

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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Churchill Festival A Huge Success!



AROUND 2,000 people enjoyed the festivities at Glendonald Park in Churchill on Saturday May 15. Plenty of entertainment, fun, food and information was on offer.

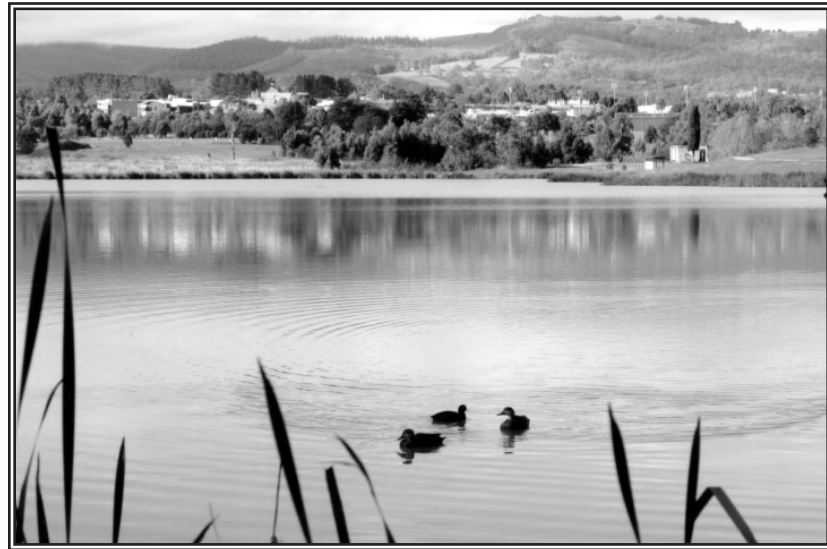
"It was a wonderful day," said organiser Tracey Burr. "The weather was perfect and everything went according to plan. Visitors were thrilled that everything, including the barbecue was free!"

According to Peter McShane, almost 80 kilograms of

sausages were served to hungry participants by the Churchill and District Lions Club. The Churchill Guides served over 500 cups of tea, coffee and cordial at the rest tent. Awakenings, who provided free activities for children, served as many again.

The Festival is not quite over yet! There are still some prizes to give away. Turn to the centre page to see if you are a winner!

Photographic Competition Prizewinner



LAKE Hyland was the subject of this year's winning photograph. Entitled 'The Pond' the photograph was taken by Tom Mikulic. It depicts beautifully a familiar scene to most Churchill residents.

Tom was thrilled to win first prize. Tom also won second prize with his photograph 'Cloud Factory'.

Christina Prozhazka's photograph 'All In One' was third with Jan May winning an encouragement award.

In the childrens section James Curwood won first prize with 'Don't Worry, Be Happy', a photograph of his King Charles Cavalier.

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Pictured top: Royce Moncur from the Funshow. Above: Clowns entertaining visitors balloons.



Pictured top: The 2004 Winning Photograph 'The Pond'. Above: Photographer Tom Mikulic

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EDITORIAL

The Festival
What a wonderful day!

your copy please telephone Ruth on 51 221961.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who volunteered, took part and enjoyed the day. One of the comments that stood out was that the day had a 'great atmosphere'. The hours of torment as to whether it would rain on the day faded into insignificance as perfect weather greeted us as we arrived to set up! Our thanks also go to Churchill Primary School for being on standby in case of inclement weather however.

Photographic Competition

Our thanks also to all the entrants in the Photographic competition. We have some wonderful photographs for the 2005 calendar which will be available in September. If you would like to reserve

West Field Project

International Power Hazelwood spoke at a recent CDCA meeting regarding the West Field Project. This project will secure jobs and power supply for the next 40 years. Without the project the power station has a very real chance of being shut down in 2009 with disastrous repercussions throughout the valley.

They have asked for community support in the form of positive submissions to the EES process. Any person or group can make a submission. Details are on page 13.

Writing Competition

This is coming in the next issue! Get the pens ready! Ed.



**Spring at 592 Thomson Road
By Jan May
Encouragement Award Winner**

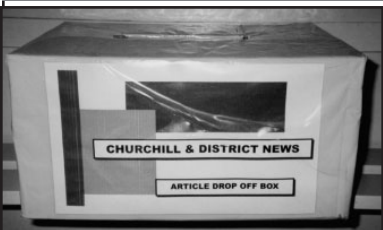
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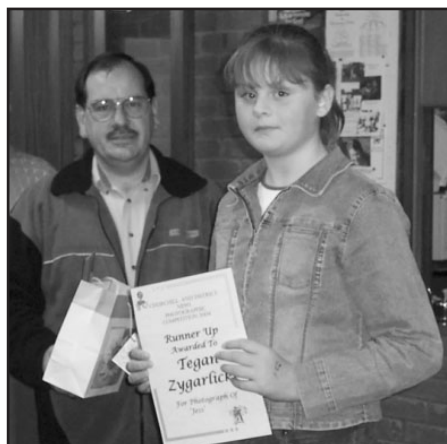
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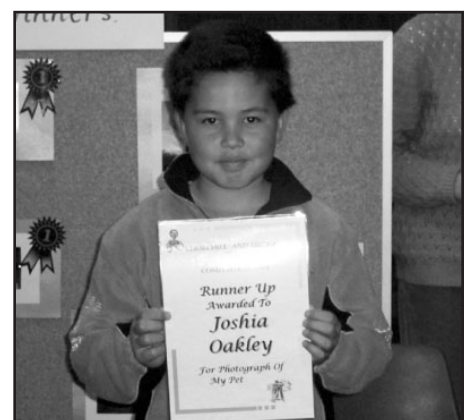
**Elizabeth Oakely
2nd Place and
Encouragement Award
Winner
For her photograph of her
special pet
'Playing The Organ'**



**Jess
By Tegan Zygarlicki**



**Tegan Zygarlicki
Receives her Runner Up
Prize from Gary Mauger**



**Josiah Oakley
Runner Up
For his photograph of
some very cheeky
puppies!**



Cloud Factory

By Tom Mikulic
2nd Place winner
Receives his prize from
Dave Quinn CEO,
International Power
Hazelwood

By PHILIP MARSH, Executive Officer

THE Churchill Swimming Group has been meeting on a weekly basis to monitor progress and ensure that all avenues of investigation in respect of the pool are undertaken as quickly as is possible.

Ceiling panels in strategic locations above the pool concourse have been removed and were inspected by GHD on Friday 28 May 2004.

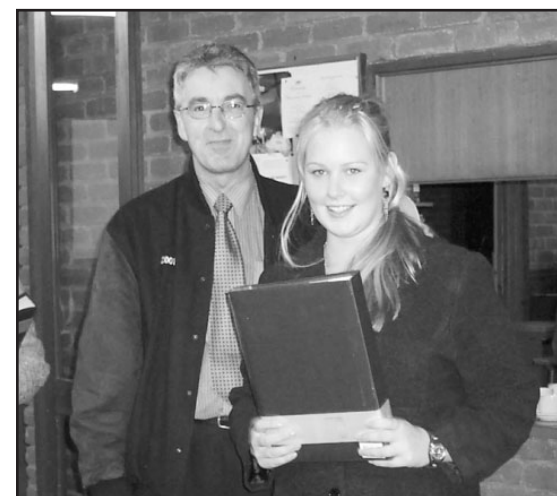
Dewatering of the ground surrounding the pool is on target and the silt from the sump will be pumped out today. This will enable the pool to be emptied so that the rest of the ceiling panels above the pool can be inspected. It was necessary to empty the pool before the ceiling panels above the pool could be inspected due to health and safety reasons as it was not possible to isolate the power supply to the pool area without causing major disruptions to the rest of the centre and also the risk of debris falling into the pool water

with a risk of contaminating the filtration and pumping system. Materials to replace any damaged ceiling panels have been obtained.

