

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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Funding for Jeeralang North Hall



The Jeeralang North Hall, damaged in the February bushfires, is to receive \$760,000 for its refurbishment. The announcement made by Peter Batchelor, Minister for Community Development, at the Hall on Friday 11 December means that the Jeeralang North Hall Committee can now start work to repair the damage. The Minister also announced further grant of \$21 million for Community Recovery Committees across the State.

Joining local residents and the Hall Committee was Christine Nixon, Chair of the Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, (VBRR).

“The contribution of philanthropic and corporate donors has been instrumental to bushfire recovery,” she said. “This is a really fabulous community. I have enjoyed working with them. They have been clear about the direction they wanted to go. They are great partners. It

is wonderful that we have been able to get a mix of funding from VBRR, McDonald’s, Rotary Tasmania, and the Insurance money. We hope to get the project under way as soon as possible. We will keep working with the community.”

Cr Kellie O’Callaghan, Latrobe City Council’s newly appointed Mayor, echoed Ms Nixon, noting the importance of ongoing collaboration between Local, State and Federal Governments, VBRR and other agencies involved in the recovery effort. She said that Latrobe Council is looking forward to continuing working with VBRR and other agencies so projects like this are started as quickly as possible. She acknowledged the importance of the hall to many people for a variety of reasons.

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An Enchanted Garden!

Exhausted after fighting to save their home during the February bushfires, Kevin and Lorraine Yeoman surveyed the damage to their surroundings. Though their home was saved their surrounding property was a mess, blackened and burnt. Tree trunks were smoldering with parts of the garden needing to be replaced.

Kevin and Lorraine however have a very positive outlook and set about cleaning up and replacing what they had lost.

As the cooler months followed

they decided to decorate their home for their grand children and others children in the area. The shed became the place where small pictures of various animated Christmas characters from children’s books were enlarged by means of graphs, placed on re-cycled wood which they obtained by donations from a local timber supply business. Using his array of saws, Kevin cut out these characters. Lorraine then painted the characters with left-over paints given by neighbours and friends.

For them, this became a form of therapy. The characters are

dotted and perched all over their garden, brightening it up and delighting all who visit, especially their grand children who can’t wait to see what has been produced next.

It has also caused a lot of interest from others in the neighbourhood. All youngsters are welcome to come and look. It has been a topic of conversation, bringing several comments on each new addition.

Lorraine and Kevin agree the exercise has given them so much pleasure, with a very positive outcome for themselves and others. It is something they can also share.



Kevin and Lorraine Yeoman in their Christmas Garden

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The Churchill & District News Team would like to wish all readers a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the paper over the past twelve months. Many thanks go to our sponsors, in particular Latrobe City Council, International Power Hazelwood and Monash University. We would also like to welcome Hazelwood Rotary our newest sponsor.

Thank you to all our advertisers. You are our 'bread and butter'! Without you we could not produce the paper. We look forward to your continuing support in 2010.

A big thank you must go to all our contributors, to the community groups, sporting clubs, schools and individuals. You are what makes this paper great! Keep the articles coming!

I would also like to thank the Churchill & District News team for their tireless work over the year. To Ruth, Tracey, Peter, Charlie, Allan, Carol, Olivia, Bea, Matt, Geraldine, Keith, Wendy and Karen - a big thanks.

Finally, thanks to all our readers. We hope you have enjoyed reading our paper. However, we are always looking for ideas, volunteers and comments so if you have any please do not hesitate to contact us.

Merry Christmas!

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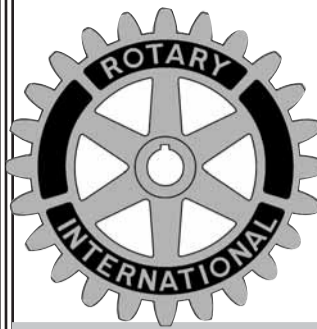
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Local Poet/Song Writer Wins the 10th Moartz Poetry Competition At Moe

Making a last minute entry into the MoArtz 10th Anniversary Arts Competition for poems, songs and stories that utilised a poignant painting by the celebrated artist, John Mutsaers as their starting point, local poet and songwriter Rosealine La Vie was honored to be notified that both her pieces had been selected as finalists in the Adult Poetry section, last Monday. Upon arriving at the old Uniting Church Hall in Moe, she glanced at MoArtz' numerous accomplishments and settled in to hear all the finalists poems, stories and songs brought to life by a team of talented MoArtz actors.

Rose, along with other finalists, was photographed with the painting and the actors who read her poems - Aung San Suu Kyi and Black Despair. Another talented young student from Traralgon College also had two entries in the Junior Short Story section, Samantha de los

Angelos. Rose was amazed at the incredible breadth of talent expressed and the recurring themes of bushfire, war and Spain that several pieces from different authors located within the highly evocative painting by John Mutsaers.

Linking with a great community of artists was re-invigorating and with MoArtz who showed such respect and professionalism in the treatment of each finalist and their work/s.

Rose is a prolific writer- poetically, academically and musically, with five published collections of poetry and several in progress. Her participation in Scribble Inc, the Deakin Literary Society, Studio and the Maryborough Writers groups since 1991 has led to her own development as a writer in community with other writers and her integration of across arts events.



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Rotary Club of Hazelwood Mixing Fundraising and Fun

November was another busy month of activity for the Rotary Club of Hazelwood with a good mixture of fundraising activity and social events.

We began with the usual Melbourne Cup Eve function with the Traralgon Central Club, which raised \$843.00 for Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. The Hazelwood members donated the prizes for the winning horses and everyone had an enjoyable night.

Later in the month, we also had a relaxing night at the Morwell Bowling Club with some sound coaching on carpet bowls by Ian Wilson. Again, a lot of fun.

Involvement with those affected by the bushfires at Callignee, Traralgon South and Boolarra has

continued with two separate functions planned for early next month. During the month, the Rotary Club of Edwardstown (South Australia) donated over \$28,000 worth of household goods to families in the Boolarra area and they were distributed on Monday 23 November. The Club also hosted guests from the Rotary Club of Tasman Peninsula who are presenting the "Art from the Heart" show at Traralgon South. Artworks inspired by volunteer relief work in the wake of the February bushfires will be donated by Tasmanian artists to local families.

The Club also resolved during the month to sponsor the Churchill News to the extent of \$500 on the basis of the great work it does bring-

ing local news to the community. We will again be sponsoring the Kurnai College Awards with one student in each year 7-10 receiving an award.

As part of the Vocational Program, a visit was arranged to the Traralgon Water Treatment Plant by Rotarian Jill Busch. An informative and interesting inspection was followed by dinner at the Vietnamese Wok in Traralgon.

The Club has another BBQ at Bunnings scheduled before Christmas and then one of our biggest projects, Christmas Wrap, begins at Mid Valley in the first week of December and continues until Christmas Eve.

The sale of Christmas puddings and cakes also makes this a busy time for members.



Fire Restrictions Now In Force

Churchill Fire Brigade would like to wish the Churchill and district community a safe and happy festive season

Fire restrictions are now in force. Restrictions still apply even though the weather has been kind to us, with cooler days and substantial rain. Anyone wishing to burn anything off must contact the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer from Latrobe City (Cheryl English) and apply

for a Permit to Burn.

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New Year's Eve Dance

Hazelwood North Hall
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Thursday 31 December 2009

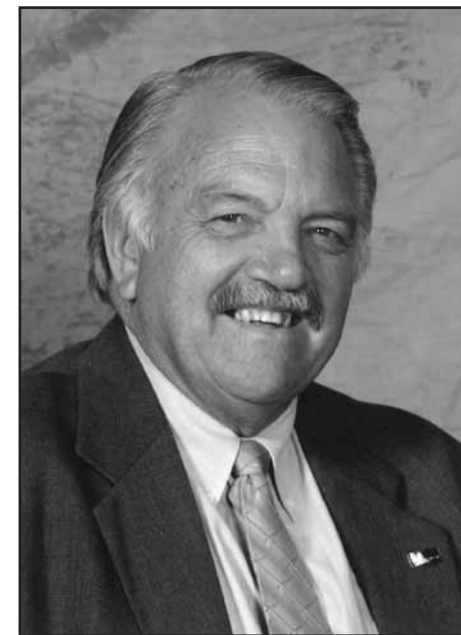
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Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Cr Darrell White



Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme - Potential Latrobe City Impacts

Latrobe City Council is currently undertaking community and stakeholder consultation in relation to Council's "Draft Policy Position" on the "Expected Local Impacts" of a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS), if it was to be introduced by the Australian Parliament.

A "Draft Policy Position" has been developed by Council as our municipality has been identified as one of the most likely localities to be negatively impacted in the event of a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme being implemented.

A key objective of the development of the "draft policy" is to ensure broad stakeholder input so that the "policy" reflects the views and aspirations of the local community and industry. Council is committed to a proactive approach and is keen to gain comprehensive feedback on the "draft policy". To this end, our community is requested to provide responses to the "prompting

questions" listed below, to enable identification of any additional issues, and to seek further definition of the policy implementation actions. The questions are:

What are the strengths of Latrobe City Council's draft Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Policy Position?

What are the weaknesses of Latrobe City Council's draft Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Policy Position?

What is missing from the draft Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Policy Position?

What do you think are the most important policy actions?

What role can your organisation play in supporting Latrobe City to implement its policy actions?

How can your organisation and Latrobe City work together to ensure a smooth Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme transition?

What do you see as the roles of Federal, State and local governments in managing the transition?

A copy of the "Draft Policy Position" on the expected Local Impacts of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme can be downloaded from the Council's website: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au. Enquiries can also be made at the Council's Service Centre situated at the Churchill and District Community Hub.

Council welcomes your written feedback on the draft policy by 30 January 2010.

If you require further information please contact Allison Jones, General Manager, Economic Sustainability or via email to:

allisonjo@latrobe.vic.gov.au Tel.5128 5446.

Churchill Advent Pageant – a celebration of Christmas

It was a privilege for me, on behalf of Latrobe City Council, to be able to have the opportunity to participate in the Churchill Advent Pageant organised by Fusion Gippsland. The aim of this Pageant was to celebrate the Christmas story with the local schoolchildren involved in Prep. grade and Year 1, together with parents and teachers from Churchill's three Primary Schools. The event was held on Friday 27th November last, and activities commenced from the Walker Parade Reserve.

It was great to see the bright smiling faces of all the young students and it is often the joy on the faces of our children and grandchildren which reminds us that Christmas is a truly special time of year.

The following is an extract of some thoughts I shared on the day:

"Christmas is a favourite time of year because it's the time to remember the bonds of love and friendship which tie us all together.

It's also a time to give thanks for families and celebrate the important role that they play in supporting and nurturing our future leaders. Children are our future. Their bright smiling faces hold the hopes and dreams of the future.

When I look at a crowd of children, I don't see only small children who need to go to school, do their homework and household chores, I see our next Prime Minister, our next Mayor. I see young people who will make this community a

better place to live, I see doctors, architects, landscapers, vets – I see them all.

Each and every one of you here today, you can be anything you want to be. All you've got to do is work hard, listen to your parents, and remember that a good education is one of the most important things that you can have.

Every single one of you has something that you're good at. Something to offer this great community that we live in. What you need to remember at this time of year, is that it is your responsibility to discover what that thing is.

And when you discover it, you need to work hard to make the most of it. For realising your potential is what will help us to meet the challenges of the future. We can't have a bright future without you. You are who we are all relying on.

Today you've shown us what wonderful community leaders you can be. And no doubt you are all feeling very proud.

You should try to remember how special and proud you feel today and aim to feel like that every day. Because, every day is a new opportunity for you to be this community's ray of hope. The guiding star that lights the way, just like the star of Bethlehem that led the three wise men. Each of you can shine brightly and be the star that this community follows. I expect great things from you all. I reckon you can do it."

Pictures of the Pageant are on Page
Christmas/New Year

In the spirit of Christmas, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and special Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Consultation on Walker Parade Parkland

By Margaret Guthrie, President

CDCA has received a request from Latrobe City Council to provide a formal response to a proposal by the 'Plan Our Park Action Committee' regarding the development of what is currently public open space in Walker Parade.

This request, along with POPAC's submission to Council and other relevant documents, were considered at our November meeting.

CDCA's role is to ensure that all community views and opinions have the opportunity to be put forward, prior to decisions being taken by Council. We also have a role to play in the development of long-term goals and strategic directions for Churchill's future growth, whilst considering associated town planning issues.

Currently, this undeveloped parcel of land in Walker Parade is quite well utilised for casual recreation purposes and as a walking track for primary school children and local shoppers. There appears to be some community support for the proposal to develop this space further as a public park or recreation reserve.

The land is owned by the Department of Human Services, which raises the issue of management and infrastructure development. Whilst DHS has indicated it has no plans for this land, management, or even ownership, needs to be passed on to the Council or a community organisation which can then be responsible for future costs associated with development and maintenance.

However, the land is not identified in Latrobe City's "Parks & Recreation Reserves Strategy" policy document, and would need to be included in a revised document (which is due to be considered in 2010) for Council to consider developing it as public parkland.

