caravan Park. Daughter Narelle became an air hostess with Jet Star. Kylie married David Scott. Sharon married Tim Holdsworth, and Bradley married Amy.

Wallaga Lake Caravan Park, not far away, was leased in 2008. The children and their families help run the parks.

They have seven grandchildren living within one kilometer of them and they love it.

They have worked 24/7 for twenty-five years, says Ted. Some of it has been "doing it hard. We have had the odd holiday away, but we love what we do".

Ted speaks with great admiration for his wife Jenny.

"Through all these years she has

committed to raising our children and working in the business," he states with pride.

The caravan park has been a wonderful initiator of friendships.

"We socialize with the guests and have made strong friendships. We have one lady who is having her 50th holiday in Bermagui - 20 years with us here at Ocean Lake."

And why wouldn't you go there?

It is five degrees warmer in winter than in Victoria and is a milder more stable climate.

We also know what the weather is like in the Valley as we make regular trips south to see family. But "come on up and see us," invites Ted.



Sharon Holdsworth, Kylie Scott, Ted Munckton, Jenny Munckton, Narelle Munckton and Brad Munckton.



Ted and Jenny's seven grandchildren: Zoe Holdsworth, Joel Munckton, Katlyn Scott, Zach Munckton, Jayden Scott, Ava Munckton and Ryan Holdsworth (Katlyn is holding Zach and Jayden is holding Ava is the pink dress).



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



The Walsh Family

My grandfather, Patrick Michael, was born in County Cork Ireland in 1843 when my great grandfather came home from a Monster meeting in Tara. There was a poem written about this meeting, "Tara's Monster Meeting in 1843". A Monster meeting was a religious/political meeting.

Patrick Michael came to Australia in the 1860's. He married Miss Ann Hickey and settled on a property at Mt. Edgerton between Ballarat and Geelong, on the Moolabul River.

My father, Thomas (Tommy), was born in 1880, the year the Kelly's were taken. Patrick Michael applied for a selection and was granted 1,000 acres at Middle Creek, in 1887. Tommy came with his father to inspect the selection. Being only seven years old it took them three weeks in with a horse and cart. They became bogged at Brandy Creek, (now Warragul) for one week.

On their return to Mt. Edgerton everything was sold and the family moved to Middle Creek. There were five children at this time - three boys and two girls. One girl and two boys were born later, making a family of eight children all told.

They cleared the steep hills with axes, rolling the logs into the gullies and burning them. There were snakes galore, including Tiger and Black snakes, and they stood stumps to watch them pass by the fire. They did it on a windy day, so that the smoke and flames would go along the gully and burn the logs. The trees were ring-barked twelve months ahead, and allowed to die before being burnt and then cleared.

After clearing the trees the grass grew madly in the top soil which consisted of thousands of years of rotting leaves plus ashes. However, over the next forty years with no vegetation to hold the soil, it was washed away, down creeks and onto the flats. It was the Hazelwood Flats which were turned into Soldier's Settlement blocks after WW1.

The family eventually milked one hundred cows by hand. The milk was set in big dishes and the cream skimmed off and made into salted butter. The family would load up the horse and cart every month or so with butter and pigs and travel to Rosedale, the nearest point to the ports, to sell them. They would return with rolls of cloth, bags of flour, sugar etc which had been pack horsed across from Port Albert. The round trip would take about a week.

The Walsh family had the first cream separator in the area, and set up the Middle Creek Dairy where neighbours brought their milk to be separated - all by hand. Pigs were raised on the skim milk. Pork was a very important food. The other common form of protein was rabbits. They were an introduced species and due to the warm conditions had multiplied by the thousands.

Patrick built the first school at Budgeree. It turned out to be too small for the growing population so a bigger school had to

be built on Brewster's Road.

A few years after the top soil had washed down onto the flat country the rabbits and bracken fern took over. The land became uneconomical to farm.

When Patrick Michael died in 1895, Ann sold the property, gave the boys their share and moved into a large brick home in Shakespeare Street, Traralgon with her unmarried daughters Julia and Mary. I remember at age three, visiting her in the Shakespeare Street house. It was a house with a cantilever verandah. She was sitting in a rocking chair on the front verandah, with a white shawl she had knitted over her



shoulders. She must have been a tough lady to survive the hardships of living on the land. Ann died in 1922.

Patrick Michael had two brothers who came out from Ireland and settled in the area. They were John, who lived around Boolarra and Christi (Christopher), at Driffield who had four children and bailed hay.

I remember going to Uncle Christie's for Sunday dinner about in 1925 or 26. He was known for his long red beard down to his chest. He was known for throwing Fitzpatrick out of Morwell Town Hall. He had four children - Harry, Andy, Doll and Eileen. They had a herd of 300 Friesian cows, the first Friesians in the district. Frank Lawless is now on that property.

The Poplars Yinnar

The Poplars at Yinnar was a 320 acre plus 14 acre property with a frontage to Billys Creek. It consisted of mainly creek flats which was suitable for dairying.

Billys Creek was the division between McMillan's and the Walsh's. It is said that Billy died and was buried along the creek somewhere not identified.

The house was sited on a sharp rise and a beautiful orchard stretched out from the house down to the flats.

Originally it was selected by Mr. Sullivan. He sold it to Mr. Morris, who named the property "Seafield" after his home town in England. The homestead was very attractive with leadlight doors leading to the verandah, which ran all around the entire house. The bull-nosed roofing iron on the verandah, which was enclosed with ornate wire mesh balustrade, came from England and was still in good condition one hundred years later. The flooring was six by one inch tongue and grooved Kauri pine from Western Australia. It was very modern for its time, with three bedrooms and servants quarters at the side.

Morris added greatly to the property, when he planted one thousand fruit trees in the orchard. They consisted of Snow apples, Winter Magertons pears, Kentish cherries, Boncretion pears and brown pears.

Added to the orchard, were one hundred and fifty poplars along Billys Creek frontage. - the frontage being the main Middle Creek-Jumbuk Road to Morwell until 1930.

Mr. Charles O'Hara, a well known identity from Yinnar, was seven years old at the time Mr. Morris planted the poplars in 1879 and helped carry the seedlings which were then planted at each fence post. No-one could have envisaged the magnificent trees which later grew from those seedlings.

Picnics organized from Yallourn, Morwell and surrounding districts were held each year in the shade of the poplars. On a clear day they could be seen from the rise outside Jenkins store in Morwell, rising up to 175 feet.

The first school in the area was held in a dining room at Seafield from 1885-90, with Mr. Morris still being the owner at that time. Jim Cranny was a pupil, as perhaps was Seymour Williams and Jim Daley.

By this time the poplars were becoming a landmark, and the locals were beginning to call the property "The Poplars".

Thomas Walsh purchased the property in about 1914. There was much clearing to be done, and at one stage there were four, sometimes five men fencing and clearing. It is believed these same men were the early pupils who had attended school in the dining room of Seafield, and who would have been ready and able to work from their early teens.

Jim Daley, for example, was credited with being able to eat twelve eggs in one meal.

Thomas grazed bullocks at The Poplars until the Depression in the 1930s at which time he went into dairying.

Thomas married Margaret Silcock, daughter of Charles and Catherine Silcock of "The Willows" at Hazelwood. The Silcocks were early settlers. Charles was involved in an accident with a bone crusher at an abattoir which resulted in dust on the lungs which led to an early demise. Catherine was left to bring up five young children alone. The oldest child died at age fourteen. Daughter Margaret attended the Hazelwood South School in the 1890's when the Rev. Dr. John Flynn was the teacher.

Thomas and Margaret were married on 13 November 1918, in Morwell at Sacred Heart, in formal wedding attire. Flo Mackey and Margaret's sister Dorothy were the bridesmaids. Jack O'Brien a real estate agent in Traralgon, a fine cook and Thomas's friend, was best man.

There is a large photograph of the bridal party and the guests taken on the front verandah and lawn at "The Willows", which suggests the wedding reception, was held at home. Ned McGauran drove the bride in his 1918 Buick car.

By the time of his marriage, Thomas had set up his farm and also owned one of the earliest cars, an Oakland 1920 Model, Registration Number 22026. It cost six hundred pounds and was purchased from Mr. Les Hare in Morwell. Later he purchased a Studebaker from Stan Gude Morwell.

Margaret was twenty-seven and Thomas was thirty-nine when they married. She was a very good mother, very religious and very strict, who looked after us very well. I remember her making clothes for all us children, buying rolls of material from Sharpe's in Morwell for 19/11p [nineteen shillings and eleven pence]. She used a pedal Singer sewing machine.

Lots of the fruit grown was preserved with a Fowlers bottling kit.

Margaret was always at home when we returned from school. We would sit down to afternoon tea of scones and jam and cream or pancakes. She cooked big meals, often being roasts. Thomas was a big eater and loved meat, eating it three times a day. Margaret was very witty.

When Thomas died, we bought a house in George Street in Morwell. Margaret died aged ninety, having been healthy all her life.

Myself, Bernard Francis Walsh, was born at The Poplars on 22 September 1919. My birth certificate showed Billys Creek and I was the first of six children - Kathleen Margaret born in 1921, Thomas Brian born at Morwell 1923, Gordon Charles born at Morwell 1926, Lila Veronica born at Morwell 1928, Mary born at Morwell 1932.

I lived at "The Poplars" until the 1940s. I remember the price of a bullock was seven pounds. After two years of fattening, it was sold for five pounds. This state of affairs was not at all profitable, hence the change to dairying. A pound of butter was one shilling and a loaf of high tin bread was ten pence. Bread was delivered by horse and cart, as was meat from a horse cart in the 1929-30 period.



Walsh



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I went to school in Yinnar in 1926, then Hazelwood Estate Hall in 1928. I rode a horse to school at first, and then had a push bike. The horses would be kept in Frank Silcock's in the horse paddock next to the school.

The hall was burnt down and a new school was built on the right hand side in Levison's property. Mr. Levison donated the land to the Education Department. Les Hogan had also offered land opposite the hall.

Our family had a huge vegetable garden of five acres that was fenced. The pumpkins grown were huge and we lived very well with all the farm produced. The vegetable patch took advantage of the run off from the cowshed, so everything grew madly.

My Mother would make her own bread to save money, especially in the Depression years. Money was very tight then, but they lived as best they could with the produce of the farm including sheep, turkeys, cattle and chooks. I particularly remember Sunday roast dinner!

On 6th March 1943, I married Hazel Welsh who was born in Thorpdale. Hazel was one of seven children - 3 boys and 4 girls. Hazel was born in an old hospital house in Morwell as it was too wet to go to Trafalgar. Before moving to Thorpdale the family had lived in Horsham where Thomas was born. Hazel's father had a steam ticket and drove the trains there.

In Thorpdale, Hazel's father was the butter factory manager. Their house burnt down and children were placed with various friends in Thorpdale, until a residence could be obtained in Yinnar. At Yinnar her father became the butcher shop manager, for his brother-in-law Jack Budge.

Hazel attended school in Yinnar until grade eight then she worked in the general store, under Arthur Vinning. Hazel and

I have three wonderful children - Faye, Joan and Rodney, all of whom were born in the old hospital in Morwell on the corner of Travis Street and Hazelwood Road.

We started married life in the share farmer's house at The Poplars. It had four rooms and a verandah all around. For Hazel it was beautiful for hanging out and drying the nappies. Milking the cows, stooking the hay for bales, everything a man would do, Hazel did and more - like pulling the pram through the mud to the cowshed. Hazel also breast fed while in the cowshed.

Making jams, pickles, and preserving the fruit also took part of her time. Sewing all the girls little dresses on the old treadle sewing machine, with lots of remnants from Sharpe's in Morwell, brought home by neighbour Mr. Gooding, filled more of her busy schedule. All this was done as well as looking after three children. Hazel says Ben's younger sister Mary was a great help with the children.

At the outbreak of World War 2, I went into the army. Hazel stayed on holding the fort at home until my return.

I was a Shire Councillor from 1950-1967 and Walsh Court in Churchill is named after me. I remember the start of Churchill and moving a motion that the new town be called Hazelwood. Keith White seconded it but the motion was lost. We sent a deputation to Lindsay Thompson in Melbourne but it remained Churchill.

We continued farming after the war, until retiring to Morwell where we built a nice home, opposite our son Rodney. Later we built another home in which we lived until Rodney wanted to move to Queensland, and insisted we go too. So we packed our traps and went.