The third survey of the concourse will take place early next week. This survey work identifies any movement or changes in levels to the pool, the surrounds and the concourse. Monitoring of these levels provides an indication as to what is happening in the soil below the pool area as dewatering occurs.

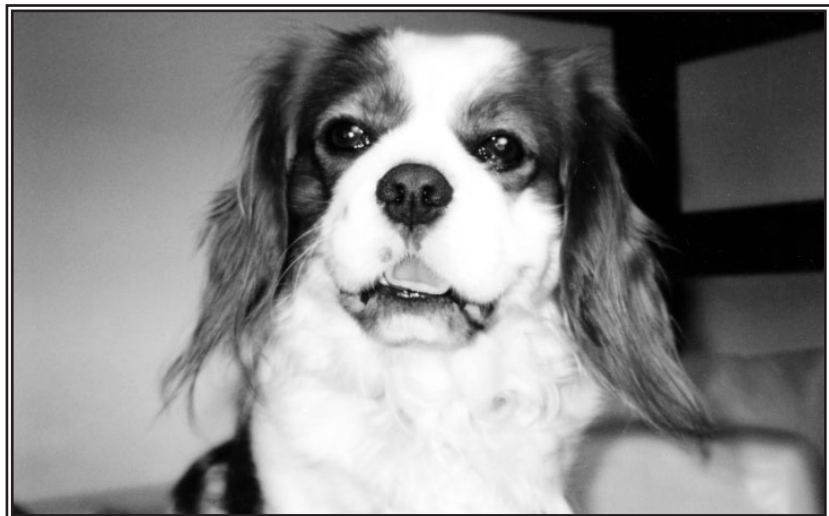
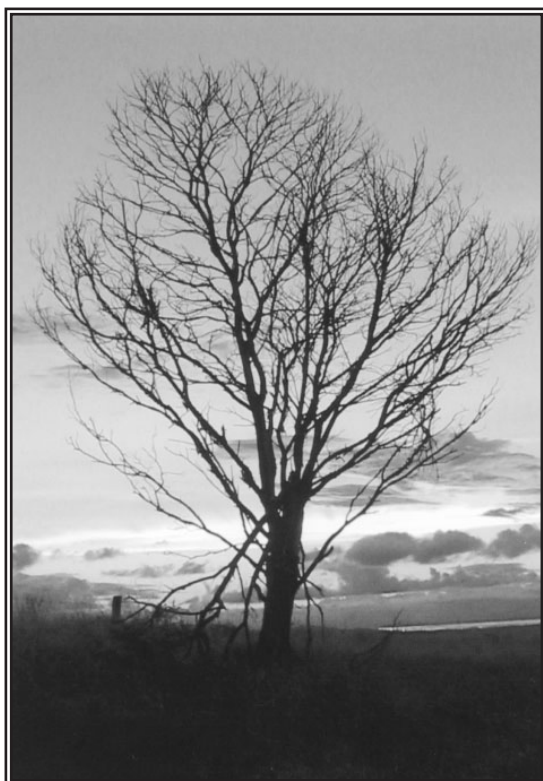
Cutting of the concourse on the south side of the pool where the central joint is will also commence in the very near future. This will enable the external area of the joint to be inspected and to also determine if there are any voids under the pool shell.

I will ensure that you are all updated with any information as it comes to hand and at a minimum will provide a report to you on a fortnightly basis.



All In One

By Christina Prozhazka
3rd Place winner



Don't Worry Be Happy

By James Curwood
1st Place Winner
'Our Pet'



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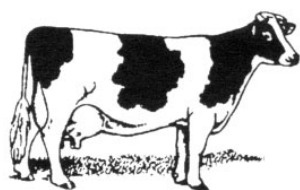
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Saturday Breakfast Co-Operating Church Snippets

By KEITH ENDERS

THE Breakfast on May 29 featured a very interesting talk by Patrick Morgan on a well-known Australian and author, Mary Grant Bruce. She was born at Sale on 24 May 1878 and in her lifetime was regarded as Australia's most popular author. Her father was Eyre Lewis Bruce who was a pioneer surveyor in Gippsland who married Mary Whittaker in 1870.

Mary as a child spent much time on the farms of her uncles at Heyfield and the Riverina and this childhood experience provided the general background for her well-known series of "Billabong" novels. As a child she was devoted to her father and older brother Patrick who died tragically in 1858 as a result of a shooting accident. Mary was sent to stay with her grandparents at Fern Hill and it was here that she began writing poems and stories at the age of seven.

After completing her schooling she moved to Melbourne where she worked as an editor and wrote weekly stories for the "Leader" children's page, a weekly published by the "Age" newspaper. Her first book "A Little Bush Maid", originally a serial, was published in 1910. Between 1910 and 1942 she wrote not only the popular "Billabong" novels but other novels as well, a total of 37 in all. The other novels such as 'Glen Eyre' and 'Robin' were not as popular as the 'Billabong' series but are now becoming collectors items as more people become interested in her work. During her lifetime she wrote for quite a number of journals and newspapers.

Mary married a distant cousin Major George Evans in 1914 after meeting him

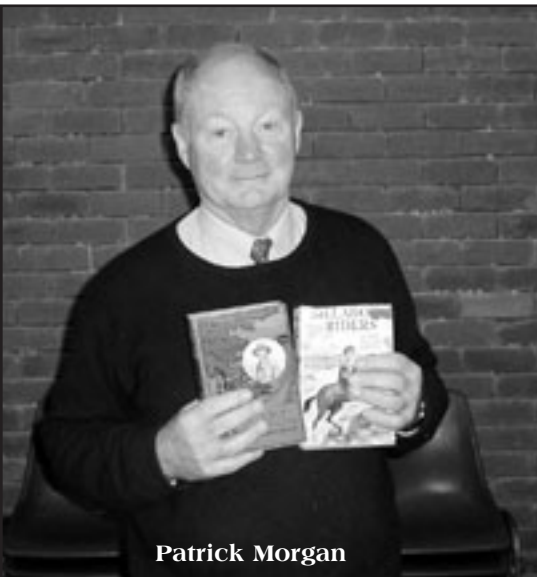
on a visit to Ireland where she lived for three years during World War I and where her two sons Jonathon and Patrick were born. After Ireland they lived in England for two years and then returned to Australia in 1919 to live in Mabel Street, Traralgon in a house adjacent to her parents home. Mary wrote 13 books during the next eight years at Traralgon. She returned to Ireland in 1927 after her parents died and then to England again after her son Patrick died in an accident at the age of 12 years. Her husband was also an accomplished writer.

They returned to Australia in 1939 where her husband died in 1946 aged 82. Mary travelled to England in 1954 intending to stay for a short time but did not return to Australia. She died at Bexhill-on-Sea on 12 July 1958.

