

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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80% of 80% - A Large Proportion

By JOHN BARKER

80% of users are from Gippsland. 80% of these are from the Latrobe Valley corridor. These people are the ones who rely on Ronald McDonald House – Monash that is annexed to Monash Medical Centre, Clayton. Since opening, over 1300 families from country Victoria have stayed at the House, many returning for subsequent visits.

Ronald McDonald Houses are a unique home-away-from-home for the families of children suffering from serious or life-threatening illnesses.

All Houses are attached to major children's or women's hospitals, assisting families who would otherwise be separated when their child requires long-term medical treatment.

The major priority for residence at the House is for families of children with cancer, kidney and other serious illnesses, who live in rural areas.

Families of premature babies in Newborn Intensive Care are also eligible. Metropolitan families of such children will also be able to stay if there is room available.

Faced with the devastating news of their child's illness, families arrive at the house not knowing what the future holds. Some may be there for a week, others for months on end.

To be able to provide a "home" where the family can stay together close by the patient is of enormous benefit to the family as they go through the illness together.

The House is run much like a family home, with families looking after themselves and their cleaning, shopping, meals and laundry.

Working with the House Manager, a team of volunteers helps out in practical ways such as washing dishes,



gardening, organising play activities and chatting to parents over a cup of tea.

For those returning time and time again the House becomes their second home – just a phone call away when accommodation is needed. Life-long friendships are made as families help each other through the long days of their child's illness.

The support that families receive from each other is invaluable as they share their pain, their sorrows and their hopes for the future.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE – MONASH ROOM SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

THE Lions Club of Churchill and District is proud to belong to this program. The commitment is \$2500 per year on an ongoing basis for a minimum of three years.

The aim is to have all rooms at the House sponsored by individuals, companies or organisations.

"This wonderful assistance helps to maintain, repair and upgrade this special home," Manager Jenny Hill said. "Faced with the trauma of a seriously ill child these sponsors make sure all who stay here are supported at a time when they need it most".

Individuals can become a Friend of Ronald McDonald House – Monash. Your annual subscription of just \$10 per year enables you to both support the Monash Inspiration Award and receive newsletters. For more information contact 9662 6223.



New Bionics Centre at Monash Gippsland

THE Federal Science Minister and Member for Gippsland Peter McGauran, officially opened the Bionics & Cognitive Science Centre at Monash University, Gippsland, on Friday 5 September.

"It's an exciting moment and its an exciting centre," said Pro-Vice Chancellor Brian McKenzie.

"Bionics is basically extending human sensory and motor capacity through the use of intelligent machines," continued Mr McKenzie.

In December 2002, the School of Humanities, Communications and Social Sciences obtained \$360,000 from the Federal Government to establish the

Centre and introduce the Bachelor of Cognitive Science.

The purpose of the centre is to apply knowledge in the areas of sensory, perceptual and cognitive processes, computing, engineering and philosophy.

The research being undertaken in this area opens up a huge range of possibilities, for example, a surgeon performing an operation on a patient in a different country.

"It's very exciting," said Mr McGauran. "World-class, cutting-edge science is being undertaken at a regional university."

The possibilities for the future are "limitless" he said.



Official Opening of the Bionics & Cognitive Science Centre:
Above - Centre Director Dr. Barry Richardson and Science Minister Peter McGauran.
Below - Pro-Vice Chancellor Brian Mackenzie, Dr Barry Richardson and Minister Peter McGauran.

Churchill & District News Art Competition

THE Churchill & District News invites you to enter our first Art Competition.

Artists of all ages are eligible to enter, from primary school age up.

"This is a very exciting competition," said Ruth Place, Churchill & District News Manager. "The two competitions we have run this year have been extremely successful."

The winning entries from the photographic competition are currently being made into 2004 calendars. We will be producing both wall and desk calendars.

The Short Story Competition has now closed and is in the judging process. The number and standard of entries has been very high. There will be a presentation on Wednesday 17 September to announce the winners (more details on page2).

"We know there are many talented artists in Churchill and district, particularly among our teenagers," said Mrs Place. "We are hoping for plenty of entries."

There will be both drawing and painting categories. An entry form and conditions of entry are on page 2.



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EDITORIAL

WELCOME to our tenth edition! This month we launch our Art Competition. We are hoping for plenty of entries. If you have any queries regarding the competition please do not hesitate to give us a call on 31 5122 2589.

I am at present preparing to spend three days in Melbourne at a Digital Imaging Course, sponsored by Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Renewal Project. We are to stay in the Victoria Hotel in Melbourne.

I had no worries about going until someone mentioned to me that the Hotel is supposedly haunted!

Apparently apparitions have been seen on the staircase late at night. I was advised to use the lift!

This conversation made me think

however. Are there any ghostly stories about Churchill and its surrounding district? If there are we would love to hear them - maybe even investigate and print them.

So, if you have a ghostly story to tell drop it in the mail or give us a call on the phone number below.

As mentioned on page 1 we are in the process of producing 2004 calendars, both wall and desktop. They feature the winners in our 'Views of Churchill & District' photographic competition. They will make great gifts.

Trying to guess, however, the number we need to print is difficult. If you would like one or more we would be most grateful if you could give Ruth Place a call on 5122 1961 to register your interest.

Ed.

Churchill & District News

Art Competition 2003

The Churchill & District News invites you to enter our 2003 Art Competition.



CATEGORIES

1. Children (U7) Drawing
2. Children (U7) Painting
3. Children (U12) Drawing
4. Children (U12) Painting
5. Under 18 Drawing
6. Under 18 Painting
7. Adult Drawing
8. Adult Painting

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- * All artwork must have a completed entry form attached.
- * The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the artwork.
- * Entries must be original.
- * Multiple entries will be accepted.
- * Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.
- * Writers will be credited whenever their artwork is reproduced.
- * Entries must be received by 14 November 2003.
- * Drawings and Paintings can be in any medium.
- * Entries will be returned if requested - a date, place and time will be arranged for collection - it will be the responsibility of the entrant to collect their artwork.
- * The judges decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- * Signing of the entry form constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

ENTRY FEES

\$3.00 Per Drawing - \$2.00 Student or Concession
 \$3.00 Per Painting - \$2.00 Student or Concession
 Children Under 7 & Under 12 and Under 18 - 50c

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Presentation

Churchill & District News Invites you to our Presentation for the **Short Story and Poetry Competition 2003** on **Wednesday 17 September** at **Co-Operating Churches of Churchill** Williams Avenue, Churchill at: **3.45 pm for Children** and **7.00pm for Teenagers and Adults** Children's work will be on display **All Welcome** (Winners will be notified prior to the event)

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS ART COMPETITION 2003 ENTRY FORM

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

I have entered: Drawing(s) Painting(s)
 Category(s): (please circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Title of Drawing(s):

Title of Painting(s):

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original drawing / painting created by myself.
 Entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent or guardian.

Signature:

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 Please make Cheques or Postal Orders Payable to the Churchill & District News. No Cash or Stamps Please.

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 Entries can be delivered to:
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Note: please phone prior to delivery - 03 5122 2589

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Look To The Future

THE future location of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and the planned interaction with the Gippsland Education Precinct was the topic of a recent meeting at the Centre. The meeting was extremely well attended and included representatives from Latrobe City Council, Monash University, the Gippsland Education Precinct, Quantum Support Services, Churchill & District News, Department of Human Services, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Gippsland Regional Neighbourhood Houses Group and Monash University Student Union.

Henry Parniak of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre spoke about the 23 year history of the Centre and the need for the Centre to be recognised and acknowledged within the Education Precinct for what the Centre does in the way of providing adult education as a pathway to further learning. He also spoke of the Centre's role in fulfilling its responsibilities as a community resource.

The Centre can remain in its present location for the next 17 months, after which time it is envisaged that the Gippsland TAFE would be requiring the premises for their Sport and Recreation program needs.

Latrobe City was reassuring in commenting that there would be no push for a relocation for the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Inc. if, after searching and considering other facilities, an alternative could not be found in that time.

Latrobe City will discuss with the Centre what other facilities, halls or buildings in Churchill may be suitable for the Centre's needs.

One alternative that will be explored was the building of purpose built facility on the block of land sited between the skateboard park and the CFA which is available at a nominal rent.

Centre Coordinator, Christine Penpraze, was delighted with the positive outcome of the meeting and the level of interest and support within the community for this very valuable resource.



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Inc. welcomes and values the input of all organizations and individuals.

For more information on what is happening at the Centre and what classes are currently running, telephone (03) 5122 2955

Brigades In Schools



By RUTH PLACE

THE Country Fire Authority has a diverse membership. Apart from fire fighting, some members have a role in the Brigades in Schools program (BIS). Other members participate in BIS only.

At Churchill Brigade we have several members who are trained to do this task of going to the Kindergartens and the Primary schools to deliver fire safety messages to the children.

By the end of Term 3, and the end of the program for 2003, we will have made visits to Watson and Glendonald Kindergartens, Churchill North Primary School, Churchill Primary School, Yinnar South Primary School and Lumen Christie Primary School. A total of 400 children will have heard the fire safety messages.

Some of the IMPORTANT messages are as follows:

- Stop, Drop and Roll if your clothes catch on fire.
- Crawl Low in Smoke.
- Cool a Burn.
- Fire Hazards Around The House and how to fix them.

- Home Fire Escape Plans.
- Get Out and Stay Out.
- Safe Meeting Place.
- How to Report a Fire.
- Smoke Detectors - their placement and use.
- Being Fire Safe Outdoors.
- Preparation for Bushfire Season.

The program provided is graded so as to be suitable for Kinder children through to Grade six. A set of posters serves as a useful resource to the points being made. Follow up activity sheets are provided for the teacher and the class.

The visit of the Fire truck to the kinder or school is a special highlight for the students. That is when extra members team up with the BIS presenter to bring the truck to the venue, and then help to show the children the cabin (trying the lights and siren), the top of the truck (where they can pretend they are the fire fighters going off to a fire), and have fun squirting the hose.

It is a great team effort and one which is most appreciated by this non-fire fighting BIS presenter.

Brigades in Schools: Above left - Firefighter Russell Gallagher with students and below Rob Langston in a firetruck cabin



Outdoor Pools Seek Staff

LATROBE City Council is preparing for a bumper outdoor swimming season with extended opening hours, and has announced it will be seeking 30 to 35 staff to work at the municipality's three outdoor pools over the summer period.

Latrobe City's General Manger City Services, Greg Phillips, said that work would be available for a minimum three-month period with possible ongoing employment opportunities.

"This is a great opportunity for enthusiastic and fit member of the community to gain accredited qualifications and spend a summer working outdoors. Rosters are set at the start of the season so staff know exactly what their commitment will be.

The work is spread across all three local outdoor facilities at Moe, Yallourn North and Traralgon," Mr Phillips said.

"To be eligible for these positions, which will be advertised in October, applicants will need a Level 1 First Aid Certificate, Lifeguard Accreditation and Bronze Medallion (pre-requisite to Lifeguard).

Mr Phillips said that for those without qualifications, these could be gained over a period of two to three weekends at courses being conducted at the Morwell Leisure Centre.

"The courses will be held during September and October to allow people to become qualified prior to the start of the season," Mr Phillips explained.

"There will be a charge for the courses, depending upon the numbers enrolled. The qualifications obtained are nationally-recognised and acceptable to other employers in the recreation and leisure industry," Mr Phillips added.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Graeme Middlemiss, said that the outdoor pools are due to open on the first Saturday in December.

"To encourage more people to take advantage of these wonderful facilities this summer, Council has removed the minimum temperature opening trigger. As a result, pools will be open every day except for days of inclement weather.

