

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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And the winners are...



PRIZE winners in the adult and under 18 sections of the Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition after the award ceremony at the Gala Day on Saturday 26 October. The prizes were presented by Hazelwood Power's Dave Quinn (CEO) and Colin Brick and Hazelwood Rotary President Mark Nester. From left: Back row- Owen Guthrie, Phillip Watts, Kaitlin Duffas, Lynda Taylor, Jodie Ellis, Keven Jackson, Dave Quinn, Lynalee Strickland and Colin Brick. Front row - Eleanor McWhirr, Elsie Matthyssen, Tanya Thumpson and Linda Veldman.



THE prize winners in the children's sections gather after the Children's Prize Giving Ceremony held at the Old Shopping Centre in Churchill on Friday 25 October.

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CALL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

By VAL PROKOPIV and CATHY COCHRANE

THERE has been a call for the local community to support the campaign to keep an engineering school in Gippsland.

The call came after Monash Gippsland Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Brian Mackenzie told a public forum held at Monash last week that the decision had been made to transfer students to Clayton and Caulfield in 2004.

The review that led to this decision will now be broadened, after a meeting of the University Council on Monday. The council will then make a final decision.

Student Union Vice-President Terry Pritchard is urging all staff, students and the local community to get behind the university and show their support for the campaign to retain engineering in Churchill.

The major political parties, minor parties, Latrobe City Council, National Tertiary Education Union, Monash University Gippsland Student Union and the C.F.M.E.U. are all supporting the campaign.

National Party Member for Gippsland Province Peter Hall told the forum that if people are trained in rural areas they are more likely to stay and work in local industries.

Labor Member for McMillan Christian Zahra described the decision as "short-sighted" and said the withdrawal of services from rural areas should not be allowed.

Any closure of the school will also impact on the plans to build an Education Precinct in Churchill, according to Latrobe City Mayor Tony Hanning.

C.F.E.M.U. organiser John Parker said that centralising courses in the city will cause a drain of professionals from rural areas, leaving only poorly paid jobs.

He called on governments to have a pro-active role in education.

The issue is not only one of money but also the structure of communities, he said.

If the university cuts engineering there will be pressure to take other courses as well, according to Mr Parker.

Spokesperson for engineering staff at Gippsland Associate Professor Kevin Spriggs said local residents should be concerned about the university's decision.

Residents who wish to study engineering locally will lose that option and be forced to go to Melbourne, he said.

"This is the thin end of the wedge. Take engineering and you take away the heart of the campus and devalue the intellectual capital," said Professor Spriggs.

Power, gas, logging and coal industries in the local area make this an

engineering region, he said.

The School of Engineering has underwritten the development of the region over the past 75 years and new industries are unlikely to be attracted to an area without infrastructure and a skilled workforce, he continued.

Student Union Vice-President Terry Pritchard said it would affect the Churchill community as well as the students and staff.

Residents and businesses in the Churchill area depend on and look to Monash for their future quality of life, job security, housing values and education for their children, Mr Pritchard said.

Industry looks to the graduates of the Engineering School to take up places within the power and energy sectors. Without local graduates the professional pool will be depleted, according to Mr Pritchard.

"This is about Monash University being a good corporate citizen and being a part of the community in which we live," he said.

Dr Abdu Mazid, an engineering lecturer, recently purchased property in Churchill.

He argues that the university should change its mind because it is considerably cheaper for students to live and study in Churchill compared to Melbourne. It is also a friendly and accepting community for overseas students, he said.

Robin and Gary Mauger purchased property in Churchill after leaving Melbourne to give their children the opportunity to attend Monash University.

Their son, an engineering student, may have to move to Clayton.

Mr and Mrs Mauger say they are "saddened" by the decision and that it is "unfair that this has happened in the middle of the exam period".

Ruth Place, a member of the Co-operating Churches in Churchill, noted that Monash University works closely with the local community.

The leisure centre and this newspaper would not be here without their involvement and support, she said.

It is important that the local community now supports the University, she said.



Above: Linda Butler, Student Administration Officer.

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EDITORIAL

Back to the Beginning

The Churchill News began in 1966. Edited by the Reverend Peter Arch, it was published and distributed free by The Co-operating Churches in Churchill. Below is an extract from: "History of Churchill for Year 1966 and General Information for Residents of Churchill" which records the beginning of the paper.

"Churchill News
This began in May 1966 with a single sheet of quarto paper.
The first few copies were duplicated for us by the Morwell Shire Council.
In July the Co-Operating Churches purchased a Duplicating Machine, and so the News was produced within Churchill.

As the population increased, activities increased and the Churchill News increased in size, and in response to a request for a copy typist, Mrs. D. Sargeson volunteered. She does a wonderful job.

August 19th was the first 8 page issue. The next step on Nov. 4th was to reduce the weekly issue to fortnightly. This became possible as the community grew and settled down, and events and meetings were decided upon on a monthly basis.

The last big step came on Dec. 2nd when Morwell Co-op donated us 5,000 covers, and we appeared with a picture and printed cover.

The Churchill News is published and distributed FREE by the Co-operating Churches - but it is your paper, not a Church paper.

You or anyone can contribute to it. All ideas and suggestions are welcome. The Editor would be most grateful for contributions.

Advertising is accepted at the rate of 25 cents per inch."



Now thirty-six years later the new look Churchill & District News has been re-launched. Working in conjunction with Monash University with far more sophisticated equipment and an enthusiastic group of volunteers the paper is a far cry from the first editions. Some things, however, remain the same. The newspaper is still owned by the Co-operating Churches of Churchill "but it is your paper... You or anyone can contribute to it. All ideas and suggestions are welcome. The Editor would be most grateful for contributions!"

For the team who has worked extremely hard to produce the paper it has been an enormous learning experience. We sincerely hope you enjoy reading this issue and invite your comments.

There are many people who must be thanked for their efforts. Firstly I would like to thank the "workers", Ruth Place for guiding and inspiring us all, David Abbott, Freda Webb and Elaine Andrijczak from Community Services at Monash University for their tremendous support (and use of the photocopier without which none of this could have happened!), Cathy Cochrane our student from Monash University Journalism Section who has mastered the necessary technology, Liz Hart from the Journalism Section, Monash University, Russell Stewart from HUMCASS at Monash, Peter Prokopiv, Margaret and Owen Guthrie, Wendy Brown, Nathan Austin from the Department of Marketing, Monash University, Tina Dúrbano from GRIS and Roger Vivian, David Wilson and Ken Keeley from the Latrobe Valley Express.

A huge thank you goes to our sponsors, Hazelwood Power, to Colin Brick, Neil Lawson and David Quinn CEO. Thank you also to those who have donated money to help us get up and running and prizes for our Short Story and Poetry Competition - Monash University Bookshop, Community Services, Monash University, Pro-Vice Chancellor Brian Mackenzie, Professor Harry Ballis, Co-operating Churches Ladies Fellowship, Hazelwood Rotary, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Renewal Project, Churchill Fire Brigade, Churchill & District Community Association, Churchill and District Lionesses, Churchill & District Lions and Cora Pal.

For making our Gala Day such a huge success I would also like to thank the following: Ken Hull and Quantum Support Services, Julie Hocking and Janine Webb from the Department of Human Services, Heather Farley and Henk Harberts from Latrobe City Council, Co-operating Churches of Churchill, Manny's Market, Valley Poultry, The Power House Blues Band, Sunnicrust Bakery, Churchill and District Lions, St Johns Ambulance, Gippsland Portal, Monacellars, Kerry Super and the Youth Action Centre, Wreckair, Churchill Primary School, Rob and Bev Wheelan, Churchill Fire Brigade, Churchill Police, McDonalds, Parkinsons Wholesale Foods, Associated Angling Club, Latrobe Co-ordinated Community Transport, Darryl White, Deb Chainsesman, Janice Redmond, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Kurnai College, Bev Knowles and Chris Little from Latrobe Community Health Services, the Owl and Pussycat Playgroup, Loretta Hambly and the Education Precinct, 3GG, ABC Radio, Win Television, Scott Gardner and Magical Bill and Pam.

Finally I would like to thank all those who entered our Short Story and Poetry Competition and the local schools for supporting us in this venture.

Many thanks to all.