Patrick Morgan himself is a well known author having won the inaugural Community History Award in 1998 for his "The Settling of Gippsland, A Regional History". The award is sponsored by Information Victoria and jointly co-ordinated with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. As a former Senior Lecturer in English at Monash Gippsland, Patrick has also written course material for subjects on Gippsland history. He has written and edited other books and is currently working on several more as well as writing for journals such as "Quadrant". Patrick has been on the Australia Council, which provides funding for the arts in Australia and is also a member of the Advisory Council of the National Archives of Australia.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held on 26 June at 7.30am at the Co-Operating Churches, 1 Williams Ave, Churchill. The Rev Clem Watts of the Traralgon Anglican Church will be giving his views on the future of the Christian church. Anyone interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 24 June on 5122 1148 or by email at kbenders@net-tech.comm.au.

A belated acknowledgement of the photo of Phil Higgins in the last edition: the photo was taken by Norman Hurrell.



Patrick Morgan

Lyn Porrit

By RUTH PLACE

Lyn is an enthusiastic, lively person, willing to have a go and get involved with her community. When she heard that Churchill Festival was going to be held, she said

"I'll be in that!" So on the day she erected her gazebo tent, and set up a table and chairs with signs that said "Come and Talk" and "Come and Pray".

That is just what people did and Lyn was thrilled. She handed out over 100 bookmarks and 70 prayer cards. Nine people asked for prayer.

Heaps just dropped in

for a chat. She said she was never at a loose end, thoroughly enjoying the day.

She told the folks who asked for prayer that they would be prayed for in Church the next day and I can vouch that that happened.



Lyn Porrit At The Churchill Festival

By RUTH PLACE

OUR month began with Cathy's Worship Team taking our service. The next week Rev. Elwyn took and Anglican Communion service. On the Tuesday, the Ladies fellowship staged a For Love or Money night with Bruce Arnup.

He is such a wealth of knowledge and could talk about each item at length telling us approximate age and origin of the item, as well as special features. Then he gave a valuation. Many of those present were pleasantly surprised about the value of their item!

Saturday 15th May dawned cold but fine. I can verify that as I was up at 5:30 a.m., and at Glendonald Park along with the other hardworking Festival committee members. From then on it was all go. We were not the only ones working.

Mark was picking up bread donated by the Hot Bread Shop. Trevor and David were picking up staging, seating forms and a display board. Ian was helping with the power supply, followed by whatever else needed his assistance.

From 9-12 p.m. the Ladies Fellowship were flat out making sandwiches for our appreciative workers on all the activities.

As well Mary was being Granny Smith, relieved by Glenda, and others like Ruth, Bruce, Julie, Carol, Sandra and Janet (sorry if I have missed anybody), were helping with all the Awakening children's activities! Mark disappeared for a time and came back dressed as a clown.

With him he brought a bag of lollies and chocolates and proceeded to make people's day happier by sharing them with those who were there. **THANK YOU CO-OPERATING CHURCHES FOLKS. YOUR BLOOD IS WORTH BOTTLING!**

The following Sunday, Rev. Lyn Porritt took Morning Prayer. Lyn's sermon was a challenge and well worth hearing. That morning we wished Eric and Dorothy Rowley well for their 57th Wedding Anniversary. They celebrated with a lunch with friends at the Italian-Australian Club, enjoying a delicious meal.

The fourth Sunday Rev. Elwyn took a Uniting Church service, introducing the service with a theme of Christian Unity by having the symbols presented including a spray of tree dahlia to show our unity with all the flowers coming off the one stalk and representing us in our many different forms of development.

As this was the last service Elwyn would take for us, she and Terry were thanked and presented with a beautiful bunch of flowers and a bottle of wine.



Mark Puurunen Enjoying Handing Out Lollies at the Churchill Festival



For Love or Money Brian Arnup With Betty Reid and Dianne Whitehead

We have enjoyed Elwyn and Terry's time with us and will miss their cheery smiles and helpful ways. They will leave a legacy as I'm sure we will have another Seder meal next year!

On the Thursday of that week we were invited to take part in an Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity. This involved members of the Co-Operating Churches, Lumen Christie and the Co-Operating Parish of Boolarra/ Yinnar, as well as uni students and staff. The service was held in the Spirituality Centre at Monash University, Lyn's Chaplaincy Centre.

In her sermon Lyn challenged all of us to do our bit to ensure peace and unity in diversity. Various participants took part by doing Bible readings, and leading prayers. Lyn had arranged materials, the colours of the rainbow, in a circle on the floor, in front of the altar.

This represented the happiness we feel when we see the rainbow and the unity of a circle formation. In the middle was a model of a dove of peace and 2-3 sprigs of olive tree.

For our Saturday Breakfast we had Patrick Morgan as our guest speaker. He very capably and interestingly gave us a history of Mary Grant Bruce, a Gippslander, famous for her Billabong books. We also learnt of other novels she wrote over a thirty year period and of their surprising value.

Next month Archdeacon Clem Watts from Traralgon will come to speak on his ideas of the future of the church. The fifth Sunday was taken by the Jill and Ken. These two are sharing their ideas about Family Friendly worship. It was Pentecost Sunday when Christians celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Disciples.

We were also reminded that we need to make greater efforts to be reconciled with our Aboriginal people, the original owners of our land. We had helium filled balloons, to represent the tongues of fire and red and yellow streamers attached to a fan to represent the wind. The Psalm was read to the accompaniment of a beautiful liturgical dance by Sarah Telford.

The Acts reading was interrupted to find among the congregation, three people who came from different lands and had a different language. At the end of the reading they were asked to say the Lord's Prayer in their language, altogether. It gave us an idea what it must have been like for the disciples and people to hear the good news in their own tongue.

There were many other features of this inspiring service. It makes me look forward to their next service with great anticipation. Kids and families are very welcome to come and participate.

Following the service we waited for the Boolarra/Yinnar people with Lyn Porritt and Elwyn and Terry to arrive before we enjoyed a scrumptious lunch together to farewell Elwyn and Terry.

Church Times

Co-operating Churches of Churchill

Williams Avenue, Churchill.
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Glenda and Ian Combridge
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Sunday Service: 9.30am.
Choruses: 9.20am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
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Father Malcolm Hewitt
Saturday: Mass: 7.30pm
Sunday: Mass: 9.30am
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar:
Mass: 11.00 am
2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:
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Churchill Christian Fellowship

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

Churchill To Benefit From Green Corps Project

CHURCHILL is set to benefit from a Green Corp project that will enhance the Eel Hole Creek area by restoring some of the native vegetation, and will encourage and increase use of the area by the wider community.

Green Corps is a Commonwealth Government initiative offering opportunities for young people aged 17-20 to participate in environmental and heritage projects in their local communities.

In announcing the project, Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said work would begin in early July 2004 and would involve ten young people and a team leader.

"They will be working for six months to environmentally enhance and link together walking tracks in sections of Mathison Park, Eel Hole Creek behind the Monash University Gippsland Campus student residences, and the Glendonald Estate," Cr White explained.

"The result will be a connecting corridor that encourages pedestrian and bicy-

cle recreational use, provides an enhanced environment for Churchill, and creates local partnerships and sense of community," Cr White said.