Hazel says they like it in Queensland. There is a different

life style, it is warmer and more casual.

In March 2010 we celebrated 67 years of marriage.

"We have had a good life together," says Hazel. "We go out together mostly, and enjoy life. Friday night at the RSL for the raffle and tea out is a regular."

We have seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, and another one on the way - a wonderful legacy of a happy life.



Memorial to 44 Pioneering Farming Families

The names listed below are the original 44 WW1 veteran soldiers who took up 44 of the original 45 allotments allocated for farming under the Soldier's Settlement Scheme on the Hazelwood Estate, owned originally by the MacMillan family.

The number show before each name is the lot number of the subdivision established and where each veteran originally came from. Other veterans took up their allotments privately.

1. William Henry Purcell	Bruthen	31. Charles William Unwin	Darnum
2. Edgar Holmes	Clarinda	32. William Henry Budge	Yinnar
3. David Guilford Williams	Yinnar	33. William George Rintoull	Morwell
4. Percy Vivian Currie	Yinnar	34. Alexander Morton Caldwell	Briagolong
5. Lindsay Savige	Morwell	35. George Horsburgh	Jindivik
6. Douglas McFarlane	Morwell	36. Alfred Brooker	Bairnsdale
7. Robert Leonard Rule	Tostarre	37. Alfred Leslie Bruce	Morwell
8. Frank Melbourne Irvine	Yinnar	38. Hector Theodore Trimble	Sale
9. Roy Leslie Grauer	Yinnar	39. Charles Francies Maule Payne	Morwell
10. Frederick Dietrich	Yinnar	40. Charles Hatfield	Melbourne
11. Robert John McNair	Jeeralang	41. Francis Jerome Gilfedder	Mirboo North
12. Charles Macquarie Shaw	North Hazelwood	42. William Patrick Sweeney	Yarram
13. Donald Lachlan Murray Shaw	North Hazelwood	43. Ernest Lock	Morwell
14. Wilfred George Trew	Morwell	44. James Richard Lawless	Boolarra
15. David Henry Jones	Trafalgar	45. Albert George Eric Johnstone	Yinnar
16. Edgar John Hogan	Morwell		
17. Albert Dietrich	Yinnar		
18. James Watson	Yinnar		
19. Thomas Charles Bunston	Traralgon		
20. William Edward Morris Larkins	Swan Reach		
21. Ian Grant Simmons	North Hazelwood		
22. John Boyes	Warragul		
23. John Leviston	Yarragon		
24. Alexander Bell	Drouin		
25. George Sylvester McFarlane (Jnr)	Morwell		
26. Charles Patrick Doyle	Morwell		
27. William Gordon Newton	Upper Maffra		
28. Stanley George Thomas	Gengarry		
29. William Garfield Espie	Hill End		
30. Recommendation Deferred			

It is reported in the Morwell Advertiser and Gazette that the sale of the allotments amounted to over £102,000. There was a large inquiry for the allotments and the Board of Inquiry comprising: Messrs. F.T.A. Fricke (District Officer - Melbourne), W. McIlroy (Land Officer - Sale) and Councillor David J. White (Morwell Shire) sat at the Mechanics Hall to deal with the applications and allocations for each block and made the above recommendations.

At the new ANZAC Lookout on the new section of road below the Hazelwood Cemetery, there is a flag pole and memorial stone. On Sunday 14 November an additional stone was dedicated to the memory of the 44 pioneering farming families, veterans of World War 1, who took up allotments in the Hazelwood Estate (formally the McMillan Selection) as Soldier Settlers in 1922.

Mal Bugg, President of the Morwell RSL officiated at the ceremony, welcoming guests, Latrobe City Council Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan, Member for Morwell Russell Northe, Rob De Souza-Daw, Mr. Tom Lawless, Mrs Gloria Auchtelonie (President Shire of Morwell 1988) and descendants of the 44 WW1 Soldier Settlers, Neil Lawson from International Power Hazelwood, and members of the community. A good crowd of around 80 people attended including many descendant great grandchildren.

Mal recalled talking to Jack Medew who died in 1981, the last WW1 veteran of this area, and his contribution to the RSL. He asked those present to consider what it must have been like for these men returning home after five years away with no home leave.

The settlement scheme was devised to help these veterans adjust and have an income.

This memorial not only helps with the preservation and recording of military history, but recognises the families who battled to farm this area in the early times.

Mal said the original ANZAC Lookout (situated above the present one and established in 1988 on his instigation) was often vandalised. This memorial was unveiled by the then Shire President Gloria Auchtelonie and Jack Medew.

The re-location of the road by International Power Hazelwood was an ideal time to re-locate the memorial. Mal expressed thanks to Neil Lawson, Roche Theiss and Linfox (RTL), and the Council for helping with the re-location. He also thanked the 2009 Review Sub Committee of Gloria and Glen Auchtelonie, Tom Lawless and Les Maher, who with help from Rob de Souza-Daw corrected the information of the original plaque, which stated 51 families had settled, not 44. The other seven allotments were bought by WW1 veterans from their own funds. An Australian flag, provided by the RSL will fly 24/7 at the site.

Mal also thanked everyone else who had helped in some way to make the day the success it turned out to be.

Tom Lawless was called upon to call the roll. He said the farms were low in price, with generous terms, which allowed years to pay off the debt. Many were a failure as these men were new farmers and lacked finance. The farms were too small. The farmers could only get unsuitable help with no skills. There was also a drop in butter price. The land was too flat so there were no dams.

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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



There was no electricity, few shops in Yinnar and Morwell, no cars, no radio and kerosene was used for lighting. The farms came without a house, dairy and fencing. So there was no income for a long time. The Soldier Settlement Commission employed the farmers to establish fencing etc. and paid them.

From the families, some have become significant in this area, including the Shaw's, McFarlane's, Dietrich's and White's.

Tom read out all the names and the places of origin. He paused as he read them out to make comments or point out behind him, where the farm had been located, many now are below the Hazelwood Pondage.

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Kellie O'Callaghan, on behalf of the Council said she was deeply honoured to be asked to participate in the ceremony, because she has the deepest respect for all men and women who have served our country, and because she has a firm belief in the importance of ensuring our history is accurately recorded and acknowledged, as it is passed from generation to generation. "Our history is a reminder of where we have come from and provides a guide and context as we look to the future," she said.

Mr. Russell Northe commented on all those who had turned up for the occasion and thanked those who had in any way helped towards the day. He said the community, especially young people, were getting in touch with the ANZAC history. He said the setting for the memorial was lovely, with the outlook over the lake.

Gloria Auchtelonie had the original dedication program and the notes taken from that day. She said it was great to recall the event and thanked Tom for his personal overview of how these veterans had lived.

Father Hugh Brown was called upon to bless the memorial and lead those present in prayer. He began with saying that, "As we look out over the pondage, it is hard to imagine what it was like before the birth of Hazelwood Power Station and this immense lake that lies before us.

There are those here today who can remember that time and can tell their own stories and share their memories of what it was like. These are stories and memories to be treasured and shared because they belong to the people who have gone before us and who came here in the aftermath of a terrible war.

These families worked this land for the good of their families and the communities which surrounded this area. They came here as pioneers seeking to begin new lives, and put behind them the time of war and conflict in which they had served so valiantly, for we, the future generations, who have lived in both freedom and peace because of their service of their country.

We stand here in gratitude and appreciation for the pioneering settlers who, having survived the war, came back to work this land in peace and bring it prosperity.

We are also mindful of their families and the descendants of these pioneers and we pray that they will always remember and cherish the valour and hard work of their forefathers and mothers."

Wreaths were then laid, followed by the saying of the Oath, and playing of the Last Post and Reveille, with the flag raised by a young descendant.

Unveiling of the Plaque

The plaque was unveiled by Gloria Auchtelonie and Kellie O'Callaghan.

Proceedings concluded with the singing of Advance Australia Fair.

HAZELWOOD ESTATE

(MCMILLAN'S).

Parish of Hazelwood—County of Buln Buln.

This Estate comprises an area of 3,077 acres, portion adjoining and all within 3 miles of Hazelwood Railway Station, from 1 to 5 miles from Morwell, and 92 miles from Melbourne, and is subdivided into 45 allotments, which vary in area from 49 acres to 182 acres, and range in value from £1,850 to £2,500.

There are Post Offices at Morwell and Yinnar, Butter Factory at Yinnar, and Schools at Hazelwood, Hazelwood South, and Yinnar.
The land is suitable for Dairying and Mixed Farming.
The annual rainfall is about 35 inches.
The survey is in hand.
Possession of Allotments 1, 1a, 2, 2a, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, and parts 10 and 25 can be given in October, 1923.
Possession of balance of Estate can be given immediately.
The Board reserves the right to allocate the fencing.

25-3-1922.

On Thursday and Friday last week, an Inquiry Board composed Messrs F.T.A. Fricke (District Officer, Melbourne), W. Mellroy (Land Officer, Sale) and Councillor J. White (Morwell Shire) sat at the Mechanics' Hall to deal with applications. There was a large number of applicants for each block, and the board after full inquiry made the following recommendations:—

MORWELL ADVERTISE
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- 1.—W. H. Purcell, Benlith
- 2.—E. Holmes, Clarinda
- 3.—D. G. Williams, Yinnar
- 4.—P. V. Currie, Yinnar
- 5.—L. Savice, Morwell
- 6.—D. McFarlane, Morwell
- 7.—R. L. Rule, Tostarre
- 8.—F. J. Irving, Yinnar
- 9.—R. G. Grauer, Yinnar
- 10.—P. Dietrich, Yinnar
- 11.—R. J. McNeil, Jeerlang
- 12.—L. M. Shaw, North Hazelwood
- 13.—D. L. M. Shaw, Nth. Hazelwood
- 14.—W. G. Trew, Morwell
- 15.—D. H. Jones, Trafalgar
- 16.—E. J. Hogan, Morwell
- 17.—A. Dietrich, Yinnar
- 18.—J. Watson, Yinnar
- 19.—T. G. Bunton, Terragon
- 20.—W. K. Lykin, Swan Reach
- 21.—I. G. Simmonds, Hazelwood Nth.
- 22.—J. Hughes, Warragul
- 23.—J. Levison, Yarragon
- 24.—A. Bell, Drouin
- 25.—G. S. McFarlane, Morwell
- 26.—C. P. Doyle, Morwell
- 27.—W. G. Newton, Upper Maffra
- 28.—S. G. Thomas, Gungahy
- 29.—W. Espie, Hill End
- 30.—Recommendation Deferred
- 31.—C. W. Unwin, Baranua
- 32.—W. H. Budge, Yinnar
- 33.—W. G. Rintoul, Morwell
- 34.—A. M. Caldwell, Brigolong
- 35.—G. Horsburgh, Jimbirk
- 36.—A. Brooker, Baimasala
- 37.—A. L. Bruce, Morwell
- 38.—H. T. Trimble, Sale
- 39.—C. F. Payne, Morwell
- 40.—C. Hattield, Melbourne
- 41.—F. J. Gilfedder, Mirboo North
- 42.—W. P. Sweeney, Yarra
- 43.—E. Lock, Morwell
- 44.—J. R. Lawless, Poolarra
- 45.—A. G. E. Johnstone, Yinnar

We understand that the sale above

Churchill

Paul te Wierik

This place called Churchill is a place you'll see
With plenty of culture and diversity
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It was meant to replace in history

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Be played by every shade of man

The town it sits on a rise with a view
Surrounded by hills of green, sometimes blue
On whose slopes dwell a slew
Of settlers new, of the town, their view
In the town a cigar stands tall
In honour of a man whose land didn't fall
To the enemy in a long gone war
After whose name, the town was called

An education centre it's meant to be
With several schools and a university
A place of harmony for the young and free
It caters for all, from far and in country

Indoor centre, swimming pool
Community centre, Lake Hyland's cool
Walking tracks, more than a few
National Parks surround us to

A memorial too, to honour those new
Who put their faith in a town and grew
Their homes, their families, citizens few
Their children now, their names not new

The churches are there, the services too
Medical, spiritual and support groups new
Shops were few but now are many
Where it's easy to spend a penny

People have come from far and wide
For in this country town to abide
In estates named Medew, McMillan, Glendonald too
Northways and Silcock to name a few

Hazelwood it was, Churchill now
Let's not forget its history, its how
It came to be, in the here and now
And remember it then and now this hour

Sports clubs too of every hue
Cricket and soccer and football too

The streets may be named as natives knew
Gundaroo, Coolabah and Amaroo
Or after settlers on this land they hew
Names like Bond, Quigley, Heesom aren't new



Kaamanaa (Good Wish) was a team of people from Nepal



The Mad Hatters



Boolarra Stompers - Winners of the Best Team Spirit award



Leo Billington with students from Monash Gippsland



The Traralgon Venturers



Destination Dance Team



One brave gentleman had his hair cut off to raise funds



Team Shine

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Relay For Life November 2010

After months of hard work in preparation, the event began at 11am Saturday 13 November at Gaskin Park's Number One Oval, Churchill.