VAL PROKOPIV
Editor

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News returns, Gala Day a success

By CATHY COCHRANE

THIS is the first edition of the recently re-launched Churchill & District News.

The community paper returns after an absence of almost a year and will be published monthly (except January).

The return of the paper was marked by a writing competition, which attracted 248 entries, and a Gala Day at the Old Shopping Centre in Churchill.

The Gala Day, held on Saturday 26 October, attracted a large crowd.

It was organised in conjunction with Community Safety Month.

The day featured displays and activities from various organisations within the community.

These included Latrobe Community Health Services, Quantum Support Services, Department of Human Services, Latrobe City, Neighbourhood Centre, St Johns Ambulance, Latrobe Co-ordinated Community Transport, Youth Action Centre, Churchill Fire Brigade, Victoria Police, Associated Angling Club, The Education Precinct and Kurnai College.

The Churchill Lions Club cooked a BBQ lunch for the crowd to enjoy and the Powerhouse Blues Band provided the entertainment.

The range of activities for children proved popular, with around 80 children participating in the plaster painting organised by the Youth Action Centre.

Kurnai College Art Display: Jessika Dwyer with artwork by Kurnai College students.



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Send us your best Christmas Chicken Recipe

Two Winners will each receive a

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Gala Day: What they said...

"It's brilliant. It's got the community all together."
Peta Tyler, Churchill Lions Club

"I think it was overwhelming and the turn out was fantastic even though it was short notice with the change of venue."
Janice Redmond, Volunteer

"By the look of the crowd it was pretty successful. It had a really good felling about it."
Bill Lawler, Community Development Strategy, Latrobe City

"It's a great success with the number of people interested and asking questions and great input from the youth."
Ken Hull, Quantum Support Services

"We've been very busy and popular. The kids seem to be enjoying it."
Kerryn Super, Youth Action Centre

"It's been really positive because you engage with people and give them a better understanding of community safety."
Henk Harberts, Community Safety Officer, Latrobe City

"It gets people to know what is here and we can support people who need it. It's more about awareness."
Chris Little, Latrobe Community Health Service

"An event like this is all about community well being. The more you have a sense of community the greater your sense of well being in your community."
Margaret Guthrie, Volunteer who attends meetings of the Safety and Community Well-Being Sub-Committee

"We've made contact and networked with other organisations and that's always good. Promotion and exposure is always good."
Susan Connor, Churchill Guides Leader



Plaster Painting proves Popular: Participants gather around the plaster painting tables at the Youth Action Centre display, above.

Owl and Pussy Cat Playgroup Display: Children who had earlier enjoyed the face painting visit the playgroup display, left.

The one that didn't get away!

By VAL PROKOPIV

IT WAS a perfect spring day for the Associated Angling Club's annual Junior Fishing Competition on Saturday at Lake Hyland in Churchill. There was an excellent turnout with 99 young anglers taking part.

The biggest catch of the day, weighing in at 977 grams was reeled in by Nathan Pulis (9 – 12 year old section). Jayden Hawkins, aged 7 caught the biggest fish of the day, a Rainbow Trout weighing 525gms.

Jessie Love won the 13 to 16 year old section reeling in a 331g Rainbow Trout.

Four year old Charmaine Cook took the honors in the 4 to 8 year old section with a total catch of 676gm.

Erroll Parmigiani and John Kilpatrick from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment stocked Lake Hyland with 600 Brown and Rainbow Trout to ensure a good days fishing for all.

The Churchill & District Lions Club provided much needed refreshments to the Anglers and their families.

Club President Rod Slocum said "It was a great day with an enthusiastic crowd of young anglers. There were heaps of prizes, including fishing rods for all first place winners."

He thanked all the sponsors for their support and everyone who took part. "We'll see you all next year, same time, same place!" he said.

Winners:

13 – 16 year-olds: 1st Jessie Love, 2nd Olivia Van Aalst, 3rd Andrew Maselli, and 4th Toby Goldwell.

9 – 12 year-olds: 1st Nathan Pulis, 2nd Belinda Beames, 3rd Louis Booth, and 4th Lisa Dimara.

4 – 8 year-olds: 1st Charmaine Cook, 2nd Jayden Hawkins, 3rd Eden Harly, and 4th Allan Beames.

Awesome Angling: The winners of the competition, top, are: back- Nathan Pulis, Andrew Maselli, Belinda Beames and Lisa Dimara and front Allan Beames, Renell Hawkins and Charmaine Cook. Participants try to catch the 'big one' (middle) and bottom Erroll Parmigiani and John Kilpatrick of DNRE stocking Lake Hyland.



TALKING GARDENS

By VAL PROKOPIV

KEEN gardeners were led down the garden path by Arch Van Berkel in a "Talking Gardens" evening on Friday.

In a lively and informative talk and demonstration, the well-known horticulturist and nurseryman passed on barrowloads of information about propagation, drought resistant plants and pruning.

Though many in the audience gasped as branches fell to the pruning shears Arch passed on a timely tip for Christmas. To get a good show of roses this Christmas prune them now as it takes approximately seven weeks from pruning to flowering.

Helena Coltman also demonstrated the art of Christmas Table Decorations. She showed how easily stunning table centres could be made at a very reasonable price.

After tucking into a delicious supper many of the audience (myself included!) left with armloads of pot plants and lots of ideas.

Perfect weather brought crowds of people to the Giant Garage Sale that followed on Saturday.

Everything from books to a boat was on sale for the bargain hunter. The Morwell Citizen Band, fishing games, a sausage sizzle, arts and crafts, plants, a fairy grotto, cakes and ice-cream attracted plenty of interest.



Garden Fun: Above Keith and Heather Enders sell plants to Monash Engineering Lecturer Dr. Abdu Mazid.

Storytime in the Fairy Grotto: Sue Thompson telling stories to the children below and children enjoyed fishing fun in the sun, below left.



25 YEARS ON AND LIONS ARE STRONGER THAN EVER

By JOHN BARKER
Secretary, Lions Club of
Churchill & District Inc.

IT CERTAINLY doesn't seem 25 years ago that a meeting was held at the (old) Churchill Police Station to try to form a Lions Club.

History now tells us how correct this vision was, when 40 or so men from the town and surrounding area accepted the proposal and the Lions Club of Churchill & District was Chartered.

We had our struggles in the early days, however, we survived the stormy period and went on from strength to

strength.

Over the years we have helped the local community in many different ways, especially the youth of the town.

This includes junior sporting groups, Scouts, Guides, the Elderly Citizens and the underprivileged of the area, as well as fulfilling our commitment to the District, Zone and Lions International.

We have carried out many projects in the surrounding district as far away as Woodside. Lions Village Licola is a major ongoing project, and the towns of Boolarra, Thorpdale, Yinnar and Morwell have all received our assistance at varying stages.

Some of the most rewarding projects have been the development of Hazelwood House Hostel - a huge undertaking, our participation in helping Yinnar Lions Charter and of course the Charter of the Churchill Lioness Club; both these clubs are still successful to this day.

The major overflow project into the 2000's was the Hart Walker child's mobility device through the Children's Mobility Foundation.

Our Club has purchased two units which have been fitted to very worthwhile recipients named Tara and James, whose quality of life has increased dramatically after gaining mobility. At a cost of \$11,000 each, their smiles and family gratitude is worth a \$1million.

Camp Quality is still a major project with the Caper vehicle being readied for 2002. This is the eighth time our club has participated in the Camp Quality Caper, with total fundraising in excess of \$100,000. Camp Quality children are being catered for also with member assistance at camps.

Our club's first attempts at catering to raise funds proved so successful that we are now the proud owners of three catering vans and have become quite legendary for the quality of our food and expertise of our

service.

With today's health regulations we have had to gain food-handling certificates just to keep abreast of things, but through it all every member willingly fronts up time after time no matter how great the challenge - they never seem to be daunted.

We have built a reputation within the community for the high standard of our catering and fair prices. Our convoy of catering equipment and associated vehicles have been seen at many functions.

Organisations, companies and clubs are seeking our services at such an ever increasing rate that we have on occasions had to regrettably reject requests for our services.

Membership is hovering around the 30 mark. We continue to search for people interested in being involved with service work and keep up the standard and forward movement of this great club of ours.