"This is also an exciting opportunity for the young people involved in undertaking the work, empowering the participants to gain a wide range of new skills which will ultimately improve their confidence, provide them with further job skills and provide them with an opportunity to take on further study," Cr White said.

"Latrobe City Youth Services will be assisting to facilitate the project in partnership with a number of other organisations including Landcare and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority," Cr White added.

Project facilitator, Youth Services Officer, Jane Coolidge, said the potential for helping young people hone in on employment prospects was substantial.

"We believe a great sense of pride will be generated among those taking part in the project that will help instil self-confidence and a sense of achievement," Ms Coolidge said.

"The young people taking part will be able to identify areas of their work they enjoy such as landscaping or nursery work, and we will then try and link them with employers in those fields, and foster work experience opportunities.

That hands-on experience and the building of employer-employee relationships can make a great difference to a young person eventually gaining sustain-

able and ongoing employment," Ms Coolidge said.

Councillor Bob Smith said the areas where the work is being undertaken were already utilised by the Churchill community to a large extent and would involve community consultation and participation.

"The project brings together three community committees who already participate in the development of these areas; the Mathison Park Development Committee, Landcare Morwell and Churchill, and the Churchill and District Association; and it links their existing work together in a physical sense as well as a cooperative sense through the Green Corps project.

"The project builds on the existing accessibility and amenity already in place, by improving the natural landscapes with locally native plants, and increasing the user-friendly aspects with linking pathways, new seating and a shaded area," Cr Smith explained.

"The project will involve the committees and young people in walking track repair and extension, weed identification and control, soil erosion control, site preparation, planting, and design and installation of interpretive signs.

"Added to this is a strong component of education for the participants such as employment skills training, investigating local employment opportunities, plant identification, and learning and research regarding the indigenous heritage of the area.

"It's a real win-win situation for everyone involved," Cr Smith concluded.

Further information regarding the Green Corp project is available from Jane Coolidge at Latrobe City Youth Services, telephone 5132 2800.



Green Corps Project Facilitator Jane Coolidge shows Latrobe City Mayor Cr Darrell White and Councillor Bob Smith where a new section of path linking Eel Hole Creek with the Glendonald Estate will be created.

West Field EES Process Commences Public Examination Will Help Shape Project Future

INTERNATIONAL Power Hazelwood's (IPRH) West Field project has entered a critical phase with the release this week of the projects Environment Effects Statement (EES).

The public is able to comment on the EES while it is on exhibition for six weeks from 10 May at PowerWorks and various locations throughout the Latrobe Valley and Melbourne.

An independent panel appointed by the Minister for Planning will consider all comments and submissions received.

Any interested party or person can put forward a submission to the panel.

Submissions close on 18th June and Churchill and District residents are encouraged to make a positive contribution to this important planning process.

The panel is then expected to conduct public hearings for two weeks in late July.

The West Field project is a continuation of existing coal winning operations at Hazelwood Mine that will provide fuel for Hazelwood Power until 2031.

The project is part of a massive \$380 million investment in the future of the Hazelwood business that will help ensure:

- Victoria has a secure base load electricity supply;
- Help maintain competitive electricity prices and;
- Provide ongoing employment and economic benefits for the Latrobe and Gippsland regions.

IPRH Chief Executive Dave Quinn said the business has also been involved in detailed discussions with the State Government regarding adjustments to the existing mining licence.

"The Government has insisted these adjustments be made

in return for additional greenhouse gas reduction measures," Mr Quinn said.

"As we have stated all along, this process must strike a balance between the economic viability of our business and the governments desire for improved greenhouse gas performance.

We are committed to greenhouse gas reductions at Hazelwood and we remain optimistic that an economically and environmentally responsible agreement can be reached which does not harm the viability of our business or the future of our Latrobe region."

The EES and planning approval process, along with resolution of the mining licence issue, will be important inputs when IPRH's parent company, International Power plc, considers formally approving the West Field project in detail later this year.

For information on how to obtain West Field EES documents, please contact Mc Maree Zajac at International Power Hazelwood on 5135 5121.



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1,000 Squares Knitted

By ZELMA MILDENHALL
Hazelwood / Churchill Guide
District

The N4 Project is going well, with finished rugs ready for presentation at the Region Sleeping Under the Stars Night in early August. We have reached our target of 1,000 knitted squares and the last 200 are now being made into rugs by friends. We have appreciated all those who have helped in any way - unpicking jumpers, washing wool, winding wool, knitting, sewing rugs... We have made many friends from the local and wider community during the months of the project.

Guides and leaders participated in the Churchill Festival on Saturday 15 May. The fine, mild weather encouraged people to be out and about. The guides had a tent where hot and cold drinks were available, and chairs for those who needed a rest. The face painters were very busy all day and

remained until after finishing time so the last child in the queue went home happy.

Chariot rides were a popular activity, as was our craft activity.

Hazelwood Junior Guides.

Cards and gifts were made for Mothers Day. Guides have been working on challenges for their Pet Badge. We have been learning about feeding, grooming and training of pets. Stories and poems have been written about individual pets.

- My Kitten Fluff**
- Fur - long and fluffy
 - Likes milk
 - Unusual colour
 - Fun to play with
 - Face that smiles.

Our unit meets on Tuesdays from 4.00 pm to 5.30pm in the Hazelwood South Hall, Tramway Road. For further information, or if any girl would like to visit, contact Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264 or Faye Foley on 5122 1249.

Camp To Sovereign Hill

By MARK ANDERSON, Principal.

GRADE 4/5/6 students from Yinnar South and Yinnar Primary Schools recently combined for a four-day tour of Sovereign Hill, Ballarat.

As part of a curriculum unit based around life on the Victorian goldfields, students were able to experience first hand the lives of miners during the 1850s.

Gold panning was of course a popular activity and many 'prospectors' struck it rich as they honed their skills on the Californian Cradle.

Students also experienced the underground life of miners during two mine tours where they were introduced to living conditions and mining techniques vastly different from those used today.

The highlight of the trip was an evening spent at the sound and light show, 'Blood on the Southern Cross'. This outdoor multimedia presentation re-enacts the events leading up to and including the Eureka Rebellion at Bakery Hill in 1854. Students, teachers and parents braved the cool Ballarat conditions and were transported back in time to the Eureka Stockade where Peter Lalor led the famous rebellion.

The camp also provided an

excellent opportunity for students to develop independence and social skills while building relationships with students from another school.



Panning For Gold: Matthew Floyd and Richard at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat

Grand Ridge Plantations Presents Cheque \$1200 to Hazelwood North

HAZELWOOD North Primary School students invited their parents and grandparents to an Open Morning to celebrate Education Week.

There were well over fifty visitors during the morning to see both classroom and specialist programs in operation.

Mr Neil Churton and Mr Phil Inger from Grand Ridge Plantations are pictured below with Year 6 student Robyn Moore and principal Ian Drysdale.

Grand Ridge Plantations presented a cheque for over \$1200 to the school, the proceeds of the first thinning of the school plantation.

Vashon Weaver from Latrobe City Pacers is pictured below with Grades 23A and 34A. Vashon spoke to the whole school about the 'Keep Fit, Don't Sit' Program and then took grades for a basketball skills program.

All students have attended the Life Education Van this month.