Lorraine Walker and Sue Lowick, both survivors of cancer, opened the relay by cutting a ribbon and doing a lap of the oval to formally commence the activities.

Collette Farley, newly appointed co-ordinator for Latrobe Valley Relay For Life, said that Relay For Life is a major fundraiser for Cancer Council Victoria, which has as its aim to "Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back". A total of 27 teams registered from different parts of the Latrobe Valley, including Trafalgar, Traralgon, Thorpdale and Churchill and included a couple of schools. Rain and showers were fairly persistent all the way through but participants weren't discouraged.

Activities such as eating spaghetti off a plate with your hands behind your back, caused much fun and laughter as well as cheering on the team members. Another activity was eating dry Weet-Bix. Water bottles were in quick use following this activity.

One brave person sacrificed his lovely long hair to raise funds.

After a particularly wet and windy spell late on Saturday night, it was decided that walking should cease for health reasons, including the possibility of pneumonia. The 11am Sunday closing ceremony was re-scheduled to 9am, and while some team members stayed in their tents and campervans, others gathered in the Gaskin Park footy club rooms for trivia, sleep, chatting, coffee and card playing!

The damp conditions did not dampen the spirits of some participants who doggedly continued to complete laps, even on Sunday morning.

While Relay For Life events are mostly fun and upbeat, the "Candlelight Ceremony" at dusk is the more solemn highlight. Using three candles, thoughts were directed to people who are living with cancer and those who have died. The three candle-lighters were (in order): George Elliott (who lost his wife to cancer), Ryan Gunn and Sue Van Huerck (who are both survivors)

Many paper bags with the word HOPE written on them, containing some sand which held a tea candle, were arranged along the outside wall of the club room in the dry. Also written on the bags were messages of hope and names of those remembered.

A total of \$100,532 including some still to be banked, was raised. This is an amazing outcome. This is more than double the previous Latrobe Valley event in 2008 which raised \$46,000. Each team sets a fundraising goal, with many surpassing that by much more.

No event was held last year due to the bushfires, so fundraising may be considered to be from an 18 month period.

Award-winning teams...

Highest fundraising Team was The Thorpy Blues

The 'Spirit of Relay' trophy went to Boolarra Stompers for their incredible team. The Shine Team was made up of Loy Yang employees, animal clinic staff and teachers. They were walking to remember family members or friends who have cancer or who have died of cancer. They said the event was great fun. The many games and entertainment that was provided had made it a great day. It was also a chance to hang out with friends over the day. They had raised \$1,000. People, they said were only too willing to respond to their fund raising efforts.

2011

This event will run again in November 2011, with the exact date soon to be confirmed.

Registrations are available on line or by contacting Cancer Council of Victoria (CCV). Wherever possible CCV, prefers people to use the web site for preference so administration costs can be cut, allowing more money to be channelled into research.

There is a need for a committee for the 2011 Relay. Anyone who is interested in getting on board for this wonderful event should contact Collette on 0408 135 274. She is eager to hear from people in regard to the next Relay For Life.

Collette extended a BIG 'Thank You' to the 2010 organising committee for a job well done. She also thanked the many sponsors and supporters for their efforts.

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Joanie Smith (wine prizes)
Face Painting – Alexa Van Heurck, Emily Van Heurck and Darren Van Heurck
1st Morwell Scout Group
Rotary Club of Hazelwood
Cynthia Rawlings and the Moe and District Cancer Council Volunteer Unit who provided the luncheon for the Survivors and Carers on the Saturday.

"Kaamanaa"

A team was entered by a group of former Nepalese residents, many of whom now live in the Latrobe Valley. Their team named "Kaamanaa" means "good wish". Their team captain was Prasad Subba.

Prasad explained that some of the participants have lived in Australia for 6-21 years.

Prasad himself came to Australia in 1991. He lived in Brunswick. There he married a Nepalese lady Namrata in 1994. In 1997 they moved to Moe. Prasad's father-in-law was already living here. He is an ex Gurka- Bharansher Rai.

These Nepalese people came to Australia looking for a better life. When they left it was a time of political unrest in their country in the People's Movement of eastern Nepal.

Many of their family members are still in Nepal. There are now five families living in the Valley in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon.

It was their first time entering the Relay For Life. Prasad is a cancer survivor. Another team

member- Bhawana is also a survivor.

They saw an article in the L.V. Express and decided to take part. So many other family members and friends from Melbourne decided to join them and support their efforts. Prasad says that the children were particularly keen to help. They raised about \$2,000.

The team was thrilled that in recognition of their involvement, they were visited and supported by Mr Chandra Yonzon and his wife, the Nepalese Consul to Victoria, Mr Bom Yonzon, president of the Nepalese Association of Victoria and Mr Jog Limbu from HELP NEPAL NETWORK Australia

The Committee

The organising committee was made up of Leo Billington (Chair), four students from Monash Gippsland- Ryan Davey, Anthony Erdely, Adrian O'Gorman, Adam Dennison, Susan Heron of Cancer Council Victoria, David Roberts who looked after the teams, Greg Allan from 1242 Gold who helped with promotion and was a fantastic MC on the days, Cynthia Rawlings of the Moe Cancer Council of Victoria Unit, Michelle Roberts from AMP Money Sense, a major sponsor, who was the treasurer for the event, Joanie Smith and Helen Spicer.

These wonderful people did an outstanding job working as a team to see this event to fruition.

The Four Monash Students

Leo Billington does sessional academic work in the School of Business and Economics (BusEco) at Monash Gippsland.

"Within the marketing unit I work with groups of students in their third year, mainly on campus, but could be off campus students, anywhere in the world, who link in by computer.

Some of these students are enrolled in the Work Placement Program (WPP), an academic unit which has the same status as any other third year only subject. WPP is an initiative from the School of Business and Economics", he says.

The four who worked with Leo on the Relay For Life event were Adrian O'Gorman, Ryan Davey, Anthony Erdely and Adam Dennison.

They came from the Sports and Events Management Unit to enrol in WPP for second semester, 2010. To complete the unit they must write a significant research paper detailing their involvement in Relay For Life.

Leo's role was to co-ordinate the WPP commitment and the student involvement. With Relay For Life and semester 2 coinciding, it was

a great opportunity for the students.

The goals of the WPP are to

1. Introduce the students to the real world of business and commerce, including event planning and management.

2. Using their academic skills in timely and relevant practical situations

3. Having an opportunity for Monash University Gippsland to involve its students and their expertise to further integrate their students into the wider community with relevant benefits for both parties.

To achieve these goals, the students during 2010 have been placed in a variety of WPP placements including the Churchill Festival, completing research projects for local accountants, writing a marketing plan for a local manufacturer, as well as Relay For Life.

Leo sources these placements, receiving significant levels of support from community groups and local employers. Leo also acts as a mentor right through the semester, with academic advice and being available to assist students all the time.

For the Relay For Life event the four students were given a specific, clearly defined role from the Cancer Council Victoria organisational structure for an organising committee.

They were:

Adrian- entertainment and activities

Anthony- facilities and security

Adam- volunteers and ceremonies

Ryan- sponsorship.

Leo and the committee found each one of the students was eager, enthusiastic, wanting to learn and with no hesitancy, wanting to do as much as possible. Leo says it was a first for all of them.

He adds that they have understood the need to work as a team. They have shown initiative, been able to work together with minimal guidance, supporting each other.

This experience will give them a unique insight into event planning and management, including planning for adverse weather conditions!

The student's comments

Adam says, "I found the experience really excellent. I enjoyed it, although I was nervous leading up to it. But come the morning of the event, nerves became exciting enjoyment. It has been good to put theory learnt into practice. I reckon the committee has done a great job."

Commenting on working with the other three, Adam says that they had worked together previously on tasks and had no problems. For him it was an opportunity to get out there and do something practical, but has grown into knowledge of appreciating how much it means to the community. Adam has recognised the passion for this event as everyone has been touched by cancer.

Ryan also says "It has been good to be involved. I enjoyed working with the other three. I regard it as a real work place experience, and very worthwhile, as cancer touches all.

Anthony said, "In terms of life experiences this event had been great. It was very relevant. It is not going to class, handing in assignments but doing relevant practical activities related to the course I'm studying. I learnt more in the four months of preparation for this event than the whole course. It has been a great team effort. We know how each other works. We have been together for three years.

I would like to thank Leo. He has had a pivotal role in our learning and the positive outcome. The support from the wider community is just tremendous. This has been a great experience to realise it happening."

Adrian said, "It is good to help out the community. My family, thank God, hasn't been affected by cancer, but friends have. It is good to help out, and some day we may need help. Hopefully what we do is small part in allowing research to find a cure.

It was a great learning experience and we realise how lucky we are to be healthy. This is not just about our uni course, but about helping out people in need.

WPP is obviously going to help us in industry and event management. But the main reason we have been so passionate about it is that we are able to assist in a small way to give something back. It is a win/win situation and a positive thing to do."



**Lorraine Walker and Sue Lowick who are both cancer survivors
Lorraine read the oath to open the Relay Sue read it to close and
both cut the ribbon to start the Relay**

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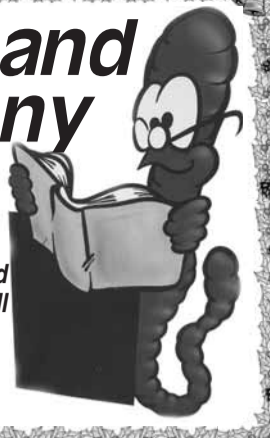
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Hazelwood House Happenings



A group of residents enjoyed an evening out at the greyhound races in Traralgon. Our dog is still running but all had a great time.



Residents Josie and Fred Smith celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary at the hostel



This group of residents who attend the 10 pin bowls during the year with their certificates.

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We will be closed from 23rd December - 10th January 2011




A very productive working bee saw many trees pruned and dead branches and other debris cleared, between the Eel Hole Creek pathway and Kurnai grounds. Two dedicated members cleaned up rubbish and managed to fill two big bags again.

Thanks to all who turned out on such a beautiful morning to lend your muscles to the effort.

Next working bee will be Saturday 18th December.



Churchill Community Bank Steering Committee

The formation of a Community Bank® branch for Churchill was originally an initiative of local identity Ross Ollquist, who has been the driving force behind the formation of the Churchill & District Community Bank® Steering Committee.

The members of the Churchill and District Community Bank® Steering Committee have been working hard now for over twelve months to try to secure this facility for Churchill. They

are confident that it will be a marvellous benefit to the community, and to the community groups who will in turn receive support from profits made.

They are asking you, the community, to get behind them and support them as they continue to work for this community. The members are dedicated and enthusiastic, real community workers, with many already involved in community groups and see this project as worthwhile.

Below are some of their profiles and wishes.

The amount of money given in other local communities with Community Bank® branches include places such as Trafalgar (\$75,000 in 2008/09) and Drouin (\$396,000 in 2008/09), shows what can be done.

Come on Churchill and district, let's get behind this and make a difference for this community and its people.

For further information or to make a pledge,

contact one of the following

Wayne Casey - 5122 1363, Craig Flanigan - 5122 2846, Jeff Kemp - 5122 1293, Sharon Middlemiss - 0412 348 964.

Visit the web site www.churchillcommunity-bank.org.au At present, the steering committee has pledges of \$280,000 of the necessary \$750,000. Pledges can be of amounts from \$500- \$10,000.



Wayne Casey

Wayne has taken on the role of Chairperson for the Steering Committee. Wayne has lived at Jeeralang Junction for more than thirty years. Wayne's family has lived and worked in the Latrobe Valley for generations, so he really calls this area home and wants the best for it.