In 25 years we have clocked up over 100,000 man hours of work and spent over half a million dollars on projects and charities too numerous to mention.

Thank you, the community of Churchill, you have all played a part in making this club the great club it is today.

Oh What a Feast: Peta Tyler of Churchill & District Lions serves hungry Gala Day participants a BBQ lunch. The crowd munched their way through 33 loaves of bread, 260 sausages, 192 hamburgers and 20 kg of onions.



Community Transport

THE Latrobe Co-ordinated Community Transport Project provides transport services to and from medical appointments and runs services to the Latrobe Regional Hospital for medical and visiting purposes.

From Monday through Friday our friendly, highly trained volunteers and staff are committed to delivering a safe and reliable service for people who have difficulty accessing public or commercial transport. Vehicles are wheelchair accessible

We are striving to provide transport services which are affordable and accessible to people who are unable to attend medical appointments due to transport difficulties.

It is our goal for all Latrobe City transport providers to work together to complement each other's services. Bookings must be made 48 hours in advance by contacting our office on 5135 3999 to reserve a seat.



Meagan Height,
Project Co-ordinator

Church News

Pastor's Pitch

By FR. ANDREW WISE
Lumen Christi Parish

I CAME across an interesting quotation recently from the author S. F. Marriott.

"I wish those people who tell us that Christianity won't work would be kind enough to tell us what will. Moreover how do they know that it won't? You cannot say anything is a failure until it has been tried. When was Christianity last tried?" G. K. Chesterton stated an important truth when he wrote 'Christianity has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found hard and not tried'

Perhaps it would help us to take a fresh open-minded look at Christianity once again. To do

this, we would need first to become aware of where our present ideas, opinions and judgments about Christianity have come from. Maybe, they were formed and remain largely unchanged from our childhood or teenage years and we have outgrown them. Perhaps, they have been affected by the bad example of those claiming to be Christian or from misapprehensions or inaccurate information presented by the media or coming from friends or family. Whatever the case may be, we will derive great benefit from revisiting in a conscious, open-minded way the original source of Christian

Christianity is in essence a religion that is practiced together within a community...

beliefs as presented in the Biblical Gospels.

The gospels are no ordinary literary work. Christians believe that this is the word of God addressed personally and with love to every living person. God's Holy Spirit is powerfully at work when we slowly and quietly ponder a passage from the Gospels and apply it to our own lives through a prayerful dialogue with the Lord. Jesus himself proclaims 'Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you' (Lk:11.9).

I invite you to take a new and fresh look at Christianity once

again at its source and then consider connecting or re-connecting with a Christian community. I mention this because while other religions such as Buddhism can be faithfully practiced alone, Christianity is in essence a religion that is practiced together within a community united in worship of God and in faith, hope and love. For all its faults, failings and difficulties, it is from within the Christian community that faith matures as we grow together in our capacity to believe, to love through forgiveness and to give of ourselves in loving service as Jesus showed us. As Christian faith deepens and matures, we quickly learn that there is no such thing as being a 'Lone Ranger' when it comes to the practice of Christianity.

Churchill Crusade Centre

FROM Harley Davidson and leathers to spreading the message of Jesus Christ is what the new Pastor Tony Marsden and his wife Hermanna have done.

In May of this year they came to Churchill to take over the fellowship, as the previous Pastor, Stephen and Sandra McNeilly moved to Warrnambool New Life Church.

Churchill Crusade centre has been running for twenty years and is a well established church of Christian believers. The church is located at the bottom of Maple Crescent in Churchill. The desire of the fellowship is one of reach-

ing the community of Churchill with the gospel and with balanced teaching of the Bible.

The Church will continue to involve itself within the community and would hope to become even more relative to the people of Churchill as it continues under new leadership.

We invite you to come and meet some great people and their families, let the children enjoy Sunday School and have a good time.

For further information please feel free to contact Pastor Tony or Hermanna Marsden on 5122 2777.

Boolarra/Yinnar Co Operating Parish: Yulefest Fete

MARK Saturday 23rd November in your social calendar and come to our Yulefest Fete at the Rectory Grounds, Boolarra from 11.00am.

There will be Devonshire Teas, a Sausage Sizzle and Cakes (be early for Rae's date and sultana scones!) to tempt the taste buds. Plants, Books, Produce, Nick Nacks and more will be for sale.

So come, have lunch and relax with friends in beautiful English style gardens.

On Sunday 24th November at 10.00am a service of Billy Graham and other favourite old hymns will be held at Yinnar.

Everyone is welcome.

Members of the congregation recently supported the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child and had almost as much fun getting the gift boxes ready as the needy children who will receive them!

An Op Shop in Yinnar (next to the Hardware Store) is open on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons between 1.00pm and 4.30pm and on Saturday mornings between 9.30am and 12.00.

Donated goods in saleable condition are always welcome.

Please contact Rae Billing on 5169 1629 for further details.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Proposed date:
SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER
7.30PM

Monash University Amphitheatre
Details to be finalised

Church Times

Co-operating Churches of Churchill
Williams Avenue, Churchill. Tel: 5122 1480
Glenda and Ian Combridge Tel: 5166 1819
Sunday Service: 9.30am. Choruses: 9.20am
Sunday School: 9.30am
Christmas Services
Crib Service: Christmas Eve 6.30pm
Later Service: Christmas Eve 11.00pm
Christmas Day: 9.30am

Lumen Christ Catholic Church
35 Walker Parade, Churchill . Tel: 5122 2226
Father Andrew Wise

Saturday: Mass: 7.30pm
Sunday: Mass: 9.30am
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar: Mass: 11.00 am
2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra: Mass: 11.00am
Christmas Services
Christmas Eve: Outdoor Mass at Yinnar: 7.30pm
Christmas Eve: Carols at 11.30pm then Midnight Mass
Christmas Day: Mass at Churchill 9.30am

Churchill Crusade Centre
Maple Crescent, Churchill.
Pastor Tony or Hermanna Marsden: 5122 2777
Sunday: 10.00am
Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am
Visiting Speakers:
Sunday November 17th: Pastor Nancy Harkin
Sunday December 8th: Pastor Rod Bailey
Christmas Service: Christmas Day: 9.00am

Time to turn off the taps says Gippsland Water

GIPPSLAND water has announced that stage 1 Water Restrictions on properties in all serviced areas will be effective from December 1 2002.

Long range weather forecasts show that total October to December rainfall is likely to be 60-70% below the long-term average in southern Victoria.

These unseasonably dry conditions are the result of higher than usual sea temperature in the tropical Pacific Ocean, which is one of the features of a developing El Nino event.

Gippsland Water Board Chairman Mr Richard Elkington said "We are asking water consumers to assist Gippsland Water in ensuring that we use water efficiently.

The commencement of Stage 1 Water Restrictions is the appropriate course of action to take and

at the right time.

The Gippsland Water Board believes that it is vital that the community develops a greater appreciation of the value of water and the importance of conserving our precious water supplies".

Under local By-laws, customers who are found not to be using water in accordance with the restrictions will be issued with warning notices and could face fines of up to \$2000.

By-laws officers will be patrolling those areas of the community that are under water restrictions to ensure that customers are using their water properly.

Mr Elkington said, "We are encouraging people to adopt water conservation techniques, to ensure there is adequate supply for all customers and to maintain streamflow throughout the sum-

mer months.

Gippsland's households are already amongst the most efficient users of water in the state; as an environmentally responsible organisation, Gippsland Water is committed to managing water resources efficiently and we are confident that our customers will join us."

Water conservation advice and further information is available from Gippsland Water's Service Centre on 1800 057 057.

Water restrictions will remain in place indefinitely.

RESTRICTIONS:

SPRINKLERS must not be used except between the hours of 6.00 am and 9.00 am, and between 8.00 pm and 11.00pm.

Gardens may be watered at any time by means of a bucket or

hand-held hose.

Cars may only be washed using a hand-held bucket.

Sportsgrounds may only be watered between 6.00 am and 9.00 am, and between 8.00 pm and 11.00pm.

Dams and tanks cannot be filled or have their water added to unless the water is for public health or fire fighting purposes.

Private pools and spas cannot be filled from empty without prior written approval of Gippsland Water.