Another issue is the identified need for further residential development, particularly medium density housing suitable for the elderly, single people and the like, in close proximity to the Churchill town centre. Under the strategic plan for Churchill, the Walker Parade area has been identified as being eminently suitable for the construction of townhouses or units to meet this need.

The Churchill "Town Centre Plan", adopted by Council earlier this year, is still to be fully implemented, but contains provision for a public reserve adjacent to the existing Town Hall. This is likely

to take the form of a 'Civic space', complete with Anzac memorial (the construction of which is being auspiced by CDCA) and flagpoles.

Another 'passive' recreational space on the other side of Monash Way (Walker Parade), complete with gardens and facilities, may provide 'green' balance to the town centre plan, but may be difficult to source funding for, given the number of existing parks, recreational facilities, walking tracks and open space within Churchill. Some limited residential development within this vicinity may provide an opportunity to also develop a new public park.

It should be noted that Council, under its adopted "Southern Towns Recreation Policy" has decided to consider Gaskin Park as a future 'Recreation Precinct' and is committed to spending funds there to develop facilities, including, we hope, the provision of a Lawn Bowls facility for Churchill.

In order to consider all ideas and opinions, and to gauge community support for the parkland proposal, residential development and/or any other suggestions, CDCA believes that the best way forward is to conduct a community consultation forum early in 2010.

We will be writing to Latrobe City Council to advise that CDCA believes further community discussion between residents and stakeholders is required before a final decision is reached. Representatives from both Council and DHS need to be part of these discussions and will be invited to participate in a community forum on this matter.

At our first meeting for 2010, to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 27 January in the Churchill Community Hub, one of the main agenda items will be the planning of said community forum. All interested residents are

invited to attend our meeting to put their suggestions forward.

In the meantime, Best Wishes for the New Year.

Contact CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill or by phoning the Secretary, Rob Whelan on 0427223602 or via email: robwhelan@effel.net.au

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risk of fires this summer and it is worth noting that a number of "Fire Ready" sessions have been provided by the CFA to various communities in and around Gippsland.

The School year is nearly complete and I want to wish all students the very best for their end of year results. At the same time I also want to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our teachers, staff and principals across our various educational faculties in the Churchill region. One aspect of my role that I thoroughly enjoy is visiting our local Schools. For example being Principal for a Day at Churchill North Primary School was a highlight for me and reinforced how lucky we are in this region to have such great Schools and students. On another level Monash University Gippsland campus continues to be a vital cog in educational and economic prosperity in our region and I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the University this year.

Churchill has transformed markedly since the start of 2009 with a number of major projects having been completed or near completion. There has been significant investment in the town, which is terrific to see, and I have no doubt such investment will reinvigorate Churchill. Not forgetting at the same time that a number of major projects are being considered for

future development in Churchill, which will be fantastic for our community. This augers well for the residents of Churchill and district as expectation is that access to goods and services will improve over this period of time.

As Christmas nears, I ask that whilst contemplating the purchase of Christmas gifts for loved ones please consider "Putting Locals First" and shop locally where possible. By supporting local traders we not only support the Gippsland economy but we create employment opportunities for locals. Our local businesses are generally the ones who provide funding or who donate goods to our sporting clubs and community organisations, so in turn make sure we support our local businesses when we have an opportunity.

If you are travelling over the festive season, please be safe on our roads and remember to share driving duties and take rest breaks. If you are staying at home over the Christmas period why not visit some of our local attractions such as the Grand Ridge Rail trail, Morwell National Park or Tarra Bulga National Park. In closing can I thank all at Churchill and District News for the opportunity to be involved in your community newspaper and to the Churchill and District community may I wish you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable festive season.



As 2009 draws to a close, I'm sure this year will be remembered for generations to come given the impact of the bushfires of late January and early February. It has been a challenging time for many families and individuals in and around Churchill, Boolarra and District; however the resilience and determination has been obvious. In particular, I would like to recognise the significant contribution by the respective Community Recovery Committee's and their ongoing support, assistance and leadership provided to their fellow community members as the recovery continues.

One must not forget the deeds of our local CFA brigades and can I take this opportunity to congratulate one and all for their service and dedication in protecting our communities. It has been a tough 12 months for many of our CFA members so please spare a thought for all volunteers and staff this summer. It is imperative that all homes in bushfire risk areas are prepared for the

Acts of Kindness

By Ruth Place

While at a recent Bushfire Recovery Day, several people shared their experience of acts of kindness received after the Black Saturday Bushfires with me. Here are some of their thoughts.

Red Cross and St Vinnies came over, and the salvos and a few others.

St Vinnie's arranged to have the driveway repaired.

We received food vouchers from the Salvos. I didn't want a hand out, because I had worked all my life. But everyone wanted to help so I took it.

At first I wanted to pack up and leave, but Dad and I worked the farm, and I didn't want that to be wasted.

The local community got together to help each other.

A day or two after the fires, a CFA person came by and gave a neighbour an emergency kit. We

didn't get one, and when she found out, she shared hers with us.

The Callignee pamper day was good.

The Community Recovery meetings have been a great way to connect with our wider neighbourhood, who have offered help.

Two weeks after the fires I went to the Salvos. I had never needed to ask for help before and I arrived at Crosses Road feeling very lost. I had gone to get some clothes, as friends had given us a set of drawers. Just inside the door a lady came up and gave me a big cuddle and left something in my hand. When I looked it was \$70. It still sends shivers up and down my spine when I think of it.

I didn't know her, or anything about her, and I didn't get the chance to thank her much as she left.

We have also received a parcel recently from an interstate Rotary Club, containing things like an iron. We feel very appreciative.

We belong to the Piston Car Club, so we decided to organise a display at Traralgon, to raise money for GERF. Within three days we had a display of 100 cars and raised \$3,500.

Latrobe City Council organized lots of help. We have made lots of friends and closer friends. We are getting involved with the community.

I was new to the area, and now I feel a bit more cemented to the area because of the Community Recovery Committee's work.

We experienced concern from friends and family overseas, and locally.

Community spirit has been regenerated. We feel closer.

We have initiated a Community Fireguard Group and that has been very informative. We feel much more prepared now.

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2nd and 4th Sundays:
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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
Sunday 27 December
10.00am: Combined parishes service at Churchill

Churchill Christian Fellowship
Sunday 20 December: Christmas Carols Service: 10.00am
Sunday 27 December: Service as usual at 10.00am

Lumen Christi / Boolarra / Yinnar Catholic Church
Christmas Eve Mass: Thursday 24 December: 8.00pm (Churchill)
Christmas Day Mass: 9.00am (Churchill only)

Co-Operating Churches Snippets

Open Gardens
By Ruth Place

The Community Life Panel (CLP) of the Co-Operating Churches extends a huge thank you to the owners of the three gardens who very kindly opened their hearts to us and their gardens to the public.

On a glorious Saturday, we were up early preparing food for sale, then off to our appointed positions for the day's activity.

Seventy people came to enjoy the beauty and the wonderful variety of the gardens.

CLP also extends a grateful thank you to the church folks who gave of their time to make the day run smoothly, by selling garden

entries, being on gates, plant stall, baking and serving food.

Earlier in the month we had a combined service with Boolarra/Yinnar Parish when we had a visit from the Bishop, The Right Reverend John McIntyre and his wife Jan. Bishop John told us about their experiences during a recent visit to Rwanda to follow up connections which exist between the diocese of Gippsland and the Diocese of Gahini in Rwanda. John spoke about the warmth of welcome and the hospitality of the people who have very little.

Following the service a bus full of parishioners went to an Olive Grove for an educational outing,

which was enjoyed by all.

Christmas Club operated through November and into early December. Children from Grade 1-4 visited the church to hear about the Biblical meaning of Christmas and then participated in craft activities, and singing, before departing.

The after school club- Cool Club 4 Kids (CC4K) completed the term with Christmas activities, and a party.

Special thanks go to all those who helped with Christmas Club and CC4K in so many supportive ways. Without that support these programs could not be run.



Garden owners: left - right: Jon Sestokas and Roslyn Gaunt, Adrian and Carmel Boyes, and Ivan and Marlene Walker

Cool Club 4 Kids

After School Club

The kids finished the term by learning important life values, having a party and receiving a bag of goodies.

The club has been supported by members of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill in a great

variety of ways, including supplying sandwiches and fruit for afternoon tea, and various kinds of recycled materials.

Support has also been received from the Latrobe City Trust Gambling Impact Fund. The Club leaders have been very grateful for

this added financial benefit, as it has allowed them to purchase expendable items for craft activities, sporting equipment, as well as train people in food handling and first aid.

Children from the three primary schools in Churchill have attended.

Final Saturday Breakfast for 2009



By Keith Enders

The Breakfast was held on the 28 November and was well attended. Professor Helen Bartlett, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Gippsland Campus of Monash University, was the guest speaker and she gave a very interesting talk about the campus and her job, which she obviously enjoys.

She spoke enthusiastically about what the campus has to offer being part of a major research university with international campuses, and which has strong links with and the support of the local community and industry. Being a smaller campus the students enjoy a high level of individual support and strong student satisfaction is evident.

Other important aspects of the campus were having the Gippsland Education Precinct on the grounds and the Industry Placement Program, which enables students to get industrial experience as part of their courses.

Of the 2,100 on-campus students, there are 230 international students from 30 countries with the largest group coming from China. There are 2,300 off-campus students and eight faculties are represented at Gippsland giving students access to 100 courses and to fund the operations at Gippsland. \$60 million is required annually.

In 2008, 61% of the on-campus students came from the Gippsland region with the others coming from Melbourne, overseas, other parts of Victoria and interstate. A considerable number of stu-

dents are helped financially by scholarships offered by local councils and industries.

A number of new courses are planned for 2010 including a Bachelor of Medical Science. Research at the campus includes rural health and ageing, environment, emergency/disaster management, geotechnical and hydrogeological engineering and social inclusion.

Professor Bartlett also spoke about her involvement and the campus involvement during the Delburn and Churchill-Jeeralang bushfires. This included giving accommodation to evacuees from Boolarra and Yinnar and for 210 firefighters plus providing 500 meals three times per day from 5am to midnight across two shifts. The campus was also used as the staging post for three weeks during the fires.

Since then the campus staff have had an increased role in disaster prevention and emergency management activities, including a cross-campus program of disaster related research such as fire, flood, drought and climate change.

Professor Bartlett concluded by inviting people to visit the campus, to encourage students to finish year 12 and attend university and to promote the local university, which has one of the widest range of courses available in regional Australia.

The first Breakfast for 2010 will be held in February and details can be obtained nearer the time by contacting Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at kbenders@net-tech.com.au



Ivan and Marlene in their garden

Churchill Advent Pageant



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9. If you own property in one of more than 50 areas identified as most at risk, get involved with your local CFA. Know what your area's Township Protection Plan is and how this impacts on you.
10. Look and listen for information. Tune into your emergency broadcasters ABC radio, local radio and Sky News TV. Visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au or telephone the Victorian Bushfire Information line **1800 240 667**. Keep in touch with what's happening in your community.

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Funding for Jeeralang North Hall

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Minister Peter Batchelor (left) with Sam Lipski, Christine Nixon, Paul Buckley, Sylvia Admans and Kellie O'Callaghan.

The refurbishment will allow the community to participate in a broad range of activities and will further enhance strong friendships that have been established in the local community

Ms O'Callaghan went on to thank Minister Batchelor for his ongoing support of the Latrobe Valley and his commitment to the projects that have been developed and be of benefit to the local community.

A special thank you was given to Christine Nixon and the team from VBBRA for the commitment and dedication that they have given to the community since the fires.

"We have appreciated your leadership and guidance through this time and look forward to a continued working relationship," said Ms O'Callaghan.

Ms O'Callaghan thanked all of the community members who have served on committees and those who have worked so hard to support their friends and neighbours.

Tony Ferguson, chair of the Community Recovery Committee thanked on behalf of the community, those who had come.

"To Peter Batchelor, and all the other dignitaries, thank you for taking time out to come out and provide the funding. It is quite humbling to think that you would do that for our little community here," said Tony Ferguson, Chair of the Community Recovery Committee

Heather Kuijpers, member of the Hall Refurbishment Committee, said, "The news is very exciting. We can finally make a start now that we know the funds are available. It is definite now."

"We are very grateful to the Pratt Foundation for the

support for affected areas across the State and particularly for our local situation," said John Askinstall, Chair of the Hall Refurbishment Committee.

"This is a really exciting day. The Community Recovery Committee has received the recognition they have worked for," said Heather Farley from Latrobe City. "They have played a leading role in helping to secure the funding and helping to bring everyone together."

The hall is a focus for the community working together and supporting each other.

They deserve the recognition they have achieved, in community development. I am looking forward to the opening of the hall when Christine Nixon and Paul Buckley are doing the Pride of Erin to commence the dancing at the celebration."

Other guests at the hall were two representatives of the Pratt Foundation, Mr. Sam Lipski and Mr. Ian Allen, a representative from the FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal), CEO Sylvia Admans, representatives from Department of Planning and Community Development, Latrobe City Council CEO Paul Buckley and Steve Tong.

FRRR is working to ensure that the best possible use is made of the \$460,000.00 in funds donated by VISY employees and the Pratt Foundation. They are working with VBRRRA to identify and fund bushfire community renewal and well being projects, and making sure that all gaps are filled, and replication is prevented.