The pools will also operate extended hours into the evening on hotter days," Cr Middlemiss said.

"Over the coming months, considerable work is being done on all three pools to upgrade them in time for the coming season.

There will be a major renovation of the Traralgon outdoor pool including the installation of a pool wet deck. Yallourn North will also benefit from a major plant upgrade with the re-instatement of solar heating, and the diving pool will be improved at Moe," Cr Middlemiss concluded.

For further details on the courses available including costs, or the employment opportunities at the seasonal facilities over summer, telephone Morwell Leisure Centre on 5128 5570.

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Fashion Show for Boolarra / Yinnar Parish

By RAE BILLING

A DANNY Blume Fashion Show will be held on Tuesday 30 September, in the Yinnar RSL Hall at 10.30am.

For \$5.00 you'll get morning tea and a chance to see the latest summer fashions from a well known Melbourne manufacturer of fine quality knitwear, skirts, pants etc.

We look forward to seeing all our friends, old and new there. Ring Win Jones on 5163 1222 for further information.

Matt's Co-op in Yinnar, our op shop, always has great bargains in clothing, books, nick nacks, household goods etc.

See the friendly staff on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. More helpers on the roster are always needed, so ring me on 5169 1629 if you are interested.

Church members are starting to fill up their Christmas gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child, to be sent to needy children overseas.

Information pamphlets can be obtained from the op shop or any of our churches and there is a great need for this aid. It is sad that there are so many children in the world who are suffering due to war and poverty, while our children in Australia are well off by comparison.

Snippets



By RUTH PLACE

ON the second Sunday of the month we welcomed Ivy back from her months away. She returned, a proud Grandmother.

CRE Sunday (Christian Religious Education or R.E as it more commonly known) was held on the 17th August. The two RE teachers at our church, worked with Ivy to focus on Religious Education in schools and the great need for more CRE teachers to reach the many children who do not have it. If you feel you are called to this important task, please contact Ruth on 5122 1961.

The guest speaker for the day was Principal of Churchill Primary School, Rob Higgins. Rob spoke of some of the major issues faced by schools.

Absenteeism is one of these major concerns. Research says that if a child misses out on more than 12 days a year at school, it affects their learning. Many children at schools in Churchill miss 3-4 times that number of school days.

While schools do not want sick children at school, they want consistent attendance. There needs to be a partnership between parents, children, schools, and organizations such as the church. Rob is instigating pro-active programs at Churchill Primary School to address the issue of absenteeism. The Walking School Bus is a program where a volunteer walks children to school and home, to ensure they attend. Rob also wants to start a Brekky Program.

Both these programs require committed volunteers. This is a way the community can get behind the school and make a difference to our children. If you would like to volunteer please ring Rob at school on 5122 1343 or Ruth on 5122 1961. Rob will eagerly welcome your assistance.

The free National Australia Bank banking seminars were poorly attended, which was disappointing from the organisers point of view, but people also missed out on much valuable information about safety in banking.

Andrew Batty was a very down to earth speaker. He is willing to run these seminars again before the end of the year. If you are interested, please contact Val or

Peter on 5122 2589.

Six members of our congregation went to the Traralgon Uniting Church to attend the Children's Ministry Training day on Saturday 30th August. It was a good day to be inside in the warmth and to benefit from the tried and true experiences of the five presenters- Kerryn and Trevor Bassett, Paul and Janice Noisette and Ann Scull.

The workshop options we attended were all practical and can be applied to our circumstances. Expect to see some puppets in church soon. Other ideas which the presenters freely and generously shared with us will help with our Christmas Club for the children of Churchill Primary School.

The last day of the month, the Ladies Fellowship ran the service, and did a wonderful job too. It was their annual Winifred Kiek Scholarship service. This year the service was prepared by the members of the Victorian Unit of the Australian Church Women. The church was beautifully decorated behind, on and in front of the altar with the colours of the rainbow.

Each member of the Ladies Fellowship participated in leading or contributing to the service in some way. A retiring offering was collected. The service was followed by a delicious morning tea, which these ladies are so famous for.

This scholarship is available to Christian women from multi-cultural Australia, Pacific Island nations, and member countries of the Asian Church Women's Conference, who already have a basic training in a chosen field of work.

The scholarship provides opportunities for further theological training to better equip the scholar to provide leadership in her own country, church and community.

Pictured Above: The Ladies Fellowship, from L - R, back row: Pat, Dianne, Betty, Carol, Julie and front row: Robyn, Ann, Glenda, Jean and Betty.

Below: Kerryn & Trevor Bassett.



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Mass: 11.00am

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill.
Pastor Tony or Hermanna Marsden:
5122 2777
Sunday: 10.00am
Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

Pandemonium and Peace

By IVY GOODWIN

Churchill Co-operating Congregations

THE old cat, Tom, is about thirteen years old now we think, and very wise. He knows he is the boss animal and also knows he doesn't have to waste energy proving it. A low growl, a hiss and, rarely these days, a swipe with a paw is all that is required to maintain his position in the household. The other cat, Oscar, and Penny, the dog, seem happy enough to give way when Tom parades past. And Tom wisely leaves the scrapping with stray cats to the younger Oscar or the noisier Penny.

However one day there was a commotion in the backyard. Oscar ran in and hid under a chair. Penny barked ferociously. I glanced out the window to see Tom leap over the fence with Matey, a friend's Australian Terrier in hot pursuit. Once safely on the other side of the fence, Tom paused, turned, sat down and then began an unhurried wash in full view of the incensed dog.

Matey was furious! Tom was unimpressed. He knew that only Matey's nose would fit under the fence. He also knew that the fence was too high for Matey to get over. Tom was a picture of complete calm and confidence. To further rub salt into the wound, he slowly stood up, raised his tail majestically and strolled off towards the back door, completely indifferent to the yapping terrier.

He had made his point. The back yard was his.

This all happened a while ago but sometimes springs

to mind when I read the psalms. So many of them speak of God as being a refuge, a rescuer in times of trouble or distress. 'O Lord my God, in thee do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers, and deliver me...' (Psalm 7:1) or in Psalm 18:1-2 'I love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge...' and the old favourite Psalm 46:1 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.'

There are times when we all feel that we are besieged by problems, issues, deadlines, illness or other stresses. That's when I like to turn to the psalms. They were written for and by people facing enormous difficulties but who knew how to centre themselves on God. We also need that centering, and reading the psalms helps me to find a space where I can re-focus - a space where I can 'recharge my batteries.'

Reading the psalms doesn't make the problems go away, but they can help in how we view them.

Like old Tom and Matey, the fence changed the balance of power. Matey was still there with the same intent. But Tom was no longer concerned about him.

If you are facing difficult decisions or circumstances or if worries are pressing in on you from all sides, may I suggest a reading of the Psalms? Begin with Psalm 46 - just the first three verses. And then imagine yourself like old Tom - completely at peace.

Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

FOURTEEN people attended the last Saturday Breakfast at the Co-Operating Churches on 30 August. David Roberts was the guest speaker and he told of his work with people who have suffered from violent crime. David is the Site Manager and Gippsland Coordinator of the Victim Assistance Program.

His work involves helping victims of crime so that they can hopefully cope better with their situation. This may mean directing them to a counselling psychologist for help or to some other professional person or agency. Some of the compensation the people receive is used for these services.

He also outlined some of the difficulties they have with the system.

Accessing it and knowing what help is available can be initial difficulties. Frustration with the time it takes to get cases to court when people have been charged with an offence and disappointment with the outcome are also difficulties some people encounter.

Changes in funding in 2004 may make it more difficult to offer appropriate services to those in need. Currently the funding comes from the Department of Justice but will in the future come from Human Services. Details on how funds will be allocated in 2004 are not yet known.

DETAILS of the September Breakfast have not been finalised



Guest Speaker: David Roberts

but people interested in finding out more can contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at kenders@net-tech.com.au later in the month.

Help for victims of crime

For further information on the Victims of Crime Program contact Latrobe Community Health Service at Phillip Parade Churchill on 5122 0400. Practical and emotional help is offered to victims of crime or those affected by a crime.

Churchill & District News

Churchill Festival 15 May 2004

THE Churchill & District News will be holding a Festival on Saturday 15 May 2004. It will be held at Glendonald Park in Churchill between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

We aim to make the day accessible and inviting to all sections of the community with a variety of events, stalls and information stands, including children's activities, a barbecue, plant and craft stalls, health and well-being

information and entertainment.

We invite you and/or your organisation or club to be a part of the festival. If you are interested please contact Tracey on 0422 823 179.

Our aim is for a 'Free, Fun, inFormation, Family day', therefore there will be no commercial sales. Non-profit making organisations, however, are welcome to book a stall.



Tackle Ragwort Now

LATROBE City's Pest Plant Coordinator, Peter Stellar, has urged rural and rural residential property owners to tackle any infestations of Ragwort on their properties at the rosette or 'cabbage' stage.

Mr Stellar said there were great advantages in using weed control methods on Ragwort before pad-dock growth took off, as the weeds were easy to identify among short-cropped pasture, and could be eliminated using far less spray than if left to mature.

"Senecio jacobaea or Ragwort as it is better known is a perennial plant, sometimes annual, that can reproduce from seeds, crowns and roots, making it one of the most troublesome weeds in the Latrobe Valley," Mr Stellar explained.

"The plant has a reddish to purple

base, with single or multiple stems with bright yellow Daisy like flowers in the summer. At this time of the year only the rosette will have grown, and can be identified by its dark to mid green leaves that are paler on the underside. The leaves are wrinkly, divided and can be up to 35cm long. Sometimes the young leaves can be covered in hairs that look similar to a cobweb," Mr Stellar said.

"Now is the best time to spray Ragwort for a number of good reasons. One is the size of the plant - a lot less herbicide is needed to treat the low to the ground rosette, than the up to a meter tall adult plant. Also, the closer to the ground you spray, the less spray drift will occur," Mr Stellar said.

"There may be 100 herbicides registered for use on Ragwort. At the rosette or 'cabbage' stage most

broad leaf herbicides will be effective, but as the plant matures most of them become less effective, and a harsher chemical less suitable for general use must be used," he advised.

"The best time for systemic herbicides to work is when the treated plant is actively growing, this moves the poison around the vascular system of the plant in the shortest time. Last of all some people leave the treatment of Ragwort too late. As the plant matures the herbicides take longer to work, and the seeds can still ripen and disperse after the pest



has been treated," he said.

John Cahill, Chairperson of the Wirilda Park Management Committee, said an average sized Ragwort plant produces sixty to seventy thousand seeds

but a large plant can produce as many as a quarter of a million.

"Though the great majority of seed falls within the immediate area of the parent plant, because such a vast number of seeds are produced, the amount which becomes airborne and travels for long distances is large. It means that in the right conditions seed can be carried several kilometres affecting other farming properties and even native vegetation reserves," Mr Cahill said.

Yallourn/Tyers Landcare member and Wirilda volunteer, Arthur Aitkin, said there were a number of good reasons for eradicating Ragwort from the land.

"Firstly, it is poisonous to grazing animals. Cattle, horses and pigs are most susceptible.

However, it also competes strongly with more desirable plant species and reduces pasture productivity," Mr Aitken explained.

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Graeme Middlemiss, said that at one stage Ragwort was very difficult to control in the Strzeleckis, and settlers even abandoned parts of the 'heartbreak hills' as the massive task of weed control together with low produce prices made farming untenable.

"We now have herbicides that can control the weed, but it is up to all land managers to remain vigilant and eradicate it from their own properties so that it doesn't spread to others," Cr Middlemiss said.