Mobile water tankers can only fill from a Gippsland Water standpipe between 8.00 and 8.00pm, and with the written authority of Gippsland Water, unless the water is for public health or fire fighting purposes.

Garden ponds can not be filled from empty.

Towns Affected

Boisdale	Newborough
Boolarra	Nilma
Briarolong	Noojie
Buln Buln	Rawson
Churchill	Rokeby
Coongulla	Rosedale
Glenmaggie	Sale/Wurruk
Cowwar	Seaspray
Darnum	Stratford
Drouin	Thropdale
Erica	Toongabbie
Glengarry	Trafalgar
Hazelwood North	Traralgon
Heyfield	Traralgon South
Jumbuk	Tyers
Maffra	Warragul
Mirboo North	Willow Grove
Moe	Yallourn North
Morwell	Yarragon.
Neerim South	

Hazelwood Rotary in Action



H A Z E L - WOOD Rotary Club has just completed a busy few weeks and is gearing up for the usual burst of activity prior to Christmas.

This includes the sale of Christmas puddings and cakes, the wrapping of presents at Midvalley Shopping Centre and participation in the Churchill Christmas Carols

Over the past month and a half, the Club has provided catering at the water skiing championships held at Hazelwood Pondage on two occasions, assisted with the Home & Leisure Expo and has held a working bee to erect seats in Mathieson Park along the walking track.

Rotarians set up and secured the seats and then painted them to increase their life for use by walkers in the Park.

The District Governor Alan Lyall

recently visited Hazelwood Rotary and said that he was pleased with what he saw happening at the local level.

"Individual clubs are the best judges of what is required in their local community", Mr Lyall said.

"I encourage members to do those projects which best suit the needs of their own environment be they educational, social or physical activities."

He said that Rotary International was an organisation that was adapting to the changing requirements of modern society and was showing that it was still very relevant today.

Mr Lyall presented Rotary's highest award, the Paul Harris Fellowship, to Past President Mike Answorth, who has been a member of the club for thirteen years.

Pictured above, from left, are Rotarians Alan Davey, Mark Nester, Tom Thomsen, Aldo Minichella and Ken Peake at work at Mathieson Park.

Below is President Mark Nester presenting Jodie Ellis with her first place prize in the Writing Competition.



Urgent Attention all Bookworms!

LIFELINE Bookfest Starts Today and runs until Sunday 17 November. There are over 40,000 books to choose from, including science fiction, cooking, auto and biographies, children's books, magazines, craft, gardening, history and many other topics.

Amongst the collectibles are early Australian authors including Mary Grant Bruce and Ian Idress. This is a great opportunity to stock up on books for the Christmas break.

So hurry to Newborough Public Hall on the corner of Rutherglen and Balfour Streets, Newborough.

For further information contact: Patricia on 5133 7512.

GLENDONALD WORKING BEE

THIS SATURDAY

16 November: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Help tidy the park and see the progress
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Local History in Yinnar

By Win Morrison

We are situated in Centenary Park with its barbecue facilities it is a great place for families to get together.

Any groups wanting to visit the Museum, we will be happy to open for you.

Can you help us add to our collection? Have you: significant articles of our district's history, photographs of families and events, articles and information on the dairy industry, a stuffed cow in your shed, your family history.

We meet in the Railway "Goods Shed", Main Street, Yinnar on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm and we welcome new members.

For more information telephone: Win Morrison: 5163 1369, Phil Williams: 5163 1265 or Helen Heesom: 5163 1453.

THIS past year has been very busy in the "Goods Shed". With more display space we would like to add to our collection.

We are very interested in items that everyone had and used, for example great-grandmothers crocheting hook, local photographs and newspaper clippings. We like to hear people say "We had one of those!"

We are planning to expand our collection on the Dairy Industry and in the future set up displays in the Park.

We have a new display every four to six weeks. November's display is glass, old and new, coloured and clear. Our Christmas display will be a must see!

Neighbourhood Centre

By REBECCA LYNCH
Centre Coordinator

THE Churchill Neighbourhood Centre offers a variety of Community Adult Education Classes in a relaxed, friendly environment, at an affordable price.

The computer classes offer the chance to learn at your own pace in a small class setting with patient and experienced tutors to guide you.

There are a variety of special interest classes running which offer an opportunity to learn a new skill and meet people with similar interests.

These include: Teddy Bear Making, Creative Writing, Women's Discussion Group, Candlewicking, Embroidery, Stumpwork, Folkart, Sewing, Patchwork

Quilt Making, Reading Group, Calico Dolls, Heritage Quilt and Battenberg Lace.

A number of craft and cooking Christmas classes begin shortly so enrol now and get into the festive spirit!

Childcare is available for all classes. Occasional childcare for non-centre users is available on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at \$2.00 per family per hour.

To enroll in a class or for further information please call the Centre on

5122 2955, or drop in and have a look around. The centre is open Monday to Thursday from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

You can find the Centre inside the Monash Churchill Leisure Centre on the corner of Northways Road and McDonald Way, Churchill.

Community Association News

By MARGARET GUTHRIE

THE Churchill & District Community Association (C.D.C.A.) meets on the first Tuesday of every month at Monash University,

At its October meeting the Association adopted the following as priority items for the 2002/3 year: safe communities survey – safety audit (including overhanging trees and branches and cars parking across footpaths), continuation and development of walking tracks around Churchill, provision of public toilet facilities in Churchill and the Canterbury Way / Monash Way Intersection.

Other items discussed included the need for footpath repairs in various locations around Churchill and the need for rubbish bins or other suitable litter collection along the Eel Hole Creek walking track.

For further information on C.D.C.A. and its activities, or to become a member, contact the Secretary, Peter McShane on 0402 851 745 or e-mail petermcshane@winmail.com.au

Sign Up Now: Pictured are Treasurer Peter Dathan and Vice-President Tom Lawless at the Gala Day.



The Morwell Citizen's Band Needs YOU!

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Come and join the friendly folk making music – continuing a 115-year tradition of providing entertainment and support for the local community.

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Or Contact, Judy or Ian: 5166 1412, Peter: 5122 3152, Robert: 5133 6336
The Band will be playing at the Church St Fiesta in Morwell on Friday 22 November.

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The Neighbourhood Renewal Project

Congratulates Churchill Residents in re-launching the
'Churchill & District News' which will contribute toward Neighbourhood
Renewal, a strategy that aims to:

Work in partnership with local residents to significantly improve the social, economic and
environmental conditions in the Glendonald housing estate and surrounding areas.

Come along to the next residents meeting at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 19th November at
the Glendonald kindergarten.

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Congratulations to the Churchill & District News

Busy Year at Lumen Christi

By DENISE MCKENNA
Principal

LUMEN Christie Primary School has had a busy year as we celebrated our twenty - fifth anniversary.

There was a "Back To" weekend in June where over 200 people attended a dinner at Churchill Football Club on the Saturday night.

A big crowd attended Mass on Sunday, toured the school and shared a barbecue lunch.

We now have a commemorative paved area where families have engraved their names forever on sections of the School Courtyard.

In Term three we celebrated with a Silver Anniversary Concert at the Binishell where each grade took a theme from the 25 years. We had a wonderful night of Song and Dance!

Our children have worked hard this year. As a staff and school community we are very proud of the achievements of our children in their

learning.

Literacy and Numeracy are our priority areas of learning. Asian Studies and Care for the Earth are focus areas where we share with children the importance of qualities and attitudes of understanding, respect and care for others and for our planet.

Congratulations to Mrs Ila Hainsworth and Mrs Michelle Foster who were nominated for "Excellence in Teaching" this year.

They represent the quality of staff at Lumen Christi. All the teachers need to be recognized for the work they do.

Our Grade 5 and 6 classes have recently completed a three-day School Camp staying at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat and enjoying a range of activities.

Gold panning was very popular but no-one came back rich! We also visited sites in Melbourne including Scienceworks, the Museum, IMAX Theatre and the CSIRO Education

Centre at Highett.

Our Preps had a wonderful day out at "Peter and the Rabbit" in Warragul. They also presented an assembly for the whole school to showcase their work for the second half of the year.

It was tremendous to hear them reading their stories and sharing their work with us all. They have come a long way in their first year of school.

Many of our Grade 3 children participated in First Communion in the Parish in October after several weeks of preparation.