He likes the lifestyle you can live between urban and rural environments - the ability to be able to live in bushland, but still be close to local towns and community amenities, appeals to him.

Wayne loves this area and is passionate about promoting it and sees this Community Bank®

project as making a difference. "This project has the potential to be one of the most significant community development projects that Churchill and district will ever experience," he says.

Once a successful Community Bank® branch is established, it generates a steady flow of grants to the community as it is mandated that up to 80% of locally generated profits must be returned to the community. There is no other initiative which can provide these benefits on an ongoing basis.



Jeff Kemp

Jeff has lived in Churchill all his life. His was one of the first families to move in and he plans to be around for a lot longer. He is now married with children.

"I can see it (the bank) as an investment in the future of our community to advance projects for our clubs and groups," he says.

As a Scout ILeader in Churchill, and as a Junior Coach in the Hockey club, Jeff can see

the bank benefitting both groups.

The future development of Churchill, especially for the kids, can be a major outcome of having a Community Bank® branch.

"I would like everyone to get behind the bank as best they can," he urges. "It is an opportunity for us to get funds without the hard work of fund raising which is getting more and more difficult to achieve!"



Cheridee Clissold

Cheridee grew up in Yinnar and has lived in Churchill for 15 years and loves living here. "This is a great community," she says. "The Community Bank® branch will be a fantastic community initiative and a great way to bring the town together." Cheridee is the mother of

two children and feels the bank will have benefits for all the community and sporting groups and the community as a whole. She would like to see everyone get behind it because if we all do our bit it will only benefit our children and our community.



Sharon Middlemiss

Sharon has always lived in the Latrobe Valley. She grew up in Morwell, before moving to Tanjil South/ Willow Grove area. There she met Rodney, a Churchill boy, who became her husband, and they moved to Churchill twenty years ago.

"We bought our first home here and just couldn't leave," she said with pride. "I love Churchill. It is quiet, there is not the hustle and bustle of the big towns of the Valley. I love the people here. They are really friendly. It is easy to get involved. People in community groups are really welcome."

Sharon sees the Community Bank® branch

as having the potential for a huge amount of funding for projects in Churchill. Sharon has a particular passion in the area of teenage and youth development and education. She says she has a pipe dream of a youth centre in Churchill.

She is also involved in many community and sporting organisations such as Churchill Football/Netball Club as Treasurer, is Netball Junior Co-Ordinator, and in the Churchill Indoor Netball Association for Juniors.

"I would like people to come together to support this effort, and believe that together we can make this happen.



Lioness' at the Dog Show



Hazelwood House Roses

Lioness Club of Churchill & District

Jill Wall, Publicity Officer
 November has been a very busy month for us with all sorts of catering events. We are now winding down for the Christmas break and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe New Year. Thank you to our fellow lions for their support during the year and also to everyone else who has helped us in various ways so that we may continue helping our charitable causes and our continued involvement in the community.

The Morwell Dog Show was held in November at the Morwell

Football Ground. Conditions were very wet but there was a large crowd on both Saturday and Sunday which kept our ladies very busy with demands for sandwiches and hot drinks. We also supplied lunches for the officials on both days.

Our roses are looking spectacular at Hazelwood House thanks to the few gardening members who maintain the gardens on a regular basis.

Catering at Kernot Hall for the Rose and Garden Show was a terrific success with our ladies supplying delicious Devonshire Teas for the public. We also made sandwiches

and slices.

The Antique, Bottles, Collectibles and Gem Show at Kernot Hall was extremely busy with hundreds of people coming through over the 27 and 28 November. We took over the kitchen at Kernot Hall selling a variety of hot foods including bacon and egg sandwiches, hot spuds, pies, sandwiches and hot and cold drinks. One of the highlights of our catering is always our delicious homemade slices which are made by our very talented ladies, the only problem being we can never make enough!

As previously mentioned we are hosting the Annual Breakaway Convention for District 201V3 Lioness Clubs in February 2011 with approximately 100 ladies from all over the state attending.

We formed a Breakaway Committee who have had to make all the arrangements from accommodation to tourist spotlights and guest speakers as well as collecting donations and making up special show bags for our guests.

Our ladies have been extremely busy especially during this last month putting in place final arrange-

ments for this exciting weekend event.

Our sincere thanks to the many local businesses and members of the public who have been very generous in supporting our club in offering donations to help make this weekend and even bigger success.

This event will be a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase our wonderful district. We have some very special guest speakers attending and we can't wait to get the party started!



Our famous jelly slice – 'do we eat it or sell it'?!



The Lioness Breakaway Committee

Gambler's Help Gippsland



Dealing With Christmas

Christmas is a busy and stressful time for many people. If you find yourself becoming overwhelmed this Christmas, you're not alone. For many people Christmas can bring mixed and painful feelings.

Feelings of loneliness and sadness can seem more extreme and feelings of grief can resurface. Finances can become strained and family conflict can increase when everyone gets together.

It can be tempting to escape these feelings and hit the pokies a bit harder or have that extra drink after work.

- Be aware of the potential for painful feelings and accept these
- Remind yourself that others also find Christmas difficult and that this season will pass
- Talk to others about how you are feeling (family, friends, healthcare professionals)
- Look after yourself and take it easy
- Ask for any support you need

- If old Christmas traditions are no longer possible, start new ones
- Think of ways you can escape if it all else gets too much - movies, exercise, reading, hobbies
- If you cannot get away on Christmas, plan another day just for you
- Try to have a rest day before Christmas
- Reduce your expectations about having a perfect Christmas day.

If money is a problem

- Seek financial support sooner rather than later – you could ask family, friends, a Gambler's Help financial counsellor, support agencies such as the Salvation Army or St Vincent de Paul
- Go grocery shopping with a list
- Set a limit on the amount you spend during Christmas, particularly during sales.

If remembering loved ones is difficult:

- Talk to others about your loved one

- Make plans to spend time with valued family and friends
- Plan how you will spend Christmas day and any other sensitive days – a special day with family and friends, a personal self-care day, nice food, hot bath, DVD marathon
- Visit the cemetery or a special place you shared to say hello
- Write your loved one a Christmas card or buy them a gift that you can keep, use or perhaps give to charity.

If family conflict is a problem:

- Limit time with or avoid difficult family members
- Limit yours and others' alcohol intake
- Try to notice early signs of conflict and make a plan to leave at this point
- Keep yourself calm
- Try not to bring up old arguments.

Call Gamblers Help on : Freecall: 1800 242 696

Home Renovations: the Danger of Asbestos

Thinking about renovating?

If you are thinking about undertaking some home renovations during the holidays it is important to be aware of the dangers of asbestos.

“Houses that were built prior to 1985, and that is the majority in Churchill, are quite likely to have asbestos in them,” said John Parker, Secretary of the Gippsland Trades & Labour Council (GTLC). “It is a concern as we are now seeing home renovators, tradesmen and innocent bystanders with asbestos-related diseases and dying from Mesothelioma.”

“For a time I worked as a builder in Churchill and asbestos was used extensively. It was used, for example, as a backing in meter boxes, under eaves, in bathrooms and laundries,” he continued.

Every year in Australia and overseas thousands of people die from asbestos related diseases and the number of deaths is continuing to increase.

“It is important that home renovators understand the dangers of asbestos and it’s long term effects, and then decide whether to do it themselves or bring in asbestos removalists,” said Mr Parker.

Left Breathless

Asbestos is not toxic. The main Asbestos related diseases are caused by inhaling the very tiny, indestructible asbestos fibers. These fibres are so small that they are capable of bypassing the defence mechanism of the respiratory system and accumulating in the lungs. Once they reach the lungs, the shape of the fibres often prevent them from being exhaled.

Not everyone who is exposed to asbestos will contract an asbestos related disease and no one dies from asbestos-related cancer immediately after exposure. There is always a time delay which is usually in excess of ten years but can be as

much as thirty or forty years after initial exposure.

Where is it found?

Installed, undisturbed asbestos-containing products are safe because the asbestos fibres are bound together. But, if they are cut, drilled, sanded etc, they can release asbestos fibres into the air. Before renovating it is essential to identify asbestos-containing products.

• Asbestos was used as a heat and noise insulating material. It was installed:

- Around steam pipes
- Around hot water pipes
- Around boilers
- Under roofs, and
- Around steel beams

The most common asbestos products in the home are asbestos-cement products such as:

- Asbestos-cement sheets (walls and ceilings)
- Tilux sheeting in bathrooms and kitchens
- Asbestos-cement corrugated roofing sheets
- Asbestos-cement pipes
- Asbestos-cement guttering
- Asbestos-cement drains
- Some roofing tiles
- Some vinyl floor tiles
- Some caulking compounds such as black jack
- Asbestos insulated electric wiring in some stoves, hot-water systems and light fittings
- Mills boards at the back and sides of electrical switch boards.

Asbestos Home Removal Kit: An Australian First

Anyone in the Latrobe City community planning to remove a small amount of dangerous asbestos material as part of a home renovation, can now do so in relative safety following the launch of the

‘Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit.

Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support (GARDS) Secretary, Vicki Hamilton, said the ‘Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit’ was believed to be an Australian first.

“I have been informed through reliable sources that there has been nothing like this available in the whole of Australia.”

The kit provides the necessary equipment and knowledge to safely handle asbestos during the removal, packaging, transport and disposal operations for a small domestic job by the householder.

The ‘Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit’ can be purchased from the Latrobe City Council service centre in Morwell for \$30. The cost also covers the disposal fee at the Latrobe City landfill and a free asbestos awareness and education session is provided with each kit.

Any Latrobe City resident planning a home renovation involving the removal of asbestos material should first contact Latrobe City Council Waste Education Officer Peter Collins on 1300 367 700 to arrange an appointment.

“Identifying asbestos is difficult,” said Ms Hamilton. “The only way is by laboratory analysis. The best approach is to treat products as having asbestos in them.”

“Also, if you employ a tradesman to come into your home to do any kind of renovation work, check that they are aware of the dangers of asbestos and know how to deal with it safely,” said Mr Parker. “Ask the question and make sure they know how to recognise asbestos and deal with it properly. Don’t put yourself or your family at risk.”

For more information about asbestos, asbestos related diseases or licenced removalists contact GARDS on 03 5127 7744 or GTLC on 03 5133 7684.



GARDS Secretary, Vicki Hamilton and Matt Viney launch the Asbestos in the Home Kit



These old sheds and garages can be found in backyards Australia wide. Asbestos was also commonly used to build bungalows.



Vinyl itself does not usually contain asbestos. It is in the white backing material that can be seen here where the vinyl has worn through.

Churchill

By Annie Bea

Write a story about Churchill. Those were my instructions. Thanks to one of my Irish ancestors – who surely kissed the Blarney Stone more than once – I can usually write about anything. Give me a picture, a word, a phrase and I’ll give you a story. Maybe not a good one, definitely not a great one, but you’ll get a story. When in the mood I can write about two raindrops running down a window. So, write a story about Churchill should be easy. Why then, weeks later, is my mind a total blank?

Living in a tiny village in South Gippsland with two small children whilst my husband travelled to the Latrobe Valley for work was heaven, bliss to the bottom of my British born heart. But not for my husband who, after twelve hour shifts, had to do the fifty five minute drive home over the Gippsland hills. This often entailed him driving with his head out of the car window to stay awake, sometimes mooing at and singing to passing cows. He had to get out of bed at four in the morning to make the long, cold, dark journey across those sometime hated hills. So, after five years we decided to relocate.

I am of Irish heritage. Welsh also, which means there is a logical, calm Welshwoman inside of me. However it is always the emotional, impulsive Irish part of me which

influences major decisions. My logical soul wanted to make out lists of options, research areas, investigate schools. Firstly however, the family drove over the hills one sunny Sunday. We drove around the streets of Morwell, then along the highway to Traralgon before heading for Churchill on the way home. We parked outside the school in Williams Avenue and I turned to my husband and told him that this was where we were going to live. I told him that this town was where our children would grow up and that we would never leave.

So why did Churchill strike a chord? Why, whenever we have been on holiday, returning home we drive down Monash way and come to the rise in the road to see the town with the hills behind, seemingly embracing the town with their protective arms, does my heart lift? No matter how beautiful the place we have been visiting was, it is a comfort to be back.

Driving along Switchback Road on a sunny winter morning, the sight of the steam rising from the waters of the Pondage make me long for paintbrushes and canvas – as well as the talent to paint. No camera could catch the beauty of such a sight. Sitting at a picnic table in the National Park, embracing the

tranquillity, the birdsong and the scents of the bush bring instant peace to anyone in need.