As is the case with all country gatherings, a delicious lunch was served while people had a chance to talk to the guests and each other.

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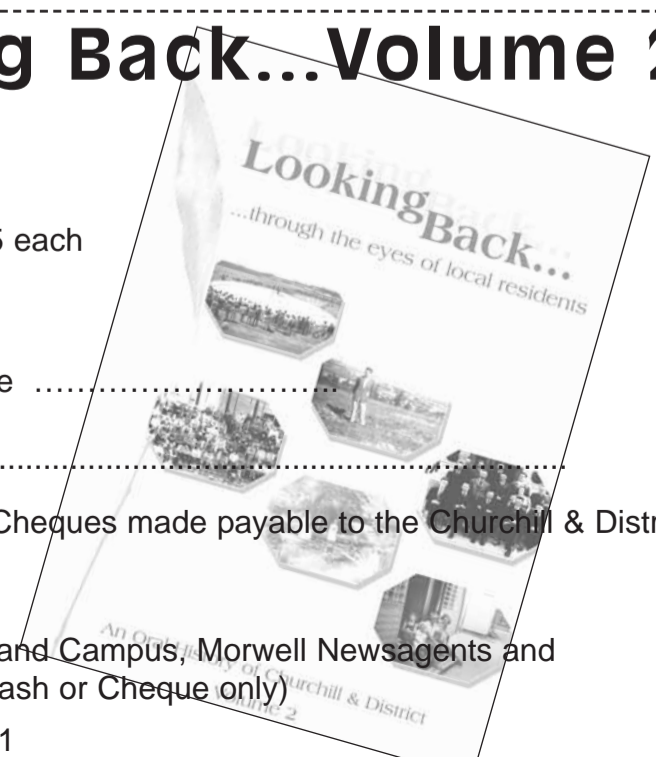
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Shaving For Support

In September this year, Sue Lowick found that cancer had spread to her bones and she required Chemotherapy treatment.

Sue is a member and an immediate past president of the Churchill Lioness Club, and with husband Bob is a Regional Leader for Camp Quality.

Two friends, Linda North from

Traralgon and Janine De Kaste from Churchill decided that they would use this as an opportunity to support Sue and help raise funds for the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Because Sue has lost her hair, her friends have had their heads shaved too, for a price.

Both ladies found people very

generous and report raising a significant amount of money for this cause.

If you would like to add your donation to this effort, please ring Sue on 0427 505 210. She is most grateful to her friends and everyone who has supported this effort.

Pictured above: Linda North, Sue Lowick and Junene De Kaste

Community Bank® Pledges Approaching \$200,000

The drive for Churchill's own Community Bank® continues. According to the Steering Committee, the rewards of owning a Community Bank® branch will be great. Most importantly, community prosperity, confidence and spirit will be boosted.

Churchill and Drouin are similar to Churchill in many respects. Both towns have a population of about 5,000 and both have a larger town close by. However, Drouin has not only a choice of pubs but also a real choice of banks. One bank makes a major difference, Drouin's Community Bank® branch.

Drouin Community Bank® Branch opened in a very competitive market in October 2001. In 2008-09, its seventh full financial year in business, this bank made local donations and sponsorships of \$396,242.

The Drouin chairperson reported, "They look forward to 2009-10 with optimism and the realization that your company will sometime in the year pass the \$1 million mark for funds returned to Drouin & District".

The Lyrebird Village for the Aged remained a major funding priority, the swimming pool was refurbished in partnership and 20 youths will be placed in a training and employment program each year "before they reach that at risk status".

Drouin also maintained a dividend of 12 cents per share (franked 30%) in a very difficult financial environment.

In addition to donations, over \$317,500 was paid in wages, boosting local businesses.

"Pledges to use our bank and/or to buy shares are needed to demonstrate community support. We need over 300

shareholders with pledges to buy \$750,000 of shares," said Steering Committee chairperson, Wayne Casey.

"There is a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$10,000 per person so that we will create a truly community company which will franchise banking services from Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd."

The steering committee is delighted with support and pledges are approaching \$200,000.

"Even if people can't afford or wish not to buy shares, it is still very important that they return pledge forms indicating that they will use the bank," said Mr Casey.

"We need as many accounts as possible" Pledge forms and more information are available at Ritchie's IGA store, the Hub and at Monash Student Union office.

Mr Casey stated the Steering Committee would also continue to conduct street stalls and want to contact all the 80 organisations in the district to help secure pledges, after all it is they who will directly benefit into the future.

"We also need more energetic people to help on the steering committee. Can anyone interested please contact me?" Mr Casey said.

Training in company management is provided by Bendigo Bank before the bank commences trading as Churchill & District Community Bank® Branch.

Check out the Bendigo website for full details at: www.bendigobank.com.au/public/Community or contact Wayne Casey on 5122 1363, Craig Flanigan on 5122 2846, Jeff Kemp on 5122 1293 or Sharon Middlemiss on 0412 348 964



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Hazelwood House Happenings



Santa visited the hostel and presented the residents with a small gift. Pictured above is Joan Greaves receiving her gift.



Tenpin and carpet bowlers received their certificates at the annual break-up luncheon held at the Italian club in Morwell.



Fay celebrated her birthday and 58th wedding anniversary on the 6 December. Congratulation to both Fay and Peter on reaching such a milestone



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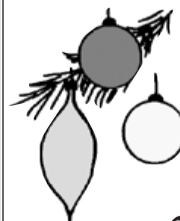
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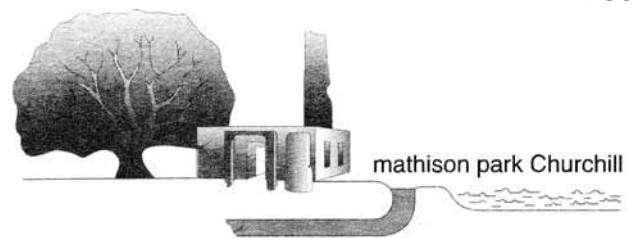
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Mathison Park Improving Drainage



Adrian Hunter and volunteers working on Mathison Park eastern pathway

By Ruth Place

Further work to improve the drainage and preserve the surface of the eastern pathway of Mathison Park has been carried out. Thanks to those who helped with that work.

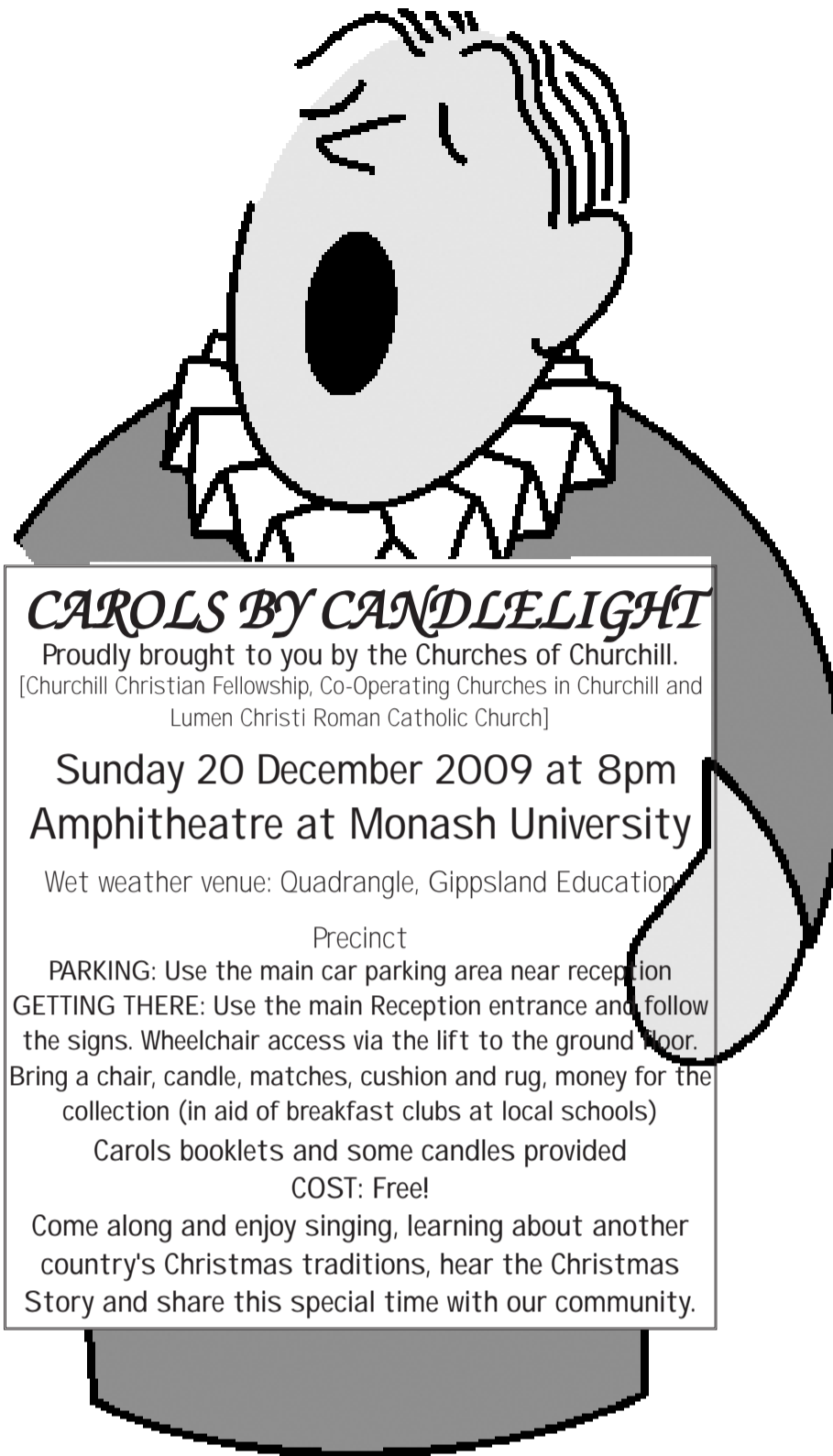
It is amazing how many people of all ages use the pathways in the park to cycle, train in running, fish, walk or walk their dog. Some use it to put the baby in the pram to sleep.

It is a peaceful place and it is attracting many visitors. The picnic shelter is being used regularly, and most people are leaving it tidy.

Please use the car park provided for your cars.

Some very nice size fish have been caught lately, with proud anglers showing off their catches. We remind everyone that the bag limit is 2 fish per person per day.

At our last working bee 50-60 plants were planted. The lovely soaking rain after the event will help these small specimens become established, and make the eastern side of the lake a more attractive environment.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

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Come along and enjoy singing, learning about another country's Christmas traditions, hear the Christmas Story and share this special time with our community.

Thelma Davies Awarded for Excellence in Multicultural Affairs

Thelma Davies has been the President of the Alay Kapwa (We Care) Association Inc. for the last four years.

She received her award, presented at Government House, for outstanding voluntary contribution to the Filipino and multicultural community of Gippsland.

Thelma also received an award that given to all members of the Alay Kapwa Association Inc.

The Alay Kapwa was established in 1991. It is a Filipino-Australian non-profit organization run by volunteers. As well as providing a support network to all its members, the Association promotes and shares the Filipino culture with the wider community through various community initiatives and activities.

They are also a member of the Gippsland Ethnic Groups Council.

Thelma has encouraged her group to try to be inclusive with other cultural groups.

These activities include fund-raising. After the bushfires, a dinner ball cum disco dance was held raising a lot of money. Half was given to GEF, the other half to the Churchill Fire Brigade.

Their major fundraiser is their annual Coronation Night, which is run to Search for the First Lady of Alay Kapwa.

The group supplies three candidates.

Each one is required to sell 150 tickets or more. The one who raises the most amount of money is crowned. Each year approximately \$6,000 is raised, which is used exclusively to support members through bereavement or helps with sickness benefits for members.

The Alay Kapwa group works hard to keep the support network functioning especially during bereavement.

Flowers are sent to the spouse and family, as well as members taking food. \$600 of their own funds is immediately given for financial support.

Sharing of the Filipino culture includes their cultural dancing group dancing at nursing homes, etc.

They also are asked to schools to raise multicultural awareness, so students can learn about the Philippines and ask questions.

Hazelwood House invited Thelma to speak. She dressed in her national costume and spoke and answered lots of questions about the weather, food, trades people etc. Some of the residents noticed similarities with their own cultures.



C & D Celebrty Chefs' Sikha Roy

This month's 'celebrity chef' is Sikha Roy of Catterick Crescent, Churchill. Sikha was born and brought up in Calcutta. She married Dr. Parimal Roy in 1971 and moved to Malaysia where he was working at the time. The young couple immigrated to Australia in July 1975.

They settled in Churchill where they have lived ever since.