They all looked very proud when their special day came. Lumen Christie works on a School/Family/Parish model to prepare children for the Sacraments which recognizes that we all have a part to play as the children grow in faith.

Our Grade 3 and 4 classes visited CERES Environmental Park in Melbourne this week, spent time attending workshops in Batik making

in the Indonesian village and hearing Aboriginal stories with an elder.

Preps and Grade 1 & 2 have swimming this term for eight weeks at the Churchill Leisure Centre and with a School Sports Day coming up they will be getting fit.

Our esteemed Grade 1 & 2 teacher, Mrs Ila Hainsworth is retiring this year after twenty two years at Lumen Christi.

Many Churchill children have made great progress in her classes over the years and we wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Finally, a reminder that staff are finalising arrangements for classes for next year and all enrolments need to be in by the end of November at the latest.

Congratulations to the team from the Churchill & District News for their hard work in getting local news back in circulation. We wish them well and offer the support of the Lumen Christie Community

New Principal

MARK Anderson is the new Principal at Yinnar South Primary School.

Mark had this to say: "I feel very fortunate to have been appointed to such an excellent school that is so well regarded in the district.

It is obvious to me that the staff and parents have worked very hard to make this school a friendly, well presented environment where all children have the opportunity to learn and experience a wide range of excellent programs.

It has been my experience that children learn best when the school community works in partnership to foster their education.

I value the development of friendly, positive relationships with students, parents and staff members that build trust and strengthen partnerships.

I really enjoy the high levels of parent involvement made possible in a small school setting and I am looking forward to working with everyone here."

* A Date to Remember for All Yinnar South Students: Friday 13 December is the End of Year Concert.

Hundred Year Rock



CHURCHILL Primary School staged it's first musical for five years over three nights in late October.

The show was a huge success with each performance being sold out.

Written by Deborah Martin productions "Hundred Year Rock" is a comedy set in a far-off kingdom.

The story centres on a royal family, a couple of fairies and a cast of weird and wonderful characters.

Every student in the school was

involved in some aspect of the production, from making props, to performing, to backstage work.

Almost every student had a part in chorus number and more than fifty children from Prep to Grade 6 had a speaking role.

Seeing how such a musical comes together was an educational experience for both students and staff.

Over the past few months a stage was built, set made and painted, curtains put

up, props and costumes made.

Students enjoyed the experience of learning lines, rehearsing, wearing costumes and makeup as well as performing on stage.

Some students who had been reluctant in the past to speak out in front of an audience have flourished as actors.

The school was fortunate to be able to draw on the considerable talent of its parent community for all these things, as well as borrowing most costumes from Croydon Hills Primary School.

The show was well received by an enthusiastic audience, as the students were excellent in their roles.

One audience member commented, "It was hard to believe they were primary school students performing!"



Stars of the Future: Narrators Brodie Mathieson, Christo Perkins and Lauren Dear left and far left Elizabeth Tait as Scabiosa the bad fairy (top) and Clayton Tebb as Angelica the good fairy (below).



Yoga Classes in Churchill

By HEATHER BATZA
Santoshi Yoga Centre

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----- Youth Yard -----

Kurnai Goes to Queensland!



By KURNAI STUDENTS
Year 9/10

AFTER about one and a half days of travel on a very cozy coach we finally settled into our pre-erected tents at the camp on Great Keppel Island.

Two days of ideal weather and beautiful surrounds were spent sun-baking, canoeing to a neighboring island, boom netting, snorkeling, riding camels on the beach or just walking around the resort areas.

The day we left Great Keppel was used almost entirely to travel (again) towards Surfers Paradise, where we were to set up our own tents at a Caravan Park in Palm Beach.

It was from this base-camp we would spend the next four days doing the major theme parks on the Gold Coast.

The first of the adventure theme parks was 'Wet n Wild'. Though the queues were sometimes long (30 minutes wait) everybody got to do all the rides that they wanted to.

It even bought out the child in some of the teachers (fortunately no heart attacks).

When everyone was thoroughly wet, the weather went

Happy Holidays: Casey Heeremans in the Big Brother Chair (above); Kelly Morgan and Lauren Stevens with Austin Powers (above left) and students hanging out at 'Wet n Wild'!

wild as a thunderstorm hit. It lasted a couple of hours and was clear by the time we got back to camp.

Next adventure was Sea World where the entertainment was full on and the few rides were heart jumping. American influence was very obvious but professional.

Day three of adventures was spent at Dream World. Here the rides were spectacular and the "Tower of Terror" really lived up to its name.

By the end of the day we were well and truly ready to have a relax back at camp by the pool. Some even complained that their brains were still spinning in their heads.

Last day of activity was spent at Movie World. Again heaps of entertainment and rides to keep the excitement in the trip.

By 3.00pm that afternoon we could all say that "we have been there and done that", and had our fill of fun and fantasy.

Thanks to all the students who went along and enjoyed the opportunity to have fun together.



FAMILY STORM!

WRITING COMPETITION - Under 18
Short Story Winner
By JODIE ELLIS

I couldn't sleep. The wind outside was howling; howling like a mental dog. I was alone, no one was home, and every tiny sound sent a petrifying shiver through my spine. My family's quaint brick home with a rusted tin roof and beautiful, dainty garden now felt as though it was being swept from the face of this earth. The wind and rain, lightening and thunder all whirling, swirling, twisting around me; I was isolated in a deserted house. Isolated from everything and everyone. My connection to the world broken.

A feeling of concern for Fido, my dog, floated through my brain. I imagined being out in the storm with the noise, and the rain lashing at my skin. I had to ...to travel out, to face my fears for my best friend. I sucked in a deep breath, it's dark, the power's out. Grasping my way down the carpeted stairs I fell; over what I don't know but I landed with a thud, that was swallowed up by the voices of the storm. Chewed and swallowed, everything I did digested in with the raging heavens.

I reached for the door handle, the cold metal under my hand emphasised my loneliness, cold and empty. I lurched out, the force of the gale blew me back, I gasped. I squinted so the rain didn't flood my eyes. I ran across the porch, I had to reach the kennel, everything was camouflaged together, the shadows and the darkness. The flashes of light were my only guide. A whine told me I must have been close. After dropping to my knees I crawled through a puddle and right at my ear I heard panting.

Squashed in beside my terrified black dog, I whispered, "It's OK boy". I tried to believe, to convince myself, and Fido that everything was fine. I listened to the rain drumming on the low roof like heavy fingers on an old keyboard. I froze; a feeling like frozen hands ran up from the base of my spine, a fear of death. A flooding fear whirled in my head, a fear for all those I knew, especially my parents and my twin Marc. Wishing, hoping they felt nothing like what I felt. No fear, no horror.

The rain eased, I made a break for it, towards the back door. I called continually

to Fido. I felt safer inside. I left Fido in the lounge after brushing him; Dad hated him to be in the house, ruining everything. Up in my room I dried off and changed into dry Pj's. I was brushing my hair when, nothing, a crack as I hit the floor, then silence. My mind suddenly blanked before I tried helping myself up. My chest and head felt as though I had rocks in them, I struggled for breath. I glanced at the clock, I'd only been out for a minute or two. Everything ached, I wasn't sure whether I could move. I felt like I had been run over by a truck, catapulted into a chilled panel of glass then pinballed back and forth, until sinking to where I lay. Impossible, I was inside my deserted house.

A crackly sound of a storm-disrupted radio reached me, then a few inquiring barks. I'd left my radio on the floor, Fido had obviously trodden on the 'power' button. The song that jolted on and off, the one I'd strained myself to hear was a familiar tune; my brother's favourite song. The emotion that it brought wasn't the usual feeling of annoyance, it used to bring but a fearful prickling rage and all I wanted to do was to smash the radio into a million fragments. I heard the songs dramatic ending followed by the familiar sound of the hourly news break. The high-pitched news announcer started with the world news, followed by the local news, the sport, the weather and lastly the traffic reports. I listened intently and held my breath. All that was said was that there had been a horrific, bloody crash just outside my home town. Our town isn't that big so my stomach immediately knotted and I remembered to exhale.

I tried to calm myself as I settled Fido in the laundry, while wondering when the others would be home. I quietly put my music on, relaxed and crawled, snuggled into my cold, lonely double bed. For a while I laid there listening to the subsiding rain and distant thunder. I felt as though something huge had ended, something that couldn't be restored.

