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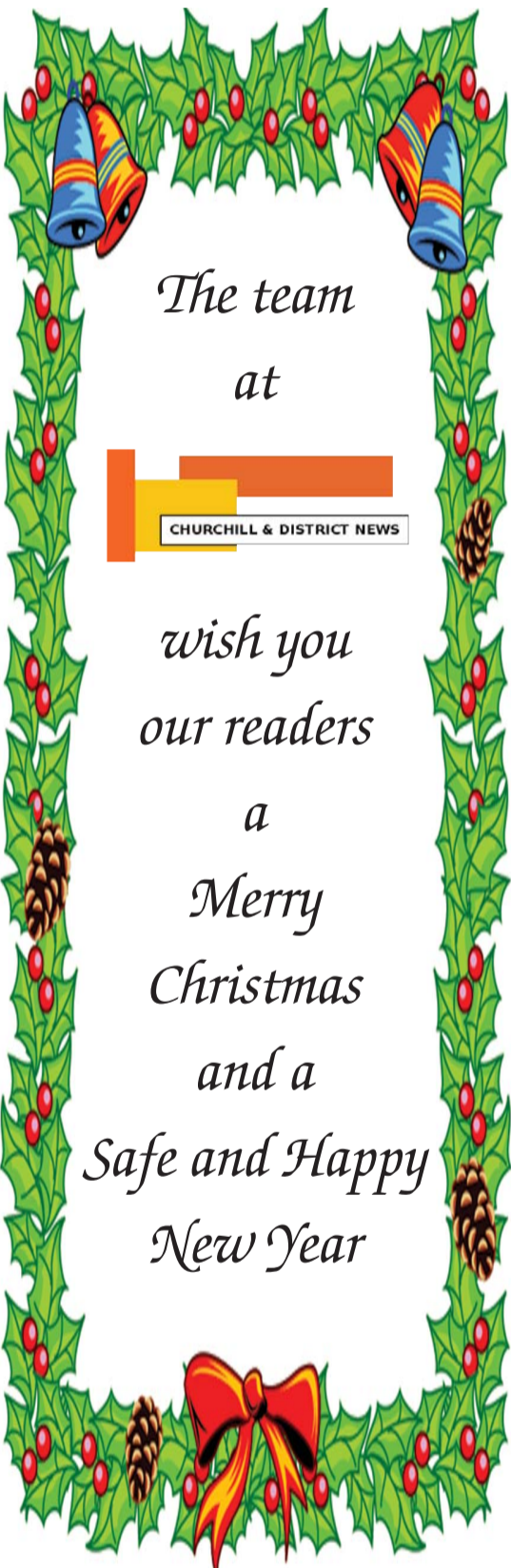
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Churchill lights up!



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at

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

wish you
our readers
a
Merry
Christmas
and a
Safe and Happy
New Year



Churchill Christmas Spirit is "ALIGHT" and well.

Some residents of Churchill have entered into the spirit of the Festive Season by decorating

their homes with Christmas decorations and lights, a few adding to their previous collections to emphasise the "wow!" factor.

Many enthralled visitors, both adults and children have derived much pleasure and enjoyment from the colourful displays.

Thank you to those who have taken the trouble to do this and helped to lift our spirits at this time of the year.

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Neighbourhood Watch Churchill

Robbery

1 for October (Nil Sept) - One offender charged with armed robbery after an incident in Churchill.

The offender will also face various other robbery charges.

Assaults

11 for October (5 Sept) - In the only incident where an offender has not been charged police are making follow up enquiries.

Arson

2 for October (4 Sept) - One offender charged with criminal damage by fire after an incident in Dalpura Ct.

A stolen vehicle was recovered in Glendonald Rd burnt out.

Property Damage

11 for October (5 Sept) - Four offenders charged.

All the other damages were committed in residential areas of town. Overnight on 6th October a number of vehicles had tyres slashed in White Pde/Howard Ave area.

Two other incidents of graffiti were committed on the same night in Fraser Cres.

Burglary

1 for October (4 Sept) - One offender charged.

Theft from a Motor Vehicle

5 for October (Nil Sept) - All the TFMV's were committed in residential driveways or addresses.

A series of thefts were committed in the Canterbury Way/Omaro Crt/Williams Ave area with purses, cameras and a rear view mirror stolen.

Theft of a Motor Vehicle

3 for October (1 Sept) - All three vehicles stolen have been recovered and returned to the owners.

Two of the vehicles were recovered within fifty metres of the residence they were stolen from.

Theft

2 for October (3 Sept) - Jewellery and cash was stolen from a residence during the month whilst motorcycle gear was stolen from a carport.

Issues Raised November

Meeting not held at time of printing.

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Hazelwood House



The residents enjoyed a visit from Ruby Ha Ha who is owned by locals Robbie and Wendy from Hazelwood North. Ruby Ha ha won the hostel \$1000 at the Warragul Greyhound Races last week.



The "Friends in Song" choir visited the hostel and entertained the residents with Christmas Carols and recited some very funny poems. Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon.



A group of residents, staff and volunteers were lucky enough to have Ruby Ha Ha a locally owned greyhound make the grand final at The Meadows on Wednesday. Sadly we didn't get a placing but everyone had a wonderful day out.

Smart Saver

Discount variety shop 

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Christmas Stock Specials

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Wishing you all the Compliments of the Season



No Dance scheduled for December, New Years Eve, or January.
 For more details please ring Judy Mele on 5166 1682



Morwell, Traralgon and Moe Central Business District (CBD) parking zones to be extended to two-hour limit

Temporary changes to car parking restrictions have been implemented as an interim arrangement pending the outcomes of parking strategy reviews.

One-hour parking limits in Morwell, Traralgon and Moe Central Business Districts (CBDs) have been extended to two-hour limits from Monday 5

due for completion by June 2012.

Parking surveys for Morwell and Moe will also be undertaken in the early part of 2012 which will inform longer term parking precinct plans, scheduled to be completed in June 2012 and June 2013 respectively.

These interim parking arrangements have been advertised and signage installed to ensure that the community can take advantage of the longer parking limits.

Council will continue to monitor these interim parking changes to ensure they are consistent with the long-term aims of the parking strategy.

Council's "jam-packed" School Holidays Summer Reading Program

Latrobe City's Library Service is holding a jam-packed "Holiday Program" in January. During the holidays there will be an interesting Summer Reading Program.

The theme this year will be "The Amazing Read". All children need to register at their local library. Upon registering, each child will receive a reading record. Children need to return the completed entry form to be in the running for some great prizes. The competition closes 6 February 2012.

There will be a "Teddy Bear's Picnic story time" at:

Morwell Library, Tuesday 10 January at 11.00 am. Churchill Library, Wednesday 11 January at 11.30 am. Traralgon Library,

Thursday 12 January at 10.30 am, or 11.30 am. Moe Library, Friday 13 January at 11.00 am.

In the following week, Anthony Verity will present "Head for the Clouds" which is a 45 minute show.

"Imagine it is a blustery day; the wind blows so loud and hard that Anthony's hat flies up into the clouds.

With a happy attitude and some help from his friends, Anthony uses his imagination to get it back. This is a delightful show which is full of slapstick comedy, mime and physical theatre".

The shows will be held on:

Tuesday 17 January at Traralgon Library 10.30 am

Tuesday 17 January at Morwell Library 2.00 pm

Wednesday 18 January at Churchill Library 11.30 am

Wednesday 18 January at Moe Library 3.00 pm

Kite making with Jo from "Kites4Kids" is happening on Tuesday 24 January at: Traralgon Library 10.00 am. Morwell Library 12.45 pm. Moe Library 3.00pm

This is suitable for children 4 years old and upwards and is \$5 per child.

Christmas New/Year:

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

December 2011.

All other time restrictions will remain unchanged.

The changes made have been the result of council listening to concerns and opportunities raised by residents, traders and workers in these towns.

It is anticipated that the longer parking limit will be welcomed by traders and shoppers alike, especially in the lead up to the busy Christmas period.

Council will continue to address long-term parking solutions for Traralgon as part of the Traralgon Activity Centre Plan which includes a Parking Strategy and Parking Precinct Plan which is

As the end of 2011 fast approaches I can safely say it has been a very eventful and demanding 12 months, but at the same time very rewarding.

I had the opportunity to recently visit a Year 7 class at Kurnai College Churchill earlier in the month to discuss their concerns regarding poverty in our country and in our developing countries. It was certainly an eye-opening discussion and I was very impressed with the knowledge and social awareness the students possess.

I will also be visiting Churchill North Primary School to present a very worthy student with a good citizen award, for showing good behaviour, and showing care and compassion to other students. Whilst I can't give away the surprise of which student has received the award, I am sure they are a very deserving recipient and I thank the Churchill North Primary School for giving me the opportunity to share in this special event.

I also want to pass on my commendation to all the Churchill & District schools, and the fantastic work that the teachers and staff do each and every day. Each school offers such a great service and is ensuring that our children are making the most of their education opportunities. I wish all students the best of luck

Northes Natter

for their exam results, and hope they have a well-deserved Christmas break.

Of course I can't forget some of the big events which have already occurred in Churchill in the past month. One of these was the Latrobe Valley Relay for Life event held at Gaskin Park, which was unfortunately cancelled due to the inclement weather.

The official opening ceremony, which still went ahead, was an inspiring launch and really demonstrated the support in our region for loved ones who have battled or are battling cancer.

I commend the organising committee along with the 806 participants and 37 teams who signed up for the weekend, including the many cancer survivors and carers. To raise over \$100,000 is just incredible and I am sure it will be greatly appreciated by the Cancer Council.

I thank all those community groups, entertainers, and many local businesses who contributed financially to this figure. Your generosity is heartening.

We are blessed to have such a strong Relay for Life team leading the way and I again applaud all who contributed to the event; and I am sure 2012 will be bigger and better than ever before.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, I also want to

remind everyone to ensure they are shopping locally at our great local stores and markets. It is important that we remember to support our local businesses, as they in turn support our community organisations and sporting clubs. Your support at this busy time of the year would be greatly appreciated by our traders. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the many farmers' markets that will be happening over the break, and take the opportunity to pick up some wonderful locally made produce.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. I hope 2012 brings much joy and success to you and your family. Please be extra vigilant on our roads, to ensure we all get to and from our destinations safely.



OPENING/CLOSING TIMES OF CHURCHILL BUSINESSES OVER THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD 2011-2012

Churchill Fish and Chips

Christmas Eve (24th) 11:00AM - 6:00PM

Christmas Day (25th) closed

Boxing Day (26th) closed

27th, 28th, 29th, 30th all closed

31st New Years Eve: 11:00AM

- 8:00PM

1st January New Years Day - Closed

Normal trading hours resume on Monday 2nd January

Churchill Advantage Chemist

Mon - Fri: 8:30 - 6:00

Sat: 9:00 - 2:00

except:

Mon 26: 10:00 - 1:00

Tues 27: Closed

Mon 2 Jan 2012: Closed

Kats

Closed Christmas Day, 26th and 27th

Open 28th, 29th 30th, 10am-4pm

New Year's Eve 31st 9-1pm

Closed New Year's Day 1st and 2nd

Tues 2nd Wed. 3rd, Thurs. 4th and Fri 5th 10am-4pm

Saturday 6th 9am-1pm

Pooh Corner

Closed 23rd Dec. Re-open 9th January 2012.

Woolworths

Christmas Eve 24th Dec 7am-9.30pm

Closed Christmas Day

Dec 26th 8am-9pm

27th, 28th, 29th, 30th 31st 7am-9.30pm

New Year's Day 1st Jan 2012 8am-9pm

2nd 7am-9.30pm

Churchill BBQ Chicken

Open Christmas Day

Closed Mon 26th Dec. Re-open 2nd January 2012.

Churchill Chinese

Closed Christmas Day

Open Boxing Day from 5pm.

Asian Grocery

Closed Christmas Day only.

Hazelwood Health

Closed 24th Dec.

Re-opening 28th Dec.

Closed 31st Dec

Re-opening 3rd Jan.2012

Lifeline Op Shop

Closed Tues. 20th Dec.

Re-open 9th Jan. 2012

Dainbridge Financial Services

Closed 14th Dec.

Re-open 16th Jan. 2012

Commonwealth Bank

Closed 24th Dec- 27th Dec.

Closed 31st Dec and 1st, 2nd Jan 2012

Churchill Post Office

Closed 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th Dec.

Closed 31st Dec, 1st, 2nd Jan 2012

Churchill Noodle Bar

Closed 25th and 26th Dec.

Re-open 27th Dec.

Zaniti Hair Studio

Closed 24th Dec. Re-open 10th Jan. 2012

Smart Saver

Open Christmas Eve.

Closed Christmas day

Open 27th Dec usual times

Open New year's day Open 2nd Jan. 10am-3pm

Churchill Newagency

Sat. 24th Dec 7am-6pm

Closed Christmas Day,

Boxing Day and 27th Dec.

New Year's Eve 31st Dec Open to 6pm

New Year's Day and 2nd Jan closed.

Churchill Hot Bread

Closed Sun 25th, 26th 27th, 28th Dec. 2011

Closed 1st and 2nd Jan 2012

New Churchill Motors

Closed 23rd Dec. Re-opening 9th Jan. 2012

Ritchies IGA

19th - 23rd 8am - 9pm

24th - 6am - 9pm

25th - closed

26th & 27th 9am - 8pm

28th -31st 8am - 9pm

1st- 9am - 7pm

2nd 9am - 7pm

3rd onwards normal trading hours

Sazzy Beauty & Day Spa

Mon 19, 10 till 5, Tues 20, 9 till 7pm,

Wed 21, 9 till 7pm,

Thurs 22, 9 till 8pm,

Fri 23, 9 till 7pm, Sat 24, 9 till 2pm,

Wed 28, 10 till 5.30,

Thurs 29, 10 till 8pm,

Fri 30, 10 till 6pm,

Thurs 5th, 10 till 8pm,

Fri 6th, 10 till 6pm,

Sat 7th, 9 till 2pm.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Closed 21st December 2011

Re-open 30th January 2012

The Churchill & District News
is looking for volunteers.

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involved in advertising.

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Northe Applauds Local Army of Volunteers

Nationals Member for Morwell Russell Northe, has thanked the army of Latrobe Valley volunteers and volunteering organisations for their outstanding contribution to communities across the state as part of International Volunteer Day.

Mr Northe said local volunteers participated in a vast range of activities that helped support the Latrobe Valley community and the economy.

“From firefighting to disaster recovery and clean up, pre-school care to adult education, sport and recreation, community health, arts, heritage, tourism and local government, our volunteers play a vital role,” Mr Northe said. “Victorians of all ages, all cultural and language backgrounds and people of different abilities all have an important role to play through volunteering.”

Mr Northe said the Coalition Government recognised the importance of volunteering in building strong communities and was acting to support Victorian volunteers.

“On top of \$5.2 million over four years allocated for volunteering in the 2011/12 State Budget, there is also the \$400,000 Valuing Diversity in Volunteering program, which was announced earlier this year in October.