Churchill North Primary School Auction and Music Night

Friday June 18

7.30 - 10.30pm Monash Student Lounge

Cost \$5.00

Music by The Strezlecki Stringbusters (10 piece string band)

Auction and Raffle items include: \$100 voucher from Colin McEwan Photographics, over \$100 worth of pewter, 2 electric drills from Bunnings, 2 Family Passes from Morwell Tenpins worth \$48 each, student artwork, a nest of tables worth \$130 and lucky door prizes.

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Thanks Churchill and District News

KURNAI staff and students wish to thank the organizers of the Churchill Festival for a great day.

Kurnai staff and student leaders had a booth at the festival displaying student work. Staff and students spoke to community members and prospective students

about school life and all the activities students are involved in.

A fun day was had by all – the free sausages, coffee and lollies were much appreciated.

Kurnai Announces Advanced Learning Program



KURNAI College recently announced their new advanced learning program for students (ALPS).

Students entering Year 7 in 2005 have the opportunity to participate in the ALPS program, which will run from Year 7 to VCE. Entry to the program is based on an entrance exam and interview.

Students who participate in the program will study their core subjects at an advanced level in separate classes, where the focus will be on increasing the depth of students' understanding and maximizing the development of their skills. Information Communication Technology will be integrated throughout the program.

Campus principal Geoff Block said

Grade 5 & 6 Students Visit Kurnai College

DURING May, Grade 5 and 6 students from the local Primary schools have made short visits to Churchill Campus for a taste of secondary school.

The students had a brief introduction to Churchill Campus and then experienced some classes.

The students experienced science, physical education, art, SOSE/ English, commerce and information and communication technologies (ICT-computers). In science the students looked at different animal specimens under microscopes, and one class did an activity with Bunsen burners.

In art, students tried their hands at making small face masks out of clay, which they will continue working on so they can paint and fire them.

During the ICT class some students carried out interviews with the digital video camera and others manipulated still digital photographs.

All the visits were a suc-

cess and the students left with an enthusiastic attitude towards going to secondary school.

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The Principal and students from Hazelwood North Primary School check out bugs in the science lab.

Kurnai Teachers -

A Morning Tea And Weird Socks!

KURNAI College teachers enjoyed a self-catered gold coin donation morning tea to raise money for the Cancer society. In true Kurnai style, to add a bit of fun to the day, there was a prize for the most outrageous and weird socks.

Many teachers got into the spirit of

the contest and of course it was impartially judged by students. In the end Jenny Davis was the winner.

Teachers brought raffle tickets to win mugs and cups (how appropriate) and raised over \$120 for the cancer society. It was a fun event organized by Ruth Howard and Pauline Martin.

Pictured below left: Jo Drury, Kurnai Art teacher, gets into the spirit of the Great Australian Morning Tea and below Jenny Davis Librarian weird sock winner.



Space Day And Munchies

By JAMES PITHER, JENNIFER RAE & MICHAEL TURNER

What a busy month we have had!

Space Day in Education Week

On Tuesday 18 May the whole school was involved in a 'Space Day'.

The day started with breakfast where the students were able to eat flying saucers (pancakes), rockets (sausages in bread), flying saucers (toasted egg and bread) and many other space delights.

The students really enjoyed the variety of breakfast foods and many families enjoyed not preparing breakfast on that morning.

We would like to thank our sponsors of the Space Breakfast: - IGA, Morwell Diary, Lyndale Farm Fresh Eggs, Food Works, Midvalley Butchers and Tip Top.

After the delicious Space Breakfast all students rotated around three activities. One activity was rocking making, another was planet art.

The last activity was making moon buggies with Lego Technic. All students enjoyed the day and the chance to work with students from other grades.

The day concluded with a visit from ex-students Dayna Campbell and Adam Bailey, who spoke to grade 5 and 6 students on setting goals to achieve your dreams.

Dayna spoke on her work with cardiac patients and Adam spoke about how to juggle study, football and work. Everyone was impressed with their presentations.

We were all proud that they had been former Churchill North Primary School students.



Dayna Campbell and Adam Bailey

Munchies Program

This program has continued for the grade 2s with a theory session. The students tasted various types of apples and discussed the different ways they could include apples in their diet.

Kurnai Visit

On the 26 May grades 5 and 6 went to Kurnai for a visit. We spent four hours there. When we arrived we had biscuits and cordial. A great start!

We were then split into two groups and shown around the campus. It is a big place and is very easy to get lost.

We lost Mrs. Teychenne twice.

One group had SOSE and ceramics.

Ceramics was great because we got to make alien masks.

When they have been fired we will get to keep them. We had to use dental floss to make them.

The other group had Science and Multimedia. Science was cool because we got to find out what would be the best food to take into space.

There were chickpeas, beans and peas. We cooked them in water. Chick beans were the lightest to take into space.

Our next activity was multimedia.

We were television journalists. Our task was to create a news report in groups of 3.

There was a camera person, a reporter and a person being interviewed.

It was a great day and we all enjoyed it. We are all looking forward to Secondary College now.

All grade sixes took home an information pack.



Zac Mundal with a rocket that flew across the room

Lumen Christi in May

LUMEN Christi Mums had a special Mother's Day this year with a stall of lovely gifts for the children to buy followed by a 'Tribute to Mums: Prayer Time' in the Parish Centre.

Morning tea was served and a good crowd came back including grandmothers and one great-grand-

mother.

The school dressed up for Footy Colours Day last week and there was a sausage sizzle lunch which was enjoyed by everyone.

The day was held to raise funds for the Bishop's Family Foundation which is a charitable trust set up by Bishop Coffey to provide for families all over Gippsland.

There have been sports clinics for basketball, cricket and baseball over the past month as Lumen Christi works to offer an active Physical education program with plenty of opportunities for participation and involvement by all children. The Latrobe Valley Pacers were a great hit!

There are some active gardeners at the school as well and a group of students have been busy preparing our vegetable garden beds with horse manure and hard work ready for the next crop.

The Munchies program conducted by the Latrobe Community Health Services for Grades One and Two this year is coming to a close.

This has been a wonderful program with a focus on nutri-



Keen Gardeners: Students in the vegetable patch

tion and fitness for all and we are grateful to the presenters for their preparation and work with our classes.

Finally, Lumen Christi is gearing up for 2005 with our new Multi-Purpose building coming closer to construction and plans for its completion by the end of 2004 ready for the New Year.

There are a series of Welcome sessions to the school being conducted with an information presentation and tour of the school in small groups. Local families are invited to attend. The next one is on Thursday June 17th at 9am. Phone Deb at 51 222231 for further details.



Footy Colours Day



The Latrobe Valley Pacers and Lumen Christi Students

CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARTY PLAN NIGHT

FRIDAY 18TH JUNE

7PM TILL 9PM

AT THE CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
G.P. ROOM
COLEMAN PDE, CHURCHILL

\$2.00 ENTRY FEE, LUCKY DOOR PRIZE,
RAFFLE'S THROUGHTOUT THE NIGHT
TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS AVAILABLE.

WE WILL HAVE ON DISPLAY:
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UNDERCOVERWEAR,
LEARNING DISCOVERY,
INTERIOR FOCUS, JIGSAW & TOYS,
AVON, CREATIVE MEMORIES,
MARY KAYE, ESSENTIAL ADDITIONS,
AND MUCH MORE.