The sun shone in my face as I turned over. I had awoken from a disturbed sleep. It must have been about 9am. It was very quiet, my family used to be up early. I slowly but surely wrapped myself in my fluffy dressing gown and trudged downstairs. No one was there. No one was home. No one had been home.

MY BROTHER

WRITING COMPETITION - Under 18 Poetry Winner
By ELSIE MATTYHSSEN

I have a brother, and it's not worth mentioning his name.

He's really mean and he's such a pain.
Being annoying is probably his favourite game.
Sometimes he drives me and my sister insane.

Luckily I don't have to share his room,
Unlike my poor sister Mary.
Their room feels just like a tomb,
And if you ever go in there, be wary.

Every night when we have tea,
He gobbles down so much food.
He even dares to poke his tongue at me,
Now isn't that rude.

He never listens to Mum or Dad,
And he doesn't obey a single house rule.
He never stops being bad,
But he doesn't get into trouble at school!

But deep down inside I guess we all love him.
Even though he makes us really sad.
Even if he makes us cater to his every whim,
And even when he makes us oh so mad!

After all, he is my brother; he can't be all that bad...

"Hey Luke, stop pulling my hair
And stop pinching my bum!
You're supposed to be playing over there!
Go away, or I'll tell Mum!"

As I was saying...

But until the day he stops driving us round the bend
I'll have to say this poem has come to an end.

Youth Action Centre News

THE Youth Action Centre (YAC) in Churchill is doing well, but it needs more teenagers to attend. We are only getting about 7 - 10 people turning up at present (but this is better than 2 on the first week!).

The last few weeks we've been meeting from 4 - 6 p.m. and we have been drawing and painting. We get afternoon tea - chips and stuff, and the last week in October we had pizza slabs.

Now, with daylight saving, we will be meeting from 4 - 8 p.m. and during November we will be cooking our dinner at the centre each week. This should be lots of fun, so please come down to the Youth Building at Gaskin Park at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

- By OWEN GUTHRIE

Action Centre Open

CHURCHILL'S Youth Action Centre is now running and will be open every Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm. The Centre will run a variety of activities that are free of charge and that will suit all interests.

Throughout November the Centre will run cooking classes that will give young people the opportunity to try and taste new recipes. Christmas spirit will then be created in December with activities that relate to the holiday season.

Youth Action Centre Worker Kerryn Super said that all of the programs organised by Latrobe City's Youth Action Centre's in Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill aim to give people aged between 12 and 18 years the opportunity to get involved in a wide variety of activities.

"Youths can get involved in various activities at all levels, they have the opportunity to be a member of the committee and can help to run events in the local area," Ms Super said.

"Latrobe City's Youth Action Centre's aim is to promote attitudes and values that help celebrate difference, empower young people and support non-judgmental and respectful behaviour by giving all local youths the opportunity to suggest and participate in activities of their choice."

For further information, or to suggest an activity to be run at a Youth Centre, telephone Kerryn on 1800 196 884 or 5132 3800.



'GOBLIN' - By ADRIAN CONNOR

Churchill Today

By SANDRA LYNN EVANS

WHILE the major players in the battle of Latrobe City continue their long standing rivalries and debate the pros and cons of amalgamation and succession, Churchill, the Housing Commission of Victoria's utopian project of the sixties, nestles comfortably in the foothills and watches on.

When first residents, Mr and Mrs G Ayres and family, moved into their new home in November 1965, the then Housing Commission of Victoria predicted a population of 40,000 within twenty years. Almost forty years on the current population of 5000 falls rather short of the initial expectations but the residents I spoke to are unanimously content.

Given the unrest between much larger near neighbours Morwell and Traralgon, perhaps Churchill's failure to live up to expectation is indeed a blessing. In fact after many turbulent years Churchill is now enjoying a pleasant revival with the steady growth of the Monash Campus, the advent of the Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre, revamping the Old Shopping Centre and, of course, the re-launch of the Churchill News.

A leaflet put out by the Commission in 1965 claimed that the 'Churchill Project' would be 'a shining example of an ideal township with full amenities' and that 'Mr and Mrs Citizen' would talk about it in glowing terms.

The keynotes were modernisation and beauty. Sadly, Churchill seemed to suffer in the early days

with the stigma often attached to commission dominated areas. Seen as the poor cousin to the larger townships of Morwell and Traralgon and despite the initial boom, population fell far short of expectations and commercial enterprises collapsed due to lack of support.

Perhaps the turning point was the elevation of the old Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education to a division of Monash University. Monash today enjoys a commendable national and international reputation but in the seventies as the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education was seen as the consolation prize for failure to gain entry into Melbourne Tertiary Centres.

With the growth of the University and the influx of students, businesses are once again viable. Commission and private ownership has blended well and the old stigmas have been forgotten.

As an 'outsider' from Traralgon, I have been a regular visitor to Churchill each Tuesday for creative writing class at the friendly Neighbourhood Centre located within the first class facilities of the Churchill Leisure Centre for many years.

The future augurs well with many new projects including the development of Lake Hyland in the pipeline and the Churchill & District News from its humble beginnings on a single sheet and now with the new exciting format, will once again bring the news to the residents. Although removed from the idyllic Utopia once planned, Churchill has survived.



Winner: Phillip Watts accepts his prize from Hazelwood Power CEO Dave Quinn.

Top Honour

By CATHY COCHRANE

A DRIVE from Tinamba to Maffra provided the inspiration for Phillip Watts' winning entry in the adult poetry section of the Churchill & District News Writing Competition.

Mr Watts accepted his prize for "The Avenues of Honour" from Hazelwood Power CEO Dave Quinn at the Gala Day Award Presentation.

"I was driving into Maffra from Tinamba and drove down the Avenue of Honour," Mr Watts said.

"I just started with the opening verse. I sat on that for quite a while and the rest came with a flourish when I went back to it."

Mr Watts began writing poetry in October 1993 and has not stopped.

"I found I was good at it and it was a challenge," he said.

Mr Watts is a member of the Gippsland Bush Poets Club and has had several of his poems published.

He has preformed for the Mountain Cattlemen's Association and various other groups.

"About three years ago I won an Australia Day competition at Lakes Entrance," he said.

"I got recognition early on and that sent me down the path of writing a book."

Mr Watts has written the first draft of a book of motivational poetry.

"I write because I'm interested in writing and if a topic hits me, from the radio or something, then I'll write down the idea and go from there," he said.

"The poem that won took twelve months to write."

*More winning entries will be published in forthcoming issues as space allows.

The Avenues of Honour

By PHILLIP WATTS
Winner Adult Poetry

Whilst driving through the avenues
Where trees remember men
We think of Aussie heroes
Gone never to be seen again

They wanted to fight for country
To keep their family free
And so after basic training
Went across the sea

There they dodged bombs and bullets
In trenches deep and cold
They were proud to wear their uniform
Our soldiers strong and bold

They fought at many venues
Like Gallipoli and Tobruk
And wrote their name in history
Recording many pages in that book

There were many Aussie heroes
Amongst these brave young men
The food for many stories
To occupy their pen

There was Simpson and his donkey
And the men of the Kokoda trail
And others whose time did come
While building the Burma rail

There was that group of horsemen
Who made that mighty ride
Right into the jaws of death
Riding double stride

Also in desert Africa
There was our "rats" at Tobruk
And down south the Boer war
Stories worth a look

But we have many unsung heroes
Who never returned from war
They gave their all to keep us free
And are lost to life and lore

Its to those who gave it all
The trees commemorate
Lest we forget the gift they gave
Or the price not underrate

Giant Plant Sale

By RUTH PLACE

LIFELINE Shop in Churchill recently held an extremely successful plant sale. Nineteen cheerful volunteers helped customers to select and purchase a huge range of plants.

Members of the Traralgon Garden Club and volunteers from the Lifeline Business Division prepared approximately 2000 plants for the sale.

Potting mix and Osmocote was donated by Pinegrow in Churchill and seedlings, plants, pots and seeds were donated by local and district nurseries.

There was a huge range of plants, from vegetables to cacti, from the unusual to the gold old favourites which were sold at a very reasonable price.