Mr Stellar said that advice on what herbicide to use for eradication should be sought from agricultural supply specialist.

"Always read the product label and follow all label instructions carefully before using any herbicide," Mr Stellar added.

Ragwort: Left, 'cabbage' or rosette stage, and below, a mature plant.



Brodribb Road and Civic Gardens

By PETER MCSHANE

Churchill & District Community Association

THE proposed closure of a section of Brodribb Road has crated some uncertainty for residents of Yinnar and Churchill in particular.

We are organising some discussions with International Power Hazelwood representatives with a view to possibly arranging public meetings in Yinnar, Churchill and other towns if necessary.

Some of the concerns raised with us to date include the perceived very poor communication process of a brochure announcing the facts, immediate effects on surrounding areas, long term effects of this change, possible health effects with dust drift etc. and specific timeframes for the change.

Travel related concerns include the alteration to travel patterns, effects on emergency vehicles access to rural communities/dwellers and possible options, for example the extension of Switchback Road as originally projected.

CIVIC GARDENS

A LETTER from Council advised that the project is presently held up by decisions linked with the Shopping Centre Precinct.

It appears that this project will not be funded in the current financial year but will be listed for consideration in the Capital Works Program.

All depends on the timelines after the final Council decision on the new Shopping Centre Precinct Developments. Cr. Darrell White has advised that the Council Planning Committee was considering this further on Monday 18 August and would keep us informed.

Also, special thanks was made at our AGM to Freda Webb and Elaine Andrijczak from Monash University who have provided much valuable assistance to the Association on many occasions. This unsung support is invaluable to us.

Ms. Loretta Hambly gave an excellent presentation on the Education Precinct development and provided an enlightening insight into the work which has been done with students and staff in all areas of learning in preparation for the implementation of this ground breaking initiative.

Please keep providing us with your feedback by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, 3842 or by contacting Peter McShane on 5122 1745 or email petermcshane@yahoo.com.au.

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Award Surprises at Anniversary Dinner

THE recent Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Dinner of the Hazelwood Rotary Club was highlighted by the presentation of two surprise awards.

Long serving Rotarian Alan Davey and former local Member of Parliament, Keith Hamilton were both presented with Rotary's highest award, the Paul Harris Fellowship. Both recipients were taken by surprise by the announcement of their awards.

Past President Alan Davey has been a member of the Hazelwood Club for more than twenty years and has served in a number of areas. He has been active in community, club and international service.

He has taken an active role in two of the club's largest fundraising projects, the sale of Christmas puddings and cakes and the Christmas wrap at Mid Valley. He was the initiator of a club project to collect and dispatch hay to drought-stricken farmers and been a regular custodian of club property.

The bestowing of a Paul Harris Fellowship on Keith Hamilton marked the first time that the Hazelwood Club has honored a non-Rotarian with this award.

Keith, who lives in Churchill, was the elected Member for Morwell in the State Parliament from 1988 until his retirement in 2002.

During this time he was Shadow Minister for a number of portfolios before being appointed Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in

October 1999.

Prior to his parliamentary career, Keith was a Councillor with the Shire of Morwell including two terms as Shire President. He devoted 26 years to public office and served the community with courage, humility and integrity.

The announcement of both awards was enthusiastically received by those present

A crowd of around eighty Rotarians, past members and guests attended the anniversary dinner, which was held at the Churchill Football Club Social Club.

Among the guests were District Governor Ray Martin and his wife Judy and Past District Governor David Crane and his wife Margaret. Cr Darrell White represented Latrobe City at the function.

To mark the Hazelwood Club's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, a history of the Club was compiled and made available to all who attended the dinner.

Club President Peter Liepens, said that it was a historic night marking a significant milestone in the life of the club.

"We can be proud of our achievements over a quarter of a century", he said. "But there is a great deal still to be done in our community and throughout the world", he added.

"The Hazelwood Rotary Club has the potential for a long history still ahead of it", Mr Liepens said.

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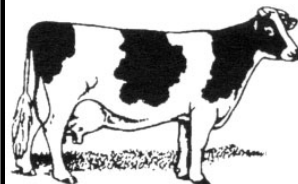
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Alpine School an experience never to forget



By CATHY COCHRANE

"IT'S a really significant part of our lives, something I'll always remember."

That is how Brock Holcombe, a year nine student at Kurnai College's Churchill Campus, described his recent stay at the Alpine School in Dinner Plain.

Brock, classmate Kaitlin Duffus and four students from the Morwell Campus spent nine weeks participating in the intensive leadership and enterprise program at the school earlier this year.

The Alpine School is open to year nine students from Victorian government schools. It is a residential school, with up to 45 students attending for each nine-week program.

Brock and Kaitlin described the experience as extremely worthwhile and have returned with many new skills and countless fond memories.

Kaitlin said the program was about team building, leadership and developing as a person and leader. Activities involving public speaking were also prominent in the program.

Among the skills learnt and developed at the school were Edward De Bono's Six Thinking Hats, time management skills, adapting and managing one's own learning and the process of goal setting.

Kaitlin said the program had changed her approach to problem solving at school and Brock said they could show their classmates many of the things they learnt.

Although students did not study a standard curriculum, aspects of English, Maths and other subjects were incorporated into the program. For example, while they did not study English, they used their language

skills in letter writing.

"It made you more responsible for your own learning," Kaitlin said.

Students also participated in two expeditions known as 'expos.' For this activity, each country school was matched with a metropolitan school to increase the interaction between students. Kurnai and Blackburn Secondary College were grouped together.

Students were required to prepare for each 'expo', cook their own food and carry their own packs, which weighed between sixteen and 25 kilograms.

"They were pretty heavy for people who didn't usually carry packs," Kaitlin reflected.

During the first 'expo' the weather was hot and sunny and students hiked to the destination and slept in tents. By the second 'expo' it was snowing and the students skied, even experiencing a blizzard, and stayed in cabins.

"It was a different experience, both of them, which was good," Kaitlin said.

They also went to Mt Hotham, tackled day hikes up mountains and completed a high ropes course. "We saw heaps," Brock added.

Downhill skiing was the highlight: "That was just really fun," Brock said.

Each day, students were required to spend half an hour reflecting on their day- whether or not it was beneficial and whether or not they got the most out of their day.

Students also completed a first aid course and a safe food-handling course.

"We had a lot of things that were actually not just in your head but bits of paper," Kaitlin said.

In addition to classes and activities, students at the Alpine School are

required to do domestic chores. This gave students a greater sense of independence.

"We learnt to be able to manage ourselves, our learning, doing our own washing, making our own beds, getting up ourselves," Brock said.

They shared a room in the accommodation block with one other student. Kaitlin found this experience a challenge as there were many differences between her Gothic roommate and herself.

"Having to accommodate for her needs and mine, it was difficult at times but I learnt to live with it," Kaitlin said.

"We both had never shared before and because we didn't really have the same sort of likings, it was a bit weird."

Kaitlin had never been to the snow before and although Brock had been as a young child, he has no memories of it. It was a memorable experience for both.

"Probably the friendships that I made was the best but I loved the expos that we went on, they were heaps of fun," Kaitlin said.

"I made so many great friends there... we clicked straight away. I think everyone who went there wanted to be there and they didn't really muck around like they do in class.

"The teachers there are more a friend than a teacher, they don't tell you what to do 24/7."

Parents of the students are allowed to visit them once at the school during the nine-week period.

There is high demand to attend the school and Brock and Kaitlin recognise they were fortunate to be selected. Twenty students applied to participate in the program at Kurnai and the six successful applicants were chosen

from their applications and an interview.

The six students then came together and applied as a team to attend the Alpine School.

Forty-nine other schools also applied and eight were chosen- Kurnai among them.

"We were lucky to be successful," Kaitlin reflected.

As part of the selection process, the team of students from each school is required to develop a Community Learning Project designed to involve themselves in their local community.

The Kurnai students brainstormed ideas before deciding to complete a wetlands redevelopment project.

The wetlands are located on the Strezlecki Highway. They will not be open to the public for another five years.

Students have planted trees, are producing signs with information about the local plants and wildlife for the visitors and will create a walking track.

The Department of Education sponsors each student who attends the Alpine School to the value of \$3,000. The student and/or their school community must pay the remaining \$1,000 in costs.

Kurnai College donated \$500 for each of their students. "It only ended up costing us only \$500 to go, which was very cheap for the experience we had," Kaitlin said.

In the future Kaitlin wants to pursue a career in the education field and work with children. Brock is yet to decide on his future path but both he and Kaitlin believe the program will



Adventurers: Brock Holcombe and Kaitlin Duffus set off into the snow.

help them in any career they choose.

They believe the experience has increased their self-confidence and improved their public speaking skills.

"I used to always be a pretty shy person, but now I'm a lot more confident and better at public speaking," Brock said.

"I suppose I became more of a better leader," Kaitlin added.

Both would highly recommend the program to other students.

"Other students should go for this chance. It's such a great opportunity," Kaitlin said.

Brock agreed: "It's a worthwhile pursuit and when they get up there, they'll have the time of their lives. It's the funnest thing and they'll learn heaps."

Churchill Primary School's pond re-opened



By CATHY COCHRANE

CHURCHILL Primary School's pond was officially re-opened on Friday 29 August, with the release of nineteen fish.

Located in the 'computer garden', the pond had suffered as a result of vandalism in recent years.

The completion of a new fence in term two reduced the risk of further vandalism, allowing the pond to be fixed and refilled.

School Captains Katrina Hutchinson and Jack Davies were joined by members of the Junior School Council and two representatives of each junior grade to re-open the pond and release the fish.

"It looks really good when it's all done up," Katrina said. "You can just sit by it and read."

Jack and Katrina also look forward to watching and feeding the fish.

Students held a casual clothes day and raised about \$84 for the project.

The school's cleaner and volunteer handyman Mr Bob Cooper put in many hours of work to clear the pond, install a filter pump and build a walking path, gardens and edging.

Students helped plant the new plants in the gardens. About 50 members of the school community also contributed at a working bee.

Mesh has been placed across the top of the pond for safety reasons.

Mr Cooper said the cost of the project was about \$330 – spent on a pump, the mesh and piping- and his time, "which is nothing."

Mr Cooper volunteers for the school in order to give something back to the community.

"I suppose it's just putting something back into the com-

munity. It's better than sitting at home talking to the dogs," he said.

Mr Cooper has also shifted the school's playground from Watson's Park into the school ground and established sand-pits in the playground.

Much of the work carried out has been Mr Cooper's own ideas. Suggestions have also come from the school community and Principal Mr Rob Higgins and Vice Principal Mr John Turner continue to provide strong support for the improvements.

"Most of the students in the school appreciate what I'm doing and we try to... give them ownership of what's happening," Mr Cooper said.

"And with having ownership of what we're doing, then they become involved and they try to protect their assets. They take pride in what's going on."

Mr Cooper has been a Churchill resident since 1981. He has one child at the school and has been volunteering since February.

Teachers Fred and Jan Lewis and their friends donated the water plants and the Latrobe Valley Angling Club donated the fish.

The Junior School Council involves students from grades three to six and meets about once a month. Members contribute to improvements around the school, such as the pond and further works in the surrounding courtyard that are still to be completed.

Katrina and Jack are enjoying being school captains and hope to see other results achieved before years end, for example, fixing the goal post on the oval and having the cricket pitch completed.

All done up: Mr Bob Cooper, Jack Davies and Katrina Hutchinson at the fish pond.