“Valuing Diversity in Volunteering will deliver a

series of events over the next four years, celebrating volunteering throughout the year, championing volunteers from all backgrounds and recognising the important contribution people from diverse backgrounds make to strengthening Victorian communities through volunteering.”

Mr Northe said the program would also promote the diverse range of volunteering opportunities available.

“I encourage all Victorians to visit Victoria’s Volunteering Portal www.volunteer.vic.gov.au and look at the more than 3,000 diverse volunteering opportunities through more than 480 volunteer organisations,” Mr Northe said.

International Volunteer Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985 and is now celebrated worldwide.



Churchill & District Community Association

Wishes all residents, their
families & friends
a safe & joyous festive season

Our first meeting for 2012
will be held at 7pm on
Wed 25th January

in Studio 1,
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Church News

Christmas/January Services –

Co-operating Churches of Boolarra, Churchill and Yinnar

December 18th

10am

Churchill - Lessons and Carols with Singing group

This is a combined parish service - special morning tea to follow.

December 24th

6.30pm

Churchill Crib Service

8.30pm

Boolarra Anglican H.C.

Churchill can attend Lumen Christi Mass at 8pm or Boolarra at 8.30pm - Anglican HC

December 25th

9 am

Yinnar Family Service

9am

Churchill Family Service

All services are combined parish services for January.

January 1st

10am:

Boolarra Anglican H.C.

January 8th

9 am:

Churchill Campbell Lay Worship team

January 15th

10am:

Yinnar UCA H.C.

January 22nd

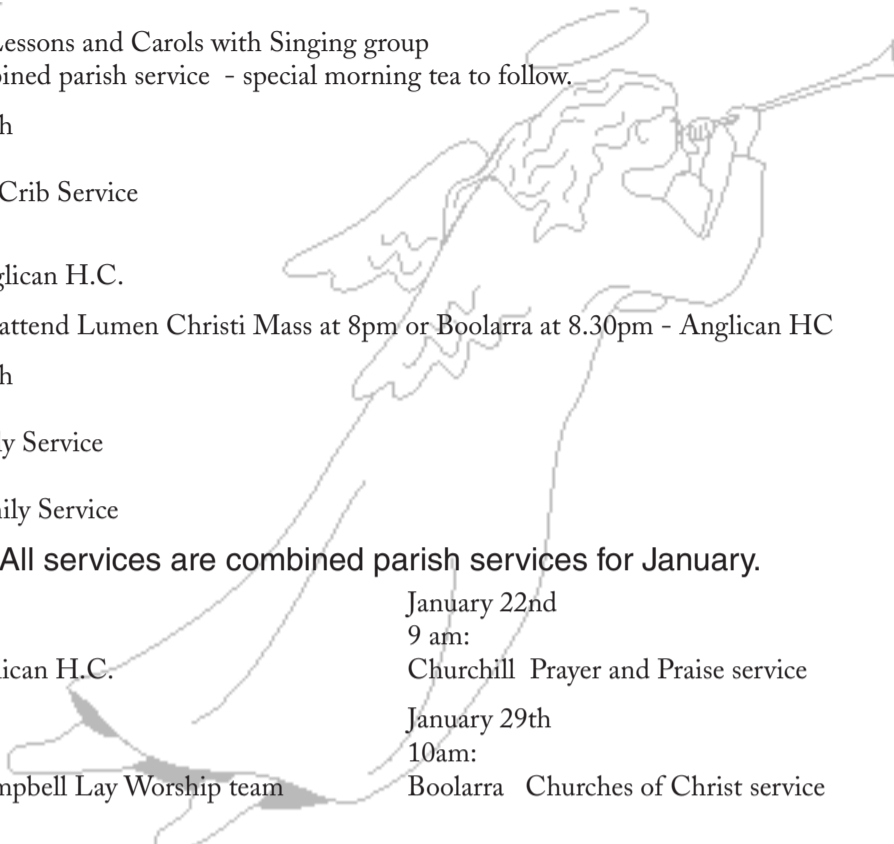
9 am:

Churchill Prayer and Praise service

January 29th

10am:

Boolarra Churches of Christ service



Lumen Christi Snippets

Lumen Christi School Fete

We are very happy to announce the final figure for our fete, despite the weather and the lack of horses we made just over \$6300 profit – which is absolutely fantastic.

Lumen Christi school

Congratulations to Teresa Simpson for winning the Maths Olympiad competition and coming in the top 25% in Australia and, to Skye Wilson who came fourth at state level.

St Vincent de Paul – Churchill Conference

With Christmas on the horizon, St

Vinnies will again be distributing Christmas Hampers to families in need. We would appreciate donations of non-perishable food for hampers. Some suggestions include: Christmas pudding, cans of fruit, carrots, peas, potato salad, jelly crystals, crackers, UHT milk, and custard, mince pies, non-alcoholic drink . . .

Last year we gave out over 25 Christmas hampers to families who were overwhelmed by the generosity of the community.

Christmas cards are available for \$7 per pkt from the Piety Stall.

Co-Operating Churches Snippets

Coffee Connections was an interesting experience with Mary Austin explaining her great interest in, and love of maps. Ray Hodges then told of his long standing interest in flying, an invention of his to test avgas, and of owning several planes and trips done in them, as well as his experiences as a fire spotter locally. Ray finished his talk with some slides of flights taken and people about whom he had spoken in his talk.

As usual it was lovely time of sharing fellowship.

Christmas Club began later in the month and continued into December. The children from Churchill Primary School Grades 1-4 came to enjoy listening and being engaged in the Christmas story,

doing craft activities and singing. A wonderful team of talented parishioners from the Co-Operating Church and Lumen Christi provided this free program.

Saturday Breakfast was the last for the year. Instead of a guest speaker, the group of people sat in a circle and shared their favourite movies and reason for their choices.

Many memories of actors of bygone eras were recaptured, as well as exploring more modern and factual type titles.

The next Saturday Breakfast will recommence February 2012.

Thank you to Rev Tony Peters for being our locum for the month of November.

Church Service Times for Christmas Churchill Christian Fellowship

Christmas Service:

Sunday 18th December

10:00am

Lumen Christi Parish

Saturday, 24 December

8:00pm

Lumen Christi

Sunday, 25 December

9:00am

at Lumen Christi

There will be NO 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day.



Saturday Breakfast



By Keith Enders

The last Saturday Breakfast for 2011 was held at the Co-Operating Churches on Saturday 26th November.

The theme was favourite movies where people were asked to comment on and explain what were their favourite movies. There were a range of topics from

the 50's movies to current ones. Examples were the 'Man From Snowy River', 'Mao's Last Dancer', 'The Titfield Thunderbolt', 'The Lady Killers' with Alec Guinness plus other movies as well. A favourite TV series was the British programme 'Foyle's War'.

The next Breakfast is due to be held on Saturday 25th February 2012.

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Lumen Christi
Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill

Tel: 5122 2226

Father Hugh Brown

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30 am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

Co-operating Churches
of Churchill

Rev. Dr. Des Parker-

Williams Avenue,

Churchill.

Tel: 5122 1480

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Sunday Service: 9.00am.



Churchill Christian
Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill.

Sunday: 10.00am

Boolarra / Yinnar
Co-Operating Parish

Week 1 - 11am at Boolarra

Anglican H C

Week 2 - 11am at Boolarra U

C A

Week 3 - 11am at Yinnar U

C A H C

Week 4 - 11am at Yinnar

Worship Service

Week 5 - 11am at Yinnar

South Anglican H C

CHURCHILL FIRE BRIGADE PRESENTATION NIGHT 2011



The Churchill Hotel was the venue for the 2011 Churchill Fire Brigade presentation Night, which saw a good crowd of members, partners and other brigade representatives plus guests, turn out to enjoy the food and fellowship.

Captain Steve Barling, reflecting on the year's activities, said there was much to look forward to with things happening around the brigade.

The proposed shed plans are progressing. The Division Command centre fit out at the station is almost complete. Along with the Morwell Group of Fire Brigades, preparations and training are progressing and the upgraded facility will be a magnificent acquisition for the next big fire event.

Looking forward to the next twelve months the brigade will have a focus on more training for the fire ground, development of leadership skills and practise for fire events, so that the newer, younger members can develop and learn and succeed.

Steve asked the members to encourage, support and help each other and practice, practice, practice.

This year has seen four more members trained in Fire Equipment Maintenance (FEM) skills.

Steve thanked those members and others who helped in servicing fire extinguishers around the town, as this activity provides much of the brigade's income, and their work demands a lot of commitment.

The officers were also thanked by Steve. It is the officers who will be instigators of leading the brigade forward.

The members were thanked for their commitment also, and encouraged to keep up the good work. Steve said the community appreciates the efforts of the brigade and volunteering is rewarding and benefitting.

Families of members were thanked. Without the support of families it is difficult to be a member of the brigade. Significant sacrifice is made by both members and their families, and they must work together to serve our community.

Shane Mynard presented the CFA Service Medals. He too spoke and thanked the members, their

families, and expressed his appreciation for those who had rejuvenated the Morwell Group.

AWARDS

CFA Service Medals
5 Year certificate to Jacob Last
25 Year medal to Captain Steve Barling.

Steve responded by saying that his time in the CFA had been fun, he had met a diverse group of people, learnt a lot of things and how to do them.

He encouraged members to be more involved as he said it can make a difference, which he likes to do. He thanked all who had journeyed along the way with him.

Firefighter of the Year - Graeme Renwick
Most Consistent - Ashleigh Caldwell
Encouragement Awards - Blake Coss, Mark Andruschak, Chris Gallagher, Kylee McKenzie.

Pump Efficiency Award- Dave Sutherland, Chris Gallagher, Amanda Ashworth and Mark Andruschak
Captain's Award- Mandy Dempsey.



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Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back - Relay for Life



Em Ockenden (Susie's daughter), Kaitlyn Duffas, Gabby Majstorovic (cancer survivors) lit the three candles to begin the candlelight ceremony



From Left to Right: Gianni Romano, Leo Billington and Rachel Allison



Above: Churchill Rover Crew - Connor Flake-Farrell and Justin Mercer

By Ruth Place
Due to the large amount of rain which fell on the Gaskin Park Churchill Football oval prior to the commencement of the 2011 Relay For Life event, the relay walking was cancelled.

However an opening ceremony and other functions were carried out in a two hour session from 4pm on the Saturday. This was to note the 37 teams which had entered and their wonderful fund raising efforts. Collectively, approximately \$100,000 was raised - a mighty result.

Participating for the first time, 'Latrobe Call' with 189 team members was the highest fundraising team, donating \$17,000 to the Cancer Council Victoria.

To open the ceremony as it would have been at the start of the event, the ribbon was cut by Carmen Cook, and held by Don Allison and Sid the Seagull.

Sue Van Heurk from the Thorpy Blues team delivered a tribute to Susie Ockenden, their team's instigator and reason to be, who sadly after a long fight succumbed to cancer this year.

The Candlelight ceremony also took place with three young ladies Em Ockenden (Susie's daughter), Kaitlyn Duffas, and Gabby Majstorovic lighting the three candles.

Following this, people who had prepared a hope bag with a candle inside and/or messages of hope or remembrance, placed their bags outside the clubrooms, under the shelter of the eaves. The assembly was then given time to walk past the bags and read the messages while a lone piper played Amazing Grace.

Committee Member, Michelle Mostert spoke about the reason for Relay for Life.

Relay for Life is run to celebrate, remember and to fight back. In the Latrobe Valley, 385 people were diagnosed with cancer in 2010.

The aim of Relay for Life is to create a cancer free world. Michelle asked those present to commit to taking one step to fight cancer. It might be to have a Pap Smear, encourage someone to be checked out, or keep an eye on a loved one's skin to detect any melanomas. She urged everyone to not let cancer win.

Money raised from Latrobe Valley Relay For Life will fund the Cancer Council's world

class education and prevention programs, support services and research.

Russell Northe, Member for Morwell, also asked everyone to take up the fight. He congratulated the 806 people who had registered to participate, and the 40 survivors and 200 carers who were also present.

He remarked that we, in the Latrobe Valley were blessed to have local facilities such as the Cancer Care Centre and Centenary House, staffed by a wonderful group of volunteers.

Russell gratefully acknowledged the sponsors and thanked them for their wonderful support. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the organising committee for their dedication, and hard work.

Leo Billington, chair of the organising committee thanked the members of the committee who started work on this event in March 2011. He explained that the tasks for running this event are designated and each person knows their roles. The whole fits together very well. The members have fulfilled their obligations.

Leo thanked Greg Allan who had competently put the afternoon program together at short notice.

Leo announced the amount raised and thanked their major sponsor, Latrobe Corporation for their \$17,000 + contribution.

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

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

Some of these students are enrolled in the Work Placement Program (WPP), an academic unit which has the same status as any other third year only subject. WPP is an initiative from the School of Business and Economics. The two students involved this year were Rachel Allison and Gianni Romano.



The thirty-seven team captains were presented with their team captain's medals, to much applause.

Michelle Roberts, committee member, also thanked the sponsors and ran the raffle draw for the many donated goods.

She also acknowledged all those who would have provided entertainment for the event.

To finish the formal proceedings, cancer survivor Sue Lowick read the Relay Oath.

Two of the Churchill Rover Crew - Connor Flake-Farrell and Justin Mercer had been growing their hair. They offered to have it cut off at an auction to raise further funds.

Teams from Churchill area include: Churchill Soccer Sensations, Witches In Stitches, Flannelette Roses, Churchill Champions Dance with Me Valley Angels, Team Monash.

Relay Spirit Stays Strong

"What a fantastic fundraising result. It's humbling to know that people are in full support of what the Cancer Council does," Latrobe Valley Relay for Life committee chair Leo Billington said.

"On behalf of the volunteer committee I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved."

First-time participants 'Latrobe Call' were the highest fundraising team, donating \$17,000 to the Cancer Council Victoria.

"It was a massive effort from 189 team members and their supporters. I'm so proud of them," team captain Nicole Hauxwell said, and added "The fundraising is easy when it's a good cause".

Money raised from Latrobe Valley Relay for Life will fund the Cancer Council's world-class education and prevention programs, support services and research.

For more information about Latrobe Valley Relay for Life, visit www.relayforlife.org.au or call 1300 65 65 85.

About 200 people came to together to fight back against cancer at the weekend's Latrobe Valley Relay for Life fundraiser, despite walking being cancelled.

Wet track conditions forced organisers to call off the 18-hour relay, but a ceremony was held at the Gaskin Park football clubrooms on Saturday afternoon to mark the fundraising efforts of a record 37 teams.

They collectively raised \$92,000 for the Cancer Council Victoria.

Partysafe program What is Partysafe?

Partysafe provides information to help minimise the risk of something going wrong at your party, such as intoxicated guests or gatecrashers ruining your fun.

Partysafe allows you to register your party with the police, and if they are called to your event, they have all the information they need to know.

How to register your party

1. Complete the Partysafe registration form (opens in a new window), available online or from your local police station.

2. Make sure you enter all the details correctly and submit the form to the local police station nearest the party. Find your local police station (opens in a new window).

3. Ensure you collect a poster from your local police station to place at the front door showing guests the party has been registered with Victoria Police. When you register, consider the following.