The hard work of volunteers and excellent response from the public netted over \$3500.

"It was hard work but very satisfying" said the volunteers. "We had a ball and we are now thinking that we will make this an annual event".

Manager Eva Turra thanked the public for their wonderful support. If you missed out on buying a

plant, you can drop in at the Lifeline Shop and see what is still available.

All monies raised go to the 24 Hour Lifeline counselling Service in Morwell and the sub centre at Wonthaggi.

The Churchill shop is always ready to receive donations of clothing, bric-a-brac and toys. If you would like to donate furniture there is a free pick up service.

Lifeline shops are located in Morwell (Superstore), Traralgon and Moe as well as Churchill. They are always looking for volunteers to work in the shops. For inquiries ring the Business Division on 5133 7512 and consider joining this exciting and dynamic team. You will receive a warm welcome.

If you are considering volunteering to become a telephone counsellor please ring the counselling Services on 5134 8278. They will be able to give you information on upcoming training courses.

Lifeline is a wonderful service for our area. Thank you, on behalf of the community, for your faithful efforts.

Hazelwood Guides

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

GUIDES have taken part in three regional activities during the second half of this year.

Firstly there was Wheelies Day at the Morwell Traffic School: Our Guides joined eight others from throughout the Baw Baw Region and watched a safety video, and learnt bike maintenance and safe riding.

Older girls went to the BMX track while younger girls decorated their bikes. The fine, mild weather helped to make the day very enjoyable.

Next there was Roller Skating at Moe for older girls who had a fun time.

Our final Regional activity was Sleeping Under the Stars.

This was held at Lardner Park. We took cardboard boxes in which to sleep. Sleep? Who Slept?

When a storm hit during the evening there was a rush to rescue the tarps, boxes and belongings. We set up in a pavilion with many other friends. \$800 was raised for Anglicare.

On August 27 Zelma Mildenhall was presented with her thirty-year Long Service Award by the Baw Baw Region leader, Mrs Gwen Williams. The guides helped prepare food for the casserole tea, set up tables

and photograph displays.

In September we visited the Yinnar guides and played games.

A guide for the Yinnar unit made her Promise. We have invited the Yinnar guides to visit us later this term.

Guides have been working on challenges and Jacquelyn McCusker received her Bronze Endeavour Challenge badge on 2 September.

Again this year we have made cards for the teachers who take CRE at the Hazelwood North, Churchill and Churchill North Primary Schools. Thanks to our friends who recycled their Christmas cards in our direction as we needed 400 for the project.

In November a camp is planned at the Region Campsite, Burnet Park.

Leaders who have completed training are Jenny in First Aid, Faye and Zelma in CPR and Zelma in World Guiding and Campfire Singing for Younger Guides.

Any girl interested in joining the Unit can contact Faye Foley on 5122 1249 or Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264.

Thanks to all those who worked so hard to get the Churchill and District News back into production.

Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition October 2002 Winners

Adult Short Story: Winner: Lynda Taylor, Runner up: Kevin Jackson, Second Runner up: Lynalee Stricklaand, Special Award: Ricky Bennett.

Adult Poetry: Winner: Phillip Watts, Runner up: Eleanor McWhirr, Second Runner up: Megan Halford, Special Award: Linda Veldman.

U18 Short Story: Winner: Jodie Ellis, Runner up: Kaitlin Duffus, Special Award: Jodie Ellis, Special Award: Owen Guthrie.

U18 Poetry: Winner: Elsie Matthyssen, Runner up: Scott Sherson, Special Award: Joelene Rysburger, Special Award: Tanya Thumpston.

U12 Short Story: Winner: Julia Buras, Runner up: Charles Clement, Special Award: Annie-Rose Ferguson, Special Award: Rhys Knight & Stephanie Schuttle, Special Award: Chris Whittle, Special Award: Amanda Ashworth & Tiffany Jones, Special Award: Rachelle Zuerb, Special Award: Sarah Fenech.

U12 Poetry: Winner: Claire Dent, Runner up: Marie Lfferty, Special Award: Rohana Atkinson, Special Award: Emma Lee Bostedt, Special Award: Cassie Olver, Special Award: Tamara Matthyssen, Special Award: Olivia Whyte

U7 Short Story: Winner: Paige Rowley & Melissa Head, Runner up: Guy Lee Lillie, Special Award: Kayley Hodson & Angela Galea, Special Award: Dylan Rowley, Special Award: Jeremy Davern.

POSITIVE WORDS:

Writers are being sought by a new monthly publication called Positive Words. A new venture by writing tutor Sandra Lynn Evans it is aimed at creative writers of all types of poetry and short stories. The publication aims to showcase the talents of writers Australia-wide and offer hints and information to both novice and experienced writers.

Young writers will be able to enjoy a special young writers section.

For further information contact Sandra on 5174 3668.

Churchill Primary Takes Honours



By SUSAN HEYWOOD

CHURCHILL Primary School was this year's winner of the 'Keep Fit, Don't Sit' school program and will receive \$1,000 to purchase sports equipment for the school.

The program is part of the 'Let's get Physical' health promotion initiative aimed at encouraging primary school children in Latrobe City to increase the levels of their physical activity.

Churchill Primary School is a small school with less than 230 students, but won the award by generating enthusiasm and activity.

School officials have said that the money will go towards much needed sports equipment during recess and lunchtimes. The money will be used to purchase basketballs, skipping ropes, cricket bats and balls, footballs and soccer balls.

Twenty-six primary schools across Latrobe City participated in the program, the third time the program has been run.

Each year there has been an increase in the amount of time students have reported being physically active, which is a great achievement.

If students can be encouraged to be physically active during their childhood, it is much more likely that these healthy habits will continue into adulthood.

Increasing the levels of physical activity in children has become vital with current figures published by the Herald Sun revealing that one in five children are overweight.

Charlie Twomey, Churchill Primary's sports coordinator said, "in past years the kids haven't been so good at recording their activity. But this year we encouraged and reminded them."

"I think the program makes them aware of how active they are and I think they also take on more activity as a result of the program. Certainly it fits in with the sports and recreation programs which are already running at the school."

The 'Keep Fit, Don't Sit' program was coordinated by the Latrobe City Pacers, Latrobe Community Health Service, GippsSport and Hazelwood Power and is funded through the VicHealth Active Recreation Initiative.

The presentation of the \$1,000 cheque was made by Ron Boskma, Human Resources Manager at Hazelwood Power. Ron Brooks, Coach of the Latrobe City Pacers, presented all participants with a certificate and show bags.

Elizabeth Street Primary School in Moe was the runner up school and received a prize of \$500.

From Jumbunna, Hazelwood Power.

Boolarra Lawn Bowls & Recreation Club Results

Round 1

THE Boolarra Lawn Bowling Club commenced its pennant season on Saturday 19 October with a hard fought draw against Moe in Division 4 followed by Boolarra 5 comfortably winning against Garfield in Division 5.

Scores

Division 4
Boolarra 1 - 91 (9 points) drew with Moe 3 - 91 (9 points)
Division 5
Boolarra 2 - 78 (10 points) def Garfield 67 (4 points)

Anyone interested in playing or learning to play bowls is welcome to attend our training nights on a Tuesday or Thursday. For more information telephone the club on 5169 6511.

Round 2

Saturday 26 October

Boolarra 1 - Division 4 continued its early good form with a close win against Warragul, whilst Boolarra 5 - lost to Yallourn North

Scores

Division 4
Boolarra 1- 91 (14 points) defeated Warragul 89 (4 Points)
Division 5
Boolarra 2 -54 (2 points) were defeated by Yallourn North 75 (12 points)

- WENDY BROWN

Pictured are Hazelwood Power Human Resources Manager Ron Boskma, Latrobe Community Health Service's Health Promotion Officer Susan Heywood, school captains Clayton and Brittany and some of Churchill Primary School's participants.

Sports in Brief

Tennis Time Again!

THE summer tennis season has arrived and it's time to get your tennis gear ready for social and competition tennis, once again.

If you are looking for a hit of tennis be it social or competition, you can find us at the Churchill Tennis Club, Manning Drive, Churchill on Thursday nights between 7.00-9.00pm every week, at an affordable \$4.00 per player per night.

For the start of the tennis season, the courts have just been re-surfaced.