Schools

Book Picnic at Yinnar South



By MARK ANDERSON, Principal
 TO promote a love of literature and reading, Yinnar South Primary School recently held a 'Book Picnic'. The day began with teachers sharing some of their favourite picture story books at an assembly in our hall. Some of the stories included 'Willy the Wimp' by Anthony Browne, 'Animalia' by Graeme Base and 'The Blue Thing', a recent addition to the school library.

Students were encouraged to bring their favourite books from home and a picnic blanket so that they could share their reading with others. After breaking into smaller cross-age groups, the children spread their blankets out and each read passages from their favourite books. Quite a few parents also shared in the activity, listening to and reading to the children as well. Sharing of books is an age-old tradition that models mature reading skills and promotes a life-long love of reading.

The program concluded with a Book

Scavenger Hunt. Scattered around the grounds were a number of coloured icons for students to match with famous picture story book titles. After a great deal of searching and discussion a winning team was finally found.

Fortunately the weather was kind and all students were able to enjoy the Book Picnic.

Reading together: Students enjoy the picnic.



Lumen Christi in August



awareness in a practical and hands on way.

All Lumen Christi children have just finished their Eisteddfod performances at Traralgon after weeks of practice and preparation of costumes. The discipline and experience of working together in the Performing Arts is an important dimension of school life and many children showed their special gifts with this opportunity. Preps and Grade Ones were stunning in their nuns' costumes for an item from 'Sister Act' and Miss Arend and Mrs Webster were as nervous as the children before they hit the stage but everyone rose to the occasion!

All staff put their 'Thinking Caps' on for a day of staff development in early August with a guest presenter on Thinking Skills for the Curriculum. Whereas the traditional curriculum has been Teacher centered and Content focused, the thinking curriculum is Learning centered and Process focused. As we prepare students to be innovative and critical thinkers, it makes sense that we approach the process of teaching and learning in a different way to include learning strategies for creative and organised thinking and working together cooperatively, as these are the skills needed in the workplace and in our society.

LUMEN Christi celebrated Book Week in August with a Dress Up Parade on the theme of 'Oceans of Books' and children and staff excelled in their costumes and participation in activities. After the Parade, all classes worked in multi-age groups for a morning of activities on a range of children's stories and it was a great effort and enjoyed by all involved. The day was organised by Mrs Joanne Ruane, the teacher-librarian, who runs a very efficient and well-stocked library at Lumen Christi. All classes spend forty-five minutes per week taking a session in the library on literature and library skills and Book Week is one of the big events of the year for the library.

A group of Grade 5 & 6 students recently participated in Planet Ark's National Schools Tree Planting Day by helping to plant trees at Wirilda Park in Tyers. The day was organised by Yallourn/Tyers LandCare Group and assisted by local WaterWatch facilitator, Tammy Dawson. The students planted trees, put in stakes and guards and then did water monitoring activities on the Tyers River. The project was part of a major revegetation program for the river at Wirilda Park and was a great opportunity for students to learn environmental



Hidden Treasures: Deputy Principal and Student Welfare Co-ordinator Mrs Joanne Leviston and Literacy Coordinator and Asian Studies teacher Mrs Michelle Foster dressed as pirates for the Book Week Parade. Both teachers also share a Grade 2/3 class.



How good is it?: Annie Rose Ferguson, Marie Lafferty and Adam Hunter testing salinity at Tyers River in Wirilda Park.



SCHOOLS IN BRIEF

Hazelwood North Primary School

TWO of our students Danielle (pictured with the football) and Ricky (in the foreground) played at the MCG as part of the Yinnar Auskick team recently.

THE whole school participated in the choral section of the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod, the results were as follows: Prep, one and two group – equal third place. Two, three and four



groups – second place. Four, five and six groups – third place.

Many individuals also participated.

On Friday September 5 the whole school performed their items so that parents could see them and also the grades could see each other.

TO celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week the school held a book character parade followed by a multi-age activities morning.

Storyteller Hendre Roelink was popular with all year levels.

WE are looking forward to twins enrolling next term – they have been living in France.

Churchill North Primary School

By CATHY CURWOOD

A LIZARD Day was held recently to celebrate the arrival of our lizards. Students rotated around five activities with a literacy theme. They were picture labeling, poetry, word-searches, story telling and tessellations. A great day was enjoyed by all. A fantastic display of work done on the day is on display in the foyer.

By HAYLEY BEYER

ON Wednesday we had a Lizard Day. We went in groups. I was in group one. It was fun. I saw Silver Fang but it didn't have any fangs. We had to count pictures of lizards but I didn't get enough time. I made a

home for them with Liesel. We watched Danny's Egg. It was funny and a bit creepy.

By TRISH OWEN

CHURCHILL North Primary School Music Group performed at Hazelwood House. All students are to be congratulated for their behaviour and for the effort put into singing. They now have quite and extensive repertoire of songs, ranging from the more upbeat 'ABC' to the 'Happy Medley' which was enjoyed by the Hazelwood House residents. Thank you to all the parents who assisted in getting all forty-five students safely to the venue.

Churchill Primary School

ALL students recently enjoyed a visiting performer. The shows were called 'Street Sense' and 'You Can Do It Too.'



GRADE 3/4s have participated in Wheelchair Sports conducted by Vic Sports, with all students enjoying the great session, pictured bottom left.

GRADE 4s are working hard on their Bike Ed Course (pictured bottom right), which finished on Tuesday with the 'on road' component. Well Done to the students involved.

SEVERAL parents participated in the "You Make A Difference" session conducted by Marge Arnup and Leonarda Friguglietti on Friday 29 August.

The session highlighted the huge difference parents can make in the development of their child's literacy skills.

THE school was well represented at the Human Powered Vehicle competition in Maryborough last week, pictured top right.

Teams were: Boys: Glen Outhred (C), Ben Wheildon (VC), Jarrod Smith, Jake Roe-Duggan, Jack Davies and Stuart Hall.

Girls: Melissa Jonas (C), Angela McLaughlin (VC), Elise Nugent, Nicola Brighton, Danielle Hayman and Katrina Hutchinson.

Assistant Managers were Shenae Rowley and Josh Nunn.



Precinct Management Team Appointed

THE Gippsland Education Precinct Board of Management is pleased to announce the appointment of a full-time Precinct Manager and a Pathways Officer. Dr. Sue Deacon commenced duties as the Precinct Manager last week and Ms. Helen Reeves started as Pathways Officer earlier this week.

Dr. Deacon worked on a number of major projects at the Department of Education and Training (DE&T), including a major review of training needs and the development of a professional accredited training program for the school support staff. She represented DE&T on the Victorian Institute of teaching Accreditation Committee, has managed the evaluation of a large commonwealth funded project in health training at TAFE and worked as a research scientist in both hospital and university facilities.

Ms Reeves currently coordinates Student Services at GippsTAFE. She has a background in secondary teaching, as well as industry training and coordinating programs for unemployed youth.

"We were absolutely delighted to find staff of such high calibre to lead us forward," said Margaret Corcoran, Acting Chair of the Board of Management.

"I think it says a lot about the excitement the Precinct is creating within the education system that we can attract such people."

Dr. Deacon will be responsible for overseeing the establishment of the innovative learning environment and developing new opportunities for students within the system.

"To be involved in a groundbreaking project like this is a fantastic opportunity that I'm sure anyone who is in education would love to have," said Dr. Deacon, who started work on August 25.

"Because this is going to be the first time TAFE, group training, university and secondary students will be studying under one roof, there will be fantastic opportunities that have never been present anywhere else before."

Ms Reeves joined the Precinct from GippsTAFE on September 1. Her duties during the first year will include working closely with the Victorian Qualifications

Authority on the Credit Matrix project.

Credit Matrix aims to make it easier for students to keep track of achievement they have gained, and plan their future pathway. And when students move from one qualification to another it should ensure they don't have to start from scratch and repeat learning they have already completed.

"Ms Reeves has a track record in successfully managing collaborative projects across the educational sector," said Ms Corcoran.

"That experience will be invaluable in setting up the credit matrix and pathways between partners."

The Board of Management also recognised the accomplishments of the Project Manager, Ms Loretta Hambly. During the past year Ms Hambly has been working on a time-share basis with the Precinct. Ms Hambly has returned to her duties as Director, Strategic Planning at Monash University, Gippsland Campus, which will include assisting the university with their involvement in the Precinct.

"During the past year, the Precinct has gone from being a concept to a reality," said TAFE CEO, Jeff Gunningham.

"That huge step forward is largely due to the incredible amount of work and effort put forward by Loretta. The entire Board is very thankful for her contributions and hope to continue calling on her expertise in the future."



New Timeline

THE Acting Chair of the Board of Management, Margaret Corcoran, has notified the five principle partners of the Gippsland Education Precinct – Kurnai College, GippsTAFE, Monash University, Gippsland Group Training and Latrobe City Council – that Phase One of the Precinct construction will now be completed towards the end of 2004 rather than as was originally anticipated at the beginning of the year.

"With this timeframe, we are confident the additional period will allow us to clearly define our expectation for the completion of Phase One," said Ms Corcoran.

"All of the partners have reaffirmed their commitment to the innovative educational facility and have indicated that they will be proceeding with all components not affected by the construction delay as planned."

Kurnai Year 11 and 12 students will not be moved to the new structure during their VCE period. They will commence their 2005 school year at the new venue.

All other plans are still proceeding.

GippsTAFE and Gippsland Group Training (GGT) students will move to their new facilities at Monash University in 2004. GippsTAFE will be offering a nursing bridging program, diplomas of business/workplace training and a multimedia certificate. GGT will be offering apprenticeship training in automotive, electrical building and construction, engineering and business administration.

Study Circle Opportunity Information Session

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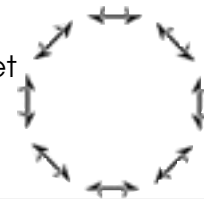
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Weedbuster Week 2003

ON 18 October residents around Glendonald will be hosting a Weedbuster Day. The day encourages families to come along, remove some weeds, meet their neighbours and generally interact with those people who live around them.

Weedbuster Week is a national campaign that runs from 12 to 19 of October, and promotes awareness of weeds and what we all can do to combat this problem.

The day will start at 10.00am at the Barbecue Shelter in Glendonald Park. Weeding is expected to take about 2 hours or until the weeds run out. No heavy machinery or herbicides will be used on the day and only safe working practices conducted.

So come and join the fun, do your bit for the environment, and maybe learn a bit as well.

Sturdy footwear and gloves should be worn on the day and bring a jacket in case it's cold.

For more information contact Peter Stellar on 0412 426 958.

Who is Woody Weed?

Helping and sometimes hindering the Weebusters is "Woody Weed". Woody is a rogue who spreads himself around the countryside (like any successful weed!) scaring children and harassing wildlife. Dressed in bright purple and green, he makes an intimidating sight to any unsuspecting passer-by.

Want to know more - visit the Weedbuster Website:

<http://www.weedbusterweek.info.au>



Walking Bus



THE Walking School Bus is not a vehicle but a fun, healthy and safe way for primary school children to travel to school. Children walk in a group with an adult driver/supervisor at the front and an adult conductor/supervisor at the rear. The bus travels along a set route picking up additional passengers

along the way at designated bus stops.

The Walking School Bus Program has many benefits including:

- * Health benefits - walking to and from school provides children with the opportunity to engage in regular physical activity.
- * Environmental benefits - every journey made on foot reduces traffic congestion and pollution outside and around schools and helps improve the local environment for all.
- * Safety benefits - walking helps people become more familiar with their community, increases the number of people on the streets thereby improving a sense of personal and community safety and provides the children with the chance to develop and improve road safety and pedestrian skills.