Even the big cigar, which is surely the oddest tribute to a great man, is so ugly it is beautiful and is a welcoming beacon when coming home late at night.



I remember the stories and warnings we received when we told people where we were moving to. “You can’t live in Churchill,” they screamed, “your children will all end up on drugs and in prison.” “Your husband will leave you,” they warned. “Don’t you know about the single mothers and the OMO packets?” Perhaps to my husband’s disappointment, no OMO packets were proffered and our children have survived the warned of dangers of drugs, excessive alcohol and crime and have grown to adulthood and married.

Twenty three years later I am happy to live in Churchill. In my mind’s eye is a kaleidoscope of images over the years. Snow falling as I drove slowly up Morwell River Road, mist over the Pondage, magnificent sunsets which my philistine sister-in-law says are due to pollution. Long live pollution if it creates such beauty! I can even find something majestic about the power stations as they belch out their malignant Carbon Dioxide emissions into the atmosphere.

Write about Churchill and for me it is writing about home – and that is the beauty of the town. No, home is not the word I would use. It is insufficient in its meaning; it is too vague with the emphasis all wrong. I trawl through the dictionary and still no word is quite right for what I think of Churchill, of what Churchill means to me and which explains the reason for my feelings all those years ago, feelings which led to us living here for twenty three years and which I still feel.

So I switch over to my Celtic psyche and seek a meaning. What can I write about Churchill, how can I describe it, what is the word I seek? My Welsh soul shouts ‘Hireath’ but I reject it for my hireath is for that longing I feel for a far away country

my forefathers came from which I long to visit. I find the word in my German born husband’s culture. Write something about Churchill I was told. I need only this one word which for me describes Churchill and that long ago feeling I had when I first visited the town; a word which symbolises what one can feel for the place you belong; the place you will always feel that you belong.

Write something about Churchill I was told. So I will write one word only - or perhaps two. Churchill, for me, is Heimat. Heimat, which signifies the intuitive feelings one has for home in a way no other word can.

So, what can I write about Churchill? On this huge planet there is a tiny pinprick of a place, a very small area, unknown to most. I live there not because I was born there, not because my ancestors lived there, not even for the beautiful bush surrounds, the ugly cigar or the vague possibility that one day I will once again drive up a winding bush road watching snow fall on giant ferns, but because of a feeling, because of Heimat. Churchill is my Heimatland.

Annie Bea is a member of Churchill Writers Group at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

Churchill North Primary School

The Year in Review

Debbie Edwards
Principal

It is with pleasure that I reflect on the year's achievements and activities. A summary of these include:

February

20 very excited new prep students commence their first year of schooling.

2 new graduates commence their careers – Leisl Cane and Stacey O'Brien

After School Care program continues

Lunch time links continues with school leaders coordinating games and activities for students.

Swimming sports
4 – 6 Clubs

Craft, Cuppa and Chat

March

Family BBQ
Playgroup commences
5/6 S swimming commences
Yinnar and District Sports

April / May

Churchill Festival
5/6 Awareness Day at Kurnai
Special Lunch Day
Education Week – Special activity day relating to Space

June / July

1 / 2 and Prep swimming commences

International guest visitor Martin Renton teaches staff and students about Inquiry Learning.

Kinder visit commences

Miss Smith commences teacher

Grade 5/6 students as Miss Scotson is now working at Woorabinda school camp.

August

Book Week – great activities and book fair for the school community
Responsible Pet Ownership Program
School production – Vegemania

September

Brigades in school program for the whole school
Grade 5/6 Fire station visit and Grade Prep – 4 explore the fire trucks at school

October

Grade 2/3 camp to Woorabinda
Grade 4- 6 camp to Melbourne
Whole school excursion to Old Gipps town
Sports Camp
Kurnai Band perform for whole school

November

2/3 swimming commences
Whole school working bee and BBQ
Special Lunch Day

December

Grade 4/5 commence swimming
Intensive Kinder prep orientation program
Grandparents Day
All events could not be possible without the tremendous support of staff, parents and our wider school community.

A Hard Working School / Whole School Working Bee

A Hard Working School

By Cameron Fowler Grade 3

On the 12th November C.N.P.S had a working bee. Lots of students were involved, parents were also there. They had to pull out weeds from the gardens, there were lots of weeds and it was hard to pull them out. They had to clean up the rubbish and put new bark on the gardens.

The workers worked in small groups. The sunny day made it a good day for the working bee. Parents turned up to help with a sausage sizzle, every student got two sausages each. After the working bee it was a quiet day in the class rooms. I think the working bee was a good idea because we got good results, I think

the school looks a lot cleaner.

Whole School Working Bee

By Jordan H Grade 6

On Friday the 12th of November there was a whole school working bee. The students worked really hard to make our school look nice. Student, parents and teachers moved branches, replaced old bark with new bark, swept, shovelled and a whole lot more.

For all of the hard work, we couldn't thank them enough so the parents of the students come together and organized a free BARBEQUE. Thanks to all the parents and students for making our school LOOK beautiful.



Gippsland Primary Schools Sports Camp 2010 Sports camp - Where and What's that? Rawson Sports Camp

Rawson Sports Camp

By MS HANRATTY
(Sport and Health Teacher)

It was my absolute pleasure to take eight children to Rawson to be involved in a Sports Camp. Children from all over the valley attended this 3 day camp, for very fit and fun filled days.

Activities on camp included clinics in all the following areas: Table Tennis, Orienteering, Soccer, Baseball and Volleyball. The presenters were all highly skilled and knowledgeable in regards to their chosen sport. The children and myself learnt so very much. We were also lucky enough to listen to Dale Stevenson who won a Bronze Medal at the Delhi Commonwealth Games.

I think the most valuable lesson to present itself was that with determination, commitment and effort

anything is achievable. All the children displayed such willingness to try new things and also participated enthusiastically and to the best of their individual abilities.

Gippsland Primary Schools Sports Camp 2010 Sports camp - Where and What's that?

By GEMMA LAIDLAW
Grade 6

Sports camp is held at a place in Rawson. It happens every year for primary schools of Gippsland. Some of the schools are Churchill North, Churchill Primary, Thorpdale, Commercial Road and Rawson.

There were 12 teachers at sports camp, one teacher from every school. At sports camp we did 5 activities; they were soccer, volleyball, basketball, table tennis and orienteering.

There were 5 groups. They were called Hooker, Neil, Abblet, Mcbomb and one other one. On day one all the groups did 3 activities and on the second day we all did 2 activities.

The kids that went from Churchill North were Justin VT, Wyatt C, Jazmyn W, Emily V, Ben Mc, Jaryd DS, Breanna KD, Gemma L and Mrs Hanratty as our Teacher.

The kids loved it and they all had a good time.



Around our School Yard....

Churchill North IDOL

By Tyler R Grade 4

This year IDOL has taken place once again at Churchill North Primary School – meaning that the kids who signed up gave up their play time to practice their songs. These youngsters have learnt and practiced just to get on that stage to sing. The heats began on Wednesday and ended on Friday 19th November. Students were informed on Monday 22nd November whether or not they were successful in getting through to the finals. Stay tuned as finals are just around the corner.

Swimming Here We Come

By Emily Lugton

On the 12 /11/ 2010 Grade 4/5 O started their six week swimming program. We have to walk from school to the Leisure Centre in Churchill. The swimming program goes for two hours every Friday. We get back when the lunch bell goes, has just gone or is about to ring. Grade 4/5 O is the last grade to do the swimming program.

We are split into groups depending on our levels. Some students are learning about water safety and feeling confident in the water, whilst others are doing laps and working on their stroke correction. We also get some free time where we get to play in the water. Last week we took the underwater camera and captured some great photos of each other and some silly photos to, which was really fun.

With the weather warming up, we are the luckiest grade to be going swimming over these last few weeks. There are plenty more bubbles to blow and laps to swim.

Old Gipps town whole school visit

Students enjoyed stepping back in time and discovering what it was like in the past – in terms of schooling, housing, transport, shopping, cooking and entertainment. This was a great experience for all students and was complimented with a grandparents day later in the term.



Lunch Time Craft

By Tamara A Grade 6

At lunch time some students do lunch time craft group... it is awesome. We do all sorts of crafty stuff to enjoy proper recreation instead of doing just some random stuff in the playground. We made candle holders, this time two each. Our parents also do a

craft activity but not at lunch time. Mrs Tracy Allen says this about parent craft time "It's good to catch up with other parents while doing something that I don't do at home" Tamara A says this "I enjoy getting creative." We all really thank those parents who give up their time to teach us some crafty stuff.

Yinnar South Primary School

A School Like No Other

Remember the days of the old school yard?

**SMALL CLASSES-
MODERN ADVANTAGES**

**YINNAR SOUTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Brewster's Road, Yinnar South
Enrolment enquiries: 51691540

Kids treat each other like siblings. The staff knows every family. Class sizes are small. Paddocks can be seen from the school yard. Such is the joy of an education at Yinnar South Primary School.

Nestled in the Yinnar South hills, the school offers the benefits of learning in the country, a close knit environment with the chance for teachers to give students the attention they need.

The school day starts with a student ringing the old fashioned hand bell, "We just want people to see that there is an alternative for them, the idea is that the kids are given responsibilities such as answering the phones because we are such a small school, and that's great because they experience a real ownership" said Principal Patricia McGarry .

Parents are the backbone of the school, regularly supporting working bees and helping with classroom activities.

Yinnar South students achieve across academic,

art, music computing and sporting fields. Some have excelled at state athletics while others have performed at eisteddfods, their confidence boosted by the leadership opportunities available at the school.

"The kids get a chance to have a voice. It comes from the fact that every day the teachers ask them to contribute to the class" said Mrs McGarry.

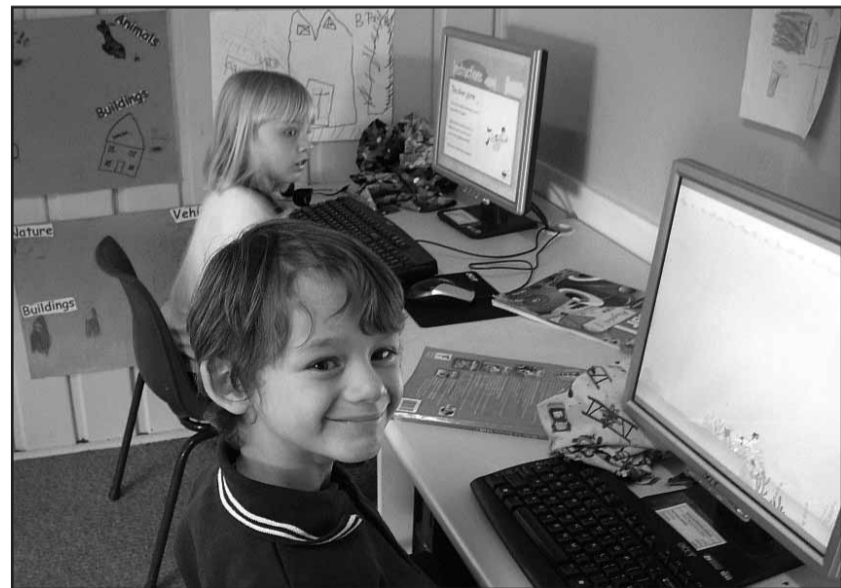
Students are well resourced, with ample number of computers and electronic whiteboards.

Kids can play on the basketball court or on wet days, retreat to a game of chess in the undercover area.

Students have the opportunity to attend camps in grade 3/4 and 5/6.

All children are well catered for including children with special needs as it is a small school environment so the kids get more attention.

The school now welcomes enrolments.