The number of people likely to attend your party.

If there will be any alcohol.

Whether you have informed your neighbours.

Please try to register your party at least one week before it is being held.

Always remember, if you are unable to handle the situation, call police on triple zero (000).

So your child is going to their friend's birthday bash or school break-up party. Here are some ways that you can make sure the party they are going to is safe.

Tips for parents

Ask as many questions as possible about the party, if there is going to be alcohol and who will be going.

Drop your children off yourself so you know where the party is and get a rough idea of what kind of party it is.

Arrange for your child to be picked up at a certain time, therefore you know what time they are coming home and that they won't stay out too late and cause trouble.

Try speaking to the party hosts or the party host parents to find out information like who is going to the party, how many people are going to be there, if it is going to be open invitation or invitation only, whether there is going to be food served, whether or not there will be alcohol served and what time will the party finish.

Get the phone number of the house where the party is being held.

Everyone wants to enjoy themselves at a party. Here are a few tips to ensure you have fun and party safe.

Tips for party goers

When you are invited to a party, do not spread the invitation to other people.

Try not to bring your own alcoholic drinks to the party unless you have been asked to. Be sensible about the amount of alcohol you take, and consider taking an extra bottle of soft drink or fruit juice instead.

Set up a buddy system with one of your friends so you can look out for

each other. If you are driving to the party, car pool with a few friends and appoint a designated driver - this person will not consume any alcohol at the party to make sure you all get home safely.

Tips for party hosts

Hosting a party at home or at a local venue can be lots of fun and you will want to have a night to remember.

However, you will want your party to be remembered for all the right reasons - not because one of your guests got intoxicated or because your party was gatecrashed.

As a host, it is your responsibility to ensure your guests party safe. Make sure your plans include the following:

If you do not allow people to bring their own alcohol, it is easier to control the amount of alcohol that is served.

Make it clear that entrance to your party is by invitation only - this will discourage gatecrashing.

State clearly on your invitation the start and finish time for your party.

Display your Partysafe door poster to warn potential gatecrashers and reassure guests that police are aware the party is being held.

Parental supervision or the presence of other adults will help keep trouble at a minimum. Advise your neighbours in advance of your upcoming function.

Plan what to do if a guest becomes sick or intoxicated. Keep noise to a minimum - locate speakers as far from other neighbours as possible.

Alcohol and food

Partysafe - food and drinks

Providing the right food at your party is a great way to discourage excessive alcohol consumption.

Food does not prevent people from becoming intoxicated, but eating can help slow the rate at which alcohol is absorbed into the body.

Here are some tips to ensure that your party guests enjoy your party:

Ensure that food is readily available for all party guests.

Avoid serving salty snacks because they make people thirsty and encourage people to drink more.

Provide a wide variety of drinks such as non-alcoholic mocktails and fruit juices.

If you are providing alcohol, offer drinks which are not full strength such as light beer and other low alcohol options. Only make alcohol available from one area and have a responsible adult, who is not drinking alcohol, serving.

Responsible Drinking

Drinking alcohol in moderation can be considered safe but when the substance is abused it can cause damage.

Tips to avoid drinking too much

Avoid drinking alcohol.

Drink soft drink instead.

Drink water in-between drinks.

Do not cave in to peer pressure.

Pace yourself and have one drink at a time and one per hour.

Try not to drink every day. Have at least two alcohol free days per week.

National awards bring success for Gippsland's agribusiness sector

General Manager of NAB's Corporate, Institutional and Specialised Banking, David Hornery, presents Mr Robert Radford with the Agribusiness Leader of the Year Award at the 2011 NAB Agribusiness Awards for Excellence.

Photo Credit: Cameron L'Estrange



Innovation, resilience and environmental sustainability have been the common themes for two Gippsland-based businesses recognised in this year's 2011 NAB Agribusiness Awards for Excellence, held in Melbourne last week.

The awards, run by Monash University Gippsland in association with NAB Agribusiness, recognise the achievements of individuals and businesses in a range of key areas, including new technology, emerging markets, environmental management and rural enterprise.

Pro Vice-Chancellor of Monash University's Gippsland campus, Professor Helen Bartlett, presented Director of Warragul-based Radford's Meats, Robert Radford, with the coveted Agribusiness Leader of the Year Award for his commitment and contribution to Australia's meat and livestock industry.

In addition, the company won the Environment and Energy Management Award for its introduction of technology to recover and recycle water, and reduce energy consumption.

Maffra's Macalister Demonstration Farm - a co-operatively-owned farm designed to test projects to

improve the productivity, profitability and sustainability of dairy farms in the region - was also recognised as a finalist for the Environment and Energy Management Award.

Professor Bartlett said that despite increasingly difficult market conditions, agribusinesses in the region continued to show it was possible to remain prosperous and profitable.

"Despite climate change, rising costs of production, and economic uncertainty in many key markets, Gippsland's agribusiness sector has shown innovation and creativity in addressing and overcoming these challenges."

Professor Bartlett said the NAB Agribusiness Awards for Excellence were an important part of recognising not only the recent achievements made by agribusinesses, but the significance of the sector to communities throughout Gippsland.

"Agribusiness is critical to the wellbeing of our entire region, and we congratulate those in the industry who are working to ensure its continuing success, regardless of the challenges faced along the way."

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At The Hub - Writing Tips From The Hub



Members of the Creative Writing class at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre share their tips for good writing.

Write Ideas Down as soon as you think of them

By Eleanor McWhirr

- * Carry a notebook.
- * Observe people, dress, mannerisms, surroundings, actions.
- * Read papers, magazines etc. outside your normal interests.
- * Write from personal experience.
- * Leave your readers guessing.
- * Research your topic.
- * Talk to people about their experiences, lives, work, travels.

Read, Read, Read.

By Bill Jordan

Read creative stories from all four corners of the planet. Do not allow prejudices – religious, political or geographic – to sway you. Ask yourself why the story you are reading has an impact on you; conversely, why it holds no appeal. Re-read several times if necessary until you are sure. Join a reading/creative writing class, discuss what you have read. Never, never, ever close your mind or allow others to close it. If you encounter subjects that don't appeal, steer clear.

An Adventurous Spirit

By Molly Keeley

An Adventurous Spirit gives rise to a vivid imagination, and to let that imagination run wild can bring forth some wonderful stories. Let go of all restraint and delve into your imagination – it's endless and the result is very satisfying. As your ideas come to light, make notes so they are not forgotten.

The First Thing

By Daniel Barclay

The First Thing that comes to mind is what you want to write about. The ideas are endless.

Do you want to write something that appeals to a particular reader – an adult, young adult or child? What genre feels comfortable to you – romance, sci-fi, fantasy, paranormal, crime, westerns, and children's stories? Do you have an extensive knowledge of a particular field of writing? Before putting words on paper, you might need to do some research in what you are interested in writing about. Build up as much information as you can. For example, before JK Rowling wrote the Harry Potter series she planned her ideas. She made sure she knew the characters she

created inside out. She knew her characters personally as if they were real people.

She also created Harry Potter's world and painted a vivid picture of it.

Items In Newspapers

By Kevin Jackson

Items In Newspapers are often an inspiration for writing short stories. These inspirations come in different forms: a report of a bizarre news event, letters to the editor, the contents of a cartoon, advertisements. One fertile source for me has been the 'Odd Spot' on the front page of 'The Age'. It is a segment of no more than fifty words and contains a succinct message which can be built into a story of a thousand words or so. One 'Odd Spot' I recall, which became one of my better stories, was an item during a drought in Mozambique when a rain dancing witch doctor was struck by a bolt of lightning and killed. Today's 'Odd Spot' (29/11/11) reports that a German man wants the Pope legally charged for not wearing his seat belt in the Popemobile during a recent visit. No doubt a good story could be composed using this as a basis.

Make a start

By Paul Te Wierik

Write down a word, sentence, idea and keep going – the words will come. Draw upon what you've read, seen, or experienced and build on it. Your past, or your parents'/grandparents' pasts, provide the basis for many stories. Don't be shy – join a creative writing group. You won't be laughed at unless you've written a funny story. You will get ideas from the group around you as well as the confidence to express yourself in writing and reading your stories or poems to the group. Constructive criticism and encouragement will follow.

The Best Hint

By Olivia Langley

The Best Hint I have learnt from Creative Writing is to pick your subject and just sit down and write, as ideas come. Do not stop to correct grammar or alter the position of a preposition you have ended with! All that can be done when you have finished your piece and review your work. This way, sometimes a character will develop a life of its own, behaving differently from what you had planned at the start of the story. Another good hint is to start with an arresting opening sentence or a group of sentences; if you don't grab your reader's attention right away, he will stop reading and go to another story. It is also good to have a surprise ending.



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Summer Survivors

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Achillea (Yarrow) comes to mind. Some can be a bit invasive, but if you would like to try some, just plant it in a decent sized plastic pot, and half bury in your selected position which needs to be sunny. They are very drought tolerant. They come in a range of colours

Alstroemeria (Peruvian Lily) I have even seen these called Princess Lily. These also come in a range of colours and even some tall and some dwarfed. They are very hardy, and can be picked for the vase. They grow well in pots also.

Euphorbia. There is such a list of this interesting plant. The variations of size, shape, and colours are endless. They produce a great colour contrast planted almost anywhere.

Shasta Daisy. Pure white always give gardens a special lift and Shasta Daisies do just that.

They come in single, double and a fluffy one which is large and quite crinkled. They are happy in any sunny spot and are not fussy as to soil and they are very dry tolerant when established.

Rudbeckia. Very nice bright yellow, double flowers. It is a long lived perennial, which can grow to two metres tall, so it is best planted at the back of a bed. It usually flowers in late summer, so be patient. This

plant multiplies and needs dividing every few years. It is a great plant to share with your fellow gardeners.

Coreopsis. Another bright yellow beauty. Just put them around your garden and they will reward you.

Salvia. Enough cannot be said about these beautiful hardy plants. They come in an enormous range of sizes, shapes and colours. There is a salvia for every situation. They smell great when you pick or brush against them. They strike easily from cuttings. My special favourite is Salvia Archibalds Form (Clary Sage).

The list could go on and on. All the sedums and scabioses are very beautiful and well worth trying.

How about some zinnias? Buy a packet of seed and follow the recommended instructions.

How are your vegetables coming along? We have had regular rain and that certainly makes them grow.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, carrots, lettuce, radish, beans are all thriving. We are picking broad beans at a rate of knots. I have been busy blanching and freezing ready for later on.

Cabbage is also thriving. Keep planting successively, a few at a time, of all the salad plants you like to eat.

Did any of you take that walk in Morwell National Park? Churchill Garden Group did and thoroughly enjoyed the walk. The native orchids (they are one of our dendrobiums) were very lovely.

All gardeners are friends and so, friends, until next time, I wish you happy gardening.



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Joy Nunn Obituary

Joy Maree Butterworth was born at Margaret Coles Hospital, Melbourne on 17 April, 1959 to Rosemarie and Ern Butterworth who lived at Elsternwick. Joy was dedicated at the Elsternwick Baptist Church.

Joy was always a very happy, friendly and independent child. She would talk to anybody and everybody. In fact, so many of the cards we have received have made mention of Joy's happy nature. We were horrified when she told us she was going to attend her first day at school, Carnegie Primary, without either parent taking her. Fortunately she didn't get her own way, for the first day anyway. She would walk off with her school bag on her back with her blonde ponytail bobbing along as she walked off to meet her friends.

Whilst living at Carnegie her little sister Carolyn was born. They have always been good mates. The family attended the Murrumbeena Baptist Church where Joy attended the Sunday School. Members of the Church Tennis Club were always happy to keep an eye out for the children while both parents played in the Mixed Team together.

At the age of 8 Joy and family moved to Wangaratta. By this time a little brother David had come into the world. Joy attended Yarrunga Primary School which was just across the road from where the family lived. These were the days when free milk was issued to Primary schools, and Joy delighted in bringing home all the unused milk. Robyn, her youngest sister was born at Wangaratta Base Hospital. Whilst at Wangaratta Joy learned to play the piano and it was here where she entered into the Wangaratta Eisteddfod where she sang 2 solos after weeks of practising. Little Aths was popular at the time and Joy loved to participate.

After being at Wangaratta for 4 years the family made the big move to Papua New Guinea where her father was employed at the Lae Technical College. Joy did 6th grade at the Bulae Primary School then went on to the Lae High School which operated under the N.S.W. curriculum. At the end of the first year in P.N.G. the family went on a month's cruise from Port Moresby to Manila, Hong Kong, Taiwan and 3 ports in Japan before leaving the ship at Rabaul. Joy had fond memories of this trip and remembered more than other members of the family.

After 3 years in P.N.G. the family returned to Australia and bought a home in Mt. Waverley where Joy attended the Syndal High School. School was not always Joy's most enjoyable experience. She completed 5th form before seeking employment. Joy was actively involved in the Syndal Baptist



Youth Group and also participated in the Church Tennis Club. It was at this church that Joy professed her faith in Jesus Christ and was baptised.

At the age of 18 Joy moved into a flat in Malvern. It was here that she met her first husband Joe Peel, father of Brendan and Matthew. After their marriage they lived at Forest Hill where Brendan was born, then moved to the Latrobe Valley where Matthew was born. After their marriage break-up Joy met Barry Nunn and lived in Walker Parade, Churchill, and the current family home. It was whilst living here that Joshua was born, 20 years ago.

One of Joy's special achievements was the completion of the Certificate 4 - Disability Studies. Not only did she excel in this course but she developed special relationships with fellow students. Her disappointment was that, because of ill health, she was not able to put these skills into practice in the work place.

Joy wrote us a letter not that long ago thanking us for all the many wonderful family holidays she had experienced as a child

which included Queensland, South Australia, Warrnambool and Torquay. Most of these holidays were spent tenting, usually for up to 6 weeks at a time. She also loved spending time with her family at the holiday house at Venus Bay where Brendan and Matthew spent countless hours swimming in the surf, digging holes trying to reach Tasmania, and walking after tea chasing rabbits. In latter days Joy had some wonderful trips - Western Australia, which resulted in her arriving back at her parents' home in Mt. Waverley with the wrong suitcase. If she had been dishonest she would have kept the wrong case as the contents of this were of considerable more value than her own. She also visited Tasmania on two occasions with her good friend and neighbour Clasina. Joy also enjoyed the wonderful trip to Darwin to visit Matthew.

Joy has been a self-sacrificing mother to her 3 boys, Brendan, Matthew and Joshua. She followed the boys in their different pursuits such as scouts, hockey, Military Cadets and much more. They had plenty of mates who shared these experiences. Home was an open door. She even invited the local bus driver to Christmas Dinner one year.

Her grandchildren have been a delight to her and she has played a positive role in their development. She would grab any opportunity to spend time with them. They, like all of us, will miss her.

Joy has struggled with ill health for some years, 2 heart by-passes and the shocking incident of the flesh eating bug that got into her system which required many weeks of hospitalisation and rehabilitation at the Alfred Hospital. Despite these setbacks she always had a positive outlook to life.

The Churchill Christian Fellowship played an important part in Joy's life and she contributed to its community ministry. She had a strong Christian Faith and despite many setbacks in her life her faith never faltered.