Parimal is a retired senior lecturer at Monash

CURRIED MEAT BALLS WITH YOGHURT DIP

Meat balls

- 500 gm lamb or beef mince
- 1 small or ¾ medium onion, finely chopped
- 1½ tspn each of ginger & garlic paste (or grated)
- 1 tspn tumeric powder
- ¾ tspn chilli powder (optional)
- 1 tspn each coriander & cumin powder
- 2½ tspn tandoori chicken powder (optional)
- 1¼ tspn salt or to taste
- ½ tspn garam masala
- 1 slice bread, soaked in warm water & water squeezed out
- ¼ cup fresh coriander leaves finely chopped

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl, cover and refrigerate for an hour (or longer if you wish). Preheat oven to 350 degrees (180 C)

Make about 24 balls from the mince mixture. Put balls in lightly sprayed oven proof tray and cook for about 30 - 35 mins until cooked. Every 10 mins turn over the balls or shake the tray gently so that balls turn over. Once cooked, remove tray from oven or meat balls will become dry inside. Serve with yoghurt.

University; Sikha is still working at ASIC in Traralgon. They have two children Ipsita, now married and living in Melbourne, and Arnab who has also moved to Melbourne. Although Sikha sometimes cooks Malaysian or Western food, her favourite dishes are those of her native India.

Sikha's curried meat balls are popular with her family and friends. Here is her recipe.



Yoghurt Dip

- 1 cup plain yoghurt
- ½ Lebanese or other cucumber
- ¼ onion, very finely chopped
- ¾ tspn salt, 1 tspn sugar, or to taste
- freshly ground black pepper
- finely chopped coriander leaves for garnish

Mix yoghurt with all ingredients. Garnish with coriander leaves.

Bon appetit! See you in the next issue with another recipe from a Churchill 'celebrity chef'.

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Singing In The Arc in the Rain

Grand Final Night to Toongabbie

Rosaline La Vie: Co-Ordinator, Singing in the Arc

Thank you to all those who actively participated in our Bushfire Recovery event, or supported it in other ways. Although it took a lot of energy to bring it all together - the energy that was generated at this Community Singing Gathering was palpable.

Beginning with Garyelle Rose and Kat Kershaw's performance of Leave the Trees Please, an acknowledgement of Gurnai/Kurnai land was able to occur - with tap sticks from Gariwerd - respecting and enabling a deepening of community connectedness between five choirs and several bushfire affected regions.

SITA flowed out of a community vision to draw our regions together in song and a shared meal to celebrate the benefits of singing, and the arts in general. This vision began at the Arc Yinnar, where the Strzelecki String Busters encouraged our Boolaria choir and other singers at an Open Mike event only a few months after the fires.

With a \$1,500 LCC recovery grant, we were able to use \$300- of this to bring Betty Mc Laughlin to Boolarra and Yinnar to lead two separate two and a half hour Vocal Nosh sessions in August, with the support of the Boolarra Yinnar Co-Operating Church Council and its members. The publicity and enthusiasm generated from these two small

events, then built its own momentum.

The Rhythm, Rhyme and Roses Concert organised by Judy McKenzie back in February also fed into the success of our program.

The SITA event genuinely built on the incredible resilience and resourcefulness of the communities in which we all live and the connections that were made immediately after the bushfire. For our numerous small and larger events garnered the strands to weave the threads of our SITA Concert and Big Sing.

The pamper days, also ensured our creativity was flowing and the street parties run by Sue and Tracey and others created the prelude to our event. The Toongabbie Sing on the 12 of December was co-ordinated by Gay Michau, who so beautifully led two choirs, the Yallourn Madrigals and the Coal Valley Male Chorus in our SITA Concert Program.

Our thanks to Liyin Weckman and Vonnie Boreham in stepping into Lyndalls shoes so beautifully, to lead Gippsappella, to Heather James, Betty, Liyin, Kate and Wendy for their Big Sing facilitation and encouragement; to St Vincents de Paul and the Anglican Diocese Sale, IGA and Helen's Yinnar Country Milk Bar and Café for the delicious food, the extraordinary teamwork of the Arc Team in the kitchen and to Ariane and Wills for recording.

Well done everyone - it was great to see so many smiles and hear so many voices!

2010 Latrobe Relay For Life



Local survivors and carers celebrating the opening lap at the Latrobe Relay For Life

The Cancer Council Victoria is holding a public planning meeting for the 2010 Latrobe Relay For Life on Thursday 17th December, 6pm at the Community Hub, Churchill with an open invitation to all residents interested in being involved and finding out more about this wonderful community event.

The event, postponed earlier this year due to the Churchill fires, currently has thirteen teams ready to relay in 2010. "Relay For Life has always had a strong and dedicated following by teams and participants of the event" said Michelle Carroll, Relay For Life Coordinator in Gippsland. "This year we are seeking local volunteers to join and lead the organising committee for the 2010 event as we look forward to another moving and special community event"

Relay For Life has been staged in the Latrobe shire since 2000 with over 2,000 local residents in 142 teams participating during that time and raising over \$280,000 for cancer research, education and support services. Relay For Life is the world's largest

cancer fundraising event. It is an overnight, community event to raise awareness of cancer issues and raise much needed funds for Cancer Council Victoria.

A number of volunteer roles are available, including administration, logistics, publicity, entertainment and activities. Anyone interested in finding out more about Relay For Life, the opportunities available and wanting to have a say in the staging of the 2010 relay, is invited to come along to the meeting.

"We are interested in hearing from anyone who wants to be involved. All you need is enthusiasm, motivation, and a desire to be involved and a passion for your local community", Ms Carroll said.

Guided and supported by a staff member from the Cancer Council, it is a great opportunity to gain event experience and become involved with a worthwhile event. You can support your community and provide a meaningful contribution toward the fight against cancer. For more information call Michelle Carroll on 0408 135 274.

CHURCHILL BUSINESSES CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

<p>Advantage Chemist Thursday 24 December 8.30am - 6.00pm Christmas Day Closed Saturday 26 December 9.00am - 2.00pm Friday 1 January Closed</p> <p>Barber Shed Closed from 25 December until 12 January 2010</p> <p>Churchill Chicken Shop Open normal hours</p> <p>Churchill Chinese Restaurant Thursday 24 December 11.30am - 2.00pm Christmas Day 5.00pm - 10.00pm Closed</p> <p>Churchill Chiropractic Dr David A Forys: Closed from 24 December until 6 January 2010 Laberta K Forys: Closed from 23 December until 19 January 2010 Normal times thereafter</p> <p>Churchill Cutting Corner Wednesday 23 December 8am - 5.30pm Closed from 24 December until 18 January 2010</p> <p>Churchill Fish Shop Closed from 25 December to 30 December Closed 1 January 2010</p> <p>Churchill Hot Bread Shop Christmas Day Closed Saturday 26 December Closed Sunday 27 December Closed Monday 28 December - Thursday 31 December Normal Trading Hours Friday 1 January Closed</p> <p>Churchill Laundry Thursday 24 December 8am - 5pm Christmas Day Closed Saturday 26 December Closed Sunday 27 December Closed Monday 28 December 10am - 5pm Wednesday 30 December 10am - 5pm Thursday 31 December 10am - 5pm Friday 1 January Closed</p>	<p>Saturday 2 January Closed Sunday 3 January Closed Monday 4 January Return to normal hours</p> <p>Churchill Lifeline Closed from 18 December 2009 until 11 January 2010</p> <p>Churchill Newsagency Open every day except Christmas Day</p> <p>Churchill Post Office Christmas Day Closed Saturday 26 December Closed Sunday 27 December Closed Monday 28 December Closed Friday 1 January Closed</p> <p>Commonwealth Bank Thursday 24 December Closing at 4.00pm Christmas Day Closed Thursday 31 December Closing at 4.00pm Friday 1 January Closed</p> <p>Dainbridge Nicholson Closed From 21 December until 11 January 2010</p> <p>Future Flicks Thursday 27 December 10am - 10pm Christmas Day 4pm - 9pm Saturday 26 December 10am - 10pm Thursday 31 December 10am - 10pm Friday 1 January 10am - 10pm</p> <p>Hazelwood Health Centre Christmas Day Closed Saturday 26 December Closed Sunday 27 December Closed Monday 28 December - Thursday 31st December Normal Hours Friday 1st January Closed</p> <p>KFC Christmas Day Closed</p> <p>New Churchill Motors Closed from 24 December until 11 January 2010</p>	<p>Kats Tuesday 22 December 9am - 6pm Wednesday 23 December 9am - 7pm Thursday 24 December 9am - 6.30pm Christmas Day Closed Saturday 26 December Closed Sunday 27 December Closed Monday 28 December Closed Tuesday 29 December 9 - 4pm Wednesday 30 December 9 - 4pm Thursday 31 December 9 - 4pm Friday 1 January Closed Saturday 2 January Closed Sunday 3 January Closed Monday 4 January Closed</p> <p>Noodle Bar Christmas Day Closed Saturday 26 December Closed</p> <p>Ritchies <i>Grocery</i> 8am - 9pm <i>Liquor</i> 9am - 9pm Thursday 24 December 8am - 9pm Christmas Day Closed Saturday 26 December 9am - 8pm Sunday 27 December 9am - 8pm Monday 28 December 8am - 8pm Tuesday 29 December 8am - 9pm Wednesday 30 December 8am - 9pm Thursday 31 December 8am - 9pm Friday 1 January 8am - 8pm 2noon - 7pm</p> <p>Sazzy Closing at 4.00 on 24 December 2009 and re-opening on 12 January 2010</p> <p>Woolworths Christmas Day Closed Saturday 26 December 8am - 9pm Friday 1 January 8am - 9pm</p> <p>Woodys Timber and Hardware Wednesday 23 December Closing at 12pm. Re-opening 4 January 2010</p>
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Vale Bill Mele

6 September 1922 - 29 October 2009



Miliano (Bill) Mele was born in Italy on 6 September 1922. He came to Australia with his family and settled in the Jeeralang area in the early 1930s. His parents bought a dairy farm at Jeeralang North some years later.

Bill attended the Jeeralang North State School when it opened in 1933, and did his secondary schooling at the Yallourn High School. He went to teachers college and taught at a number of one teacher schools including Jumbuk, Jeeralang West and Jeeralang North where classes were held in the supper room of the hall. He also served some years as a relieving teacher and retired in 1959.

He was a member, and secretary, of the District Progress Association during the 1950s to 70s. He was elected unopposed to the Shire of Traralgon Council in 1977 and served three terms as Shire President.

Bill was a member of the Hazelwood North Primary School Council / Parent Association 1970 - 72. He was a progressive dairy farmer and attended farm education / farm walks in Gippsland and Latrobe Valley. With his brother, Ross, he ran the dairy farm and a successful hay contracting business.

Bill gave 67 years of service to the Jeeralang North and District community. He officially joined the Jeeralang North Hall Committee in 1949, but had been an active worker from 1942. When the Jeeralang North Hall was built in 1952 to replace the school destroyed by bushfire in 1944, Bill was the Foreman and coordinated workers and volunteers. He was elected President in 1952 and, except for a three-year period from 1992 to

1995, held that position.

Bill was MC (Master of Ceremonies) at the monthly old time dances until 1993, after which at the supper break he continued to thank the people for their attendance and announced coming events.

Bill's love and support for his family and church was central to his life. His friendship, generosity and sincerity made Bill a valued member of the community and a role model for many.



Bill (front left) at Jeeralang North State School approx 1935



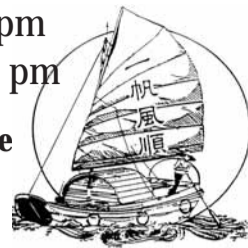
Bill, (centre) with the Jeeralang North Hall Committee

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We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to serving you in the future.

Letter to the Editor

We came from Melbourne to live in the small community of Boolarra in April of last year for our tree change, and all went well until the end of January this year (2009) when we had the scariest time of our lives. We owe a lot to the kindness and caring of absolute strangers. We went to the Red Cross in Churchill where we were offered cold drinks and help. We were billeted at the University. A lovely man came and showed us the way and helped us get signed in. The staff took us to the student accommodation. When we were settled we were shown where we would have our meals. They looked after many evacuees along with hundreds of fire fighters. The job they all did was wonderful.

Lifeline came to see us. Paramedics came as well in case people had left without their medications. The security people were helpful as well. All had a sympathetic ear.

I should have written this letter a long time ago. We thank the CFA. They put themselves at risk for everybody. I did not think anyone or anything could stop that evil looking fire. But they did save Boolarra.

To all the people that give their time and kindness in times of trauma- thank you. Where would we be without you? We will always be grateful.

Valerie and Bill Kingston



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Yinnar CWA: From 1945 - 1949

By Ruth Place

Food parcels were regularly sent to Britain.

The October/November meeting roll calls were "embarrassing moments" and "What I like to do in my leisure time". Competition was the "prettiest apron made from a sugar bag.

1946 the ladies agreed at the first meeting to continue the Spare Penny Tin and the Good Fairy Box. The Spare Penny Tin accepted donations of pennies towards the Rest Room Fund.

From 1944-46, a letter exchange with a Canadian group brought much interest. This was followed by a period of letter exchange with Smalley England, which lasted in to the 2000's.

The competition was "article costing no more than 1 shilling". The demonstration was smocking which was received with keen interest.

The members agreed to give their support for the proposed new Memorial Hall.

The Hall Committee was requested to improve the lavatory and kitchen facilities for the September Conference.

The ladies voted to support the Children's Hospital Appeal.

The membership had risen to 54.