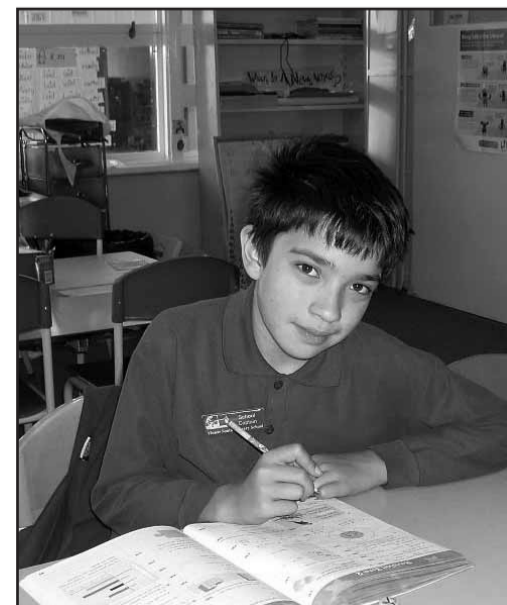
Daniel and Alyssa

At Yinnar South Primary School we provide:

- ✪ Small class sizes – more individual time for your child
- ✪ Family atmosphere – sense of caring and belonging
- ✪ Individualised Support

For Students With Disabilities & Special Needs

- ✪ Multi-age classes which promote self-esteem and independence
- ✪ Well resourced Art Room & Library
- ✪ Interactive Whiteboards
- ✪ Large, shady playgrounds
- ✪ Music, Art, Technology and Phys. Ed. Programs
- ✪ Excellent access to computers in every classroom
- ✪ Strong community focus
- ✪ Regular whole school Activities
- ✪ Excursions & Sports Days
- ✪ Grade 3/4 & 5/6 Camps.



Alfonso



Daniel, John and Alfonso

Lumen Christi Primary School

Italian Day

Our whole school was involved in an Italian Day where the children dressed in the Italian colours and rotated through groups throughout the morning.

By Haylee Paterson
Grade 5

I had a really fun day because I liked the mask making, doing word finds, playing bocce and having the gelati.

By Jemma Sawyer
Grade 5

The gnocchi we made was really nice and I enjoyed eating it too. Making the masks was the best. I coloured mine in green and different shades of purple then I put silver and green glitter on it.

By Neesha Simmons
Grade 5

On Italian day we had to dress in up Italian colours. Everyone was in groups and my favourite activity was making the masks but I also enjoyed the other activities. I think it is good to have groups mixed up with children

from other grades and it was great how the teachers set up such a good day for all of us.

Woorabinda School Camp

Grade 3/4 students from Lumen Christi recently went to Woorabinda School Camp. Students spend two days at the adventure camp. Students were challenged in a variety of activities, such as High Ropes Course, Hut Building, Canoeing on Lake Narracan and Archery. All activities were combined in a Survivor like challenge on the last day called The Quest, in which the student's team working skills were put to the test. An enjoyable experience for all.

Prep Swimming!

The preps finished off a huge first year of school with swimming lessons at the Churchill pool. It was lovely to see their confidence grow as they swam every day for the week. Children who had never been in a pool before were happily diving and swimming through the water by Friday. Thank you to the Churchill Leisure Centre for a very well run school swimming program!

Earn and Learn 2010

Our students in Grade 5 and 6 have been specifically involved in generating business ideas and applying for employment positions within our local community town of Lumen Christi. Those on fixed incomes also learnt valuable lessons about their financial obligations and that accounts in utilities, food and rent had to be paid before any other spending could occur.

To help with stimulating the economy the Grade 3 and 4's were allocated an amount of pocket money to spend at the various business enterprises but the allotment of fines in the preceding days may have whittled away some of their cash. Grades 1 and 2 also received a small portion of pocket money and received some bargains as businesses tried to clear some of their goods before the close of business.

Lumen Christi received a small amount of real financial support from Coles in Mid-Valley as well as a sizeable donation of goods



from Bunnings Warehouse. At the conclusion of our sessions the students certainly generated many more ideas about how the program could be improved upon for the future.

BY Cameron Stewart
Grade 5

I thought Earn and Learn was good because it taught us how to be wise with our money and that

we have to pay all our bills first.

BY Shae Justice
Grade 5

At Earn and Learn my job was to work at the newsagency as an assistant. My mum came out and helped as well. We sold heaps of stuff. My bills cost me \$370 but I had some money left over so I could buy something. I had a fun time.



Tackers Intro For Schools - Sailing on the Pondage

Tackers Intro for Schools

Grades 5 and 6 were involved in this program where the children were given the chance to experience sailing in a fun, non-competitive environment where there was a focus on safety.

Sailing on the Pondage

By Teresa Simpson
Grade 5

When we first got to the Pondage Batman, Freckles, Philip and Sonic introduced them selves. At first, we were shown around the yacht club. Our leaders then did a demonstration on how to put on a life jacket and I was chosen to be the assistant. We were told not to put on a jacket that didn't fit us. He put the largest jacket on me then showed everybody else what would happen if you fell in the water with that kind of jacket. Philip grabbed the life jacket and lifted it (with me in it) and explained what would happen. If it was too big and you ended up in water you would have the life jacket over your head and not securely around your body. Then he told me to lift my arms up and showed how a lifejacket, that was too big, would come off in the water by slipping it over my head. He put the smaller jacket on me and clipped it up correctly and. This time, when I put my arms up he grabbed the jacket and was able to pick me up. Mrs Glowacki even got a picture.

The rest of the class put on their life jackets and we scrambled into our boats. We were towed along with all the other boats. Cooper and Brody were in the boat behind us and while they were trying to show off Brody ended up falling out. Cooper grabbed his jacket and helped him into the boat. After a very nice ride we went back to shore to have recess.

After a snack and short play we were put into three groups and given pointers about how to control the sails. Once again we chose a boat and pushed it

away from the water's edge. For this period of time I was with Meaghan. When we got stuck on shore we had to get out and push. Meaghan ended up accidentally leaving me behind so I was told to grab another boat and sail alone.

At first it took a while to get into a rhythm and I kept getting hit in the head by the boom. But after a while they said I looked like a pro. When I really got used to it we had this massive five boat collision and I was in one of the boats. After a short while there were no more crashes involving me. We started to learn push turns where we had to push the extension away and dodge the boom. At least by that time I was not getting hit in the head.

At 12:30 we went back to have some lunch. For a play, we went to the park where we had so much fun. It was that hot we only played on one thing which was a swing that's centre pole swung around. I was one of the lucky children that got two turns. Wow, was I dizzy! But it was amazing.

We went back and went into our boats again but this time I went in one with Jessie-Lee. By that time I controlled the rudder amazingly well and we worked as a team and didn't crash or fall out or get hit in the head. Then we went back to shore for some emergency drills.

We were told we were to flip the boats and then go under and then come out from under. We flipped them by holding onto the centre board and pulling the boat back to the way they were. First I went with Reily and we flipped it by sitting on the edge. We stayed under and when we heard a loud knock we came out from underneath. After a few practices we got out of the water, dried off and got on the bus.

I honestly thought it was lots of fun and very interesting and I hope to go back and sail again.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM CHILDREN HAVE FUN HORSE RIDING!!

During fourth term, Lumen Christi Active After School program was fortunate to again run a horse riding program on a Wednesday afternoon through the support of Catherine Martindale of Hazelwood Lodge, Churchill. The horse riding has been one of the most successful activities run through this after school program. The horse riding assisted children in learning how to ride, maintain good health and optimum condition of the horses

Having the active after school program available to the children has provided many with a sporting opportunity that may not have normally occurred. Other fun activities in 2010 included snorkelling, tae-kwon-do, tennis, cricket, basketball, dance and

many other activities.

A big thank you to all who assisted in the program and made it such a success. In particular, Jakson Elfring who supervised and co-ordinated this program for the past two years. Jakson will be leaving at the end of 2010 and we would like to congratulate Nicole Osborne and wish her all the best in her new role as AASC Supervisor in 2011.

Next year is shaping up to be just as exciting and fun and children are encouraged to participate in this fantastic opportunity to get into some great sports. This is a "FREE" program for children which runs three nights a week. It is funded by the Australian Sports Commission.



Churchill Primary School

Spell-a-thon

On Monday 22nd, our whole school student population took part in our spell-a-thon. The grade 5/6 students were able to help the younger students by reading out their words and marking the papers. It was a real whole school effort. Not only was this a chance for the children to improve their spelling, but they also became involved in individual fundraising. Prizes will be awarded on the 6th December at the Monday assembly.

Junior School Council:

The Junior School Council ran a very successful car wash. They raised nearly \$200 and had a lot of fun with sponges, hoses and soapy water. They involved all of the students in the school. The staff and parents were very pleased with their clean cars.

Churchill Primary Playgroup

Our playgroup is running on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11a.m in the General Purpose Room. We welcome members of the community to join our group.

Churchill Primary School Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is run by Mrs. Jo Whitelaw and a band of very dedicated volunteers. We are very grateful to these helpers because we could not provide this free service to our students without their help. Students come between 8:00am and 8:30am to have cereal, toast, yoghurt, fruit, Milo or juice. It is open to all students of the school. Some, who have already eaten at home, just come for a drink and a yoghurt as they socialise with friends over "breaky".

Swimming

The prep, one and two grades went swimming at the Morwell Leisure Centre. They had 8 sessions and the students practised swimming and water safety skills. They really enjoyed the bus trip to the Morwell pool and each group had some "free time" in the small pool as well. Some of the parents took the opportunity to see the progress the children were making as well. The students were happy but really, really tired at the completion of the program.

Kinder - Prep Transition Days

Most of the children in our next year's prep grade have come to school to prepare for next year's start of school. They have been involved in class activities, reading stories, doing some maths tasks, making craft objects and generally getting the feel of school. It is really pleasing to see the growth in confidence as the children settle into school. No matter how seamless we try to make coming to school, we understand that it is a huge developmental step. Thank you to the parents of our new preps for making the effort to bring their children to school. Our grade 6 students are making transition to visits to Kurnai to prepare for next year too.

Christmas Club

Once again the members of the Cooperating Church have volunteered to provide our grades 1,2,3,4, with activities related to Christmas. The

children walk down to the Church, have a snack, hear stories, participate in a range of craft activities and build up positive images of the Christmas season. We thank Mrs. Ruth Place for organising our Religion in Schools program with P/1 all year and organising the helpers and activities for the Christmas and Easter Club.

Christmas Toy Run

The school resounded to the roar of Harley Davidson motorcycles and other assorted motor-bikes as the members of 4 Gippsland Motorcycle Clubs rode in to pick up the school's donations of toys for their Annual Toy Run. The donations help the St Vincent de Paul and Salvation Army Christmas Appeal for needy families. The winners of a bicycle safety colouring competition received a bag of goodies from the Motorcycle groups. For many of our students, the excitement of seeing bikes at school was almost greater than seeing the surprise guest who was pulled on a sleigh attached to a Harley Davidson. Santa came and gave the students some safety at Christmas advice. The members also gave our students advice on bicycle safety and caring for others less well off than ourselves at Christmas. Councillor Darrell White also addressed the assembled students.

Discovery Club at Monash University

On Friday 5th November, Crades 5 and 6 joined Lumen Christi and Gormandale Schools to participate in a number of activities run by the students and staff at the University.

We broke into two groups, one with Mrs. Shields and one with Mr. Pearson. Group one went to the nursing faculty. Hayley showed us around. We saw machines being hooked up to dummies and there were all sorts of gross sounds from one of them and the other dummy was just breathing. We felt them and they felt rubbery. One dummy had its mouth open and we could feel the tongue which was wet and rubbery. Then we went to Art and Design faculty. There was a big guy made out of cans and recycled materials. Then we made some fish out of paper and we got to make a fan. We did this in partners. Then there was a competition to see who could fan their fish across the room. The winner got a lightning stress bar. We also went to lunch near the knuckle. We had chicken salad rolls. After that we had fruit. We could ask Hayley questions about Monash. We got lost at one stage. We met up with group two. They had different activities and they had done some gym. We went through the Koori studies area to a computer lab and we worked on a program called Alice. We had a graduation ceremony and every student got to graduate and receive an award. Riley and Tarna thanked the Monash people for having us. We played outside for a while and then came back to school. I really enjoyed the day. Laine McGrath

A Merry Christmas and Happy New year to everyone in our community



"Movember"

Churchill Primary School "Mo Bros" have grown their moustaches for "Movember" to raise money for research into prostate cancer. Brandon Mahoney G. 4/5, Gerard Pearson G. 5/6, Matthew

Dubois G. P/1 and Ben Kimpton PE got into the spirit of the cause but there are a couple who are counting down to the end of the month, "itching to come clean."



Active After School Program

This program has continued this term with the focus on tennis. The "HOT SHOTS" program has been attended by up to 30 students from the school. Mrs. Vicki Duffus and Mrs Lorraine Butler run the program each Tuesday for Grades 3 – 6 and on Wednesdays for grades Prep – 2.