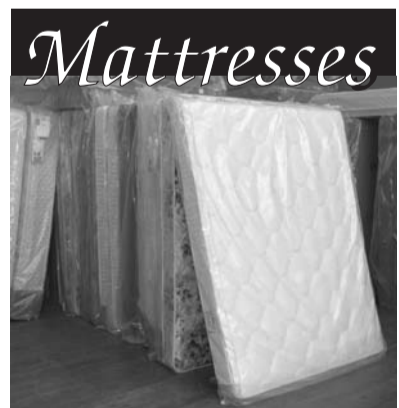
The last week of Joy's life was spent with her sister Carolyn at Rye. They had a wonderful time together doing many things that Joy was able to manage including the swimming pool, spa, pancake breakfast and a boat trip on Port Philip Bay to view the dolphins and seals.

Mention should be made of the wonderful care given to Joy by the staff at the Resort where she was staying, neighbouring guests, police officer and ambos. who handled the situation with great understanding, not only to Joy but also to Carolyn and her parents.

Joy, God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.



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After 27 years in the hairdressing business, Silvana and Daryl Summerfield have opened their own hairdressing studio in Buckley Street, Morwell.

After realising a need for quality hairdressing and an incredible amount of people desiring a hair dresser in Northern Morwell, Silvana and her husband Daryl launched their business in July.

Silvana along with her close work colleagues provide clients with a range of hair dressing services, endeavouring to provide 100% satisfaction and the attention clients deserve. Based on traditional and old fashioned values, Silvana Summerfield Hair Studio combines old and new methods of hairdressing with the customer's comfort and fulfilment at the front of their minds.

Realising the desire to start their own business, Silvana and husband Daryl bought a shop at 98 Buckley Street Morwell, special to both of them as

Daryl's great, great grandfather had direct links to many shops located in Buckley Street. Since opening their shop in July, both haven't looked back.

The support for the hair studio has been overwhelming with people of all age ranges coming into the salon. Currently, there are six full time staff, four fully qualified hairdressers and two apprentices. The qualified hairdressers have over 100 years experience with both Maria and Silvana hairdressing for 27 years each and Franca and Adam with 25 years experience.

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Daryl and Silvana Summerfield are proud to announce that

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(formerly of Cutting Corner)

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Franca, Maria, Daryl, Silvana, Jenelle and Adam

Rotary Club of Hazelwood



Maria Rodda dressed in traditional Mongolian clothing with club President - elect (2012 - 2013), Margaret Palmer.

For all members of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood, November was an exciting month with members being involved with a Bunnings barbeque which raised quite a sum of money and a Charity Golf Day held on Sunday, November 27.

As Christmas is now with us, senior club member, Mac Wood is once again co-coordinating the Midvalley Christmas gift wrapping. This service will continue until Christmas Eve and involves club members and others from various community organizations volunteering their time to wrap gifts.

Midvalley generously provides the paper and funds raised are disbursed to those organizations who participate.

During November, there was an interesting array of guest speakers invited to address members at the regular Monday evening meetings.

Early in November, Maria Rodda gave an inspiring talk about the desperate conditions in which the elderly live in Mongolia.

Together with her husband, Bernard, Maria has just returned from a visit to Mongolia where she studied at close hand how the elderly are cared for (or not cared for) in Mongolia's only elderly care facility. Maria's graphic photographs were confronting and compared to that situation, Australia's care for the elderly should not draw any complaints.

Dealer Principal for Wights Motor World, Gary Shannahan provided an intriguing in-sight into the retailing of new and used vehicles. Gary gave a "behind the scenes" description of the world of vehicle retailing, which involves high establishment and on-going costs, constant targeted marketing, low margins, (hopefully) high sales turnover and strident competition from other vehicle manufacturers who produce cars both here and overseas.

Senior Project Co-ordinator for Headspace, Liz Jones was the club's final guest speaker for this year providing an outline of the services provided by Headspace. Amongst the organisation's main functions is included early intervention assessment and therapeutic services for young people with emerging mental health and drug and alcohol issues.

Headspace is a youth friendly, community based health care and support centre for young people aged 12 to 25, where they can receive help for a range of issues including health, education, work and drug and alcohol problems.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood will now take a Christmas break and commence meetings on January 9, 2012.

Best wishes for Christmas and The New Year.

Friends of Baw Baw National Park Wildflower Walk

One of the aims of the Friends of Baw Baw National Park is to foster awareness of the flora and fauna and the physical environment of the Park.

Towards this end, in January of each year we invite the public to join us on a walk on the plateau.

Below please find information about the 2012 walk.

Thank you,
Alix Williams
Friends of Baw Baw NP
Media Officer
Wildflower Walk

On Saturday, 14 January visitors are invited to join the Friends of Baw Baw National Park for an enjoyable, informative walk through the snow gum woodlands of the Baw Baw plateau.

Starting at 10.30 am from the Baw Baw Village Day Visitor car park, we

will walk along ski trails around the summit of Mt Baw Baw, returning by 4 pm.

A botanist and ecologist will accompany us to interpret the sub alpine environment and identify the many different plants we will see on our walk.

You will need to bring your lunch, water, walking shoes and clothing suitable for an alpine environment, including wet weather gear.

Weather conditions can change rapidly on the plateau, so be prepared! Don't forget your camera and binoculars.

There is no charge. For more information phone 5628 4459 or 5127 3393

Churchill and District Community Hub Board of Management

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest are invited from people interested in participating as a community representative on the Churchill and District Community Hub Board of Management.

The role of the board is to promote the development of community capacity building by planning effectively for the future of the facility, taking into consideration diverse and changing community needs.

If you have any qualifications and/or experiences that you consider may be beneficial to the Churchill and District Community Hub Board of Management,

please forward your Expression of Interest to Jodie Pitkin, Manager Child and Family Services, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264 Morwell 3840, by no later than Monday 9 January 2012.

For more information regarding the Churchill and District Community Hub Board of Management please contact Manager Child and Family Services, Jodie Pitkin on 5128 5603 or via email Jodie.Pitkin@latrobe.vic.gov.au



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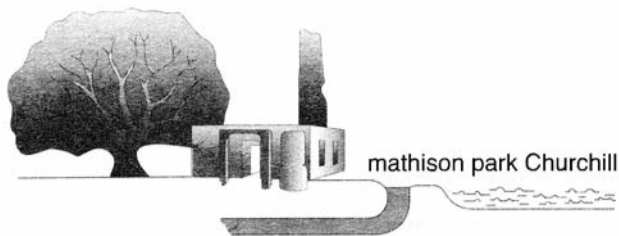
Mathison Park

Due to very wet weather the November working bee was cancelled.

However that has not stopped some members doing some much needed jobs.

Our members and friends of Mathison Park wish everyone a safe and happy time over the Christmas New Year period.

We remind you that Mathison Park with Lake Hyland has fishing, and



lovely walks to view a variety of trees and plants, plus a very varied bird population.

Coupled with the picnic shelter, table and seats, toilet and playground facilities, it will make for a pleasant place to visit during the holidays.

Be safe and watch out for snakes.

Australian Breastfeeding Association



The local group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association meets at the Churchill Toy Library in Heesom Crescent Churchill, on the third Friday of every month from 10am-12 noon. This venue was once the Watson Park Kindergarten.

The Australian Breastfeeding Association offers information and support to women who wish to

breastfeed their children.

Support is available from a qualified breastfeeding counsellor, and through mother to mother support over a cuppa and morning tea.

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Schools Sign Up to Government Funded Cyber Bullying Initiative

Education Minister Martin Dixon, together with Deputy Premier and Member for Gippsland South, Peter Ryan today announced two schools in the Gippsland South area are among the first in the state

to sign up to the Victorian Government funded \$10.5 million eSmart cyber bullying program.

Mr Ryan said eSmart is a cyber safety program created by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation and would be available to every government school across the state, and 300 Catholic and independent schools over the next four years.

So far, 290 Victorian government schools and 108 Catholic and independent schools have registered to be part of the program.

"I'd like to congratulate the Tarwin Valley Primary School and the Gippsland Grammar School in Sale,

which have joined 400 schools across Victoria in becoming the first to register for eSmart," Mr Ryan said.

"This shows just how serious these schools are about stamping out bullying and creating safe places where students can learn and support each other."

Mr Ryan said The Victorian Government would provide schools in Gippsland with \$2000 each to help them implement eSmart.

Mr Dixon said he was confident eSmart would provide students with practical tips about behaving safely and appropriately online.

"Students today spend a lot of time the cyber world, so it's important they are provided with the tools they need to stay safe in that space," Mr Dixon said.

Mr Dixon said the eSmart program teaches students about protecting themselves from risks, including cyber bullying and sexting, and also about the importance of protecting their own privacy.

"The Alannah and Madeline Foundation worked with the RMIT School of Education and other education experts over three years to develop the school resource," Mr Dixon said.

"eSmart will play a key role in delivering on the Victorian Government's commitment to stamp out bullying, combat violence in schools and provide students and parents with the support they need."

Mr Dixon said the Victorian Government had also provided \$4 million over four years to review and update bullying policies and programs for Victorian government schools.

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Illegal Puppy Farms

- Maximum penalties for illegal puppy farms and confiscation of assets
- Creation of a \$1.6 million Animal Welfare Fund
- Permanent identification of all dogs and cats before sale

Premier Ted Baillieu announced the Victorian Government's crackdown on illegal puppy farms at the Lost Dogs' Home in North Melbourne, including tough new penalties, massive fines for cruelty, equipping the RSPCA with new policing and confiscation powers, seizing profits and assets of illegal puppy farms and establishing an Animal Welfare Fund.

Deputy Premier and Member for Gippsland South, Peter Ryan, welcomed the announcement and said it was important to advocate for animals that played such an important role in many families and homes across Victoria.

"Animals are an important part of many homes throughout Gippsland, in many cases they are considered an extension of the family. This legislation will ensure our much-loved animals and pets are protected from abuse and neglect," Mr Ryan said.

Mr Baillieu said the legislation being introduced into Parliament would deliver on their election commitment to crack down on illegal puppy farms and ensured operators were held accountable for the welfare of animals in their care.

"These are some of the strongest laws ever introduced to protect animals from abuse and neglect,"

Mr Baillieu said.

"I am appalled by the images I have seen of abused and helpless animals and we will be establishing a \$1.6 million Animal Welfare Fund to assist organisations that provide care and treatment for these abused animals.

The legislation will also make it illegal to sell or advertise the sale of puppies without a microchip identification number or notice, giving the community confidence that puppies sold are only from legitimate breeders."

The Government's crackdown includes:

- an increase in maximum penalties for puppy farms operating illegally, from \$1,195 to \$20,000;
- penalties of up to \$30,000 for rogue operators that breach the Code of Practice;
- a ban on owning animals of up to 10 years for those found guilty of operating un-registered puppy farms or breaching the Code of Practice;
- the introduction of a new offence for breeding establishments that fail to provide a microchip number (or council domestic animal business registration number) in an advertisement for a dog or cat; and
- the potential seizure of profits, assets and property of illegal puppy farm operators.

"The Victorian Government has strongly opposed illegal puppy farm practices and these changes to the law will send a strong message to those who abuse animals that the Government will not tolerate rogue operators or animal abuse," Mr Baillieu said

Prom Flood Recovery Effort Shifts Into High Gear

The Melbourne Cup long weekend has been and gone, with hundreds of visitors going through the gates of Wilsons Promontory National Park to enjoy the reopened tracks around Tidal River, including Mt Bishop and Squeaky Beach.

Now the flood recovery effort continues to shift into higher gear in preparation for the next busy period-summertime!

The team have hit the ground running this week with the recovery program focused solely on popular areas within the southern area of the park, such as Mt Oberon, the Lightstation and Refuge Cove.

Parks Victoria Chief Ranger - Wilsons Promontory Ms Helen Dixon said works have been progressing well on Mt Oberon Road and if we continue at this pace, we are hoping to have the road cleared to enable a small people-mover vehicle to ferry hikers to the Telegraph Saddle car park by Christmas, which is a fantastic result to have this iconic park feature reopened quicker than expected.

"We are also scheduling in works to commence shortly on the South East Track which will provide access again to the Roaring Meg Camp site and the South Point Track, the Lightstation, Little Waterloo

Bay, Refuge Cove and Sealers Cove. We anticipate having these works completed in time for a Christmas-New Year reopening, which will be a major achievement for all involved in the recovery works program".

"Though we wish to advise visitors they will be unable to undertake the full circuit walk track out to Sealers Cove due to the extensive flood damage. Sealers Cove will be only accessible from the South East Track for some time yet as we continue the major repair works in consultation with our engineers and contractors", added Ms Dixon.

The northern section of the park which incurred only minor flood damage has continued to feature in the flood recovery program with works commencing on the 5 Mile Road Track and other wilderness walks located in the northern end of the park.

This program of repair works will be supported by Bushwalking Victoria and the Friends of the Prom with a number of volunteer activities taking place last month.

For further information, contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

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Recreational Fishing Grants

Now Open

Nationals Member for Morwell Russell Northe, today announced that the 2011/2012 Recreational Fishing Grants Program is now open.

Mr Northe said the Baillieu-Ryan Government's grants program was a great opportunity for community groups, not for profit organisations, angling clubs and associations, schools and other local groups to develop projects which would provide benefits to public recreational fishing.

"The Gippsland region has some spectacular waterways and lakes which are popular fishing spots for local and visiting fishers," said Mr Northe.

The program this year consists of two parts;

- * Small Grants of up to \$5,000 for small projects to improve recreational fishing; and
- * Large Grants for projects up to \$100,000.

"The Small Grants program in particular offers the opportunity to conduct an event to promote responsible fishing practices, improve angling skills and knowledge or increase participation in recreational fishing.


"Events could include a workshop or training session, a "come and try" fishing day, fishing competitions or club promotion days," Mr Northe said.

Applications for the Large Grants program could include sustainability and habitat improvements, fishing access and facilities, education and training and related research.

The Small Grants Program is open all year round with a user friendly two page application form and quick turnaround, making it easy for angling and other clubs to apply.

The Large Grants Program is open until 29 February 2012.

For further information contact The Secretariat, Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group on 9658 4779.



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Regional Victoria Living Expo to entice tree change

Victoria's first ever Regional Victoria Living Expo will be held in Melbourne during April 2012 in a bid to entice Melburnians to move to areas such as the Latrobe Valley, said Nationals Member for Morwell, and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business, Russell Northe.

Mr Northe said the expo will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 27 to 29 April and will highlight the many benefits of living in regional and rural Victoria.

"The Regional Victoria Living Expo will showcase the best that Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley have to offer, with information on everything from careers to education, housing, businesses, sport and lifestyle opportunities, relocation services and much more," Mr Northe said.

"All that represents the best of regional and rural Victoria will be under the one roof with each of Victoria's 48 regional councils providing advice, resources and answering questions from those interested in making the tree change."

Mr Northe said \$3 million would be spent over four years to deliver on the

Coalition Government's important election commitment.

"The expo will feature up to 130 exhibitors who are ready and willing to discuss the unique lifestyle benefits of a particular region," Mr Northe said.