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WAVES is a semi-structured group which aims to empower women through education and support.

The group is confidential and respects the rights of all women.

WAVES builds on women's strengths and self esteem by empowering them to create a safe environment for themselves to grow.

Latrobe Community Health Services is developing a Waves program for Churchill.

It will begin on 10 October 2003, 1:00pm to 2:30pm in the Latrobe Community Health Centre, Phillip Parade, Churchill.

This venue we believe will provide women with anonymity, privacy and safety.

WAVES is for women who are or have

experienced Family Violence

WAVES will run for 8 weeks, and will address communication, the cycle of violence, self-esteem raising, assertiveness and motivation.

WAVES is for women who are or have experienced Family Violence

Guest speakers will be invited to talk to the participants about a variety of issues.

The program will validate women's experiences and empower them to regain control of their lives by reinforcing their rights to safety, equality and access to resources.

Prior to the beginning of the program anyone interested must meet with the WAVES Coordinator.

The cost is a \$2 donation.

For more information contact Judith Watson on 5134 2011.



Art at the Traralgon Railway Station



By RUTH PLACE

TRARALGON and District Arts Society is housed in the old Traralgon Railway Station building. Latrobe City Council helped to refurbish it, with manual work by the members.

There are ninety members. The Centre is open Monday to Friday inclusive from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. General members are free to come and go throughout the day. If you bring your lunch, there are facilities to heat food. Tea and Coffee is available. Members are asked to pay a Membership Fee of \$30, or \$25 concession, plus \$2 per session. This cost covers the lights, heating, power and cuppa items. Traralgon and District Arts Society is a non-profit organization.

Other art groups visit and are made welcome. The Traralgon group visits other art societies also.

The group is working with the Traralgon Information Centre, and is now listed as a tourist destination. The building is on the heritage list to be saved. The Traralgon and District Arts Society would encourage and welcome bus groups for a visit.

The centre consists of a working workshop area, offices, kitchen/meeting room and a beautiful gallery. Two councillors helped the gallery to be set up. All paintings and other artwork are for sale. On sunny and/or warmer days than the day I visited, the artists can set up and paint out on the old platform.

Handicapped people are welcome to come with their aide or carer. The centre is wheelchair friendly.

There are also special courses being run by qualified instructors:

TAFE. This is an accredited course with a qualified TAFE teacher and covers sculpture, silk screening, drawing (still life and line), charcoal drawing, and if there is sufficient interest, a nude life drawing session can be arranged.

The group meets Wednesday and Friday mornings. Fees are applicable and will vary according to the type of art. You can join any time.

John Mutsaers from Moe comes and teaches on Tuesdays from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Bob Crosdale runs a painting and drawing course for 7-14 year olds on Mondays from 5:00-7:00 p.m., and Thursdays from 4:30- 6:30 p.m. It is a popular class with 15 attending. They held an art exhibition late in 2002 and plans are under way to hold another exhibition in the last week of November and the first week in December of 2003. The drawing course is 17 weeks long.

Bob Crosdale takes a general drawing class on a Monday from: 1.00-3.00 p.m. All are welcome, but it is mainly for beginners in watercolour, pen and ink, charcoal and pencils.

Later this year workshops with an artist from Melbourne are planned. At present members are writing grants applications to obtain sponsorship so they can keep the cost per person at a minimum.



If you have any further enquiries, please ring Val, the Public Relations Officer on 5176 6000, or pop in and make enquiries face to face. Val will welcome you warmly and willingly provide you with the information you require.

Traralgon Railway Station:

Above right, the Old Platform, above, the Workshop and below, the Gallery.



Hazelwood Guides Sleeping Under The Stars

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

THE Baw Baw Region Sleeping Under the Stars was held at Lardner Park in August, on the coldest night of the year.

We arrived at 5.00pm and set up our boxes in which we were to sleep.

Over eighty guides and leaders enjoyed a hot meal and then a representative from Anglicare spoke about the work of the organisation in the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland, and thanked the girls for their support.

The Region leader presented Mr Welsh with a cheque for \$800.00.

While singing around the campfire we could feel the air becoming colder and colder.

A variety of activities were enjoyed, then supper of pancakes and hot drinks, and then it was back to the activities.

Guides began to prepare for bed after midnight and most were in their boxes by 1.30am. We kept

warm and some people even went to sleep!

A sharp frost was very evident when we woke. The sun helped warm us, and melt the ice from the car windows. After breakfast, packing was quickly completed, the area cleaned and we left for home.

A Teddy Bear Night on Tuesday 26 August was great fun. What a lovely assortment of bears we had on display. Each girl told us a little about her bears.

Monique was presented with her Bronze Endeavour Challenge. Well done!

Guides have been presented with badges for Create a Challenge – EYES., and are presently working on Create a Challenge – BODY.

Our unit meets on Tuesdays from 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Hazelwood South Hall, Tramway Road.

For further information contact:
Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264
or Faye Foley on 5122 1249.



HELLO again from Herman Ge.

Hey, if you're wanting a good garden, getting your soil into shape is essential.

What's the point of spending all that hard earned cash on beautiful plants if you haven't prepared the site properly.

And if that ricinocarpos euphorbiaceae fails to thrive or dies you're going to feel that your green thumb is turning black.

So don't be impatient, test your topsoil pH (you can get a testing kit from most nursery's). Is it acid or Alkaline? What are the requirements of your choice of plants?

The acidity or alkalinity of a soil determines the availability of nutrients and the ease with which they can be taken up by a plant.—important stuff!!!

Hey, but don't throw in the towel yet, the fact is that many plants are able to grow happily over a fairly wide range of pH, with most preferring a pH between 6 and 7. So dig in (fork in) that organic matter, make sure the

Worm Talk

drainage is ok, pop in the plants and give the garden surface a good mulching.

We love getting under mulch into organic matter.

COMPOST

Just think if every household had some sort of composting system, we worms could TAKE OVER THE WORLD!!!!!!!

One of the best forms of natural fertiliser is compost, but always remember that what comes out is only as good as what goes in.

Well-made compost that contains a large number of ingredients from many different sources will have adequate amounts of all the essential major and trace elements.

More about composting options/methods next month.

Fascinating Facts or Fiction in the Herb Patch
Remedies from Culpeper's Complete Herbal & English Physician

HOW TO KILL WORMS OR BOT WORMS IN THE BODY

(now these worms you don't really need)

Take half a glass of brandy, and put there in as much fine sulphur as will lay on a shilling, and mix them together; then burn a bit of bread crust in the fire till it is black, chew the same in your mouth for about five minutes, after which put it out again and then immediately take the above-mentioned medicine early in the morning.

If you have any gardening questions, tips or anecdotes to share, please write to: Herman Ge Worm, PO Box 240, Churchill 3840.



Cherry Ballart at Mathison Park

By RUTH PLACE

INSTEAD of telling you about a bird in the park, I thought it would make a change this month and talk about one of the interesting trees. It is the Cherry Ballart, and you won't see it by itself, but always growing close beside a eucalypt. The reason for this is that the eucalypt is its host. Without the eucalypt, the Cherry Ballart will not grow.

It is not a very common plant. Sometimes it is called Native Cherry. It has a dense cypress-like crown. The flowers are cream to green, and only one millimetre in diameter. There are spikes about 3-6 mm long. The fruits are hard green globular nuts 5-6 mm in diameter, attached to a red to yellow succulent edible receptacle about 1cm long.

It flowers mainly in Summer and Autumn, and grows in open forest at various altitudes.

The fruit are sweet and tasty but are not numerous. The wood from the Cherry Ballart was used for spear throwers and bullroarers by the Ganai Community. The sap was used to treat snakebite.

The information used, came from the book "Plants Used By the Ganai Community", by Ken Harris, Rob de Souza-Daw and Doris Paten.

OUR next working bee may not be held as originally advertised. If we can get a dry Saturday before then, we will hold a working bee. Please keep your eyes out for a sign on Monash Way.

The old fruit trees near Hare House, that were pruned in a demonstration last year, will only have their suckers removed this year, so there will not be a public tree-pruning demonstration.



Cherry Ballart

Mars

Good Viewing Until End Of October



By JEFF SING

THE response to the publicity surrounding the Mars event with its closest approach has been phenomenal in regards to the public observing nights in spite of only two or three (under-manned) regular members of the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society available for organising its viewing.

Many Latrobe Valley residents have benefited with a very high number of those who have already viewed Mars.

Mars reached its maximum brightness of magnitude of minus 2.7 (that is, about four times brighter than Sirius, the brightest star in the whole sky) on August 27 when it made its closest approach to the Earth in 60,000 years.

It's the brightest object in the sky apart from the Moon, Venus and the Sun. The long-term effect of the gravitational pull of the Sun on the nine planets and all bodies in the solar system means that they are gradually drawn closer in their orbits towards the Sun.

One effect is that the Earth's rotation on its axis is slowing down imperceptibly – less than on hundredth of a second a year.

This doesn't take into account the requirement for timekeepers to insert an extra leap second on occasions once or twice a year so as to calibrate time kept by atomic clocks, as the result of the need for accurate time systems for civil and scientific purposes.

The Earth's rotation period and the observed motion

of the stars in respect to the Earth are closely monitored for any slight changes and these are compared with other time systems.

Keeping the time is a difficult and complex issue, due to many kinds of systems used and coordinated around the world.

Mars is also affected by the gravitational pull of the Sun and other large planetary bodies like Jupiter.

In future centuries Mars will undergo more frequent and closer perihelic oppositions to the Earth than is the case this time round.

Perihelic oppositions occur when Mars is closest to the Sun, while at the same time in a straight line with Earth, an event that repeats itself every 15 to 17 years.

However, Mars will present a reasonably large disc again in November 2005 when it will be approximately twenty per cent smaller than it was at this opposition.

After 2005 we will have to wait until 2018 for the next perihelic opposition. If you have a telescope with a diameter of eight inches (200mm) or greater, then at any opposition (which occurs about 26 months later each time Mars is on the same side as the Earth is from the Sun) you still can get a good view and, if you are lucky, you may detect some surface details.

As for this year Mars will still retain a good size disc for viewing in telescopes until at least the end of October.

The other bright outer planets suitable for telescopic viewing, Saturn and Jupiter, will not return to the evening skies until next year.

The next monthly meeting of the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society is on Tuesday October 14.

The venue for the meeting is under review due to considerations not under the society's control.

For details concerning the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society visit the new website at www.home.vicnet.net.au/~lvas.

For details of meetings contact Gavan Dinsdale on 5174 6453.



T.O.F.S.S.

Calendar Of Events

T.O.F.S.S. – The Over Forty Social Singles recently held their AGM with a good turn up of 21 people.

T.O.F.S.S. is a group for people aged over 40 who are single, for no matter what reason, which offers friendship and companionship in a relaxed atmosphere, with others in similar circumstances.

We all understand how difficult it is to make the first move and socialise again after a long time and welcome new members, while doing our best to ensure this can be done with empathy and understanding.

Having just held our AGM we now have new office bearers on board who have just finished planning a new three month Calendar of Events.

Included in these are: a Video Night

and Sleepover, a trip to Agnes Falls, Regular Friday Night Dinners at various locations in the Latrobe Valley, Dinner with Dave Howell singing Frank Sinatra and a visit to Caribbean Gardens, to name just a few.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday 18 September at 7.30pm at the Migrant Resource Centre, Buckley Street, Morwell.

Visitors and new members will be welcome to any or all of these events.

For further information contact Janet on 5133 9854, Carol on 5174 7201, Di on 5134 5960, Cheryl on 5174 9045 or Lorraine on 5134 3142.