Donation of Dictionaries for Fire Affected Schools

Chris Payne, past president of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood, presented 50 dictionaries to our school from the Rotary Clubs of Christchurch, New Zealand. These dictionaries were especially printed for fire affected schools in our area.

We thank these Rotary Clubs for their thoughtfulness. The beautiful dictionaries were accepted by our School Captains.

On 5th November, Questioncon came to our school. It was us learning about mathematical shapes and patterns. We also learned about codes and every time we learned about a concept, we got to use a secret handshake.

The two men, Scott and Brod, used a great big interactive whiteboard to help us to understand the maths involved in a problem. We got to figure out some puzzles and do some problem solving activities. We used instructions to help us figure out what the answers were. At first, it looked very hard but at the end we felt proud of ourselves for figuring out most of the activities using teamwork. Tayla Kelty - Roberts and Hayley Huizer.

Question Maths



Boolarra Primary School

Fundraising

Our parents all teamed together to cater a lovely afternoon tea at the recent LEAP meeting. In total this year our parents have raised over \$5,000 to help set up our new building in fine style.

Our School Council have decided that in 2011 we will raise money to get solar heating for our school pool.

Phillip Island Adventure

Our grade 3/4s spent a wonderful three days at a camp in Phillip Island. They returned giving glowing accounts of the facilities, with one student reporting that it was "more like a resort than a camp!"

Our students shared this experience with the grade 3/4s from Thorpdale and Narracan Primary Schools ensuring that they had lots of opportunities to meet and socialise with new friends.

Equestrian News

Daina Howard of grade 4 recently represented our school in an equestri-

an competition. Daina obtained a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placing in various events, which was a fabulous effort.

Bullying Survey

Each year we survey our students from prep to grade 6 to identify what bullying is occurring at our school. It was lovely to see that, when asked if they feel safe at school, none of our students chose "Never" with the majority choosing "Always".

It is apparent that we have minimal physical bullying, which is a relief! However "Name Calling and "Teasing" is a problem for some of our students.

Most students indicate they don't report this as they consider it's either "Not their business" or they "Didn't want to get involved". Thankfully no one said they "Didn't think anything would be done about it", because we do take verbal bullying very seriously.

In Personal Development we work with our students on how they can handle "Bullying" and the important

role bystanders play in breaking this cycle of behaviour.

Dictionary Donation

Ms Christine Payne delivered fifty fabulous picture dictionaries and some cooking aprons to our school. These were generously donated by New Zealand Rotarians.

School Magazine!

Soon we will have a very special publication to celebrate all that has happened at our school in 2010! One of our parents,

Cherry Prior had the idea and the drive to make this happen and has done a great job involving our students in this project. We are currently conducting a competition to find a great name for our school magazine.

Free Fruit Friday

Throughout the year our students have enjoyed a wonderful selection of free fruit. We are very grateful to one of our parents, Amanda Noy who has sourced the fruit for us from Ritchies in Churchill.



Students in their sleeping quarters at camp



Students of grade P1 2 girls enjoying some strawberries

Boolarra Primary School



Excellent Yard Behaviour

Each day two students have received free icy-poles (99% fruit juice variety) because they were spotted by the yard duty teacher doing great things in our playground. Pictured left Holly and Corey enjoying the rewards of good yard behaviour



Recently the grade P/1/2 students (with help from some senior students) got to frolic in our pool. For some of the preps this was their first swim in our pool, which was very exciting! The shade sail over the pool provides great sun protection but the water is extremely chilly! Hence we will fundraise next year to get solar heating for the pool.

Our Pool Gets Some Use

Kurnai College Junior Campus

Year 7 Projects: Global Project Expo Success

On Wednesday 24th November students set-up booths to talk about their Global Poverty Projects.

The day was well attended by parents, teachers from other campuses, principals across the College, Churchill primary Grades 5 and 6 students, teachers, principal and MP Justin Madden, and Labor Candidate Graeme Middlemiss, who discussed their projects with several students.

Students spoke to parents, teachers, and principals about their research and their responses to the U.N's Millennium Development Goals. As part of their project, students developed 10 questions, for people to ask them about their project. Students also displayed the practical actions they had undertaken.

Viewers experienced short films, documentaries, power point presentations, the experience of a shanty hut, student made computer games, posters, murals, original artworks, comics, books and more.

There was a display of the Students 'Children Like Me' research, their solar cookers for sun-rich resource poor countries, and their involvement in iEARN a glob-

al student forum.

The students were amazing on the day. They were proud of their work, knowledgeable, engaged, passionate and dedicated. All of the year 7 team teachers are extremely proud of their efforts. Everyone who attended the expo commented on the outstanding quality of work the students produced.

Acting Principal Geoff Block is very proud of the efforts of the Year 7's saying he was impressed by the kid's involvement and the level of passion about what they were doing. They demonstrated that they had researched their work very well and showed a deep knowledge of the topic, being able to answer question put to them.

Furniture for The School Yard

Ben Swift and his woodwork class have been making furniture for the school yard to add interest and practical facilities. There will be two planter boxes with seats located near the front office and around the school are table and seat sets which are well used.

Visit By Justin Madden

During the election campaign, Justin Madden visited the school and was talking to the students about *The Respect Agenda* which is the development of respect throughout

the school community.

He also spoke about the proposed Year 9 Experience which includes two weeks in a Melbourne camp. It is to focus on development of personal and life skills. The aim is to keep Year 9 students engaged.

Headstart

This began two weeks before the end of term when students begin the following year's work. This helps to keep students at school and fully engaged.

Awards Presentation Ceremony

This occurred today with the students receiving recognition for academic, sporting and citizenship and community awards. **Living in Poverty** Jack Findlay and Riley Hogarth spent a weekend recreating the conditions of living on a \$1.25 a day over a weekend. The boys cooked and ate rice and bread, slept in a leaky cold cattle shed, walked 5kms to collect their water and tried to stay warm and dry in heavy rainfall. From their experiences the boys created a video diary and 25 minute documentary of their ordeal. The biggest impact was realising how lucky they are and how easy our lives are compared to those just focussed on survival.

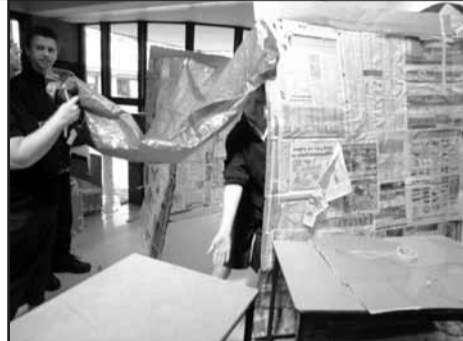
The Dinner Effect

Developing vs. Developed Country

Dinner and Trivia Night fundraiser.

The girls aim was to highlight the extreme difference between how we eat and people living on \$1.25 a day. The girls are focused on the plight of girls in poverty as they receive less than 2 cents of every aid dollar. Intervening at the age of 12 and keeping girls in schools increases their safety and life chances and reduces the future generations living in poverty. The girls will use all raised funds to support the Girl Effect organisation who donate to programs to support empowering women out of poverty. The girls raised over \$700 with their dinner and trivia fundraiser for The Girl Effect. The night was fantastic and attended by parents, friends, teachers, Cr Lisa Price and MP Russell Northe. Multiple local businesses supported the girls with produce, donations and gifts for their prizes. As the teachers table won the trivia the girls will raffle off the prizes next Thursday night at the year 7 play.

Girls educated guests with place-mats and coasters that contained different facts about girls in poverty, the lack of education for children and food choices. They also created a film inspired by the Girl Effect organisations 'The clock is Ticking'.



Well Done to Zoey Hibbert, Jade Stevenson, Joelly Firmin, Bronwyn Slater, Sophie Chambers, and Molly Hillenaar.

UNICEF Barbecue.

Liam, Kieran, Cooper, Brody, Murdo and Daniel raised over \$290 on Saturday 6 November at Woolworths. The boys donated start-up money and their time to run a sausage sizzle from 9.30- 3pm. The boys will be donating the money to UNICEF to support HIV/AIDS affected children in Zimbabwe.

Students created original artworks, a mural on their thoughts and feelings towards child slave labour, PowerPoint presentations, poetry and an interactive computer game that teaches about sustainability. In all the students have raised over \$1300 towards supporting programs to assist those living in poverty.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Happy Christmas and a Happy and Safe 2011.

Hitting the Right Notes

The music team at Kurnai College have had a number of acknowledgements throughout the year from individual achievements, student opportunities, community support and music advocating. Here are some of our stories...

Individual Achievements

Mr Bonnici and Mr Hopkins recently had the privilege of attending the Premiers Award ceremony at the Crown Casino Complex.

The Premiers Awards are given out by the Government of Victoria in recognising the outstanding achievements of individual students who have attained the highest marks possible in a VCE subject.

From Kurnai College, the student was Jack Davies.

Jack undertook Year 12 VCE last year and has been recognised for his results in Music.

Jack was a bass guitar student at Kurnai College who completed both VCE Music Group Performance and VET VCE Music-Certificate 3 in 2009.

Jack is now currently studying Bass Guitar at the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA).

Student Opportunities

Numerous opportunities in public performance have existed for Kurnai College music students with appearances at Mid Valley Shopping Centre, Monash Uni Cafe', Kurnai Idol Heats during Lunchtimes at all campuses, Eisteddfods, interviewed on ABC Radio - Sale studio, MultiCultural Festival, Roses 'n' Rhythm Concert, Tyers Art Show, just to men-

tion a few.

Community Support

A number of businesses have hopped on board and assisted with the purchase of the NEW Kurnai College Music trailer.

The trailer was purposely designed by Joseph Bonnici to assist in the day-to-day requirements, also features the new Kurnai College Music Logo - designed by yr 10 student Breanna Downes-Smith, as well as the numerous business logos of the supporting businesses.

We also have the Kurnai Community Music Scholarships.

These scholarships consist of musical instruments that are privately owned by members of our community, which are used by specifically chosen music students.

So those pre-loved musical instruments in your closet can actually be of great use. To date, we have had as part of this scholarship the use of an Alto Saxophone for 2 years.

We are always on the lookout for brass and woodwind instruments.

Music Advocacies

Students from across Morwell and Churchill campuses embarked on a six day tour, performing to 11 primary schools

throughout the Latrobe Valley, from Morwell to Churchill, Hazelwood North, Yinnar, Yinnar South and Boolarra.

A number of bands were featured at each school, show casing what each band can do on their own.

The shows concluded with two massive combined items, where chants of "encore" and "we want more" were regular occurrences from the audiences, combined with the various forms of moshpits.

Some audience members got up close to a number of the performers, closely observing the mechanics of the instruments and (when time permitted) question time was always an interesting and educational moment.

The Music program promotes the interest in learning a musical instrument and in making music with others.

A common phrase said by Mr Bonnici is "it's never too late to learn an instrument"... So, what's stopping you!



Hazelwood North Primary School

THANK YOU MR D!

Hazelwood North's principal Mr Drysdale has been principal for 15 years. He has done many jobs for our school - balls off the roof, unblocking the toilets, Human Powered Vehicle every year, Camp Rumbug, the list goes on. The school wouldn't be as good as it is, if we didn't have Mr D.

The new buildings are a struggle. But with Mr D there's no trouble at all. He has always been a calm, caring person and has never got angry.

We have tipped mud on him at camp and put ice down his back at H.P.V. Hazelwood North appreciate all of things he's done. It's going to be hard without Hazelwood North's friend Mr D.

THANK YOU FROM EVERYONE AT HAZELWOOD NORTH P.S Human Powered Vehicle-Winners at Maryborough

On the 15th of November, Hazelwood North was heading for Maryborough. It was a 4 hour drive and we all made it. As soon as we got there, we put up the tents. After an hour or so, we all went to the pool! We stayed for hours. Different schools were there too. We knew we were up for quite a big challenge. After the pool, we went to the park. It was only small but there was a seesaw! We played on that seesaw night and day.

In the morning, birds woke us up... all of us. They were so annoying! Anyhow... that was the day we had to do scrutineering and presentation. Both teams, Overdrive and Coalpower,

passed in scrutineering. They also did fantastic jobs in their presentations. We were all allowed to race on the RACV Energy Breakthrough track. We had a practice run so that we could get used to the feeling. Pit-crew also had a shot.