"Many Melburnians have considered a move to regional Victoria, whether it be for family or business reasons and this may be the very boost they need to make the change."

Mr Northe said regional Victoria had very strong growth prospects with the population expected to almost double by 2056.

"Regional cities such as the Latrobe Valley are a fantastic base for establishing business operations with access to health care, transport networks and education as well as better lifestyle opportunities," Mr Northe said.

"All Victorians who visit the expo will see that our state's regional and rural areas provide numerous advantages in terms of liveability, jobs, education and business viability.

"The Coalition Government is committed to ensuring Victoria's regional and rural areas are an ideal alternative to metropolitan centres."

Friends of the Morwell National Park

Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter. We have had a very wet spring and November has been wet as well. I have had over 160mm in the water gauge for the month and the ground is still very wet. It is unusual at this time of the year that we need to work around rain when you want to go outside.

The ground is so sodden, falling trees are a risk. I have just spent the weekend dealing with a large tree which fell, taking another five trees and the fence with it. Just when you think you are keeping up with it all, something else comes up.

The Kookaburra Awards were awarded during the last month, where we were nominated. Mike has given us a written report outlining the festivities, which it contained. Thanks Mike.

November Activity Reports

At this month's activity we had John, Reg, Mike, Cathy, Peter, Ken, Emma, Roddy and Darren along. We also had Ranger Mark to help us out while Craig is on leave. Emma and Roddy were along for the first time (hopefully the first of many). It is always great to have new people along to share in the activities and it is a great opportunity to learn about the local environment.

We all met in the Junction Road car park and while we organized our work tasks and locations while Peter, John and Ken collected the equipment we needed. In the car park we separated in two groups for the two different activities.

Star picket removal

Mike, Reg, John, Peter, Darren and Mark took two vehicles along Billy's Creek to the hill above the information board near the first creek crossing. Previously we had removed an old wire fence along with some of the concrete posts and star pickets which was part of the fence line. Today we returned to the site to remove the remaining star pickets which we could not remove last year.

The softer soil conditions made it a lot easier to remove the star pickets this year. Some pickets which would not move last year could this year be removed by hand. We were able to remove all pickets either by hand or with the star picket remover. To and from the work site we checked and repaired the trees and the tree guards of the seedlings planted a few months ago. Many tree guards had come away from the seedlings. About 70% of the seedlings (separated from the tree guards) are growing and the tree guards have now been put back around the seedlings.

It was good to see that most of the large pile of wire on the Zig Zag track had been removed. Only a little of the barbed wire now needs to be removed. Now some star pickets have been added to this collection.

After travelling up and down the hill with a large heavy lot of star pickets, we broke for lunch. After lunch we travelled back to the site to work down the hill. Down the hill was another chicken wire fence and more star pickets. We removed as much of this fence as we could before it plummeted down a steep incline to the creek. During the day we saw two copperhead snakes and a koala.

Butterfly Orchid Survey

Ken, Cathy, Emma and Roddy

undertook the Butterfly Orchid survey. Ken had earlier collected the GPS unit so that each site could be given a GPS location. Each site has been difficult to locate since it is based upon striding a number of steps along the track (in Ken steps) and then a number of steps at right angles to the track. Having GPS locations will make finding the sites a lot easier in the future.

All sites were found and counted. Some were located with some difficulty since they have changed in nature with some of the major trees falling down. With the wetter conditions it made getting in and out of some of the locations a lot harder. Emma and Roddy were great in some of these harder locations. They even had to go back to some plots which the group had forgotten to GPS. Ken ended the day covered in mud.

In the first plot 4 new Butterfly Orchids were located. In the other plots there were generally not more plants, but more flowers were found. Hopefully with the greater numbers of flowers more orchids will germinate next year. Some of the plants which had disappeared in previous surveys were located again.

The Kookaburra Awards 2011

Beryl made her own way to the presentation on Saturday November 5, while Ken, Cathy and I decided to travel down to Geelong together the previous evening. Apart from a little bit of congestion on the freeway between the West Gate Bridge and Laverton, the drive was uneventful and we arrived at our cabin on the banks of the Barwon River in Belmont a shade past 7pm, just under 3 hours from home. After getting ourselves settled, the munchies kicked in and we decided to hit the town for a feed. Remembering a nice little Greek bistro from a previous trip, we managed to find the last nearby parking spot and fronted up to the bar with our fingers crossed. Despite the place appearing to be full and doing a roaring (yes, I mean loud) trade, they did have a spare table hidden around the corner, which we promptly occupied. True to our memory, the meal was excellent (stuffed mushies for all, then moussaka, souvlaki and lemon lamb with a nice red left no room for dessert) and we returned to our cabin in tiptop condition for a nice, long sleep.

The next morning arrived as another bright, sunny day. Ken had arisen earlier and had disappeared on a morning stroll, while Cathy and I hoed into our breakfast. When Ken returned with tales of Blue-winged Parrots in the park and bacon and eggs in a nearby café, we still had a bit of time to kill before duty called, so Cathy and I left Ken with a cuppa and headed off for our own exercise. Along with most of Geelong, it seemed, as the Barwon River Parklands was obviously the place to be on a Saturday morning, joggers, walkers, cyclists and rowers everywhere. No parrots for us, only a few wattlebirds, lorikeets and honeyeaters, but the bright purple Creeping Monkey-flowers (Mimulus repens) growing around the margins of the wetlands just glowed in the morning sunlight.

We made our way to the Barwon Edge Boathouse, the venue for the awards presentation only a

short drive from our lodgings, a little before the appointed time and settled in for morning tea. Beryl arrived in due time and we claimed a table near the front, all the better to hear the proceedings. Andy Gillham joined us before long, with a couple of members of the Friends of Baw Baw National Park with him. The obligatory speeches were made, we were 'Welcomed to Country', the local pollies did their bit and all the nominations, 13 of them for the Environment Award, were announced and presented with a certificate. Cathy bolted up to the dais to accept ours, not giving anyone else a chance to steal the thunder (don't let her tell you that I invited her to do the honours, I was just scared of getting trampled). Then the runner-up was announced: not us. Then the first of two winners was announced: not us. Then the second of the winners was announced: Friends of Baw Baw National Park. Rats! To the victors go the spoils. We did get a commendation/honourable mention, so to make us feel better we did come in 4th or 5th out of 13, not bad, perhaps I won't put a hit out on the organisers after all.

The rest of the presentations passed by in a blur of disappointment, but then the meal was upon us and we chowed down with gusto. Not as nice as the meal last night, but then we didn't have to pay for this one, so it went down all right. The gathering started to break up pretty quickly after the main course, even though dessert was on the cards. Beryl hit the road and Cathy was keen to follow, but Ken and I were promised a dessert, so we were going to have it. Nice little lemon tarts eventually turned up, we had to have several to make it worthwhile, but since at least half the gang had already left, there was plenty to go around. We were on the road by 2pm, home by 5pm, it was difficult keeping the eyes open during the latter stages, what with the food and the warm weather, but we survived to fight another day.

December Activity

10.00am Sunday 18th December

The group will meet at 10.00am at the Junction Road car park to conduct the nesting box survey before the BBQ celebration at 1.00pm. We will need Craig to bring the camera mounted on the long pole and the extension ladders. You will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

As part of this activity we will update the Kerry Road noticeboard with new photos and the Kookaburra Awards nominations and Ken's individual award from 2009.

Friends of Morwell National Park Christmas BBQ

Come along and enjoy in a BBQ lunch to celebrate another successful year of activities for the Friends of Morwell National Park.

When: Sunday 18th December

Time: 1.00pm

Where: 10 Walker Parade, Churchill

What to bring: BYO drink and bring either a salad or sweet. Please come along.

The BBQ is being kindly hosted at John and Margaret's home. If you need to contact them you can on 2122 1548 and yes they have a toilet (unlike the Park).



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A Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all readers

Reporting Hazards and Faults

By Margaret Guthrie

CDCA often receives reports from local residents about hazards, faults, litter, graffiti and other such problems. We are always happy to refer these matters on to the relevant authority – often it's Latrobe City Council – but sometimes direct reporting results in a quicker response.

Generally, it is easiest to contact the Council by phone on 1300 367 700. Tell the Customer Service Officer you wish to make a report and raise a 'Pathways Request'. You need to be able to advise the type of problem and the location. The Officer will record the details of the matter you are reporting and will be able to give you the Order No. of your Pathways Request.

If, after a period of time, no action appears to be taken about the matter you have raised, you can contact Council again, quote your Pathways Order No and ask about progress.

Council is responsible for the upkeep of much of our public space.

This includes parks, footpaths and local roads. Faults and hazards need to be reported to Council so that arrangements can be made for responsive maintenance. Local residents should think of themselves as Council's "eyes and ears".

For instance, Council has a mechanical sweeper that regularly sweeps Churchill town centre paths once a month, but if litter is observed, especially broken glass or other hazardous material, a Pathways Request by a local resident means that the problem is reported and can be addressed promptly (rather than waiting for next month's rounds!)

Faulty BBQ facilities, damaged play equipment, missing rubbish bins, broken pipes, graffiti – all these matters will be more promptly dealt with if they are reported by residents, rather than sitting back and expecting Council to 'find' the problem. All members of the community have a responsibility to assist in the maintenance of our town.

Some hazards, such as minor cracks in footpaths, are addressed by Council as part of regular on-going maintenance schedules, but should still be reported to assist in identifying future priority repairs. Major hazards need to be reported for repair before injury occurs.

Extensive repairs were required to numerous paths,

Multicultural Celebrations

The Gippsland Ethnic Communities Council (GECC) has received \$3,500 from the Victorian Government under the latest round of the Country Victoria Events Program (CVEP).

Nationals Member for Morwell Russell Northe said the multicultural festival held at Immigration Park in Morwell each year was a great ongoing event for Gippsland.

"The GECC, along with the Immigration Park Committee, put on a magnificent few days of events to celebrate the huge contribution that the migrant community has made in our towns.

"It is important that we continue to celebrate the rich and varied heritage of our region, and the many different cultural influences that have shaped our communities."

Mr Northe said the funding will assist the group to develop and market their three day celebration of multiculturalism, which will be held 16-18 March 2012.

"The 3 day event will include a youth festival, a long table lunch (with an ethnic food menu) and an



particularly in some parks, after the heavy rains earlier this year. Residents' reports of damage assisted Council to carry out inspections and plan repairs.

Sometimes a 'back-log' of work means that Council appears slow to respond to a request to repair, replace or carry out maintenance. This happened recently in relation to the supply of new 'fixed' public rubbish bins which had been badly damaged by vandals. Churchill's bins have now been attended to, as have many others across the municipality.

There are over 400 parks and recreation reserves in Latrobe City, so sometimes residents' patience can be tested. This is where it is useful to have a Pathways Request Order No – you can ring and check progress, rather than thinking your report has been ignored!

Council also makes an annual audit of streetlights in each town, but residents are urged to report faults as soon as they're noticed. Birds, heavy rain, electrical blackouts and impact damage can all cause streetlights to fail at any time.

You can report streetlight faults directly to SP-AusNet by phoning 13 17 99 and selecting the option 'report a fault' or email streetlight@sp-ausnet.com.au with the location of the faulty light.

CDCA is chasing up some requests for the spraying of blackberries in public reserves around town. We are also looking into complaints about vegetation blocking drivers' views at some local intersections.

Residents are always welcome to raise matters of local concern with CDCA, but we encourage you to become a member. The \$2 annual fee gives you a voice and a vote at our General Meetings and all members (with an email account) receive copies of Committee Minutes, Reports and Agendas. Membership of CDCA is a great way of keeping informed about local matters!

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

Our next meeting is a Committee Meeting, to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 25th January in Studio 1, Churchill Hub, Phillip Pde.

Enjoy the festive season, keep safe and see you in 2012.

outdoor multicultural festival for the annual revealing of names added to the Wall of Recognition."

Mr Northe said twenty-nine regional organisations across Victoria will receive a total of \$72,500 under the October 2011 round of CVEP.

"Local events such as this are integral to boost local tourism and to support the local economy.

"By hosting a regional event, our local businesses and tourism operators also receive a great boost from increased visitor numbers, which helps to ensure that people come back to visit the Latrobe Valley.

"The Victorian Government will continue to develop regional events as they play an important part in driving tourism, investment attraction and job creation.

"The Country Victoria Events Program provides up to \$10,000 per event to assist with tourism marketing and event delivery. Closing dates for applications are April 1 and October 1 annually.

For more information on CVEP funding visit www.visitvictoria.com

New Welfare Officers Delivered to Schools

Nationals Member for Morwell Russell Northe has welcomed the announcement of extra funding to support the employment of welfare officers in the region's primary schools.

Funding has been allocated to two schools in the electorate who currently don't have access to these support personnel to assist in the drive to help stamp out bullying and provide additional support to students and families.

"I am very pleased that another election commitment has been met by the allocation of funding to support these schools," Mr Northe said.

"Toongabbie Primary School and Yinnar South Primary School are among the first of almost 300 primary schools that will receive funding for a welfare officer.

"They join 10 other schools in the Morwell electorate who are already employing welfare officers to assist in the drive to eliminate bullying from our schools," he said.

The expansion of the Primary Welfare Officer (PWO) initiative will deliver on the Government's promise of an additional 150 welfare officers over the next four years to assist primary school students across the state.

ensuring that every Victorian primary school will eventually have access to a Primary Welfare Officer.

"Principals of primary schools where the program has operated have been incredibly supportive of the work of welfare officers and have reported enormous improvements in students' behaviour, attendance, willingness to learn and general perception of themselves," Education Minister Martin Dixon said.

Mr Dixon said the Primary Welfare Officers initiative would be supported by other measures to help teachers identify, prevent and manage bullying and behavioural issues.

Other commitments to improve student welfare include:

- * \$10.5 million for the eSmart initiative to help every government school and 300 Catholic and independent schools educate students about cybersafety and cyberbullying;

- * \$2 million over four years for teacher professional development to manage classroom behaviour;

- * \$4 million over four years to review and update bullying policies and programs for Victorian government schools.

Aboriginal Students Reconnecting to Country

Parks Victoria were excited to host local Aboriginal students from the Woolum Bellum Pathways School and GippsTafe Morwell campus on a familiarisation tour of the famous Tarra Bulga National Park.

It was a special event as it signified Parks Victoria's commitment to working with local Gunaikurnai students, as well as harnessing a keen interest from students wanting to be involved in management of land that was handed back to the Gunaikurnai in 2010.

It paves the way forward for encouraging students to work with Parks Victoria on a number of projects being conducted on Gunaikurnai land.

Parks Victoria Ranger in Charge Mr Andy Gillham said this was an important event for the local student community, as it enabled them the time to explore country in the presence of park rangers and share their stories and experiences with each other.

"We know this event helped to open up the students' minds and souls to the opportunity the land now offers them", said Mr Gillham.

Ms Lynette Solomon-Dent from the Woolum Bellum Pathways School highlighted the importance of this program for the Pathways schools,

which have been specifically designed to provide individualised assistance and support to Koorie students primarily aged 12-16 who are not engaged with school or are at serious risk of disengagement.