One member had an 80 year old petticoat to display. It being all handmade, it was greatly admired. Competition was a cushion made for the kitchen from old material.

The ladies offered to help with supper by baking cakes, for the Morwell Hospital Ball.

An International Relief Committee had the support of the ladies. The next meeting, some baby garments were given.

War Saving Certificates were purchased as they could be afforded, at each meeting, throughout the war years. Sheep skins were also purchased regularly to make slippers and other goods for those in the services. An appeal for fat and soap for Britain was supported with 24 large bars and 26 toilet cakes of soap.

The Yinnar CWA continued its support of a bed at Sale Hospital.

A dance was run in August that year.

There were 47 members. A United Nations appeal netted 223 garments collected and forwarded. The members also contributed to buying a blanket to send too.

October 1946, the Yinnar CWA celebrated its 7th Birthday. The membership was 46 and a half! The retiring President Mrs. Anne Lawless, thanked the members for their kindness and loyalty during her office. The number of CWA branches in Victoria numbered 400. Miss Clark, Group President said, "Fellowship of members is worth a lot and is a great help to success."

The ladies of the Yinnar CWA were great friends as well as members.

The Younger Set although small was very active and ran regular activities.

It was decided to have letters of sympathy instead of cards, and cards for new babies.

There was a stall to support the Queen of Yinnar Competition.

With the death of any member, relative of a member including babies, or community member, a minute's silence was observed.

At the December meeting for 1946, Mrs. Ostberg, Group President, paid a warm tribute to godfathers Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Lawless and Mr. Vinnal, for their support.

Special visitors like Mrs. Ostberg were welcomed and a small posy was pinned on them.

A hostel at Lakes Entrance, similar to Somers House had been established. The ladies were in favour of supporting the hostel. They also moved to donate 2 pounds, 2 shillings for Fuel for Home Science Van. The Home Science Van was given by Patron Lady Dugan, for the returned soldiers and their families who were settling in the coun-

try. The "van was seen as the first steps to help them adjust to rural life." It was established "to give country women a chance to be involved in activities that were denied them." It provided information on "home making, meal planning, handicrafts, libraries, music and arts as well as practical demonstrations in the use of wood stoves, kerosene lamps, making butter, processing meat and keeping poultry." Feisty Phoenix page 78, 79.

The social part of the afternoon included a piano duet by Mrs. Nadenbousch and Mrs. Walker, a recitation, and a travel talk on Singapore and China.

Mrs. Ostberg presented a past member, Mrs. Courtney, with a gift from the members, and spoke very highly of her work in the past for the branch. Then they sang "A Jolly Good Fellow" to her.

At the end of nearly every set of minutes were recorded the proceeds for the door takings, market stall, afternoon tea, sale of produce, spare pennies collected, and donations made towards the Rest Room etc.

A Variety Show was proposed with the proceeds going towards the Rest Room fund.

During the War years, and after, the ladies worked extremely hard. They were fiercely patriotic and very compassionate, generous, givers. At every meeting it can be seen that some work had proceeded, and donations to this and that were made. The President and Secretary were never idle.

ORIGINS OF THE DIFFERENT FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Contingency Fund. This is held for future needs when the Association may need monies. Residue from annual efforts after administration costs have been paid.

Welfare Fund. In the great drought of 1933 there was a Government Fund for the relief of people living in the Mallee. When all requirements had been met there was a balance of 600 pounds which was handed over to the CWA by the Government to help Mallee women and children have a holiday at the seaside.

Emergency Relief. Gift of money sent for relief of people during the floods and bushfires- can only be used for such purposes.

Seaside Holiday Fund. In the drought 1932-33 it was asked that the tariff of Somers House be reduced to enable returned soldiers, wives and children and other country women to have a holiday at the seaside. This was refused- but the Conference members promised to pay one penny a year and so the fund was built. Many were helped and the fund stands today [1946] at 52 pounds, 7 shillings and 10 pence.

Endowment Fund. This consists of monies given by donations to the Association- also Life Memberships- also monies made from sale of Birthday Books and the Diaries. It was started with the Yarra Branch and all their Life Members. Only interest used.

Somers House. CWA's Seaside Home at Black Rock, offered now to the Government as a Convalescent Home for Service Women- to be handed to Red Cross for Duration.

Scholarship Fund. Being built to enable a daughter of a member to continue her studies at the University. All branches have promised to support this fund ANNUALLY to the best of their ability- only interest to be used.

STATE CONFERENCE

More than 1,200 members travel from all over Victoria for the Annual General Meeting and State Conference each June. They come, representing their branches and groups, to hear

reports of the previous year's work and results, to vote on submitted resolutions and to hear interesting, stimulating, thought-provoking speakers. Many lasting friendships are made and old acquaintances greeted during the three days.

State Conference also includes the final of the State-wide Public Speaking Competition, and a grand concert with items selected from the Association's Song in Costume and Choral and Drama.

YEAR BY YEAR 1947

Many of the same activities continued- collecting clothing and fat for Britain, pennies collected for Rest Room fund, donating for Fuel for Home Science Van, catering for and running dances, holding the Easter Monday ball, stalls for hospital funds, clothing appeals by the Red Cross, egg and jam appeals. Delegates were elected for Group and State conferences.

International Day was held each April. It was an opportunity for the women to learn more about women from member countries of the Associated Country Women of the World. This year the ladies contributed towards the Distress in India Fund.

The competition was knit a yard of wool on match sticks.

Mystery parcels were introduced as another form of fund raising.

The CWA Cookery Book was very popular and many were ordered and sold.

An all day demonstration of hair setting and hair care was arranged.

Used postage stamps were collected.

In June, in honour of Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday, a tree was to be planted in the Yinnar school yard.

The Younger Set had a pledge of assistance from the main branch members in the running of a ball in aid of Food for Britain. This realized 36 pounds and 9 shillings which paid for food parcels for Britain through the Lord Mayor's Appeal. A dance was also held for this purpose.

An appeal for woollies (woolen garments, mostly cardigans and jumpers) received promised support. A Street Fair was held in conjunction with the RSL. One of the competitions was the ugly man, to be decided by the RSL. A sharing of the profits was made, netting 16 pounds, 3 shillings and 3 pence each.

Their birthday celebration that year was held on a Wednesday as that would allow the Moe and Morwell visitors to travel by train. [Trains then ran on the Yinnar/Boolarra branch line.] It also coincided with the Home Science Van's visit. The annual meeting reported the branch "had not drawn on the balance of last year, but had added to it by almost 20 pounds". [Minute Book- Annual Meeting 13/11/47.] That was as well as all the many donations made over the year!

The Younger Set's report was received, and their work warmly spoken about. There was also regret that the Younger Set was to disband. Badges were pinned on the new office bearers as was the custom, and a word of encouragement was given to all.

Donations to the Annual Effort, Flying Doctor, CWA Scholarship, Seaman's Fund and Somers House were passed for payment.

1948

A dance was held in aid of the Bairnsdale Benevolent Home, which saw a cheque for 25 pounds, 7 shillings sent.

At the first meeting for the year, a report showed that the Younger Set's six girls had, in six years raised a total sum of 700 pounds.

Money was transferred into the Building Fund.

The usual fund raising for all the different appeals and funds continued at the same rate of involvement.

Accounts for payment included, Area Quota, Delegates expenses, Gippsland Mail, and Hall Hire.

The Secretary was requested to write to HQ for demonstrators in Floral Art, Interior Decorating and papier mache.

Mrs. Aucterlonie gave a demonstration of patching trousers.

Fat and rags continued to be collected throughout the year.

The very courteous and appreciative members continued to offer their votes of thanks to those who had performed duties and performed their tasks with diligence, give posies or small gifts in expressions of their thanks and take time to make special mention of acts of care and hospitality. Posies continued to be given for birthdays.

The Secretary wrote to Foy and Gibson's for ends of material with which to make quilts.

In August, it was agreed to support the United Nations Appeal for Children, by direct giving. Members not present were to receive a letter soliciting their support. This appeal netted 16 pounds, 8 shillings.

The proceeds from the dance held in September went to the Rest Room Fund.

Mrs. Nadenbousch gave the demonstration of papier mache. The competition was a floral hat, and the roll call was for helpful hints.

The egg collection totaled 60.5 dozen distributed to Sale and Morwell hospitals.

The Empire Fund had become the Thanksgiving Fund.

A "splendid financial report" was given at the Annual Meeting. The guest speaker, Group President, Mrs. Lang, thanked the ladies for their hard work and expressed regret at the illness of the King and the postponement of the royal tour. A new Oath of Allegiance was explained.

The following item was placed on the agenda to be raised at Group Conference in February 1949. "That the Education Department be asked not to employ any known Communists, and to dismiss any teacher known to be attempting to influence children to communistic ideas". The delegates to the conference had their expenses of 1 pound passed for payment.

Umina, a large residence in the Melbourne suburb of Lansell Rd. Toorak was purchased for members to use as a holiday destination if shopping or going to entertainment, or as accommodation if in Melbourne on CWA business such as conferences and exhibitions.

Umina was purchased in May. It has "an elegant entrance, large drawing and dining room, sixteen bedrooms, long verandah and shady garden". Feisty Phoenix Page 111. It was bought for 20,000 pounds, being considered well below market value.

This residence is proudly referred to as The Club, or CWA Headquarters. Each year the Club holds a Club Fair or Garden Party. Each branch was/is expected to contribute goods for sale, or money in lieu, for this fair.

1949

The generous support of appeals, and various funds continued as did the caring shown to members by each other, in good and ill situations. Market stalls were well served.

Competitions for the best sauces received 9 entries. Demonstrations of glove making and making a basket from lavender, and basketry were given.

The proceeds from the ball were divided between the Sale Hospital and the Rest Room Fund.

Childrens Christmas Corner

Churchill & District News

Christmas Craft Competition

Win a Santa Sack Full of Goodies! Decorate the Christmas Tree Any Way You Choose!

Fill in your name and address.

Tell us why you think Santa rides on sleigh.

Send your picture to PO Box 243, Churchill or drop it in the Churchill & District News Box at Cafe Le Mac's, Churchill Primary School or the Co-Operating Church in Churchill.



NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

Tell us why Santa rides on a Sleigh

CLOSING DATE 18 DECEMBER 2009

Sudoku

Sudoku is the number puzzle that has stormed the world. You will use reasoning and logic to solve the puzzle. The Sudoku puzzle consists of 9 x 9 square grid made up of smaller 3 x 3 square grids (regions). The numbers already present within the puzzle are "given" - these are there to start you off! The aim is to complete the puzzle by filling the empty cells. Every digit from 1 - 9 needs to fit in each row, column and region of 9 squares. Each row, column and region must contain just one instance of each number, 1 - 9.

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Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman
 Was a jolly happy soul
 With a corncob pipe and a button nose
 And two eyes made out of coal
 Frosty the Snowman
 Is a fairytale they say
 He was made of snow
 But the children know
 How he came to life one day
 There must have been some magic
 In that old silk hat they found
 For when they placed it on his head
 He began to dance around
 Frosty the Snowman
 Was alive as he could be
 And the children say
 He could laugh and play
 Just the same as you and me
 Frosty the Snowman
 Knew the sun was hot that day
 So he said let's run
 And we'll have some fun
 Now before I melt away
 Down to the village
 With a broomstick in his hand
 Running here and there all around the
 square
 Saying catch me if you can
 He led them down the streets of town
 Right to the traffic cop
 And he only paused a moment when
 He heard him holler stop
 Frosty the Snowman
 Had to hurry on his way
 But he waved goodbye
 Saying don't you cry
 I'll be back again some day
 Thumpety thump thump
 Thumpety thump thump
 Look at Frosty go
 Thumpety thump thump
 Thumpety thump thump
 Over the hills of snow

Christmas Riddles..... Share them with your friends.....Enjoy

- Q. What kind of bird can write?
A. A pen-guin
- Q. What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?
A. Santa Clues!
- Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
A. It's Christmas, Eve.
- Q. Why does Santa Claus like to work in the garden?
A. Because he likes to hoe, hoe, hoe!
- Q. What happened when the snowwoman got angry at the snowman?
A. She gave him the cold shoulder.
- Q. What do snowmen wear on their heads?
A. Ice caps.
- Q. How do sheep say Merry Christmas in Mexico?
A. Fleece Navidad!
- Q. What is a snowman's favorite lunch?
A. An Iceberg!
- Q. What do vampires put on their Christmas turkey?
A. Grave-y.

Latrobe City's Councillors and staff extend Seasons 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 Thursday 24 December 2009.

Service Centres in Moe, Morwell Headquarters and Traralgon will reopen at 8.30am on Monday 4 January 2010.

Libraries in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon will reopen at 10am on Monday 4 January 2010.

Churchill Service Centre and Library will reopen at 11am on Monday 4 January 2010.

Emergencies

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

LOST OR STRAY PETS

From 12 Noon Thursday 24 December 2009 - 8.30am Monday 4 January 2010

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 Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 December 2009. 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

Friday 25 December 2009 – Early start-collection will commence at 1am.