Or feel free to contact us by mail at the following address: T.O.F.S.S. Inc., Box 3413, Gippsland Mail Centre, Victoria 3841 or email tofssinc@yahoo.com.au.

Neighbourhood Watch

By PETER MCSHANE

NATIONAL Police Remembrance Day will be held on Monday 29 September and a special service will be held at 9.30am at St. Michael's Church, Church Street, Traralgon. This day corresponds with Blue Ribbon Day that honours the memory of those 137 Police Officers who have been killed while serving the community. Blue Ribbons are available from the local police station.

Latest Crime Statistics

Our local police advised us that we had fourteen reported incidents over the last month. They were: four burglaries, one theft of a car, three thefts from cars, two arsons, four property damage and

one other theft.

We were again reminded to report incidents to our Police so that they can hopefully identify patterns that lead to the apprehension of offenders. While they may not be able to act immediately on your specific complaint, they may be able to use it to identify offenders at a later stage.

Whether it be hoons in cars, violent or threatening behaviour, illegal fireworks terrifying pets and children, etc, don't be afraid to report it.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Thursday 18 September at 7.30 at the Neighbourhood House Room in the Churchill Leisure Centre.

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

THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE CHURCHILL SK8 PARK

By BRAD CLARKSON

FOR many years the Skate Park has been a good place for the skaters, bikers, etc. to go ride or just chill out, but as it has been the same for a few years it is starting to get a little bit boring.

It has been the same for many years now and we, as the youths of today, think that it is time for a change.

For example, the ramps could be put in different places; we could trade ramps with other towns; get new ramps or even leave it as it is and extend it e.g.

put in a bowl or a half pipe.

I think that would increase the number of people coming to the Skate Park.

The whole point of this is to tell the people of Churchill that you should care about the Skate Park and that it could get a lot of the people off the streets.

Instead of riding the streets we could ride the Park.

Fair enough we could ride it now, but when it has been there for so long there is no point; you just can't do anything new anymore.

"What Cheese's Me Off!" - Part Two

By DONNA CHRISTIE, LUKE DEPELLIGRINI, OWEN GUTHRIE, JAMES and STEPHEN KLEIN AND JAI MILLER.

WHEN your computer freezes.

When your computer gets a virus and you lose half your files.

When you accidentally damage things in a fit of anger.

When you fight with your best friend for no good reason.

When your bike tyre pops.

When you spend money on things that don't work.

Being drafted into activities that you don't want to do.

Doing the chores.

Every box that has "Batteries Not Included" on it in small print.

No rainchecks on sales of clothes or toys.

When the last piece of the jigsaw puzzle is missing.

When someone takes the last bit of your birthday cake without asking.

When you dunk your biscuit and as you lift it out half the biscuit falls in your cup and splashes everywhere.

Opening a can that has been shaken up.

When you're babysitting and the little kids keep jumping on you.

Changing dirty nappies.

When you're sitting in class and the clock seems to be going backwards.

Getting writer's block when you've got to finish your essay.

Having to do homework.

The Triad of Latter-Day Morons

By JAI MILLER

WE are too bored to bother finding a new thing to review this time so we are gonna review something old. At this moment in time we don't know what but we are gonna review something for sure.

Yep reviews ahoy... Uh huh... Ok now for the review: Metallica - Master of Puppets.

Well we feel this is Metallica's best album to date, it contains some of Metallica's greatest hits.

This album has little to no swearing and so is suitable for most ages in that respect. However, it does deal with some heavy issues and dies have volume levels most responsible parents might not want their kids listening to. We give this album a high score but we are too confused to give it an exact review point score like we would like to.

We also have some comments by our people again:

Martin: 'I shall rule for I will have miliary power'.

Fiona: 'I shall rule for I am cool hahahahahahaha'.

Me: 'I shall rule for I am fishy'.

BEST EXCUSES FOR NOT DOING HOMEWORK

By a teenager who wishes to remain anonymous.

*THERE was a blackout/flood at my house last night, (ensure teacher does not live nearby).

*I had to attend my grandma's 99th birthday party, (can only be used once a year).

*I was hungry, so I ate it for a snack, (works well if homework was for cooking class).

*I left it on the school bus, (only use this one if you catch the school bus).

*I accidentally flushed it down the toilet.

*The dog ate it, (this is a classic & worth trying again).

*My older brother/sister took it to hand in for themselves, (it was so good!).

*A Yowie broke into my home and stole it, (Warning: this one has yet to be tested and teachers may require evidence that you actually saw a Yowie).

*I accidentally dropped it down a drain on the way to school.

*My mother wouldn't let me do it, (A note from your mother is generally required).

*I am so smart that I don't need to do homework.

*Another teacher wanted it to show her class as an example of neatness.

*Mum needed it for her university assignment.

*Relations whom we hadn't seen for 20 years arrived on the doorstep and we went out for tea.

*I was doing incredible research late at night and I fell asleep.

*My Playstation hypnotized me for 12 hours straight, (This is a totally legitimate excuse, but can't be sure how your teacher will react).

*I used all the paper from my book for my origami project for Art.

*My kid brother/sister spilt breakfast all over it and it was too late to do it again.

*My bag has a hole in it and it must have fallen out.

*I blew it up in a pyrotechnics experiment.

*I forgot, (this sounds lame, but you'll probably get credit for your honesty).

CHEEZ T.V

By MORGAN STRATFORD

THE programs below are some of the KIDS shows that will be on Cheez TV from now til the end of the year. I like these shows because they are Interesting, Exciting and fun to watch.

7.00am: Gadget and Gagetinis - 15 August 2003 - 27 October 2003-09-01

7.30am: Dragon Ball Z season 5 repeats (Monday - Thursday) 12 August 2003 - 15 October 2003 (38 episodes).

Series 1 repeats (Friday) 25 April - 10 October 2003 (24 episodes)

8.00am: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (2003) (Fridays) 4 July 2003 - 26 December 2003 (26 episodes).

Spongebob Squarepants repeats (Monday - Thursday) 24 August 2003 - ?

The Big Cheez - Upcoming Cartoon Series

7.30am: Zoids: New Century repeats 2 August 2003 - 6 December 2003 (17 episodes left to repeat)

8.00am: Jackie Chan Adventure season 3 9 August 2003 - 6 December 2003 (20 episodes)

8.30am: Transformers Armada 9 august 2003 - May 2004 (39 episodes)

Help supplied by <http://www.members.optushome.com.au/veemon/cheeztv.html>.

DEATH RALLY

By "Computer Ruler"

Death Rally is a game where you win races by destroying the other cars.

CHEATS

To activate these cheats type the following codes during a race: DRINK - rocket fuel DRUB - invincibility DRAG - unlimited ammo DRUG - go on drugs

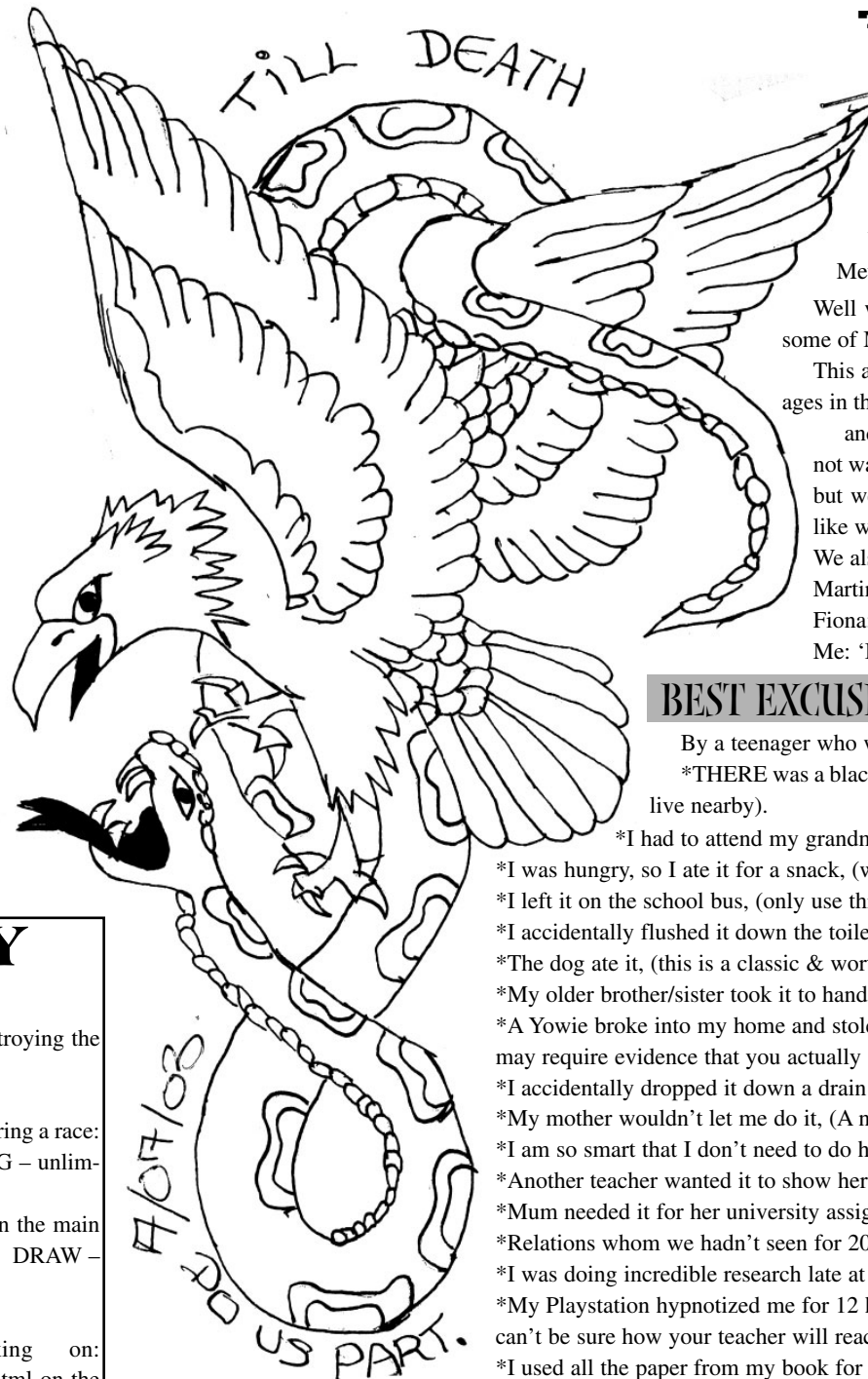
To activate these cheats type the following codes in the main menu: DRIVE - get 10 points DROP - drop 10 points DRAW - receive \$1,000 DROOL - receive \$500,000

NOTE: all cheats work on full version.

You can get this game by checking on: www.gamespot.com/pc/driving/deathrally/downloads.html on the internet.

IT TAKES ABOUT 20 MINUTES TO DOWNLOAD

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Drawing By:
Hayley Anderson

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A refreshing town, free of coal dust

By CATHY COCHRANE

WHEN Tony and Marie Myers arrived in Churchill in May 1966, it was their baby daughter Kerrie who prompted their choice of new home.

"We had Kerrie in the car and very young and we stopped outside there to attend to her and Tony said 'what do you think about that one?' and I said 'that looks OK'," Marie recalls.

"I don't know whether I would have chosen a corner house if I had sort of thought about it more really. It is a busy corner. We picked a busy spot really."

They moved to Churchill from Yallourn where Tony worked at the power station because they had heard whispers that Yallourn was going. They were the sixteenth family in the town.

"We came out of the coal dust. It was lovely to leave Yallourn," Marie said. "I think it was refreshing coming out here."