"The core objective of the Pathways schools is to provide all necessary educational and welfare support to create pathways back to mainstream schooling, or to further training and employment.

"Through this project with Parks Victoria, we are wanting to build a pathway onto GippsTAFE, but also develop their work experience skills and encourage the students to apply for traineeships as Cultural Officers or other avenues of land and conservation management", said Ms Solomon-Dent.

Mr Andy Gillham concluded that we are seeking to build a strong partnership with the Aboriginal students in the Gunaikurnai community through an ongoing education and joint management program in Tarra Bulga National Park with this event being the beginning of similar educational events planned on Gunaikurnai country over the coming months.

For further information, contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 131963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au



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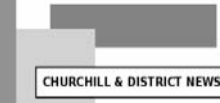
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We feel that MUGSU and the students we represent are an important part of Churchill. There are thousands of students living around the area, shopping and contributing to the local community.

Some of MUGSU's initiatives have proved to be very successful in regards to community improvement and engagement. MUGSU of course, is the proud operator of 'Pooh Corner Childcare Centre' in Philip Parade. Students & Community members teamed together for 'Clean up the Creek & Tree Planting' day which was held at Eel Hole Creek. If you're travelling along McDonald way make sure you keep an eye out and you'll see these trees growing.

Let's keep on building upon the already fantastic relationship we have with you in the local community. If you have any ideas, thoughts or would generally like to become involved please contact us.

As Christmas is just around the corner, on behalf of the MUGSU Student Board & Staff I'd love to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year!



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Preservation of Indigenous History

A ground-breaking new venture between Monash University's Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Information Technology (IT) is striving to preserve the history of Australia's Indigenous population.

When the British flag was first raised in Sydney Cove 222 years ago there were 250 languages spoken by Indigenous Australians. Now, less than half remain.

Through the use of state-of-the-art 3D animation technology, researchers are working to recreate the dreamtime stories of the Yanyuwa people, located on the South-West coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Currently, only a handful of elders are fluent in the language – the last custodians of ancient songs, stories and customs bound up in the vocabulary.

The project itself is fascinating and the technology that underpins it is equally intriguing.

For the last three years, postgraduate researcher Brent McKee has worked to bring these dreamtime stories to life. This year Brent has been joined by Chandara Ung and Michael Lim, to form the Monash Countrylines Archive animation team.

The production process begins with landscapes. From a real 2D image every landscape has been transformed into a virtual

world at the hands of Michael who has created the geometry, texture and lighting. Meanwhile, Chandara has painstakingly created dozens of 3D animal models, sculpting not only the external appearance but the internal skeleton, so that each animal can be brought to life through animation.

Finally, these landscapes and characters are compiled into a finished movie file by Brent, who has overseen the creative process involved in the animation, visual design, rendering and sound recording.

"It's a very time-consuming process. The latest video, which is 15 minutes, has taken the equivalent of 6 months full-time work to complete," Brent said.

"Take the process of adding colour to an animal; the image must first be 'unwrapped' from the 3D animation before you can apply shading and, once this is done, it must be reapplied to ensure that it appears realistically on the screen."

This is the first time that this type of cinematic 3D animation, previously reserved for movie studios or commercials, has

been applied to research by Monash University on such as extensive and consistent scale. According to 3D Animation Team Leader, Dr Tom Chandler, this highlights the diverse ways that animation technology can be applied.

"3D Animation is more than just entertainment and special effects. All these models moving around in a simulated space means the medium has its own unique set of capabilities; this project has shown how these

capabilities can be applied in a sophisticated manner," Dr Chandler said.

While it is difficult to quantify the success of the project, the feedback from the Yanyuwa community indicates that it has been well-received and awareness of the cultural issues has improved. Even more encouragingly, four additional communities have expressed their interest in becoming involved in the project.

2011 Local School Chosen to Receive First of 100 Maths and Science Specialists

The Victorian Government is delivering on its election promise to boost the standard of maths and science education, with the first 100 specialists being selected to work in dozens of Victorian government primary schools.

Nationals Member for Morwell Russell Northe said the first 100 maths and science specialists chosen to take part in the program had completed their initial training.

Mr Northe said Stockdale Road Primary School was among the 55 primary schools to take part in the Victorian Government's \$24.3 million five-year program.

Three mathematics specialists, who have been chosen from Stockdale Road Primary School to support maths learning, will work in the school and with other nearby schools from the start of next year.

Mr Northe said the initiative was aimed at improving teachers' confidence and ability to teach maths and science and was an important means of increasing students' participation in the subjects.

"For too long, maths and science has been overlooked in the classroom, leading to a drop in numbers for some VCE math and science subjects," Mr Northe said.

"This is a great announcement for Stockdale Road Primary school, and for maths and science education in Victoria.

"These specialists will work intensively with other

teachers to make maths lessons as exciting as possible, and aim to encourage students to do well in maths.

"I commend the teachers and staff for applying to participate in this project to focus on how best to teach students mathematics.

"The project will involve three current Stockdale Road Primary School teachers attending 15 days of professional development over two years with some of the best researchers and educators in Australia.

"I am sure these teachers will enjoy the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and be able to share their new learning and expertise with other teachers at the school."

Mr Northe said 60 maths specialists have been selected to work with 26 schools and 40 science specialists will work with 29 schools.

The remaining 100 specialists promised by the Victorian government under the Primary Mathematics and Science Specialists Initiative will be selected in 2013, with 60 science specialists and 40 maths specialists.

The initiative is part of a broader strategy aimed at improving maths and science participation and standards in Victorian schools, which also includes a four year \$5 million program to provide 400 scholarships for university science graduates who want to become teachers in Victorian government schools, particularly in physics and chemistry.

New DSE Firefighters Put to the Test

A week of dirt, dust, rough terrain and physical demands, combined with classroom sessions on fire behaviour and fire suppression will test 25 new DSE firefighters this week.

Rookie firefighters from across the Port Phillip and Gippsland region will this week be put to the test at annual training camps at Warburton.

During the week-long camp, Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) project firefighter (PFF) recruits will cover topics including fire suppression, fire behaviour, map reading, use of radios and fire line safety.

DSE Fire training officer Pete Cramer said the annual training camp provides firefighters with a good mix of classroom and field based activities.

"At the camp the new firefighters work alongside experienced firefighters and gain an understanding of what it's really like on the fire line.

"The firefighters we are training this week have the very important role of protecting the urban fringe of Melbourne and the Gippsland region both through actively fighting fire and conducting preparedness works such as planned burns, slashing and fire break maintenance."

Mr Cramer said the camp is very hands-on, with firefighters working in teams, practising their newly learnt techniques and improving their skills.

"Because bushfires and planned burns are high-risk situations, no-one goes out to do this kind of work for DSE until we know they are trained, competent and fit for it.

"The safety and wellbeing of our firefighters is paramount and the camp will ensure our firefighters are trained for potentially high risk situations."

Project firefighters from across Victoria are participating in the camps, and after completion of the training will return to their work centres to undertake additional training and accreditation.

"The mix of people drawn to firefighting is diverse," he said. "For some people it is a chance to challenge themselves physically, while others just like the outdoor work.

"DSE looks for people who can stay calm under pressure and work well in a team for the safety of themselves and others."

Once full accredited, the project firefighters will assist DSE's permanent crews to undertake priority works including planned burning, track clearing, slashing and fire suppression.



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Same Day Delivery

Beryl Ashworth grew up in Mirboo North on a farm next to the Austin family. Beryl married Peter Tormey and lived in Church Street Yallourn. They had two boys and adopted Janelle when they moved to Churchill in 1966. They lived in one of the first hundred houses built in the town.

Peter worked with the State Electricity Commission (SEC) at Hazelwood. With £100 from the SEC towards the purchase of a house they moved into 17 Switchback Road in Churchill.

John Koedijk the milkman and his family lived on the eastern side of their house. Their children played and went to school together getting along very well.

Beryl and Peter decided to start a business delivering briquettes, the second business in the town after John Koedijk's dairy. Everyone had briquette heating and hot water services in their laundries. The business went under the name of D.L. Tormey and P.C. Tormey. Beryl's grandmother gave them the money for their first truck, an International AB160 four ton model. Briquettes were picked up from the factory in Morwell once a day. Groups of streets in Churchill had set days for delivery. Briquettes were stored on the truck with a few in the garage for people who came unexpectedly. Malcolm Little, Stan Thorburn, Allan Corti and John Greaves were employed as workers and delivery drivers. The first six years were good for deliveries until oil heating became popular and briquettes were phased out.

When weather was warmer in the summer months they carted hay as there was less demand for briquettes. A bag for hot water lasted two to three weeks. Hay carting was done at Tyers at the end of November as this area was ready earlier than others. Following Tyers there was Bruce Hunter's and Henry Buurman's hay. The Churchill area followed. Malcolm Little, John Greaves, Darrell Pobjoy, Bryan Watson, Barry Wells, Chris Baker, Peter Vasic and others worked as labourers.

Beryl drove the truck in the afternoons. The phone rang

incessantly especially if a thunderstorm was imminent. The farmers all wanted their hay under cover. Beryl would prepare tea for all the 'boys' and then go out and feed them. When they went to the Walker family Ann would provide a wonderful afternoon tea. The Tormeys also carted hay for the Lawless family including Tom, (whom Beryl once tipped off the truck), Frank and Jack.

Beryl remembers that Switchback Road was a single lane road, with the northern side paddocks leased by the Lawless brothers. Keith Boyes was a favourite with Beryl. He was a good customer who paid the team as they arrived. The Tormeys paid the hay carters mostly by the hour but sometimes at 10c a bale loaded onto the truck.

General carting was also done by Beryl. She picked up butchery goods for Tony Radford the Churchill Butcher and the Herald newspapers six nights per week from a truck in Morwell that came from Melbourne at 4pm.

When the Churchill Football Club was established they needed club rooms. These came from the Hazelwood Power Station. A group of prisoners from the Morwell River Prison Farm came to help dismantle it. One of the prisoners numbered every piece so that when it arrived it

could be put back together again by the numbers. The Willatons and the Tormeys transported the building materials. All materials and service were donated willingly by all parties.

Beryl and Peter were members of the Lumen Christi Parish which at that time met above the shopping centre and in people's homes.

With the decision to build Lumen Christi church and school Beryl spent weeks visiting schools from Melbourne to Churchill to find the

best features to incorporate in the buildings. Beryl remembers planting trees along the western border with parish priest, Father Daly.

In 1974 Beryl and Peter bought a five acre block with a house at Hazelwood South. As the business expanded they decided they needed a bigger farm and bought a property at Coalville. The house used to be the Coffee Palace. They farmed there for twenty years.

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in australia, christmas comes in the middle of a very
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they can't stand the terrible heat

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roos

called the six white boomers

early on one christmas day

a joey kangaroo

was far from home and lost

in a great, big zoo

mommy...where's my mommy?

they've taken her away

we'll help you find your mommy, son

hop up on the sleigh

so up inside the bag of toys

little joey hopped

but they hadn't gone far when santa stopped

unharnessed all the reindeer

and joey wondered why

then he heard a far off booming in the sky

(boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom,
boom)

[chorus]

six white boomers

snow white boomers

racing santa claus through the blazing sun

six white boomers

snow white boomers

on his australian run

pretty soon old santa began to feel the heat
took his fur-lined boots off to cool his feet

into one popped joey

feelin' quite okay

while those old man kangaroos kept pullin' on the

sleigh

hey!

[chorus]

then joey said to santa, "santa, what about the toys?
aren't you giving some to these girls and boys?"

"well, they've all had their presents, sonny

we were here last night

this trip is an extra trip

joey's special flight

[chorus]

soon the sleigh was flashing past

right over marble bah

"slow down there!" cried santa

"it can't be far

hop up on my lap here, son

and have a look around"

"there, there she is!

that's mommy! bounding up and down!"

[chorus]

well, that's the bestest christmas treat

that joey ever had

curled up in mother's pouch feeling snug and glad

the last they saw was santa heading northwards from

the sun

the only year the boomers worked a double run

[chorus]

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CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

November has been a very busy month for Churchill Primary School.

Camps:

Sports Camp –Eight senior students went off to the sports camp at Rawson. Mr. Walsh accompanied them. Bonnie Kearns, Jamie Iorangi, Shannon Clarke, Carly Baptie, Cameron Ipsen, Josh Lerhner, Brodie Murdoch and David Perkins travelled to Rawson on a bus with students from various schools in the Latrobe Valley.

We were shown our rooms and then we went off to our first sports' event. There was Gaelic Football, Badminton, Croquet, Triathlon and Hockey. Then we did a round robin and had to choose between Hockey and Gaelic Football. The food was pretty good. We went to bed at 9:00 and we woke each day before 7:00. At 7:00 we went to the lake to have 40 minutes of running. The record for laps is 16 laps around the lake. In our free time we could play pool and ping pong in the big room. When we were doing triathlon, I learned that you run with your feet under you, not out in front of you. This means you are using your body weight to help propel you. We learned rules of sports I didn't know about like Gaelic football. It was an awesome camp. I encourage anyone who gets the chance to go. I made friends with some of the 110 students who attended.

Cameron Ipsen. Grade 6

Grade 3/4 had a wonderful 3 day camp at Rumbug, near Foster. Both the terrain and the activities were challenging, tiring and the students often found themselves in water of some sort. The students were very excited to leave on Monday 14th November and they came back to school on Wednesday with tales of risks taken and thrills and spills. For their effort they were very well fed at camp and the night activities soaked up the last bit of energy they could muster.

It was fun at Camp Rumbug because it was cool. The best thing was the giant swing. When I was on the giant swing, I went really high. I had to hold the rope tight. It was scary and I was nervous. The food was great. I liked the bacon and eggs for breakfast.

by Gary Sutton

On the 14th of November, 3/4 W went to Camp Rumbug. We got there and took our bags off the bus. We went to the Rec. Room to talk with the camp leader to hear what the camp was like. We got our bags, went back to our rooms and made our beds. We got ready for lunch and then we started our activities. I did the Titanic rafts first and canoeing was second. For dinner on the first night we had a roast. I was in a room with Tarley, Ashlee, Jessica, Chloe, Crystal, Nathalia, Shayla, Hannah, Tori and Tien. The next day we were involved in damper making, archery, giant swing, and a number of other really cool activities like mud slide, the adventure bridge and nitro crossing. A lot of those were over water and we got wet and muddy. It was the best camp ever and I wanted it to be two more days.

by Eliza Bruerton



The School Fete.

What an incredible day we had on the 12th of November. The sun was shining and the stalls were buzzing with people. Thank you to the Churchill community for coming in and supporting our fete. Highlights were the Gippsland Model Train Group, Koko the clown who put on a show, the jumping castles and the Lions BBQ. There were stalls ranging from clothes, jewellery, face painting, tattoos (stick on of course), Tupperware and Trash and Treasure. It is amazing what bargains there were on the T & T stall. The spinning wheel had fantastic prizes and the raffle of a huge TV was a big drawcard. We had some wonderful sponsors and we thank them for their support. Our school is indebted to the fund raising group of hard working mums and dads. They worked incredibly hard beforehand and on the day and we thank them very much. Our junior buildings and office are now air conditioned and are very cool learning areas, literally and figuratively.