Collections on all other days 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

Friday 25 December 2009 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

Friday 25, Saturday 26 and Monday 28 December 2009 Closed

Friday 1 January 2010 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

Thursday 24 December 2009 6am – 1pm

Friday 25 December 2009 Closed

Saturday 26 December 2009 Closed

Sunday 27 December – Thursday 31 December 2009 10am – 4pm

Friday 1 January 2010 Closed

Saturday 2 January and Sunday 3 January 2010 10am – 4pm

Monday 4 January 2010 - Normal operating hours resume

Latrobe Leisure Churchill

Thursday 24 December 2009 6am – 1pm

Friday 25 December 2009 Closed

Saturday 26 December 2009 Closed

Sunday 27 December – Thursday 31 December 2009 10am – 4pm

Friday 1 January 2010 Closed

Saturday 2 January - Sunday 10 January 2010 10am – 4pm

Monday 11 January 2010 - Normal operating hours resume

Traralgon Sports Stadium

Saturday 19 December 2009 – Sunday 17 January 2010 Closed

Outdoor Pools

– Moe, Traralgon and Yallourn North

Guaranteed to be open 3pm – 5pm daily during school holidays. If temperature is forecast 23°C or above the pools will be open 12 noon – 7pm Check out the Latrobe City webpage at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au for more information

Friday 25 December 2009 Closed

Saturday 26 December 2009 Closed

Friday 1 January 2010 Closed

LATROBE REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Closes at 12 noon on Thursday 24 December 2009 and will reopen at 10am on Monday 4 January 2010

Closed Tuesday 26 January 2010

LATROBE PERFORMING ARTS BOX OFFICE

Closes at 12noon Thursday 24 December 2009 and will reopen Monday 4 January 2010

Monday 4 January – Monday 25 January 2010,

10am-1pm Monday to Friday only

Closed Tuesday 26 January 2010

Normal operating hours resume Wednesday 27 January 2010

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Preschools

Closed over Christmas/New Year period.

Preschool staff 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 opening hours for Council Service Centres will be observed

Carinya and Moe Early Learning Centres

Close at 12.30pm on Thursday 24 December 2009

Reopen 7.30am on Monday 11 January 2010

Traralgon Early Learning Centre

Close at 12 noon on Thursday 24 December 2009

Reopen 8.15am on Monday 11 January 2010

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

The opening hours for Council Service Centres will be observed

For emergencies clients should telephone 0408 512 953

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Planned Activity Group (PAGs)

Closes Friday 18 December 2009

Reopen on Monday 11 January 2010

Meals on Wheels

No deliveries on Friday 25 December 2009 or Friday 1 January 2010, (frozen meals can be ordered for this time)

Meals delivery as normal other days

For emergencies clients should telephone 0408 149 854

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Friday 25 December 2009 Closed

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



Boolarra Primary School

Excellent Yard Behaviour Observed Recently

Fill in teacher, Ms Heather James, noted Emre picking up lots of papers (Emre also was a big help when we put up the new soccer nets). Erin Hoghton provided first aid support to Tyson when he hurt himself. Ms Cheryl Hilton was impressed with the sensible approach displayed by Aren C when he was getting a ball off the roof. Djinni collected lost property that was left about the yard and Ms Twomey spotted Anabel cleaning up the playground.

Christmas Hamper

Our families donate many great items for inclusion in the end of year raffle. We had a large esky pack, some novels, a coffee table book, a beautiful quilt, some chocolates and mince pies. The raffle draw will take place at the conclusion of our "Send in the Clowns" evening performance on Friday 11 December. All money raised will go towards offsetting the costs of the lighting and sound for the show.

P/1/2 Dinner & Sleep-over

Recently all of the P/1/2 students returned to school for some games and then ate a very healthy dinner they helped prepare. The preps and grade ones then went home but the Grade 2's remained and slept in their classroom. Despite it being a very wild and stormy night, everyone had a fabulous time and our younger students have made a very positive start to our outdoor education program.

Life Ed Van

The next extra curricula visitor to our school will be Harold the giraffe. This is a highly regarded program that promotes making healthy life choices.

DISCOS

The Grade Prep to 2 students attended an after school disco organized by our Junior School Council in the multi-purpose room at school from 5:00 pm to 6:00. The grade 3-6s had their Disco from 7:00 – 8:00 pm on the same evening. There were prizes awarded for best dance moves, the limbo stars, best statues, grooviest disco clothes and so forth. All money raised goes towards buying some more equipment for use in the sandpits.

Mo-Vember Conclusion

Recently all students were invited to come out of uniform and to bring a donation for Prostate Cancer research and the Beyond



Blue Foundation to mark the conclusion of Mo-ember. We started the day with a mo judging competition, with the students helping us to determine who had grown the best moustache during November.

Keeping Parent Costs Down

School Council decided that the Parent Contribution be kept at \$120 per child for 2010.

This covers the 4 visiting shows, the 24 hour student insurance policy, a contribution towards the swimming pool upkeep and classroom and art-room materials. We have maintained this price for several years, during which time many of our costs have gone up. We will be increasing it in 2011.

All at Boolarra Primary School would like to wish everyone associated with the Churchill News a lovely Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday (assuming you get one!)



Lumen Christi Primary School



Crazy Hair Disco

On Friday 27 November, the school held its final disco for the year for all children from Prep-Yr6. The children were encouraged to come to the disco with a 'crazy hair style'. All children and staff attending the night had a wonderful evening and danced the night away to the jukebox provided by Ace Digital Music. Many thanks to Marie and Jeff Gunn for assisting our fund raising efforts by supplying the music.



Earn and Learn

We have had our two selling sessions of Earn and Learn and the competition between businesses was quite intense. Some businesses rationalised their merchandise by the time of the second session while others folded.

The "labourers" were kept very busy before, during and after the session coping with the demands of the crowd as well as the various business ventures. There were raffles and bingo draws. The clerical workers collecting rent and payment for utilities were kept very busy as was the shop assistant sorting out the compulsory food bill.

The children had to negotiate very carefully for any extra bonuses and the "police" were always vigilant and on the lookout

for law-breakers. Grades 5 and 6 are heavily involved in the lead up to the practical part of Earn and Learn while Grades 1 – 4 generally make up our spending community.

This year we were lucky enough to secure sponsorship from Coles (MidValley), Woolworths (Churchill), Bunnings and Peter Winter Music. This meant real financial support for some of the businesses which was greatly appreciated.

Volleyball

On Thursday 26 November, we had ten Grade 6 students involved in the VPSSA State Final of volleyball which was held in Dandenong. While volleyball is a relatively new sport to our school there was a great deal of enthusiasm and skill development in the short preparation time leading up to the Final. We have to thank Howard Williams from Latrobe Valley Volleyball Inc for his assistance in developing some of those volleyball skills and for helping us with the uniforms for the competition itself. We played three games and, while only winning one of them, the experience itself extended the skills of those playing. Team members were:

Cameron Ryan (Captain), Brody Turner, Luke Middlemiss, Matthew Bianconi, Joshua O'Brien, Kaitlin Nardino, Montana McStay, Bronte Spark, Samantha Elliston and Lachlan Griffiths. Michaela Lawless was a part of the original team but had to withdraw due to injury.

Monash Discovery Tour

On Friday, 27 November, Grade 6 experienced a day at Monash University under the guidance of Lawrence Phillips, Monash Discovery Club Coordinator and Jarrad Keddie, Future Monash Discovery Club Coordinator. The children were able to see the many faculties of the University and enjoyed morning tea and a healthy lunch. They thoroughly enjoyed the Information Technology where they could do some computer programming while the nursing session was very informative and where Danger and Response was reinforced. They experienced some art appreciation and then finished with a mock Graduation Ceremony facilitated by Dr Michael Dyson. We also thank Natalie Effenberg for being our guide for the day. The school appreciated having the opportunity to experience tertiary education at such close range and was very impressed with how the



Hazelwood North Primary School

Melbourne Excursion

On the 10 November 2009 grade 5/6D and 5/6F from Hazelwood North Primary School went to Melbourne for an excursion to ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image), The IMAX theatre, Melbourne Museum and Federation Square.

We had loads of fun at ACMI playing all the video games and interactive activities there. It was interesting seeing all the old projectors leading up to modern computers and TV's. Next, we visited Melbourne Museum.

We saw all the dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures but the Melbourne exhibit was the best. Then we went to IMAX theatre where we watched Under the Sea in 3D.

That was the best thing of the day; everyone was reaching out to the screen and trying to touch all of the sea life. The 2-hour trip was a bit boring but it worth it because of all the fun we



had.

By Liam and Jake

Pyjama Day

Hazelwood North Primary had a fantastic Pyjama Day on Friday 13 November.

Some people wore pyjamas and some just wore casual clothes! Everyone had lots of fun just roaming around in their pyjamas. The teachers were really interested in what people would come in and what they would look like.

Most of the teachers joined in the fun and came in their pyjamas too! I think that most people enjoyed the fun and funny time that we had.

The reason why we had this Pyjama Day was to raise money for our World Vision sponsor child Fezilie who lives in Swaziland.

By Mikayla G and Jessica S.

Phillip Island Camp

On Wednesday 28 October, grades three and four went to Cowes camp.

There were four main activities- bike riding, trampolines, flying fox and mechanical wall.

On the first night, we went for a night hike to the beach.

Most of the kids built sandcastles and I was running away from the waves. Then we walked to the park.

There was a merry-go-round and a bouncy thing.

The next day we went on a long walk to the Wildlife Park. My friend was bitten on the finger by a swan. I thought the emus were freaky, but the wallabies and kangaroos were easy to feed and very cute.

That night we visited the Penguin Parade. The penguins looked cute when they were coming out of the water.

On the last day we went to the wind farm in Wonthaggi, and on the way to Coal Creek we had a Karaoke concert on the bus. I sang two songs.

It was so much fun at Cowes camp.

By Emma and Natalie

Sports Camp

Recently some students travelled to Rawson Village for Sports Camp. Students from all over Gippsland went for three days and competed in all different sports such as basketball, cricket, ultimate frisbee, gymnastics and athletics. The students who went from our school were Zoey, Jessica N, Jade, Tyler, Joey, Aaron, Alex and Nelly. Each morning we did a run around the lake for an hour and on the last day all of the kids competed in a lightning premierships round robin for the sports ultimate frisbee and cricket. We couldn't play the finals because of the storm on the last day which was disappointing for everyone. Congratulations to Tyler Hillier who won the boys medal for basketball at the camp. We all had a lot of fun and thanks to the organisers and Mrs Foster who organised the kids to go from our school.

By Zoey

Kurnai Action Squad

Each Wednesday the Kurnai kids come to do sport with 5/6D. Sometimes they help us do work like spelling and it is interesting. We get to know them more each time they come to visit and it is a lot of fun for all of us. Sometimes they bring along some things for sport and it is entertaining at times. We enjoy playing sport and having fun with the Kurnai kids.

Their names are Maddi, Jesse, Toby and Breanna. Sport is fun for all and we enjoy having fun, getting fit and being active. They teach us about high school and what it will be like.

By Haley and Cody

Health and Human Relations

We had Health and Human Relations with Nurse Jane who came and took three sessions for the grade sixes.

We learnt heaps about the body and its changes.

We also learnt about hygiene and cleanliness.

We played games in the last session to put the information into our minds so we don't forget it.

We saw some DVD's and got useful information.

Water Week Award

Peter entered in the Gippsland Water competition for the National Water Week.

He got a certificate of participation and a Highly Commended certificate.

To get the Highly Commended award Peter did some artwork and made a slogan saying "Without water we wouldn't have waterfalls".

Congratulations to everyone else who got a participation certificate.

By Liam



Peter with his certificates

Churchill Primary School

Grade 3/ 4 Camp

The Grade 3/ 4 camp was held at Woorabinda on some very hot days, from 18 – 20 November. The students participated in some very challenging activities.

On 18 November I went to Woorabinda. My favourite part was the zip wire because you got to go down a big hill. It was awesome. My second favourite thing was the hut building because you had to make a water proof hut.

By my group's hut was not water proof. So we got wet.

On the next day my group went to ropes course. That was my third favourite thing because we had two goes up high. The most favourite thing was sitting in the lake and playing there because it was a very hot day. It felt really nice. On the 20 November we had to go

home. I was happy to see my family.

By Carly Baptie.

I went to Woorabinda camp for school camp on Wednesday 18 of November. We stayed for 2 nights and 3 days. When we first arrived we got off the bus and the bus driver took all the bags off the bus. We saw a wallaby. It was black and it was cute. I got a photo of it. Then we met a man His name was Bruce. He put us into groups. I was in group 3. I got to do lots of activities. The first activity I did was archery. I got the arrow in the blue zone twice. It was fun, but every time I pulled the string from the arrow it scratched me. The other activity I did was zip wire. It was fun. At first I was scared but when I went and had a go of it, I was OK and I thought it was great. Then it was time for bed. I was in room 15. I was in a room with Taylah Whelan. I had a great time

at Woorabinda.

By Rachael Pendlebury.

On Wednesday the 18 November to the 20 November, I went to Woorabinda Camp. On the 18, we (the people going and parents) had to be at the school by 8:30am. When the bus got to school, we had to put our things in a spot and get on the bus. I was next to Sally-Mae. When new arrived at camp we met a guy named Bruce. Then we found out who was in our rooms.