EVERYONE WELCOME
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Kurnai Students Taekwondo Exhibition

KURNAI students Emily McKernan, Donna Christie, Jackie Christie, Dale Price and an instructor treated fellow students to a taekwondo exhibition at school assembly.

Emily who has a blackbelt led the students through basic blocks, kicks, hand to hand combat and taeguk forms.

Emily and a fellow instructor dis-

played the power of taekwondo by punching and kicking through roof tiles.

The demonstration showed the type of force that can be connected with a person's head or ribs.

Students were suitably impressed.

Emily and fellow students train with Latrobe Valley Martial Arts.



CFA Smoke House

By RUTH PLACE

THE biennial election of officers for the Fire Brigade was held on the 10th May:

Captain is Steve Barling, First Lieutenant is Darlene Parkinson, Second Lieutenant is Scott Randall, Third Lieutenant is Graeme Renwick and Fourth Lieutenant is Ron Bennett.

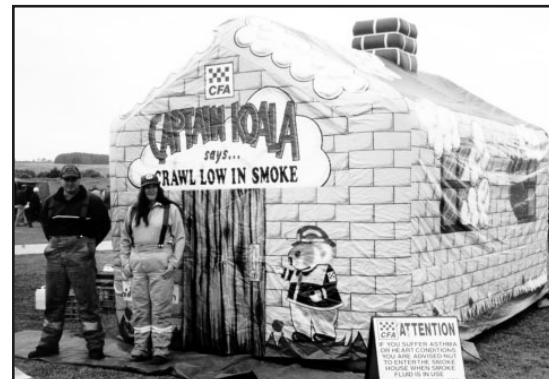
Churchill Fire Brigade participated in the Churchill Festival on Saturday 15th May. Our great volunteers put up the Smoke House.

After lessons about the importance of crawling low in smoke, approximately 120 children and 20 adults were able to experience what it is like in a smoke filled house and how to escape successfully.

The Festival Committee thanks the brigade for being a special and useful part of the day.

Like all the volunteers the brigade members gave up six hours of their time to provide that experience.

This is as well as turning out to fires and hours of training which they attend.



CFA Smoke House: Above and top the CFA SmokeHouse at the Churchill Festival

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

What did people think about the Churchill Festival ?

By CHRIS HENSHAW

The Churchill Festival was great fun. There were raffles, free sausage sizzle, free games, free show bags and entertainment thanks to Bob Cooper and D Road.

So what did people think?

"It was okay because there were a lot of free things there. And it was close to my house" replied Christo.

"Well it was cool, but it needed more stalls. The best thing there was the raffle draw to win the Siemens M55. I bought 1 ticket and didn't win," said Chris.

"It was kind of cool, but Innovation Man was just ANNOYING!!!" said

Stephen.

"The games there were cool," replied Andrew. "There were stilts, snakes and ladders, worm tube, and they were all free."

"One of the good things there was the Kurnai College show and tell...where they showed people some of our work, but there wasn't any of OUR work," added Chris.

There were some good things and there were some not so good things, but everyone had a great day and let's hope they have another Festival next year...

"Evil In Town"

By KRISTY EVENDEN

Dear Diary,

Some people would say that the strange things happening in Myalla, my hometown, were purely by coincidence, but I say that the town is riddled with evil. I will give you some examples and you can decide if you believe me by the end of this.

Barbara Hollsworth was walking on the beach near a rock pool when she looked up and 'SPLAT' a 6-metre rock came down and landed on her without any notice. There were no witnesses but a force of some sort had to do it. No rock just appears out of the sky and lands on someone's head. Some people would say that Barbara was one of the most loved people in the town, and I think its strange how all the good people in this town are dropping like flies and pushing up daisies!

I have made an oath to myself that I will somehow find a way to fight and free the town of the evil that waits behind every corner spying on an innocent victim to take their life.

Another example of a pure evil act was when the mayor of Myalla, who was a beautiful looking young lady, slim figure, and lovely, long blonde hair like a palomino, fell pregnant and had a miscarriage. 'So what' you say. It's just a little strange that every woman that has been pregnant for the last month and a half has had miscarriages.

It is like this evil force has taken over and isn't letting any new children into our town and is killing all that are good. I can honestly say that I am petrified. I don't know how to bring good back into this town but I have an idea.

I need to spread the word of this evil and all good people can fight it. I have been doing some research on our town and its history and it appears that this evil

strikes for 3 months after Friday 13th. It tries to kill everyone good in that time, so it doesn't have to come out on the next Friday 13th.

Until next time- Jim

"Jim come here honey," shouted mum from the living room. There it was on our TV screen, a newscast on Friday 13th and it's 3 months of evil and killing, and it's going into hibernation like some big grizzly bear.

I had sent in an article to the local news and they had finally decided to broadcast it. I hadn't told mum of course, she would just say I was crazy.

"Honey, this explains everything that has been going wrong in this town."

A week after that newscast my whole family and I went to the local community meeting. Everyone agreed that this evil had to be dealt with.

We were there for a very long time brainstorming ideas but weren't getting anywhere at all. After approximately 3 hours an old man with snow grey hair rushed through the door and said he knew how to fight it.


He said he had just seen the newscast in his town about Myalla and said that it once happened in his town and they fought it. He said that the only way to fight it was on Friday 13th you have to wear your shirts back-to-front and if you don't you will have nothing but bad luck.

Friday 13th soon came around quickly and the whole town was walking around with their shirts back-to-front.

It's now 5 months after all of that happened and no evil came when we were protected by our shirts.

Some people call this a myth but I say it's entirely true and you can never be too careful. I urge you to take my advice seriously and if you don't then 'God Bless'.





Glendonald Residents Group Inc.

and

The Neighbourhood Renewal Project

Glendonald Resident's Group Inc.

Inaugural Annual General Meeting

Will be held on

Tuesday 27th July 2004 at 6.30pm

Glendonald Pre-school
Churinga Drive
Churchill

Office Bearers will be elected at this meeting

Followed by a light supper

All community members welcomed

Glendonald Residents Group:
GRG_Inc@yahoo.com.au / PO Box 245 Churchill 3842

The Glendonald Residents Group was established in March of 2002 and incorporated in 2003. The group aims:

- *To actively promote, foster and advance the Glendonald neighbourhood and encourage participation of Glendonald residents in community affairs.
- *To identify local needs and issues and advocate on behalf of the Glendonald neighbourhood.
- *To actively develop projects and partnerships through co-operation with other organisations as appropriate, for the benefit of Glendonald residents.
- *To promote the social inclusion of Glendonald residents in the broader Churchill and district community.
- *To foster co-operation and mutual support among Glendonald residents to achieve these objectives.
- *To effectively manage the affairs of the Association through the work of the general membership for the benefit of Glendonald residents.

The Glendonald Residents Group has had a positive impact on the Glendonald community by encouraging residents to get to know their neighbours and make new friends. People feel more settled in their community and are taking greater pride in their neighbourhood. This is evident from the improvements to the general appearance of Glendonald, where people have begun to build gardens and beautify their homes.