Toy Run

Our school community again donated to the annual Toy Run organised by the Gippsland Motor Cycle clubs. In return, about 12 bikes rolled into the school yard on November 17th, to the delight of the kids – both small and big. The riders allowed some of the children and teachers to sit on their bikes. Ed Vermeulen from Latrobe City outlined the city's support of the event. Other speakers talked to the assembled school about road safety, the role of the motor bike clubs in the Toy Run and the work of the Salvation Army and St Vincents, which will distribute the toys and food to deserving families. Santa then arrived on a sleigh



being pulled by a very fancy motor bike. They came in with a roar and then the bikes left the school with engines. Thank you to all who support this venture.

Remembrance Day

Eight of our grade 6 students went into Morwell to participate in Remembrance Day activities. They laid a wreath at the foot of the cenotaph. The ceremony was very moving and respectful, as members of the R.S.L, Police, Defence Force, Latrobe City and many local schools were able to salute those who have lost their lives in war, while fighting for Australia.

Kurnai College Band Visit

The band arrived with an amazing array of students and instruments. We were treated to a number of musical items, with some fantastic solos. There were also items by gifted singers. A number of the Kurnai students were ex-students of CPS and it is wonderful to see how they have developed their skills and talents at Kurnai. Mr Joseph Bonnici was once again the coordinator of the event and we congratulate him and the other staff members for their dedication to this group of musicians.

Zoo Trip: P -2

On Wednesday 16th November, the prep, one and two classes went to the Melbourne Zoo. We went to the zoo for fun and to learn about animals. First we went to the lions. Then we saw the BIG RATS. Then we went to the big cats. We saw lots more reptiles, monkeys and meercats. I felt happy because I saw the animals. My favourite animals were the butterflies.

by Breanna Ameerbeg

Yesterday I went to the zoo. My group had 3 people in it. The teacher was Derek and the parent was my mum. When we got off the bus we had a toilet stop and then we went to see the animals. The lions were playing dead. I had a staring competition with the gorillas. Then we saw all the other animals. My favourite animals were the lions because they were playing dead.

by Hamish Sinclair



Playgroup

Playgroup has continued to grow and we now have about 12 – 15 children who regularly attend with their parents. It has been wonderful to watch the children form friendships and develop in their social interactions. Playgroup is at 9:00 on Friday mornings, in the general purpose room. The playgroup ranges from little babies (we have had two this year) and we have some children who will be going on to school next year. To find out more, you are welcome to phone Churchill Primary School on 51 221343. The last day for playgroup this year will be on December 16th. Playgroup will resume on 10th February next year.

New Chaplain

Churchill Primary School has a new chaplain. His name is Derek Hayman. Derek began work at the beginning of term 4 and will be with us again next year. Derek is working closely with our Primary Welfare Officer, Jo Whitelaw, as they plan to meet our students' needs.

Churchill Primary School wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Gippsland Education Precinct

After a year of hard work the students at the Gippsland Education Precinct campus of Kurnai College have finally completed their exams and eagerly await their results. For Year 12 students in particular, this can be both an anxious and exciting time. VCE students will be able to obtain their study scores and ATAR score on Friday 16th December. Students are reminded that they are welcome to contact the careers team at the campus if they need additional advice following the release of their results.

Year 12 Graduation

Planning for Year 12 Graduation is well underway, and is an excellent opportunity for students to celebrate their achievement of completing their secondary schooling. The evening event will be held on Monday 19th December at the Monash University Auditorium, and will include a sit down meal for graduates and

their guests. All Year 12 students, who have successfully completed either VCE or VCAL this year, will receive a letter in the mail outlining the process for purchasing tickets, as well as other general information pertaining to the night. For enquiries regarding graduation please contact Michelle Reid-Metcalf at the campus on 5132 3800.

Headstart

As the Precinct Campus farewell its graduates they look forward to the current Year 11's stepping up into Year 12, as well as welcoming a new cohort of students from across Gippsland into Year 11.

The Headstart program, where students commence their 2012 studies for two weeks, began on Monday 5th December and is a solid introduction into the students' new subjects. Headstart is a standard part of the school curriculum and it is

expected that all students will attend the two weeks.

New Enrolments

The Precinct Campus is still accepting enrolments for the 2012 school year. Prospective students or families who would like to find out more about what the Precinct has to offer, are encouraged to contact the school to arrange an appointment, a tour or obtain general advice.

Campus Principal Matt Jobling can be contacted at the school on 5132 3800.

The Festive Season

The staff at the Precinct Campus would like to wish all of their students, families and the wider community a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. We hope everyone has a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2012!

Hazelwood North Primary School

Camp Phillip Island

We arrived at the Island camp. When we got there we had our snack. Some people played cage soccer.

We put our suitcases in the gym. After that we got straight into activities. The activities were flying fox, trampolines, archery and mechanical wall.

Then we had lunch at the beach. People from our school were feeding the seagulls and a big flock of seagulls came and everyone started screaming, ahhh!!!!

Then we played in the sand, that was fun!!!!

At the end we went for a walk around on the rocks. There were a few caves and holes in the rocks. We had heaps of fun at the beach. When we got back we had some free time. Some people played cage. Everyone liked playing it.

That night we had a disco. It was fun. Bridie danced with Mrs Meade. Hahaha!!!!

The tea was YUMMY. On the next night we went to the Nobbies and the Little Penguins. They were so cute. We went to the gift shop and bought some special things.

It was a great camp. We all loved it but when we came back we were SO TIRED!!!. By Bridie and Emily.

3/4's Phillip Island Camp

When we arrived at the camp at 10:00 we put our packs in the gym. Then we went to the meeting room to discuss the rules.

We went to our cabins and put our stuff down and picked our beds. Then we walked to the beach to have lunch. It was a bit windy. We dug holes and made sand castles then had a look at the rocks. We walked back and started our activities. All the activities were flying fox, archery, trampolines, and mechanical wall. After that we went to dinner.

On Thursday we woke up and had some time to play cage soccer and have fun. We had activities and then we went to the Amazing Things and we played mini golf. We went to have a quiz and it was left versus right. Then we had lunch at the park outside, we had sausages YUM! After that we went to the big slide and played other games in there. We went back to camp and got ready to go to the activities. After that we went and had showers and then we had extra time for green tick activities. We had dinner and after dinner we went to The Nobbies. We saw a little penguin and seagulls then we went to the Penguin's Parade. At the Parade we sat around for half an hour and then we saw the first penguin. After that they came all in big packs and waddled to the grassy hills then we walked back to the shop and we were trying to find some penguins on the way. We went into the shop to buy some souvenirs. We went back to camp and went to the dining room and had hot chocolate and biscuits. Then we went to bed.

The next morning we woke up and got dressed and had a shower and packed all our stuff. We waited for room inspections and after that everyone went mad on cage soccer and then we went for breakfast and we had weet bix and corn flakes and other stuff. After breakfast we got our bags in the bus and the teacher counted us and then we got on the bus. We went to Coal Creek and we put our sandwiches in a train and we got in lines. We got put in our groups so we went off and one group went to school in 1901 and the other group had lunch on the train. In the school we used ink wells and used pens then we went back to the bus

and went back to school then our parents and picked us up. We had a fantastic camp. By Joel, Byron and Ben.

Kurnai Band



The Kurnai Band came to Hazelwood North Primary School. There were many instruments that the Kurnai students played. Their music teacher, Mr Bonnici, asked a few of the students what were the names of some of the instruments. The students really enjoyed watching them play their music. There were also some people that were singing. It was good to see that some of the students were from our school. By Megan

Motor Bike Toy Run



The other day, motor bikes came to Hazelwood North. They came to collect toys and unperishable food that the school was donating. The food and toys were going to kids for Christmas, so they can enjoy the special day as well. Santa came in a little sled pulled by a motor bike (a decorated trailer). He also had a specially decorated helmet. One of the bikes was a three wheeler. There were people from three motor bike clubs and lollies for everyone. By Thessa.



Sports Camp

Gippsland Sports Camp for Primary Schools was on once again for the 16th time. On the 2nd of November, 7 of the students from Hazelwood North Primary School packed their bags ready to get on the bus to go to Rawson Village. The students attending were Alice, Jordyn, Hayden, Peter, Josh, Sam D and I. We were extremely excited when we found out that we were going to go on the camp. We stayed there until the 4th of November. The weather was muggy and the rain was bucketing down when we arrived at Sports Camp.

We were going to be in 5 different sport clinics. They were Gaelic Footy, Hockey, Croquet, Triathlon and Badminton. We got about an hour and a half on each sport throughout the 3 days we were staying there. On the first day there, we did 3 sports, the second we did 2. The routine for the camp was the same each day.

On the 1st night, we had a guest speaker. Her name was Amanda Drennan. She was a Para Olympian. She was born with one leg so she has a prosthetic leg. She let us touch it and play with it. She was the first ever person to swim around Phillip Island. It was really cool. On the 2nd night there, we did a trivia and mini games in different groups. The group that won would get Milky Ways. The games were just to have some fun and have enjoyment. The staff there wanted us to have fun; that was the main rule there.

On the last day, we had 2 round robins; Hockey and Gaelic Footy. We got to choose which one we wanted to do. The round robins had 5 games in them, so we had to do about 100 minutes of non-stop sport. It was really hard because it was the only day of the whole camp when it was hot. Everyone had fun.

At 2:30pm that day, we left Rawson Village and went home. It was a great camp and I encourage anyone to go if they have the chance.

By Rose

Technology

In term 4, the grades 5/6's have been doing technology. We have been learning about the simple machines. They're lever, inclined plain, screw, wedge, pulley and wheel and axle. We have been making boats. We have designed it, built it and are going to test it. It must go 60 centimetres, in water! We have really enjoyed doing technology.

By Brodie.



Yinnar South Primary School

The month of November has been a very busy and exciting month here at Yinnar South Primary School. We started off with our 125 Year celebrations on the 12th and had over 120 people attend. The weather was perfect and we had people all over the school looking at the photos from the past and present, showing how the school had changed. We had past students from as far as Queensland visit. Our eldest student was enrolled in 1932. Russell Northe attended and buried our time capsule. It was a great community event, with the whole community assisting in the preparations of the grounds and catering. The end result was a credit to all involved and we look forward to the next 25 years in educating the young children of Yinnar South and District.



This term the children have been covering a wide range of activities in the classroom. The senior students had to plan and execute an excursion for the whole school as part of their Maths and English. Here is Kim's recap of the event;

Three weeks ago the senior kids planned a school picnic. We first had to plan what we were going to do. We planned what to bring, what things to play. We also planned a theme and the food and drinks. We decided what time and day for the picnic. We went on the computer to see how much the food and drinks would cost. Then we had to write a note to the parents and School Council. On the last week, we went to Martin Walker Reserve to see what was there, and then we went to the shops. We went over budget by \$1.55.

After the shops we looked around. When we got back from the shops we iced the biscuits and made cordial. On the day of the picnic we made the sandwiches and packed the stuff, and then we walked to Martin Walker Reserve at 10.00am.

Alyssa one of the junior students had this to say about the day.

On Friday the 18th November, everybody from Yinnar South Primary School walked to Martin Walker Reserve. We had a picnic there.

We played Eagles Nest, Taxi Tag and Kick the Can. Then we went on a scavenger hunt. Four people won! I walked on the logs with Kim and Brock. We had sandwiches and biscuits for lunch.

The theme for maths is 'Money' and we are using real life events. The children have had fun setting up shops, planning



menus and having budgets to stick to. The school is holding a cinema afternoon on Friday and the children have to earn their money by reading at home, working well in class and good behaviour, to purchase tickets, drinks and popcorn.

The end of year excursion is to the Melbourne Aquarium by train. The senior students have been busy researching train and tram timetables and what is on for free in the CBD which we can get to on the city circle tram.

They are then putting together an agenda for the day.

Kurnai College Junior Campsus

Global Poverty

The Year 7 students at Kurnai College have been studying global poverty and the 1.4 billion people living in absolute poverty. The impact of these studies has been far reaching.

Some of the students who were not engaged with school, have realised that there are wonderful opportunities available to Australian students compared to that of many countries in the world. They have turned around their attitude to school and are now trying to improve, are proud of their efforts and are also receiving praise from their families.

Many countries suffer from lack of clean water supplies which leads to many diseases, ill health and death. Health facilities are either non-existent or of poor quality. Birth defects such as cleft palate and deformity also place a limiting effect on childrens' chances of succeeding. The need to help at home or to fetch water precludes many children, especially the girls, from accessing education. In some cases education for girls is seen as unnecessary. Many are just too poor to be able to afford a book and pen required if they attend school.

The students have set about finding ways to raise awareness of the situations of those thus affected. Some set about writing stories, others made up questions and asked Member for Morwell, Russell Northe to come and listen to their stories and questions.

Russell met with the students and asked them what they had learnt and what they wanted to know. He was impressed by the sincerity of the girls. He told of the measures governments employ to help, what he does himself and how he felt encouraged to do more after hearing from the students.

One question asked referred to the waste of food from restaurants, and what could be done. He suggested that an organisation should be set up in the local area.

Russell also encouraged the girls to seek local organisations which could help them as well as continuing to use web sites such as World Vision. Russell also suggested the girls volunteer at some of the local organisations such as St Vincent's, Anglicare, and The Salvos. He said it is important to support overseas aid but also the local needs. Sponsoring a child or contributing to a clean water program are useful ways to help.

In a practical sense the students have also run fund raising activities such as selling cakes, having a walking without shoes day, participating in the 40 Hour Famine.

In class the students have been making solar cookers, most of which have worked successfully.

The students researched the 8 millenium development goals as outlined by the United Nations and chose one to prepare a practical action to end poverty. Projects included fund raising, raising awareness, writing letters to local politicians. Regan Webster and Fabien Schoutens are doing a pen and pencil drive whereby members of the community can drop off new pens and pencils at the Churchill Post Office. These are then sent on to third world countries.

To culminate the studies, the students worked in groups to produce a display which was held in their Year 7 rooms. Much dedicated work was evident in these displays which included slide show, poster and books of the students work. The students were happy and proud to show their work and explain what they had learnt

General Election for Year 8s

On 28th November all the Year 8 students were involved in an election as part of the Civics and Citizenship program. The students formed groups, elected a leader and came up with policies. It was a very close call but not a 'hung parliament'. The final count came down to third preferences to separate them. Tiarnah Schumann was in third place with the 'People Power' party, in second place was Jack Findlay with the 'Ace of Spades' party and the winner was Luke Collinson with 'Team Dynamite'. The students had lots of environmentally based policies and school based policies such as painting the school, planting trees and solar panels. The students were very concerned with the environment.

Year 10 Surf Camp

Fifteen Year 10 students went on the surf camp on 23 - 25 November. They stayed at Inverloch Surf Life Saver Club. All students participated, had a great time and were successful in their surfing endeavours. The students 'followed the waves' all the way to Waratah Bay, Sandy Point and Inverloch. "It was an endless summer," according to Josh Garth and Andy Leeson. The students did four lessons over the three days covering surfing skills, ocean awareness and basic rescue drills. Thank you to Josh Garth, Andy Leeson and Katie Abbott for looking after the students. Thank you to Off Shore Surf School based in Inverloch for all their help.