I was with Tayla in Room 12. Then we had morning tea and Lucy who's nice gave everyone chocolate.(Yummy).

When that was over we had groups.

I was in Group 2. Then we found out what we were doing.

Group 1 – zip wire

Group 2- ropes course

Group 3- archery

Group 4- hut building with sticks.

Because I was in Group 2, I had ropes course. There was walking across a rope with a harness on. There was also a low course that I fell off. Then I went on the zip wire. I closed my eyes because I was up high and I'm scared of heights.

The zip wire was really fun, but when I hit the tyre I was scared that I was going to fall.

The next day we did hut building. I got two cuts on my legs. We had to make it water-proof but it wasn't because it was dripping.

Then we did archery. No-one got a bull's eye, but I got red.

My favourite part was the zip wire because I didn't know what it was like.

Woorabinda was great!

By Olivia Campbell.

The Grade 3s and 4s went to Woorabinda Camp.

The first group I was in was hut building. It was hot on the day. It was really fun.

Rope course and zip wire were really fun.

On the last night all the girls were scared. Jamie, Carly and I went into Room 13. The cupboard door had opened all by itself. We all screamed and ran out. When we got out everyone started screaming. We ran after Mr. Mahoney

saying there is a ghost in our rooms. It was the wind.

On the last night we watched Barnyard 2. That movie was funny.

Bruce and Sarah were the people who ran

Woorabinda Camp. Sarah showed us how to make fire.

The activity I liked most was archery. I always got it on the ground.

Woorabinda Camp was the best!

A Story By Ben Lewis

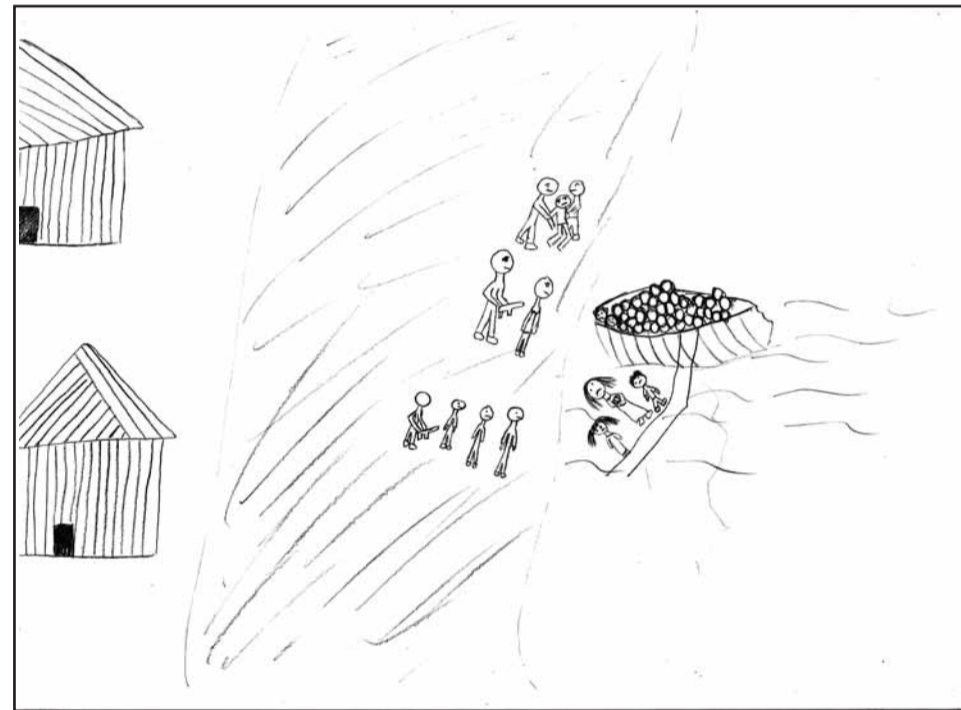
The life of Po and Tylung

Once there were a brother and sister. Their names were Po and Tylung. They were about 12 years old. They did not have much money and were living in a refugee camp in Africa. They were kind and caring and they never asked for things. They always found something to do such as Po would go fishing with his dad. They had no fishing rods, just a spear and a hessian bag. Tylung would make things with her mum such as clothes and bags and other things. They didn't have much food or supplies. They made their money by selling these things and necklaces at markets.

Over in the refugee camp there were rough times when people would take men for war about 10 – 15 at a time. This would happen about once every 5 months. They knew though that one day war would come and they would have to leave but they dreaded that day. After a while the people came to their village. They were back to claim more people but luckily they did not get Po and

Tylung's dad. Then the next five months came round. It was that day when the war made it to their village. They were warned that the last refugee camp was raided, so the kids and women got to leave on a boat. Their dad had to leave and he put up a fight but there was no hope because they would just kill him. He was taken into the war.

The family left on a boat to India and it was hard. Po and Tylung and their mum were on a two year boat trip and only a few people survived. As soon as they got on the boat, in the first week, their mum was put to work. The kids had to take care of their baby brother. It was tough. They only got fed a little and they could do nothing once they arrived in India. They were told their mum had to stay on the boat to cook. They could do nothing about that because they might be killed. After two days in India, a family took them in and then they began their new life, forever wondering whatever happened to their parents.



Bike Education

Mrs McColl and Mr Mahoney led Grade 4 and some Grade 3 students through their paces with Bike Education. This culminated in the Grade 4s doing a road test during the last session. Bike Education concentrates on skills such as handling a bicycle, main-

taining balance and road safety skills, such as looking behind, signalling and anticipating traffic movement. A special guest speaker, Darren Anderson, came from the Victoria Police to talk to the students about road safety and bike riding.

Bike Ed by Cameron Ipsen

On the first day we had to check our bikes to see if they were safe. We rode on the basketball courts. We had to do the figure 8, sharp turns, riding in straight lines and riding on the oval. Over the sessions we practised all of these skills until we went on the road ride. I really enjoyed the road ride. We went past Lumen Christi and then we rode to Lake Hyland and had a play. When the policeman came he talked about the things we had to do on the road. He told us if we broke the rules of the road we would be fined. We had to show him our helmets to see if they were safe and to make sure they were Australian standard.

Inverloch Trip

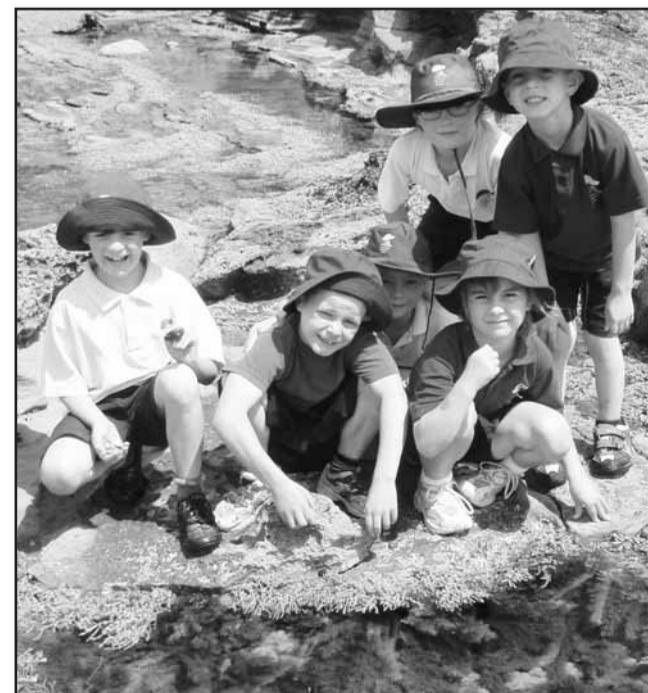
The Prep One Two classes are studying the Sea and travelled to Inverloch on November 18. Below are some recounts written by students who attended this great excursion.

On Wednesday Prep / 1 Henry and Dubois and Grades 1/2 Jordan and Speirs went to Inverloch. The teachers and Bailey's dad put us in some groups. Then we went on the bus and when we got to Inverloch we went to the rock pools. Bailey and I saw a crab. Then we went on the Eagle's Nest (a rock formation) and it was so big that it was like a Transformer in the sky. Next we saw a seal on the rocks and in the water. He was funny. Then we went to the beach on the bus. When we got to the beach we paddled in the water. We had a great day and it was really fun.

By Ryan Lowrie. Grade 2

Yesterday Grade 1/2 Speirs went to Inverloch. First I saw some starfish. They were pretty blue with green spots. I saw a seal it was on a rock. Then the seal jumped in the water and there were rock pools and I tripped over when I was in the rock pool. There were very big waves at the beach. Then we went back to the sand. We had our lunch in the park at Inverloch and then we came back to school on the bus. It was fun and I liked seeing the seal the most.

By Natahlia Foster, Grade 1.



Churchill Primary School Continued**Churchill Community Fete**

Wow what a day! Huge crowds turned out to take advantage of all the great stalls and goods on offer. A great range of activities was provided by the school, (staff and parents) and community individuals and organisations. They ranged from the excitement of a visit by the Helimed helicopter to seeing the Churchill Fire Truck, jumping on the bouncing castle, participating in the spinning wheel, eating fairy floss and buying from the trash and treasure stall and craft and plant stalls. The cake stall was a huge drawcard as were the Devonshire teas and the BBQ cooked by the Lions Club of Churchill. Prime Possum made a cameo appearance, we had tarot card reading.

It was a very vibrant and active day with fantastic weather. We had teachers lining up to have wet sponges thrown at them, just so they could cool down. The community spirit, which both organised

and supported this great event was very evident.

Not only was the school the beneficiary of the proceeds but also the Save The Children Fund who will use the money to build a well for a clean water supply in a village in Africa.

We wish to thank all of our sponsors and to all the community members who supported our fete.

Christmas Club

The children in 1/2s and 3/4s who chose to go to Christmas Club at the Co-operating Churches had a lovely time.

They were eager to participate in the craft activities and the discussions, which preceded them.

The school wishes to thank the helpers at the Co-operating Churches for providing this eagerly anticipated Club.

Advent Pageant

Children from the Prep/1s attended the Advent Pageant organised by Fusion. Children from Lumen Christi, Churchill North. and Churchill Primary Schools dressed as angels, shepherds and wise

men, gathered at Walker Parade Reserve to hear the beginning of the Biblical story of Christmas. They were welcomed by the MC-Geri McLure and were encouraged to try their best and aspire to use their potential to the fullest by Councillor Darrell White.

The children then went to the shopping centre where Joseph and Mary knocked on several doors looking for a room where Mary could have her baby. However there was no room, and they were forced to go back to the park where a small animal shelter was available. There Jesus was born. As it was Jesus birthday being celebrated, a cake with candles alight was given to Mary as everyone sang Happy Birthday.

The three schools all presented items during the program. All songs were quite different and very well sung, to the applause of those present.

A sausage sizzle followed with festival activities.

Reports from children concur that they enjoyed the day.

Kurnai College Junior Campus**Closed Circuit Television Cameras Installed**

Closed circuit television cameras are now in operation throughout the school buildings and grounds. Already they have been useful in identifying weekend vandals and helped with their apprehension.

The cameras have become necessary due to the numerous and costly acts of vandalism perpetrated on the school.

Principal Nello Carbone would like the community to know that the school regards trespassers with the intent to vandalise very seriously.

It is unfortunate that the school found it necessary to install the cameras because of vandalism and bullying.

Strict guidelines pertaining to the use of cameras will be adhered to by the school.

Year Tens

The Year 10s have completed their exams. A lot of hard work went into the preparation of them. The school hopes that the hard work will pay off with excellent results.

The school wishes the Year 10s all the best in their future studies at the Gippsland Education Precinct in 2010, and urges them always to continue to do their best at all times at the Senior Campus.

HeadStart Program

This program operated again this year. This program began next year's studies this year.

Most schools in the area now operate HeadStart. The aim is to finish the year with continuing engagement and a focus on study until the final day of term to maximise effort and input.

A lot of work has gone into HeadStart preparation and Nello would like to acknowledge and thank the staff for their work above and beyond what would be expected.

Year 10 Outdoor Education Hike

For the last two terms, the Outdoor Education students have been preparing for this hike and camp out which formed part of their assessment in this subject.

They had learnt to cook on trangias - small mentholated spirit burners. They had also studied weather interpretation, map reading and navigation, and clothing suitable for outdoor activities.

In the hiking packs were supplies of pasta, which is light to carry and easily cooked, water and puratabs to purify water, sunscreen and insect repellent.

The hike was over three days with two nights camping out over 11-13 November 2009. A distance of 35 kilometres was walked carrying packs in the Wilson's Promontory National

Park in fantastic weather. They completed a loop from Sealer's Cove to Waterloo Bay, camping out at these two places.

Their teacher, Andrew Leeson, said the students generally worked well as a team, helping each other get out of difficulties. It was a real team building exercise he said, and was part of their leadership assessments.

The consensus from the students was that they really enjoyed the experience, saying it was tiring but positive, developing great teamwork and group dynamics.

Andrew reported that all had passed their assessment, adding that a couple of students had been surprise packages, excelling beyond expectations.

The Arts Are Alive At Kurnai

Drama teacher Klein, very proudly reported that the original works by the Year 7s, 8s, and 9s performed on three Wednesday nights in November was an outstanding success.