At twelve noon we had to start the race. We had a 9 hour race on Friday, so we went from 12:00 to 9:00pm. We all seemed pretty excited when we got to the tent. All of our school liked the famous crash corner. All the crashes start there, and end there. Super fun! Some of the crashes even happened in front of you, in the vehicle, scary, but amazing! By the end of the race, everyone was exhausted. Many of the drivers went to bed early that night, as they had to wake up at five in the morning.

At six, the race starts on the Saturday. We all figured that the day will be the dreaded heat, and the mornings and nights are as cold as anything! We started the race really well. Crash corner was once again the schools favourite! Some of our drivers crashed, but they were okay. We finished the race, Overdrive - 300 laps, Coalpower - 313 laps. We were all proud of the results and our efforts. COALPOWER FINISHED FIRST AND OVERDRIVE FINISHED FOURTH.

By Rose

When we had the team photos, we tipped icy water over Mr Drysdale's head. It was a once in a lifetime experience. We also had a really big water fight and it was awesome. We arrived home safely.



By Luke

Action Squad is a group of four students that go to Kurnai Secondary College and they come every Friday to tell the children in 5/6F about High School and also to have a game. They have activity booklets for all the children to complete and they tell about the timetables at High School and answer questions we have about going to High School. For the last session of Action Squad the people who do it bring food and drinks and they have a party with the students. They taught us games to play and the peo-

Action Squad

ple who do Action Squad are Rodney, Jayden, Emily and Adam.



Melbourne Cup Day

By Jordy & Jess.

Our school had fun and games to celebrate Melbourne Cup Day. For the first hour of the day our school had a dress up and fancy hat parade.

Junior School Council judged all the school then at the end of the parade we gave awards out to the winners. In the end they all won because they all dressed up.

Then at the end of the day we had horse races (not real horses). We had each grade having fun at that point. With the horse races we had preps start off first and all the way up to the grade sixes. We had the



teachers racing and then the J.S.C and the winners of EVERY race.

In the end everyone had fun.

CSIRO

By Christina L

On the 6th November, Elke came from the CSIRO to teach the 5/6s about biodiversity. We had to check different things to see why the Eastern Barred Bandicoot is on the endangered list.

We had to test the water from downstream and upstream. On a model of land we had to check the temperature and look at different types of grass. There was also an activity where we had to check different types of dirt. There was an activity where we had to test the classroom air, our breath and the outside air. We had to observe some water on a laptop, look at the heat difference over 100 years, link Simpsons characters together and check the temperature on two containers.

At the end we made a web and worked out what the bandicoot eats, and what eats the bandicoot. In the end the string was everywhere. We had lots of fun and learnt a lot. The other classes also had a lesson on science. We followed up and tested water from the dam next door. We tested whether the water was an acid or an alkaline. It was 7.3, which is alkaline. It was great fun.

Camp Rumbug

By Daniel, Brodie & Glen

Camp was Wednesday 21st of October to 24th of October. Grades 3 to Grade 6 went to Camp. There was abseiling, giant swing, scare bear, canoeing, adventure bridge and lots more fun activities. Every one slept in cabins. There were 16.

The staff were awesome. Their names are Ian, Pete, Matt, Mick, and more awesome staff. Matt and Mick owned Camp Rumbug. Ian and Pete are the senior staff. They were very encouraging and gave us lots of confidence.

All the food was delicious. On the first day we had lamb roast. On the second day we had cereal and bacon and eggs. We had rolls with

salad. For tea we had lasagne and vegies. On the last day we had pancakes with maple syrup or lemon and sugar. Everyone enjoyed the food and went back for seconds.

CAMP RUMBUG IS THE BEST!

Grade 6's Graduating

At Hazelwood North Primary School we have 24 Year 6 students graduating. This group of students have all been outstanding role models for our younger students.

They have consistently been recognised by people in our wider community, as well as our school community, as being well mannered and behaved.

Throughout their time at Hazelwood North they have made excellent academic and sporting achievements.

Students who found learning more difficult persisted and made enormous improvements. Others showed amazing talents and strengths in certain areas and impressed their teachers on a daily basis.

Sport has always been a much loved activity with this group, nagging for sport every day as Mrs Foster and Mrs Duncan walked through the door.

They have always exhibited a great sporting attitude, making sure everyone had a fair go and offering encouragement to their team mates.

We wish these students all the be



Hazelwood North Grade 6 Graduation 2010

Churchill Bowls Club

The Churchill Bowls Club concluded its 2010 indoor bowls season on Thursday the 9th December at Gaskin Park Hall with the draw of our Christmas Hamper, novelty bowls games, a Kris Kringle and a break up party which included a visit from Santa.

We will resume our indoor bowls on Thursday the 10th February 2011.

We also thank Latrobe City, Councillor, Darrell White, and the Churchill and District News for their assistance during the year

The Churchill Bowls Club will be holding an indoor bowls open day sometime in the New Year, for all residents of Churchill and district. Coaches will be available for assistance if required. More on this early next year

The Churchill Bowls Club would like to thank all our members, patrons and businesses who supported us during the year and wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2011.

Golf Presentation Night

The Churchill and Monash Golf Club recently held their 2010 Presentation night. The fifty-four people who attended enjoyed a great meal and shared a number of golf stories. Winner of the Most Improved Trophy for the men was Tysen Webb. The Best Club Lady 2010 was awarded to Jill Beck.

Golf is a great healthy activity. Green fees are \$10 a day for non

members whenever the course is not closed for competitions which are usually Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Anyone interested in joining the Club should contact Brian Kilday on 51221647.

If you would like to advertise your business on the Course please phone Jill Beck on 51741005.

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

13/11/2010 Men's 4 BBB Stableford

A. Grade Winners W. Judkins (22) W. Peter (18) 50 pts; B. Grade J. Ambrosini (27) K. Garlick (31) 48 pts; DTL P. Broadbent & L. Cats 43 c/b; A. Percy & P. Jordan 43 c/b; G. Down & G. Fraser 43 c/b NTP 3rd K. Hill, 5th T. Beveridge, 12th W. Peter, 14th H. Martin Birdies H. Martin 14th, W. Peter 12th.

14/11/2010 Stableford

Winner G. Beyer (12) 42 pts

16/11/2010 Womens 3 BBB Stableford

Winners D. Judkins (41) A. Hibbert (42) M. Munckton (42) 86 pts, DTL E. Baker (45) L. Peake (43) C. Ellis (37) 81 pts c/b NTP 5th 2 Shot M. Munckton, 12th B. Beebe, 14th 2nd Shot L. Peake.

20/11/2010 Men's Stroke

A. Grade R. Scurlock (9) 64, B. Grade P. Broadbent (26) 62, C. Grade P. Collins (27) 58, DTL A. Auld 63, R. Welsh 64, P. Jordan 64, R. Jenkins 65, K. VanVliet 66, T. Gabbett v66, V. Monument 66 NTP 3rd R. Scurlock, 5th T. Collins, 12th W. Peter, 14th T. Collins Birdies P. Williams 3rd D'alterio.

21/11/2010 Mens Stableford

Winner J. Ambrosini (27) 36 pts, DTL D. Taylor (25) 34 pts c/b NTP 3rd N. Hutchinson, 12th M. E D'Alterio.

21/11/2010 Stableford Ladies Winner

E. D'Alterio (29) 34 pts.

23/11/2010 Stroke Star Medal

Winner D. Scurlock (17) 68 net, Day Winner E. D'Alterio (29) 58 net, DTL D. Scurlock (17) 68 net, J. Leslie (29) 68 net, NTP 5th V. Rowley, 14th V. Rowley Birdie 3rd A. Chapman.

30/11/2010 Ladies Stableford

Winner J. Leslie (29) 40 pts; DTL J. Blizzard (30) 39 pts; A. Hibbert (42) 38 pts; V. Rowley (45) 38 pts NTP 5th V. Rowley, 12th A. Hibbert, 14th V. Rowley.

4/12/2010 Men's 3 Person Ambrose

Winners I. Wilson (26), P. Sheridan (21) & C. Thomas (17) 59; DTL W. Judkins, P. Broadbent & P. Junker 59 5/6; T. Gabbert, J. Jeffrey & B. Barnes 60 1/3; J. Robinson, P. Smart & M. Smart 61 NTP 3rd I. Wilson, 5th C. Thomas, 12th T. Webb, 14th W. Peter.

5/12/2010 Mens Stableford

Winner J. Ambrosini (27) 37 pts c/b, DTL N. Hutchinson (22) 37 pts.

Ladies Stableford

Winner E. D'Alterio (27) 36 pts

7/12/2010 Stableford Aggregate

Winners C. Barnes (41) 43 pts & C. Ellis (37) 44 pts = 87 pts; DTL D. Judkins (41) 40 pts & V. Verheyen (33) 43 pts = 83 pts NTP 3rd D. Judkins, 5th 35-45 A. Hibbert, 14th 35-45 S. Cooke.



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Churchill Garden Group News

Hello Gardeners.

Well summer is upon us. In fact the few early hot days may have already let us know what may be ahead. So mulching is the order of the day for all new seedlings and especially newly planted ornamental and fruit trees. Weeds are as always ongoing. I don't have a great many weeds as we close plant our entire garden which doesn't allow a lot of weed growth.

You can be replacing all salad vegetables as the need arises- lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers etc. Seedlings are always available. All types of beans, both runners and dwarf varieties can also be planted at intervals to suit your family until Jan-Feb.

Petunias, zinnias, and the hardier type flower seedlings can also be planted. Just make sure you mulch and water well and you will make a lovely show.

A couple of weekends ago, Boolarra Community

held an Open Garden Day which was lovely (pictured below). The variety between the eight gardens on show was quite marked, and enjoyed by over three hundred people.

We have had a recent trip to W.A. (our home state) and I planned some photos of wild flowers that normally grow on the sand plains on the way to Kalgoorlie. We thought there had been good rains through that part of W.A., but not to be. Plus a huge bushfire had also burnt much of the area. There were some orange and pink hakea, white plume grevillea and various road side flowers, but not the kaleidoscope of colour it normally is. I do hope the area recovers in time for our next visit to family.

Remember our water preservation habits. We need to re-cycle as much as we can and always be conscious of saving water.

Until next time. Happy Gardening.



The Churchill & District News Team would like wish all our readers, supporters, sponsors and advertisers A Very Merry Christmas

& A Safe and Prosperous New Year

There will be no Churchill & District News published in January 2011.

The next paper will be published on 10 February 2011.

All articles must be submitted by 30th January 2011.



Lions Clubs and Speedway Get Together To Help Kids With Cancer



Recently, Churchill Lions and the Lions club of Rosedale and Longford got together with the Rosedale speedway to hold a fun day for Camp Quality. Twenty families effected by childhood cancer were able to relax and watch their the kids have fun, ride in racing cars, eat great food and just have the best of days thanks to all these organisations.

Rosedale speedway committee and drivers used the day as a fundraiser for Camp Quality and people opened up their hearts and pockets for the kids. At the last Churchill Lions Meeting, attended by all involved in the fun day, the Speedway proudly handed over a cheque for \$8,350 to Camp Quality.

Churchill Lions Club has been a proud supporter of Camp Quality through the Camp Quality EsCarpade for the past 18 years, raising in excess of \$340,000 through sponsorship of their Camp Quality car "CAMPQ".

Once again this year Churchill Lions club entered the EsCarpade. Club members Ross Norman and Bill Hurenkamp travelled to Tamworth in New South Wales and started a fun

adventure that headed north through Armidale, Inverell, Tenterfield, Warwick, Crow's Nest, Maroochydore, Hervey Bay, Dalby, Inglewood and Goondiwindi before finishing up in Warialda seven days later. They experienced dirt and sealed roads, floods and snow, visited schools along the way, showing the children the bright and colourful cars and the camp quality message and importantly raising \$30,000 for Camp Quality. The Club thanks all the people and companies who sponsored us in this event.

This year esCarpade exceeded Camp Quality's wildest expectations when the 66 entrants raised a whopping \$1.3m - the highest amount ever raised!

The 2011 Escarpade will be held in Victoria. It will be the events 20 year celebration and hopefully will travel through Latrobe Valley area. Churchill Lions Club will again be participating and ask all existing sponsors to assist and new sponsors to contact the club secretary at PO Box 110, Churchill, 3842.



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New Years Eve



Musique

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