Looking back the Myers believe the town developed quickly. Tony recalls the first community bonfire was held as early as November 1966, on what was to become the school grounds.

Many things were held at the home of Rev. Peter Arch- from meetings to church services to mail collections. This provided temporary services for the original residents.

The shopping centre opened in 1967. A bus from Boolarra had already been diverted down Switchback Road in Churchill to take residents to Morwell. It went at about 7:30am and returned in the evening

The primary school, built across the road from the Myers house, opened in 1968, along with the kindergarten at Watson's Park.

According to Tony, the school was originally earmarked to go in Watson's Park (Firmin Road end) but the Education Department objected to the steepness of the block and the need for a tiered school ground. Instead it was located on Howard Avenue and Tony recalls that problems with the founda-

tions forced it to be reconstructed.

"When we were actually living it everything seemed to take a long time to get it, but when you read it, it happened so quickly," Marie said.

"You know, we thought it was ages before we got the kindergarten but I mean we came in '66 and we had it in '68. It just seemed a long time... and it wasn't really. It was only 12 months between when we came and the shops opened."

Nevertheless, at the time there was some frustration. Particularly, the promised high school opened in the last year of the Myers' youngest child's education. And kindergarten places were distributed by ballot with those missing out placed on a waiting list. Many children went to other towns, thanks in part to families sharing the transport duties between them.

"I think I was disappointed that when we came here they said kindergartens and high schools and things would be here by the time our children needed them, they said these things were going to happen," Marie said.

"Neither child got in the kindergarten. Then they had those years and they built kindergartens and it wasn't many years before they never had enough children to fill them."

"Lucky my grandchildren have had the benefit... so eventually," Marie laughs. "Patience," Tony added.

When new residents arrived in the town they were welcomed by Rev. Arch and given a sheet of paper introducing the town (which expanded into a booklet). It was the beginnings of the Churchill News.

"It was interesting to see everything growing, you know, there was people moving in every day," Marie said.

Most of the families had young children and the Myers recall nappies on nearly every line.

The restrictions on housing commission houses were lifted for Churchill because they wanted people

to shift to the town. Many, including Tony, would not have been eligible in any other town- their incomes were just above the cut off and therefore they were deemed eligible to buy or build their own home.

Originally, the housing commission houses were offered on fixed term interest rates of about four to four and a half per cent but in the early 1970's variable rates were brought in.

The increasing population led to the creation of the Citizens Association, which began with an Interim Committee. It advocated for and monitored the town's progress.

One key debate in the early years was about a proposal to create a community chest to pool fundraising efforts and then distribute the money to local projects. It was defeated.

The regular briquette deliveries provided the fuel for what was to become a key feature of the town- briquette smoke.

"Coming home from nightshifts early in the time there was hardly any smoke or fog over Churchill and after about six months, what when the town got a few more houses in it, you could see this blue haze. It was all the briquette fires and what not over the town," Tony remembered.

"You could smell the briquettes at night when you walked around, because every house had a briquette heater," agreed Marie.

Another key feature of life in Churchill was clay mud! The whole yard around the house was clay when they arrived, a situation made worse by what was, according to Marie, "the wettest year we've ever had."

"We used to take trailer loads of clay out to Tom Lawless' farm and fill up all the holes in all the gateways and everything out there," Tony said.

During the first few years of



Original residents: Marie and Tony Myers

Churchill there were also many national changes. For example, Tony recalls his wages rising almost 100 per cent in three years under the Whitlam government as inflation dramatically increased.

The fire brigade is also prominent in the Myers' early memories. George Farley was the first captain.

Tony became involved in the fire brigade when Dave Sargenson ask if he would help build the new fire station in about 1967. It wasn't the most successful venture- the shed wasn't quite square, requiring some local farmers to make the necessary alterations and it was built a foot closer to the road than it was meant to be due to an error by the engineer.

Later the roof had to be raised 18 inches to accommodate the new tanker.

The brigade conducted its fundraising with paper and bottle drives. The many hours put in by the volunteers were well worth it.

"We made a lot of money out of fundraising that way," Marie recalls.

At one point, the fire brigade had three sheds known as mother, father and son.

Another fond memory for the Myers is the school fete held in Gaskin Park. Tony served on the primary

school committee for a few years and held the position of treasurer. He was responsible for the fete proceeds and as the banks were closed for the weekend they sat in the boot of the Myers' car all weekend- including a day trip to Welshpool!

"There was nowhere to put it and we didn't want to leave it here because everyone knew Tony was the Treasurer, so we couldn't leave all that around, so it travelled wherever we went," Marie said.

The controversy surrounding the decision to name the town Churchill involved nearly everyone in the town.

"When we came here we definitely would have liked it to be Hazelwood," Marie said.

"I threatened to call it Hazel-Church-Hill-Wood," Tony added.

The Myers' family has been associated with the area for more than a century and Tony knew people in the district before the Myers shifted to Churchill.

Tony worked at the Yallourn Power station for more than 30 years, including shift work for 25 years, before retiring in 1989.

Tony and Marie have no regrets about coming to Churchill. "If it had have turned sour we would have gone," Tony said.

LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT SERVING THE COMMUNITY

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

THE Camp Quality Escarpade (Car Rally) is coming up in October and the club members are busy readying the vehicle and arranging sponsorship.

Letters of request have been sent to other clubs and businesses for sponsorship. Bunnings catering is a great fundraiser for this cause and we ask that you support us by purchasing a snag or two.

Lions Village Licola House 3 project is almost finished. Members recently laid the vinyl and fixed and grouted tiles in the showers. Some painting and fittings and the job's done.

Trevor Lawson, our latest new member, was inducted recently by President Peter McShane.

Lion's Christmas Cakes will be available soon. A quick sell out would be greatly appreciated.

Police Clearances for adults working with or around children under the age of 18 years are becoming a fact of

life. Lions International is looking at a policy to this effect and how it will affect our members.

Zachary McLure was the happy Birthday Club recipient of the two \$10 vouchers last month.

All children under 12 are eligible to join and each month a lucky "birthdayite" will be chosen at random by the editor. Make sure your child is registered.

Ronald McDonald Houses is a great facility for families needing a place to stay while their ill child is treated.

Our club is proud to be a room sponsor at the Monash complex that services predominantly Gippsland families.

To all the families in our community of Churchill and surrounding district, we thank you for your support.

Need to contact us? Our address is PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842.



THE August 'Birthdayite', Zachary McLure, was all smiles as he was presented with two \$10.00 vouchers by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District, one for Churchill Newsagency and the other for Churchill Future Flicks. He was chosen at random by the Churchill News Editor from the August list. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky 'Birthdayite'.

HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLANS

By RUTH PLACE

Does your family have one?

LET us hope you never have to use these arrangements. BUT it is better to be prepared than to be in a panic should your house start to burn.

To put your home fire plan into readiness, conduct regular fire drills with all members of your household.

Identify the quickest and safest way to exit the house from every room in the

house, including upper storeys.

Designate a safe meeting place outside, e.g. the letter box, and stick to it. Make sure your house number is clearly visible. Know the Fire Survival Rules. (We will look at these rules next month)

What to do if a fire starts

- Firstly, get everyone out of the house.
- Crawl low if there is smoke about.
- Meet at the planned meeting place.
- Call the fire brigade.

● Stay out of the house.

● If the fire is small and localised, and it is safe to do so, extinguish the fire.

Keep wallets and handbags easily accessible to avoid last minute panic.

Wait for the fire brigade to arrive and explain where the fire is, or if anyone is still inside.

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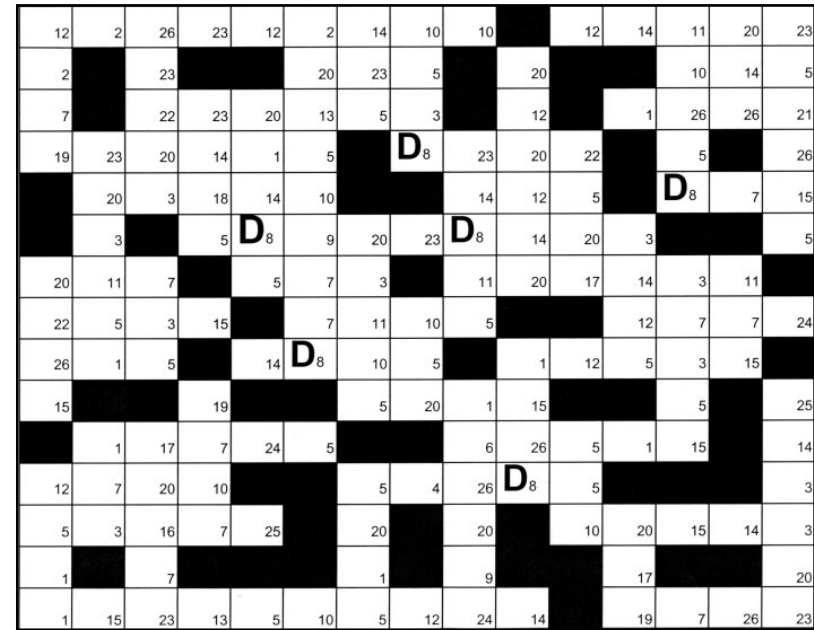
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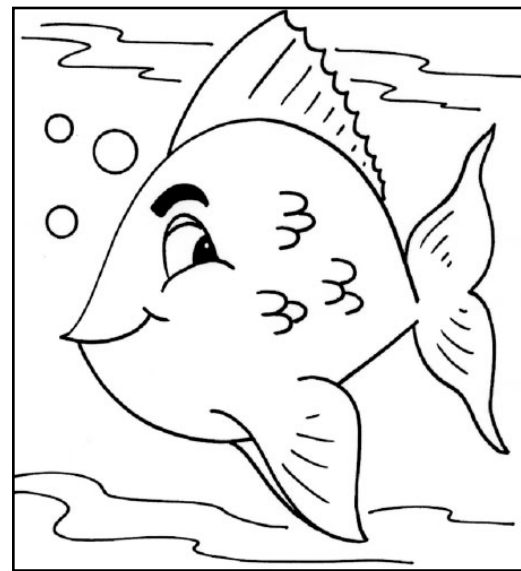
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| celebrate | invitations |
| friends | party |
| fun | presents |
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The lucky "Birthdayite" for August was Zachary McLure.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR SEPTEMBER

Tylah BRUCE	7 years
Danielle FLANIGAN	9 years
Dean FRANKLEN	11 years
Shannon HAYES	12 years
Ellis HAYES-HILLS	5 years
Bonnie KEARNS	4 years
Bevan KEMP	6 years
Emily LUGTON	3 years
Kerry ROSEWELL	5 years
Tayla SMITH	8 years

The selected "BIRTHDAYITE" for September is **SHANNON HAYES**

Congratulations, you have won a \$10 voucher for Churchill Newsagency and \$10 voucher for Churchill Future Flicks. We will be contacting you shortly.

Narracan Rail Trail

By RUTH PLACE

A COUPLE of weeks ago, a group of friends met together to walk the part of the Narracan Rail Trail Walk, from Narracan Falls downstream, to the tiny township of Narracan.

As we parked at the Narracan Falls, we heard the thundering crash of the water spilling over the falls, swelled by recent rains.

The path along, or near the Narracan Creek, is usually well defined. There are a few styles to clamber over. The sound of the creek gurgling and splashing along as you meander along its course is soothing.

In two places ruins of the trestle bridges, which spanned the creek, can be seen. This was part of a train branch line, which left the main Gippsland line just east of Moe and went through to Thorpdale. Part of the raised bank on which the rails were laid still remains between these ruined trestle bridges.