The Year 9s piece was very intense; a particularly powerful portrayal about self-esteem, and the consequences of low self-esteem, for example turning to alcohol and drug abuse, which can lead to tragic accidents occurring.

The year 9s showed tremendous maturity beyond their years with this "very edgy production".

The Year 8s comedy poked fun at politics and media. Its style was very experimental using masks and live projection.

The Year 7s play was all about bullying and teenage embarrassment. They used small original film clips to portray their lives.

All in all, the drama program is thriving using the Arts, multi-

media and especially music.

This experimental process has fulfilled all the staff's expectations and produced great results from the students of which the school is very proud.

New Staff For 2010**Holly Campbell**

Holly Campbell will be teaching English and Humanities for Year 8, 9, and 10 levels.

This is her first year after completing her Graduate Diploma Degree.

Holly trained in primary teaching. After a few years, she decided to go back to University and undertake a Bachelor of Tertiary Studies, followed by a Bachelor of Behavioural Science. Honours and a Graduate Diploma followed.

Holly lives in Churchill. She has her home and family here, and feels part of this community. Holly aims to have her students enter in the Churchill and District News Writing Competition next year.

Rosalind Porter

Rosalind joined Kurnai in second semester to take over from her daughter Miss Porter who went on family leave.

Rosalind has been a teacher for many years, working mostly in Melbourne.

She says is has been nice living in Churchill and she is becoming accustomed to country life.

Rosalind is very interested in theatre work and would like to work with the drama staff in the writing field.

Rosalind will be teaching Humanities and English to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students.

Nick Schilling

Nick is passionate about Physical Education and Sport.

His teaching career started at Morwell Kurnai Campus for four years from 2001-2004.

He then went to Brisbane to teach physical education for two years. The last three years he has taught at the Gippsland Education Precinct where he has established a great sporting course. His aim for next year is to work with the enthusiastic P.E. and Sport staff to further develop a culture of success and physical activity and participation.

On a personal note, Nick is a Club Champion for the Traralgon Harriers Club in cross country and road running.

While in Queensland he had the opportunity to train with Rob de Castella's coach, and was a Queensland representative in cross country.

**Year 10 Outdoor Education Hike****Left to Right: Holly Campbell, Nick Schilling and Rosalind Porter**

Churchill North Primary School

Tabloid Sports

All Children from grade Preps - 6 took part in a Tabloid Sports Day.

Children were split into multi-age groups and participated within a variety of activities which included team

Building, Technology and Tabloid. Children had a great day and enjoyed a Sausage Sizzle Lunch put on by the Parents Association.

Monash Visit

Students in Prep -2 visited Monash University this month. The children were greeted with cold drinks and fruit before being taken around the ground in 2 groups to visit the nursing faculty and resident scientist, Michael in the Science Lab. Children were able to receive a great insight into both nurse and science and asked lots of questions.

Advent pageant

The annual Churchill Christmas Pageant was held at the End of November. Children from Prep

-2 attended, all dressed as angels and Shepherd's.

Two of our children were lucky enough to play Joseph and Mary in the advent pageant this year, and did a great job.

Children were taken around the local shopping centre to try and find some where for Mary and Joseph to stay.

The group ended up back at Walker Reserve for a free sausage sizzle and to join in face painting and games.

Coming Events:

Hazelwood House Visit:

The Prep -2 are off again to visit their friends at Hazelwood House Hostel to sing Christmas Carols.

This is becoming a regular event, with both the children and residents having a great time. The children love having an audience to perform to.

Celebrating Positive Behaviour

The Principal and Teachers continually

recognise the positive behaviour of children in our playground.

To celebrate positive behaviour all children who have behaved appropriately according to our school values will enjoy a trip to Lake Hyland for lunch.

Mini School Fete:

The Churchill North Mini School Fete was held on the 3rd of December. All grades have been busy planning and preparing their stall or activity.

The school chooses to have a mini fete so that the children are more involved and to teach students valuable real life maths skills.

A variety of activities is scheduled such as Second Hand Book Stall, Glow Disco, Free Craft Activities, Ice Cream, Sausage Sizzle, Cake Stall and Lucky balloons.

Trip to the Beach for end of year break-up: A whole school excursion has been planned for Inverloch. All children will be bussed down to enjoy a day of sand castle building, rock pooling

and it is hoped a visit to the dinosaur dig.

Churchill North Idol

Practise continued for Churchill North Idol that was held at the school on December 10. Children competing were invited into the Multi-Purpose Room during lunch times to practise their songs on stage under the guidance of Mrs. Hunter.

This is a regular feature of the school which is thoroughly enjoyed by students.

Grade 6 Graduation

Grade 6 graduation is fast approaching and it will be time to say goodbye to the leaders of our school as they move on to secondary school.

A special graduation dinner will be held at the Churchill Cricket Club.

On the night children will receive their certificates, a small token to remember their primary years and awards for excellence will be presented to students having achieved this distinction.



Ulysses Toy Run

Children from all grades received a visit this month by the Ulysses Motor Cycle Club who tour around Gippsland on their annual Toy and Can drive.

The school was busy collecting cans and toys to give to the group these items will be passed onto families in need this Christmas.

Students were also very excited to receive a visit from Santa who turned up on his motorcycle.



Police Station Tour

Grade Prep, One and Two were off again on another exciting trip around their community, this time just down the street to the Churchill Police Station.

Once there children toured the station, looked in the interview room, saw themselves on camera, had a sit in the holding cell, jumped in the back of the police van and learnt all about the important work the local police do.



Tabloid Sports - Team Work



*Monash Visit
-learning about Science*

Yinnar South Primary School

Young Students Pursuing Success

Schools are dynamic 'people organisations' and it is only through the support and goodwill of many people that we are able to offer our exciting and challenging educational programs. Thank you to the many parents who volunteer their time to help out in a myriad of ways.

Thank you to our school councillors who have made a formal commitment to 'their' school. A big thank you must

go to our staff, teaching and non-teaching. They are a dedicated and professional team who are extremely supportive of each other and are committed to ensuring the happiness and well-being of every child in the school. And a special thank you to the children for their industrious efforts and the manner in which they approach all aspects of their school life. We can all be justifiably proud of our school!

On behalf of the staff and students from Yinnar South Primary School, we wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.





Cup day winners: L to R: Doug Medew, Tim Sauvarin and Joy Prior

Boolarra Bowls Club New Members Needed

By John Wyatt

The 2009/2010 Pennant Bowls Season is well under way with at least the first six matches having been decided. At Boolarra, unfortunately, the news is not good. The significant loss of members from last season has meant that sufficient players to fill our teams in Divisions 4 and 5 has not been possible with the result that we have had to forfeit division 5 most weeks.

This situation is of great concern to all present members as the Boolarra Bowls Club has a great history within the area and indeed the greater bowls community. It is my belief that we are all caretakers of the club and have a responsibility to the founders to maintain and grow the club for the betterment of Boolarra and district for generations to come. So it is with this in mind that the present members are to be commended for their endeavours to ensure the further life of our club.

On behalf of the club, I extend to all past members and to anyone who would like to try lawn bows as a great way to maintain their fitness and be a part of the social side of the life of the club to come down and join up. The members will be only too happy to welcome you and get you started. A good way to get the feel for the game is to come on Twilight Bowls night, every second Wednesday. Watch for notices posted at the club rooms.

The Ladies Pennant is well underway and report that, while they struggle for numbers, the results are encouraging and they thank the men for filling in when necessary.

A lot of work continues to be carried out rehabilitating the green and a great vote of thanks is extended to the small group of men for this work. Appreciation is also extended to our new green keeper for all his efforts. To all the ladies who man the kitchen every bowls day be assured that your efforts make you one of the mainstays of our club.

Club News and Happenings

Firstly our best wishes go to Silvia Johnson as she has attained membership to the elite band of OBE's.

We have had two members on the sick list, Betty Fox and Derek James and we wish them both a full and speedy recovery.

The Annual Cup Social Day was held on the first Tuesday in November and was enjoyed by all who attended. On the day we welcomed members of the Carpet Bowls Club and their attendance really made the day enjoyable. Perhaps we were witness to an up and coming new star on that day. A young man by the name of Tim Sauvarin bowled extremely well and was in the winning team for the day along with Joy Prior and Doug

Medew. The day took the form of Sweeps, Raffles and social bowls.

The Monthly Triples Bowls days are well under way and we would like to extend our appreciation to all the bowlers from around Gippsland who have attended these days and made them so successful. Triples are held on the 4th Monday of each month. They are also held at Boolarra if and when there is a 5th Monday.

The Annual Boolarra Invitation Day was held on Sunday 8 November and this event was very successful. The willingness of clubs from around Gippsland to attend made this day so competitive and enjoyable. A note of appreciation is extended to all the clubs who did attend. By the time you read this the Ladies Gala Day, due to be held on 11th December, will have taken place and I am assured it will be a success again.

As this will be my last news ramble for this year I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone on behalf of the Boolarra Bowls Club a Happy Family Christmas and New Year but, remember through all the joy this festive season may bring, stay safe, you are all needed and loved.

Best regards to all and you will hear from me in the New Year - that's a threat!

Churchill Bowls Club Increasing Indoor Bowls Activities

The Churchill Bowls Club will conclude its Indoor Bowls program for the year on Thursday the 10 December, with our Christmas break up. The night will consist of a 15 game card, with spot prizes to be won by some lucky player/s, so come along and enjoy a good night out. Our Indoor Bowls activities will resume the first week in February 2010.

On April 17 2010 the Churchill Bowls Club will be conducting a Trivia Night at the Top Pub in Morwell, so start organizing your teams and brush up on your trivia.

Teams will consist of 10 people per table with the cost being \$10 per person; good prizes will be available

on the night. Further information relating to the trivia night will be forthcoming in the New Year.

The Churchill Bowls Club will be increasing its Indoor Bowls activities in 2010, and is currently seeking new, past, or current players. If you are interested in enjoying a sporting and social activity in a friendly atmosphere, contact V.Hargreaves on 51221304 or W.Brown on 51221860.

The Churchill Bowls Club committee and members would like to wish all our Sponsors, Indoor Bowlers and the Churchill and district community a merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

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Results Round Up

28/11/09 Stroke Monthly Medal
Star Medal

A. Grade M. Fletcher (17) 66; B. Grade P. Shields (21) 67; C. Grade W. Olson (26) 69 Star Medal A. VanDenHam (27) 70 DTL K. Hills 67; L. Stein 67; P.Smart 68; K. VanVliet 68; M. Brew 69; A. Auld 69; D. McCafferty 69; B. Downie 69 NTP 3rd R. Scurlock 12th P. Shields 5th P. Shields 14th P. Ludlow. Birdies P. Shields 12th P. Shields 14th Scratch K. Hills Count Putts AVanDenHam

29/11/09 Stableford Kick Butt Day

Mens Winner J. Robinson (14) 44 pts DTL G. Fraser (17) 39 pts Ladies Winner C. Barnes (35) 40 pts Mens NTP 12th J. Robinson Birdies J. Robinson 12th. Winners The Men

1/12/09 Stableford Aggregate

(Drawn partners) Winners A. Chapman & L. Peake 71 pts, DTL J. Beck & T. Buxton 67 pts, V. Verheyen & L. Oilquist 63 pts NTP 3rd J. Blizzard 5/14 32-45 H. Croft

Men: 21.11.09: Par.

Winners: A Grade A Sharrock +8. B Grade N Lugton +6. C Grade S Wotton +9. DTL: J Robinson +6, G Fraser +6, T Webb +5, B Downie +5, W Olson +5, J McCafferty +5, R Scurlock +5. NTP: 3rd G Blizzard. 5th J Robinson. 12th J Robinson. 14th R Welsh. Birdies: 3rd B

Downie, H Martin. 12th J Robinson. 14th A Percy.

Ladies: 24.11.09: Star Medal/Stroke

Winners: A Grade J Leslie 68. B Grade L Peake 68. Star Medal J Leslie 68. DTL: M McConville 69, J Beck 71, C Ellis 72. NTP: 12th L Peake. 5/14th (0-32) E D'Alterio. (33-45) L Peake. Broken Handicaps: J Leslie 25-24, L Peake 41-39, M McConville 26-25.

Men: 5.12.09: 3 Person Ambrose.

Winners: J Robinson/B Downie/C Waterman 53. DTL: A Sharrock/M Bren/G Hornsby 56 1/3, T Webb/H Martin/M Maselli 57, A Auld/T Collins/P Jordan 60 1/2, F Burgon/P Shields/A Percy 60 1/2.

NTP: 3rd D Scurlock, 5th D Taylor, 12th C Waterman, 14th A Percy.

6.12.09: Stableford

Winners: J Ambrosini 42 pts. DTL: A Casey 41 pts, T Webb 40 pts. NTP: 3rd T Webb. Birdies: 3rd J Ambrosini.

Ladies: Tuesday 8th December

2009. 2 Person Ambrose (9 Holes).
Winners: M Mitchell/S Cooke 10 1/2. Runners Up: A Chapman/D Judkins 11. DTL: B Scurrah/L Peake 12, R Hall/B Beebe 12 1/2. NTP: 12th W Heiser. 14th E D'Alterio.

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