Glendonald Residents Group has also contributed to building facilities that benefit the whole Churchill community through the work they have been involved with in Glendonald Park, the Churchill Festival and the development of a Green Corps project to extend the Eel Hole Creek walking track. Community events such as the Easter Egg Scramble and Christmas Parties encourage local residents to enjoy their picturesque surrounding, get to know their neighbours and have a lot of fun.

If you're a resident of Glendonald and interested in improving your neighbourhood Glendonald Residents Group encourages you to become a member, they meet on the last Tuesday of every month 6.30pm at the Glendonald Pre-school.

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

GOOD VS EVIL ON PLANET MARS!

By Marian Oakley

STUDIES from the planet Earth show that 46% of the population is evil. This is a 20% increase of evil since last year. Although most of the planet is filled with aliens, it is mostly the goblins and giants that show a high rate of evilness in them.

Planet Earth fears that if more humans decide to go to Mars, it could increase the evil population.

The president for planet Mars was unavailable for comment, but a

Spokesperson gladly told reporters that the president was seeking action against the evil ones.

As most people know most goblins are selfish, cheeky and dirty playing creatures. If a goblin doesn't get what he wants he will 'charge like an elephant' until he gets it.

The good inhabitants fear for their lives after the death of a 22-year-old alien that refused to join an evil group. Five goblins and giants were charged for murder.

The Committee of the Good Society (COGS) is planning on taking action, sin-

gle-handedly, against the evil societies. COGS is planning a protest outside the president's headquarters for the death sentence to be handed down to anyone caught in an evil organization.

The government disagrees with the death sentence and thinks that the 500,000 stone fine is good enough.

On planet Earth 500,000 stone is worth a little over \$2million. Is this enough? We went to the streets to find out.

Janice, VICTORIA: "I think that the death sentence would be a lot better because it will decrease the amount of evil that goes on around there."

Rob, NSW: "\$2 million is a fair amount and I totally disagree with the death sentence."

Kate, WA: "It depends on what they have done and why they did it. Personally I think the death sentence is fair."

If you agree with the death sentence please write to us with your comments.

Look out tomorrow for the latest update on the GOOD vs. EVIL.

FINAL FANTASY: THE RETURN OF SEPHIROTH CHAPTER 6: A BUMP IN THE ROAD

By JAZZMAN AND THE STORY MAN

The gang looked up at the sign again in astonishment. "Wow! I can't believe it! We finally made it to Buck town!" said Jarrod, trying to believe it.

A man suddenly appeared and approached the gang, laughing. "You! Ha, ha, ha, ha! You are the great warriors who defeated the Forbidden Willow?"

"Yeah, and you better believe it!" said James, clenching his fists.

"Oh...so where is the great axe wielder who defeated the tree then?" asked the man, laughing his head off.

"Well...he left just a short while ago," replied Jarrod, looking down at his feet.

"Leave them alone," said a voice in the distance.

"Hey! Isn't that?" started James, but was interrupted.

"My name is Leon," said the man, holding his gunblade tightly.

James immediately ran towards Leon and shook his hand like a wet puppy dog.

"Is there a Buck Garden around here?" asked James of Leon. He thought that of all people, Leon would know.

"Well of course! It is just west of here..." said Leon, shaking off James' hand.

"Thank you so much," said James, jumping up and down.

Leon needed to tell them something important but they ran off before he could.

"Uh...James, where are we going?" asked Jarrod, trying to keep up with James.

"The Buck Town Garden of course!" replied James, still running like a wild fox.

Puffed out, Jarrod decided to speak up: "James! What the heck is the point of running there when you could just walk?"

"Well, to have fun!" said James, starting to show a fair bit of sweat. "You call this fun!" groaned Jarrod, trying to pick up pace. Even Keleog was puffed out even though he was the fastest one in the entire group!

All of a sudden a pack of vicious wolves emerged from the rocks on the side of the road. The gang halted and prepared for a fight. A huge angry buzzard also emerged from the rocks. It must have been the leader because it had a strange 'S' symbol on its forehead.

"They look like those ones we encountered in the park," suggested

Crystal, stepping back slowly.

"Oh man...how in the world did they get here?" wondered Jarrod, trying to figure it out. "Oh who cares? Let's just get them!"

As soon as he spoke the buzzard swooped down at them with great force. The gang just missed. The buzzard was stubborn and tried to swoop them again.

"Jarrod, shoot it with the blitzball!" shouted James, trying to avoid another strike. So Jarrod aimed, pulled the ball back and fired. The ball soared through the air at great speed.

The buzzard swooped again but was in for a surprise! It saw the ball and tried to fly off but it was getting closer and closer to the ball every nano-second.

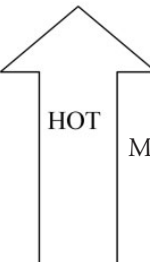
SHMACK! The bird fell to the ground with a very painful thud. Now the wolves were even angrier than before. They howled, and then charged at Jarrod.

"Look out!" warned Crystal and threw what looked like a rod. The rod dug itself into the ground and created a shield. The wolves were destroyed...

...to be continued...

What's Hot + What's Not

By The Kool Kidz



HOT

St. Kilda's winning streak

Anastasia

Marcus Ambrose and Greg Murphy's driving

Money

BMX Riding

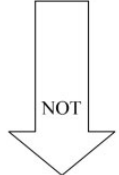
Being lazy

Having no money

Skaife's bad season

Soppy love songs

Collingwood's bottom place



NOT

"BLOOD"

By Computer Ruler

Press 'T', type code and press enter to activate:

- Set yourself on fire - MCGEE
- Invisibility - ONERING
- Invincibility - NOCAPINMYASS
- Turn off Invincibility - CAPINMYASS
- Walk through walls - EVAGALLI
- All weapons & unlimited ammo - LARACROFT
- Super jump - FUNKYSHOES
- Level warp - MARIO

"BLOOD"

"What the...?"

By Stephen



The label on my school bag says...
"If swallowed, seek medical advice."
What the...?

Game Cheats

By Computer Ruler

QUAKE II


Press Enter and type in:

- GOD (Invincibility)
- IMPULSE 9 (All Weapons)
- IMPULSE 255 (Quad Damage)
- NOCLIP (No Clipping Mode)
- FLY (Fly Mode)
- GIVE N# (Give you # nails)

Quake 2

Press Enter and type in:

- GIVE WEAPONS (Get all weapons)
- GIVE ALL (Get all items)
- GOD (Invincibility)
- GIVE AMMO (Get full ammo)
- NOCLIP (No clipping mode)
- GIVE BFG10K (Get BFG 10000)



Pokemon Ruby / Sapphire Help



We recommend these games to all Pokemon fans.

If you buy these games we recommend you start with 'Mudkip' because it is the strongest against all the gym leaders.

If you want to breed more of the Pokemon, here's a tip - have a female.

- Swampert mates with Ludicolo.
- Sceptile mates with Vileplume.
- Don't know what Blaziken mates with.

Whichever version you choose is up to you, but Kyogre-Sapphire is Water Type and Groudon-Ruby is Ground Type.

By L.C.D.

CHURCHILL FESTIVAL



Kurnai College



Latrobe Rockers Gippisland



Innovation Man



Lumen Christi

What You Said!