Churchill.

Five plays have been presented as part of the Term 4 theatre program. The program is rich in diversity and participation, with almost 200 students participating in the five productions.

November 17th & 18th THE WIZARD OF OZ YR 8

The Year 8 theatre class took on the huge challenge of adapting the classic, The Wizard of Oz, to the Kurnai Churchill stage. Using puppets, stilts, and clever staging, this talented mob thrilled the audiences with a popular story told in a unique style.

November 23rd & 24th GENERATIONS YR 7

This is the story of an Australian family across five generations, from colony to federation to world war to now. The students presented five generations in their own story, a mix of history, legend and romance. It was a remarkable project which was originally conceived to be performed outside but was moved back into the Kurnai Churchill theatre for the two nights.

December 1st & 2nd SCHOOL OF ROCK YR 9/10

School of Rock is a modern comedy classic about a desperate loser who thinks rock music is the meaning of life, but finds out what life is really all about. This was a riot, full of funny characters and very funny action. School of Rock made perfect sense to this group of students, and they were ready to rock.

Yesr 8 English Cooking

As part of the Year 8 English curriculum studies, the students studied a book called Parbana by Deborah Ellis. The book is set in Afghanistan.

As a result, the students did some Afghani cooking, making goat's meat curry, naan bread, pappadams and rice.

Despite saying they would never eat it, all students tried and enjoyed the experience of trying food from another country.

The school wishes the community a safe and happy holiday period.



Drama News

Mr. Kline put on five plays this year, each one a sold out performance. Over 200 students participated and were also involved in making props and costumes. Two of the plays were written by the students. One was written by Year 7s and another by VCE students.

The arts are alive at Kurnai



Lumen Christi Primary School

Rhyme Time at Lumen Christi

Each Thursday morning at Lumen Christi, we have Rhyme Time. We have toddlers coming along to the library and sharing rhymes, songs and stories. They have a lovely time singing and dancing whilst learning lots of different counting rhymes which are so important for oral language development. If you would like to join in, please ring the school for details or just come along each Thursday morning at 8.40



Bluearth at Lumen Christi

Bluearth is a physical education program that was established to improve health and prevent diseases caused by sedentary living. Lumen Christi Primary School has been involved with the Bluearth Program for 4 years. Bluearth addresses many areas of student development; ability to concentrate and remain focussed on specific tasks, self-confidence, cooperation, awareness of others, a willingness to accept new challenges, improving behaviour/ choices. Many powerful messages are reinforced like honesty, fair play, consideration, cooperation, challenging oneself. Each fortnight Ryan, our instructor, takes classes with the classroom teacher. The lesson is not only a lesson for the students but also Professional Learning for the teachers. Not only do the classroom teachers receive on the job training, external workshops, online resources and use of equipment but the whole staff receives Professional Learning sessions as well. We will be continuing the program in 2012 as we can see the many benefits gained from the implementation of this approach.



Yr P/1 students finishing the lesson with core movements

Questacon Science Show

The grades 3-6 at Lumen Christi went to see the Questacon Science Show. We had 2 people from Questacon in Canberra named Mike and Allison. Mike did activities to do with pressure like holding a glass of water over someone's head with a piece of cardboard holding the water in the glass. He did lots of other



experiments doing things like rockets; putting a table on top of lots of balloons with people standing on it and someone even sat on lots of nails! Allison did activities with sound. She taught us how to make a laser beam sound similar to the sound in the Star Wars movies using a metal slinky and foam cup; how sound travels in sound waves using a tuning fork and glass of water; the most annoying sound in the world and how to create sound by a vibration. We learnt a lot!

Sport Roundup

We congratulate Skye Trotter Wilson for coming fourth in the School Sport Victoria State Finals of High Jump. What an extraordinary effort to come so close – but I don't think Skye will be wearing shoes with laces next time! Well done!



Earn and Learn

Grade 5 and 6 have been involved in our annual Earn and Learn program during November. Business plans had been formulated, employment positions had been allocated and invitations were extended to our wider school community to come to Lumen Christi Village and spend, spend spend! Reality set in by the end of the session when some businesses had unpaid counts and became insolvent while other individuals, who were on unemployment benefits, found little change left over for spending after they had taken care of their bills!

Prior to our second session, evaluations were made and suggestions were offered about possible improvements. Further amusement activities were added and everyone had the opportunity to learn again about managing their money. We certainly appreciated the parental support with the business ideas and we extend our thanks for the financial and time commitment they made.



Fashions on the Field at Lumen Christi

Our staff decided to add a little glamour by dressing up in Fashions on the Field on Oaks Day. They got into the spirit by dressing up or adding that little extra something – much to the delight of the students and our parent community.

Maths Olympiad

The results are in on our Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad participants. Zara-Louise Ernst scored 15 out of 25 and came in second. Teresa Simpson scored 18 out of a possible 25 and scored in the top 25% of national participants. An Encouragement Award was given to Zoi-Jayne Little. We congratulate all those students in Grade 5 and 6 who were prepared to take on the challenge and hope that a few more students will be willing to be involved in 2012.

Italian Day

The whole school was involved in our annual Italian Day held on Tuesday, 15th November. The children rotated around the various activities of mask making, pasta art and watching the story of Pinocchio, but the making of crostoli was one of the biggest hits on the day. The serving of gelati at lunch time topped off a great day.

Advent/Christmas Liturgies

In this time of preparation for Christmas, our middle school and senior students have been involved in presenting accounts from Hebrew Scripture using the Jesse Tree as the visual stimulus. Grades 3 – 6 presented short re-enactments on Noah, Moses, Joseph and his coat of many colours and Jonah. Special hymns were chosen to add another dimension to their presentations. The Jesse Tree helps us to remember during Advent that each person's life in some way adds something special to the coming of Jesus.

Our Prep to Grade Two will present The Nativity, the story of Joseph and Mary and the birth of Jesus, which is warmly received by our parent community. It brings home the message of what Christmas is supposed to be all about, and about the preparation time during the season of Advent.

Band Instruments

Grade 6 were treated to the chance of experimenting with some musical instruments such as the clarinet, bass clarinet, trombone, french horn, saxophone, alto saxophone, trumpet and tuba through the guidance of Jason Bonnici and Chris Gretton from Kurnai. The extra-curricular pursuit of learning a musical instrument was encouraged regardless of which secondary school our students will be moving onto next year. There certainly were some budding musicians in the making.

Prep/1/2 Swimming!

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

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2012 to all our school community.



Churchill & District News

SPORT

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

12/11/2011: Mens 3rd Rnd Club Championships: A Grade: J Thornby (13) 68. B Grade: P Coad (19) 70. C Grade: R Welsh (26) 72. DTL: G Beyer 69, M. Brereton 69, A Auld 71, G Miller 71, J McCafferty 72, D Taylor 720. NTP: 3rd T Collins, 5th P Smart, 12th T Webb.

2011 Club Championships: A Grade: P Smart (14) 209, B Grade: J McCafferty (20) 211. C Grade: R Welsh (25) 211. Scratch Club Champion: D Scurlock (1) 223. Handicap Winner: P Smart (14) 209.

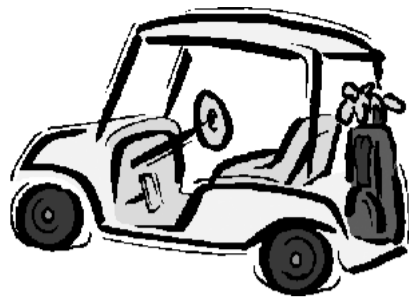
13/11/2011: Stableford Mens Winner: P Smart (10) 38. DTL: B Barnes (35) 37. NTP: 12th L Stein Stableford Ladies Winner: M McConville (26) 40.

15/11/2011: Ladies Rnd 1 Club Championship - November Monthly Medal Scratch: D Scurlock 94 c/b. Medal: M Dear (31) 98 - 31 = 67. A Grade: 0-32 M. Dear (31) 67, B Grade: 33-45 D Judkins (38) 72. DTL: S Turner (25) 69, M. McConville (26) 70, S. Jeffery (36) 78 c/b. Count Putts: D Scurlock 25 putts. NTP: 3rd M Dear, 5th 2nd shot H Croft, 14th 2nd shot H Croft.

19/11/2011: Mens Stableford Alan Watts memorial trophy Winner: J Thornby (12) 42 pts, Runner up: R Welsh 26) 40 pts. DTL: G Hornsby 38, D Taylor 37, P Williams 36 c/b, A. Sharrock 36 c/b. NTP: 3rd N Hutchinson, 5th R Jenkins, 12th R Dent, 14th W Peter. Birdies: D. Taylor 14th, P Smart 3rd, N Hutchinson 3rd, T Webb 12th.

22/11/2011: Womens Stroke Scratch: M McConville 98 c/b. A Grade: (0-32) M Dear (29) 98 - 29 = 69 / Monthly medal. B Grade: (33 - 45) A Hibbert (37) 108 - 37 = 71 c/b. DTL: H Croft 71, M McConville 72, S Turner 72. Count Putts: H Croft 27. NTP: 5th (2nd shot) L Peake, 14th (2nd shot) S Jeffery. Lost Handicap: M Dear 29 - 28, S Turner 26 - 25, M McConville 26 - 25.

29/11/2011 Rd 3 Club Championships - Star Medal Day Winner: A Grade: (0-33) S Turner (25) 101 - 25 = 76, B Grade: (33-45) A Hibbert (37) 108 - 37 = 71. DTL: D. Judkins 76, B. Beebe 77, M. McConville 77. NTP: 5th (2nd shot) S Jeffery, 14th (2 shot) A Hibbert.



2011: Scratch Winner: S Turner (25) 293. Scratch Runner Up: M McConville (26) 296. Handicap Champion: M Dear (31) 216. Handicap Runner-Up: S. Turner (25) 218 c/b.

2011 Star Medallist: S Turner 76 net.

2/12/2011: Churchill Bowl Winners Churchill: 1= 104 pts - S Turner (26) 24pts, M Dear (28) 34 pts, D Judkins (38) 46 pts, Runner Up Morwell = 97 pts, J Griffiths (22) 31 pts, C Carder (43) 33 pts, S Caldwell (25) 33 pts. A Grade: 0-25 C Deppler (18) 39 pts, B Grade: 26-45 D Judkins (38) 46 pts. NTP: 3rd S Grasby, 12th C Deppler. DTL: J Beck 35, K Bayes 35, M McConville 34, N Allen 33, J Catherwood 33, S Grasby 32.

3/12/2011: Mens 3 Person Ambrose Winners: G Miller (20), W Judkins (23), W Peter (18) 10 1/6 = 56 5/6, Runner Up: P Smart (9), L Stein (13), A Van Den Ham (34) 9 1/3 = 57 2/3. DTL: R Welsh, R Scurlock, S Wotton 58 1/3, J Robinson, K Hills, E Hayes/Hills 59 1/6. NTP: 5th J Jeffery, 12th G Down, 14th J Jeffery.

4/12/2011: Stableford Winner: D Taylor (23) 41 pts c/b. DTL: L Stein (13) 41, B Kilday (21) 37 c/b. NTP: 3rd N Erasmus, 5th T Van Roy, 12th B Kilday.

6/12/2011: Ladies GreenKeepers Day - 4 Person Ambrose Winners: L Stein (12), J Blizzard (33), V Verheyen (34), M Dear (28) 13 3/8 = 58 5/8 c/b. DTL: W Judkins (23), L McNamara (34), D Thomas (28), L Peake (38) 15 3/8 = 58 5/8. NTP: Ladies 3rd J Blizzard, 12th L Casey. NTP: Mens 3rd L Stein, 12th W Judkins.

Churchill United Juniors Preparing for 2012

The Churchill United Soccer Club is looking forward to another exciting year in 2012 and is currently seeking expressions of interest for the respective junior coaching positions.

"We have opportunities available in all age groups and require current and prospective coaches to make an application for 2012", Churchill United Secretary Ben Kimpton said.

"This is to make sure everyone gets a chance to throw their hat in the ring and applicants will be selected on experience and accreditation levels".

According to Kimpton the club is taking applications for Boys/ Mixed Under 16's, Under 14's, Under 13's, Under 12's, Under 11's, Under 10's, Under 9's and Under 8's along with Under 14 Girls.

"Churchill's juniors have always

been the club's hallmark and we want to make sure this continues into the future", Kimpton added.

All interested coaches can drop Kimpton a line indicating the age group they are interested in and a quick summary of experience, accreditation and whether they have completed a Working With Children check.

Please email churchillrams@live.com.au or mail PO Box 74, Churchill 3842 before Friday January 13, 2012 to be considered.



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

Activities include:

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

Where: Churchill North Primary School
Coolabah Drive, Churchill.

When: Wednesdays (during school terms)

Time: 9.00—11.00 am

Bring: A healthy snack & drink

Cost: Gold coin



Latrobe City's Councillors and staff extend

Season's Greetings to all residents.



Opening and Closing times for the Christmas and New Year period...

COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRES AND LIBRARIES

All Council Service Centres and Libraries will close at 5.15pm on Friday 23 December 2011.

Service Centres in Moe, Morwell Headquarters and Traralgon will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

Libraries in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon will reopen at 10am on Tuesday 3 January 2012. Churchill Service Centre and Library will reopen at 11am on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

EMERGENCIES

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

IMPOUNDED PETS

Council's pound facility in Driffield Road Morwell will be open for the release of impounded pets between 9am and 10am on both Wednesday 28 December 2011 and Friday 30 December 2011.

Impounded pets may be viewed 24/7 on Council's impound register online at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

LOST OR STRAY PETS

Enquiries between 5.15pm Friday 23 December 2011 to 8.30am Tuesday 3 January 2012 contact the emergency after-hours number 0408 512 953.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Garbage and recycling collections will be at normal times. For service enquiries during the holiday period please contact Cleanaway on 1800 007 543.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Sunday 25 December 2011	Closed
Monday 26 December 2011	Closed
Sunday 1 January 2012	Closed

For service enquiries during the holiday period please contact Rosa at Drouin Waste Recyclers on 0418 260 466.

PINE GRO GREEN WASTE COLLECTION CENTRES

Sunday 25 December 2011	Closed
Sunday 1 January 2012	Closed

For further information contact Pine Gro on 5122 2036.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

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

EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Moe Early Learning Centre, Traralgon Early Learning Centre and Carinya Early Learning Centre. Closes 5.45pm Friday 23 December 2011 Reopens 7.30am Monday 9 January 2012. For enquiries during the closure period please call 1300 367 700.

MEALS ON WHEELS

No delivery of meals on 25, 26 and 27 December 2011 and 2 January 2012. (frozen meals can be ordered for this time)

Deliveries will resume for 28, 29 and 30 December 2011. Normal deliveries resume on Tuesday 3 January 2012. For emergencies clients should telephone 0409 250 084.

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

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

Please visit our website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au for a full list of opening and closing times for other council services.