As we arrived in Narracan and turned right onto the road, over the bridge, straight ahead we could see the picturesque and well cared for Uniting Church Building. Further up the hills, in the same direction, obscured by the trees, is the Narracan Primary School. In the opposite direction can be seen the newly reconstructed Narracan Hall. It was burnt down some time ago, and is now rebuilt in the old style, but with modern facilities.

To get back to the car park at the Falls you can either



retrace your steps along the creek which is very pleasant, or you can walk up the steep hill and then turn left to the Falls. This will really increase your heart-rate!

It was a delightful experience, made more so by sharing it with friends and participating in snippets of various conversations.

To finish our time together we feasted on hot homemade soup, perfect for the cold winter's day, and sandwiches and fruit.

This is a pleasant walk we all would recommend for people who are reasonably fit and agile.



Local People Show Concern About Government's Aged Care Funding

FEDERAL Member for McMillan, Christian Zahra, and Federal Shadow Minister for Ageing Annette Ellis, have been presented with a petition signed by around 2,000 local residents calling for the Howard Government to adequately fund aged care providers.

"This issue has stirred strong feelings in people throughout my electorate," said Mr Zahra.

"In just two weeks about ten aged care providers have gathered 2,500 signatures calling for the Government to review the tiny 1.01% increase to the funding they have announced."

"This dismal increase will not even come close to covering the average increase in wages and will leave providers without enough money to provide care.

"That's without even considering the

ever increasing cost of food, linen, insurance and other essentials.

"There are many professionally run, not-for-profit aged care centres in my electorate and each centre enjoys a huge amount of community support.

"The people who've signed the petition are concerned that without the appropriate funding these centres will not be able to ensure that service levels are maintained and in the end they may not be able to function at all," Mr Zahra said.

"Given the strength of community feeling surrounding this issue, the Howard Government would be well advised to listen to the people who's family members they will be affecting," concluded Mr Zahra.

Mr Zahra will table the petition in Federal Parliament.

People's Choice Awards

THE National Volunteer Awards are being extended this year so that members of the community can vote for their 'favourite' volunteer group in the People's Choice Awards.

180 volunteer groups will be put forward for the People's Choice Award. The Churchill & District News is hoping to be one of them!

Voting will begin on September 15, online at www.national.com.au, and close on October 10 2003.

Everyone is encouraged to support their favourite groups by visiting the website and voting for them, as the People's Choice Award winners will receive \$2,500 for their organisation's activities.

SPOTLIGHT ON

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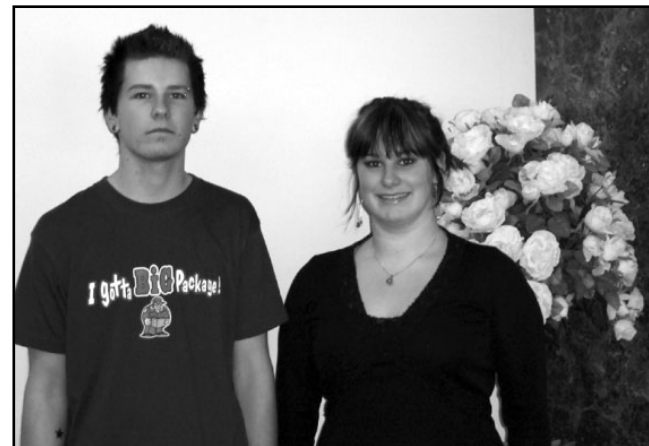
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Coal Country 2003

A GREAT day was had by all at the Coal Country 2003 Swim Meet on Sunday 27 July. It was the 22nd Coal Country Swim Meet and it took place at Churchill and Monash Leisure Centre.

A total of 323 swimmers from 17 clubs completed at the annual event. The clubs travelled from as far as Melbourne and Bairnsdale.

Traralgon won the highest club point trophy. Highest female individual points was won by Courtney Ford, Traralgon, and highest male individual points was won by Ashley Delany, also from Traralgon. Abbie Stockdale, Traralgon, won the Kathleen Froud Memorial Trophy for the 100m female backstroke.

The Churchill Swimming Club would like to say thank you to all the local businesses that supported us with cash sponsorships and prize donations. We also

thank the Churchill and Monash Leisure Centre who allowed us to use their facilities for this meet. Their support of the Club is invaluable.

The Churchill Swimming Club has twenty-five swimmers competing this year, many achieving new personal best times.

Quite a few of our competitors were young newcomers from our development squad, a program created especially for younger swimmers who wish to improve their stroke and swimming ability, many of whom gained experience and confidence from their first meet.

It was a great learning day for them and the smiles on their faces told us of the great time they had.

For any details about our Club or our development squad, you can contact our club president Bill Ypelaan on 5122 2969.



Churchill Swim Club: Back L-R: Daniel Magaldi, Aneurin Hall, Ashley Ypelaan, Chloe Shambrook, Stuart Shambrook, Amy Shambrook, Kimberly Hall, Claire Watson, Caroline Hollands. Middle L-R: Eden Doherty, Erin Saunders, Bonnie Axford, Emma Watson, Hanna Ypelaan, Jessica Webster. Front L-R: Jessica Mayo, Grace Belton, Kate Cording, Alicia Huizzer, Ashley DiCiero, Daniel Ypelaan, Kayla Massaro, Emma Berryman, Vanessa Holcombe. Not Pictured: Annie Brewer and Jayde Clements.

Chasing the Big One



THE Associated Angling Club Inc chased the big bream on the Tambo River recently with a turnout of nineteen members.

Everyone was up early on a cold and frosty Saturday morning and fishing was good, sitting on the banks of the river with a fire for warmth.

By the end of the day there was a good catch of Mullet and Bream, with Fiona Hodge taking the lead with a catch of 1487grams.

Our next trip will be to Kilcunda. For more information ring Rod Slocum on 5122 2189.

Erroll Parmigiani visited the Club for a very informative evening on tagging fish. Mr Parmigiani explained that freshwater marine and estuarine fish are tagged to learn more about their movement and growth. He advised that if anglers caught tagged fish the date, loca-

tion, the length and the tag number should be recorded and this information should then be forwarded to the telephone number on the tag. The most important thing to remember, he explained was that if the fish is released back into the water the tag should not be removed as it may be caught again by another angler and provide more useful information regarding the fish's movement and growth.

An important date for the diary is the 8 November – the Junior Fishing Competition at Lake Hyland in Churchill. Preparation for this annual event is now in full swing. If you would like to find out more or are interested in becoming involved please contact Rod on 5122 2189 or Peter on 5122 2589.

Night Tennis

JUST a reminder that our night tennis competition started on Wednesday 3 September. Our Annual Open Day will be held on the 14 September from 1pm until 4pm. Junior and Seniors will be combined this year and all are welcome. Don't forget to bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. There are prizes to be won.

Yinnar and District Tennis Association

Saturday teams need to be organised and submitted to Vicki prior to 15 September 2003.



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Morwell Tenpin's Storm into State Final

ALL four Morwell Tenpin Bowling teams that recently competed at Sale stormed into the state finals to be held in November at Werribee Bowl for the juniors and at Morwell Tenpins for the adults.

Morwell Juniors had a great day out competing against Narre Warren, Warragul, Bairnsdale and Sale to take out the top spot in both the girls and boys divisions.

Each fielded a team of 6 bowlers with any four bowlers competing at one time. Morwell had the experience of two state team members to help them get to the State Final.

Sale boys team sprung the biggest surprise when against Morwell they came out firing to produce a 5 to 1 win against the hot favourites, who seemed stunned by the team spirit Sale showed early on.

However this might have been the right spur for Morwell boys as this was the only match they lost for the rest of the day.

In the end there was a fairly comfortable margin between 1st and 2nd place of 17.5 points.

One high point for the day was the big score of 255 in a scratch game against Sale by Brett Lacey.

In the girls division Morwell did not lose a match all day and had a comfortable win over Sale by 15.5 points. The high point was Morwell's Katie Arnold bowling

221 in a scratch game. Katie continued to carry her recent Victorian State team win into this event and was by far the most outstanding junior on the day.

It was pleasing to see Katie's younger sister Jessica make her first appearance with the Morwell team.

Morwell Adult teams bowled on the following day, competing against the same centres as the juniors.

Morwell Ladies started off very well and gave the favourites, Bairnsdale, a tough run until game six when they had a big loss and were not able to recover the points.

However, the Ladies finished second and will go into the State Finals in Morwell with a lot of confidence and the ability to cause an upset.

Two of our Ladies were in the top 3 averages with Lindy Alsop on 179 just ahead of current All Star Team Member Nicky Buntmans's 177. Lindy also bowled the high game for the tournament, a 226.

In the Men's section Morwell's team was in total control all day. Morwell boasted five of the top 10 bowlers at the end of the day with Peter Flanigan leading the averages with 197 followed by his Captain Bryan Woszczeiko's 195.

At the end of the day Morwell was a huge 18 points ahead of Narre

Warren who came second and eliminated Bairnsdale from the State Final.

TEAM RESULTS

Girls

1st Morwell Tenpins: 36pts
2nd Sale: 21.5pts
3rd Bairnsdale: 14 Points
Morwell Team: Katie Arnold, Amy-Lee Walker, Deanne Lacey, Kate Gilchrist, Jessica Arnold, Debra Bosma.

Boys

1st Morwell Tenpins: 38pts
2nd Sale: 21.5
3rd Bairnsdale: 17.5
Morwell Team: Brett Lacey, Graham Hodgkiss, Bruce Mason, James Mills, Daley Matthies, Robert Monds.

Adults: Ladies

1st Bairnsdale: 48pts
2nd Morwell Tenpins: 40pts
3rd Sale: 14pts
Morwell Team: Cindy Lacey, Sarah-Jayne Arnold, Alicia Mason, Nicky Buntman, Jodie Motta, Wendy Motta, Lindy Alsop.

Men's

1st Morwell Tenpins: 50pts
2nd Narre Warren: 32pts
3rd Sale: 25pts
Morwell Team: Bryan Woszczeiko, Wayne Mills, Peter Flanigan, Jason Motta, Paul Stanton, Roy Arnold, Joe Tomasinski.

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Seafood Platter	13.00

Kids Menu

Dim Sims or Potato Cakes or Chicken Nuggets or Fish all with chips	5.00
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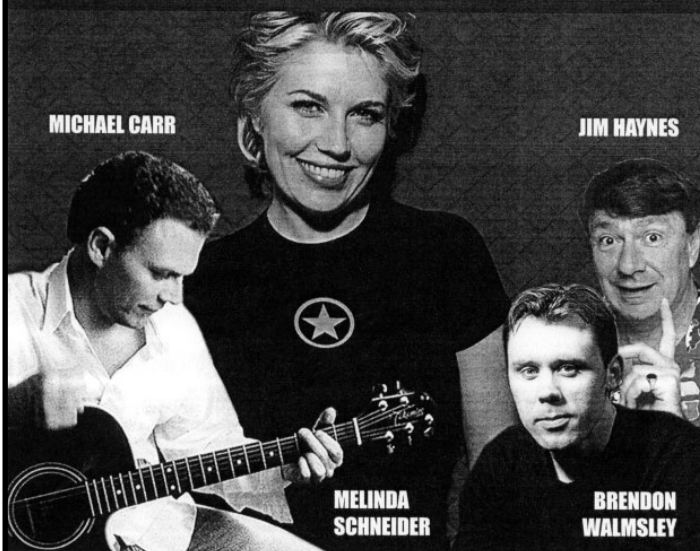
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