Junior tennis competition has commenced and can be seen every Saturday morning from 8.30am.

The canteen will be operating until the completion of junior events.

Senior competition commences at 1pm. New players are welcome-so come

and join us.

Contact New Member Advisor, Vicki on 5122 1779.

Some Nutrition Tips!

From Victoria Tennis, Spring 2002

If playing tennis for up to five hours, you should have a breakfast that is easy to digest, high in carbohydrates and low in fat.

This could be your pre-match meal depending on schedule. Fluids are important as dehydration can adversely affect performance.

Your favourite breakfast Cereal with reduced-fat milk and fruit, toast or pancakes with honey or jam, and fruit juice are all suitable.

Snack on grain and fruit based bars and low fat yoghurt.

Churchill Wins

AFTER nine years the Churchill badminton team managed to reclaim the "B Grade" premiership in the Latrobe Valley Badminton Association.

Since the previous victory in the 1993 season the team has played in the finals on several occasions but until this season were only able to manage Runner-Up.

The grand-final was played at the Traralgon Sports Stadium against Yallourn and could have gone either way until the final set.

The team Captain Audrey Hall has been involved in badminton at Churchill for many years and was also a member of the 1993 premiership team, together with Pam Bianconi, Marg Center, Terry Hore and John Lubawski who was also a fill-in during the 2002 season.

Some of the Monash University students supported the team during the finals by travelling to Traralgon to cheer the players on.

Eric Goh proving to be a great asset to the team over the last two years and played very well, especially in the grand-final. Another student who helped out by playing in several matches during the season was Nicholas Siow.

Throughout the year the Churchill badminton players and the university students had several social games of badminton and a few meals out together at the "Noodle Bar".

One very special night was a birthday party for Audrey Hall. Audrey celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday and is an inspiration to all our young players.

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Success in Pool for Young Swimmers



10 and Under Swim Meet: From left to right, back row- Jessica Webster, Hanna Ypelaan, Emma Watson, Daniel Ypelaan, Ashley DiCiero, Tara Donovan (Coach), Victoria Taylor; middle row- Annie Brewer, Amy Hall, Emily Hall, Kate Cording, Jessica Mayo, Nicholas Smith, Ryan de Viros; front- Ramayen Gourley.

By ALISON WATSON
Churchill Swimming Club

CHURCHILL Swimming Club recently hosted a 10 and Under Swim Meet at the Monash Leisure Centre.

Swimmers came from all over the Gippsland area to compete in a variety of 25 metre events.

Several new Churchill swimmers from the Development Squad were successful in receiving places in the 7 and Under events.

These were Victoria Taylor aged 7 who received second place in backstroke, fourth place in breaststroke and sixth place in freestyle; Ryan deVries aged 7 who received second place in both freestyle and backstroke; and Ashley DiCiero aged 6 who received a fifth place in backstroke.

Other Churchill swimmers Emma Watson, Hannah Ypelaan, Daniel Ypelaan and Jessica Webster also achieved personal best times and ribbons.

The 10 And Under meet was the final for the winter season.

On Tuesday 29 October the Club held a Presentation Night for the Winter Swimming season.

Trophies were presented to the following swimmers: Ashley Ypelaan - first place highest points (90); Daniel Ypelaan - second place highest points (86); Ryan deVries - third place highest points (35); Jessica Ypelaan - first place highest points

(125); Hannah Ypelaan - second place highest points (90) and Jessica Webster - third place highest points (76).

Most time taken off were first Jessica Webster 48.91 seconds; second Claire Watson 27.67 seconds and third Emma Watson 24.30 seconds.

For the boys Daniel Ypelaan received first with 39.19 seconds and second Ashley Ypelaan with 8.60 seconds.

The winner of the Churchill swimmer who received the most points at Coal Country in July was Ashley Ypelaan with 14 points.

All other Churchill swimmers received Encouragement Awards and medals.

The Summer swimming season has now commenced with meets being held at Wonthaggi and Morwell.

Churchill swimmers who have achieved great results to date are Jessica Webster, Hanna and Daniel Ypelaan and Emily Hall.

Training sessions are held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6.00 to 7.30 p.m. and Tuesday nights from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m.

The Development Squad (a transition group from swimming lessons to swimming club) trains on Tuesday nights from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m.

If anyone is interested or would like to find out more please contact Bill Ypelaan on 5122 2969.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL UPDATE

THE Junior Summer Basketball Competition has now started with twenty-three teams ranging from under 10s to 14's and Under.

Any children wishing to play basketball or take part in the new 8 and under competition should telephone 5122 35096 between 5pm and 8pm on Monday or Friday.

The Basketball Club has elected a new committee. Kim Crookston is President, with Simon Eaton as Vice President.

Jenny Webb is the Secretary and Gary Tatterson the Treasurer.

The new committee has expressed their thanks to their predecessors for a very successful year.

'Fantastic Kids and Players'

By LAURIE PATON
Secretary, Churchill United Soccer Club

CHURCHILL United Soccer Club conducted its junior presentation day and Annual General Meeting on Sunday 3 November 2002. The event drew a good crowd with about 150 people attending.

In the 2002 season the Club had nine junior teams each with an average of 13 players per team.

Every player received a trophy and each coach nominated players for the awards of "most improved", "best player" and "runner up best player".

In the under 16 competition Best Player for 2002 was Mitchell Jackson, Tim Lawless was runner-up and most improved player was Andrew Maselli.

Mitchell and Tim represented Gippsland in the under 15 and under 16 squad teams that played in the Melbourne South Eastern League. Both teams won their respective metropolitan competitions.

A new committee of management was elected on the day. The Club Committee is made up of a single executive but with general committee members devoted either to the junior or senior operations of the club.

The new committee comprises Ian Sands President, Laurie Paton Secretary, Judy Lawless, Wayne Van Alst, with a treasurer to be co-opted at a later stage.

The general committee members

are Adrian Huizer, Forte Bianconi, Geoff Monaghan, Jamie Robson, Tim Tewierik, Phil Dyson and Mark Bianconi for the seniors with Jenny Webb, Marianne Osborne, Murray Nicholls, Tony Bogan and Bruce Lugton for the juniors.

The Club has enjoyed a successful season with the under 8 and under 12 sides winning the league championship.

Reflecting on the season at the presentation ceremony, the new Club Secretary, Laurie Paton thanked the Sands family for their tireless efforts throughout the year on behalf of the players and their families.

They are specifically Tom Sands, Carol Robson, Peter Robson, Scotty Sands, Rob Sands and Ian Sands.

Laurie also acknowledged the hard work of Jenny Webb and Marianne Osborne who organised the junior operations and all those mothers and fathers who helped with the canteen, line marking and running the line as referees.

Laurie asked the parents to ensure they patted themselves on the back for all the running around they did during the year.

"It's a lot of work but don't forget how much the kids benefit from your efforts. Your dedication as parents has kept your kids active and involved in community life" he said

The work of the coaches and team managers also came in for praise. It was evident how much their efforts were appreciated from

the number of presents that were presented to them by the junior players.

The efforts of the Club building committee were also recognised.

This group of people completed designs, costings, lobbied local politicians, companies and Latrobe City for support.

The group lodged an application for funding to Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) through Latrobe City on 1 November 2002.

The building committee is made of Gary Tatterson Chairperson, Bill Ypellan who prepared all the plans along with John Dunne, Forte Bianconi, Peter Robson, and Peter Maselli who all provide valuable expertise.

Churchill Soccer Club desperately needs new facilities and the funding submission lodged with Council has requested grants of \$50,000 from SRV and \$40,000 from Latrobe City.

The club intends to contribute \$15,000 in cash and about \$32,000 in kind to the new building project.

Finally, Laurie thanked the "fantastic kids and players associated with the Club" for a wonderful year.

Special congratulations were issued to the 16 Churchill juniors who represented Gippsland at the Geelong Country Championships, in squad teams in the metropolitan competition and to Dean Pyle and Cameron Dunne who were selected for the Victorian Country Junior Development Squad.



Churchill's Own Soccer Stars: Dean Pyle and Cameron Dunne will play for the Victorian Country Junior Development Squad (above). Below- Under 16 Runner-up Best Player Tim Lawless (right), with his younger brother Matt.