Look at all my stuff, I won!! Luke
-
Should be exactly the same next year. Stephen
-
Great Success!!!! Wendy
-
Wonderful! Peter Gray
-

This is absolutely fantastic. Having been involved in the original development of this park just over 5 years ago, when there was one piece of play equipment path is and some established trees to see this vibrant community facility that's been used so well is a credit to the people of Glendonald and all of the hard work put in by the organising committee shows what communities getting together can really achieve. Julie Hocking
-

Excellent, lots of people. Good to see nearly all of the children been through here. Mark from Awakening.

Remarkable the number of people who didn't know the story of Granny Smith. Magnificent day. Everything's free. It's got atmosphere. Mary
-

Good. Kids loved it. Tracey
-
Should be more things like this.
-

Very good enjoy plenty of good free things to do for the kids. Love the food, Thank you. Gayle Rosewall GRG.
-

Really good, everything is free, the kids have the space to run around. Pleasantly surprised by the atmosphere from everyone.
-

And the atmosphere is good. Heather
-

Good event well organised credit to the organising committee. Lots of interesting things here. Jane G



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Katz

Australian Paper

Churchill Chiropractic Centre

New Churchill Motors

Churchill Laundramat

Churchill Hot Bread

McDonalds

Jacks Country Bakehouse Café - Sale

Churchill Cubs/Scouts

Australian Cover Society Dandenong

Churchill Primary School

Dental Health Service Victoria

Latrobe Regional Hospital

CHURCHILL FESTIVAL

PRIZEWINNERS!



If you are the young lady circled in the photograph in the queue at the Churchill Guides Refreshment Tent you have won a Meal for Two at the Churchill Hotel. Tel Ruth on 5122 1961 to claim your prize!



If you are the gentleman circled in the photograph at the Lions Club Barbecue have won a 2004 Tax Return valued at \$99.00 from Dainbridge Taxation Tel Ruth on 5122 1961 to claim your prize!



**Congratulations to the team at Helimed
You have won a Basket of Goodies from
Federation Pharmacy!**

Letters To The Festival Committee

WHAT a wonderful day for the Churchill Festival! The Lord heard our prayers: it was great having the venue at Glendonald park. It gave everyone a chance to spread out.

Thank you for being so quick to answer last minute questions from our group over the phone for Oxfam Community Aid Abroad.

Also many thanks for the last minute supply of a tent and TV/Video recorder in absence of the van. It was much appreciated.

I gave our many 'dental information' sheets for children as they were interested in taking them home to colour in. I felt they would read the messages as they did so.

So much was achieved by such a small committee. Wow!

We enjoyed ourselves too, by taking turns in walking around to visit the different stands.

We appreciated the sausages and onions lunch from the Lions who were right next to us, and the coffee supplied by the Guides. The sandwiches made by the ladies of the Co-operating Churches were much appreciated also.

Thank you and your wonderful committee for a great day!

Yours faithfully
Ann Rushton, Oxfam/CAA

I am writing to you to pass on the congratulation of our entire team at Hazelwood for the excellent work that you and your volunteers achieved in staging the recent Churchill Festival.

This Festival was just one example of an event that should become a significant feature amongst the major events in our Latrobe region. International Power Hazelwood is very proud to have assisted in helping you stage this event through our support for the Churchill News. I was also pleased to have pro-

vided an informational display for the event.

So Congratulations on a very successful Churchill Festival and would you please pass our good wishes to all your hard working volunteers. I sincerely hope the Churchill Community appreciated your efforts.

Can I close by wishing you every success for the future.

Yours faithfully
Neil Lawson, International Power, Hazelwood.

Dear Ruth and Committee (and especially the Churchill & District News people)

A warm thank you with many congratulations for the opportunity to present our groups activities at the Churchill Festival.

I have only positive things to say about the whole

day and would like more of the same. I saw a great day being enjoyed by all with a great deal of community spirit being engendered. (and it was all free!).

We all loved it. Thank you Ruth & Committee.

Robern Lubawski.



**Cooking Demonstration
By Matthew**



Fire Twirler Bev Thompson



Latrobe Community Health



Innovation Man



Until Next Time!

Wheels Around Town

By Margaret Guthrie

THERE'S a claret-coloured, low sprung, sleek convertible I sometimes see up at the Shell Servo in Churchill...lovely looking car! Its owner, Daniel Jakowitz, was only too happy to tell me all about it.

"It's a Targa Top", said Daniel. "A 1986 Pontiac TransAm Firebird, in original condition. GMH produced these in America and this one was imported to Australia about 10 years ago."

"Of course it's been converted from L.H. drive to R.H. drive for Australian roads. TransAm Connection does the conversions. It has an HQ steering box and the R.H. drive pedals are attached to a bar that runs along the engine firewall to connect to the original engine parts."

The TransAm is powered by a Chevrolet V8 twin port fuel-injected 305 cubic inch motor, and runs on unleaded fuel. The gearbox is a 4-speed auto... a turbo 700. It's got a single 3-inch exhaust, 16-inch wheels, racing suspension and the body trim is by Fisher.

"People think it's a 2-seater," said Daniel, "but it actually seats 4. It doesn't have a boot as such, just a bit of space behind the rear seats for a couple of bags or something."

"It has all the gimmicks too - electric windows, cruise control, central locking, electric rear-view mirror, pop-up headlights, air-condi-

tioning," said Daniel, "but parts are really expensive. \$300 for a rear-view mirror! A pair of tail-lights costs about \$600."

"So I really look after it," said Daniel. "I don't want to trash it. Parts are too expensive, and so is the cost of fuel. That's why I don't drive it a lot. It costs me about \$50 to fill it in Melbourne and I get about 250 - 300 km out of a tank. And Victorian weather is not really suit-

it in Australia. He'd just take it for an occasional drive and the rest of the time it sat in back of his workshop."

"Anyway, when I spotted it, I wanted it. I like American car styling; I like the bodyline and the body shape. I used to watch the TV show "Knight Rider" and that car was an '82 TransAm. This has the same body and is very similar to the '82."



"I like V8 horsepower and the V8 noise," said Daniel, "although I didn't know this was a V8 until I popped the bonnet. We settled on a price and the rest, as they say, is history."

"It was first registered in Australia by me in Aug 2000. It's now got 85,000 miles on the clock, and I aim to keep the mileage low. It has a little bit of body damage on the

R.H. side, which was done when it was shipped to Australia. I don't let anyone else drive it and I service it myself at home," said Daniel

"It's the sort of car that turns heads. Everyone looks; everyone wants to talk to me about it. The look, the shape, the sound...it's a beautiful car."

So would Daniel part with his pride and joy? "Yeah, well I would sell it," replied Daniel. "I want a Corvette one day, so I'll probably sell the TransAm so I can buy a Corvette. I love both makes of car, and I want to be able to say that I've owned both in my lifetime."

Neighbourhood Watch Concert 2004
Proudly Presents
The Victorian Police Showband & Highland Pipe Band
at Kernot Hall, Princes Highway, Morwell
Wednesday 23 June 2004
7.30pm - 10.30pm
Light Refreshments
\$6.00 Per Ticket
Contact: Peter McShane: 5122 1745 or Sheryl Gray: 5122 2341

CDCA

Walking Tracks Master Plan

By MARGARET GUTHRIE,
President

CDCA has continued to receive updates from Latrobe City Council regarding the temporary closure of the Churchill Pool and the works presently being undertaken.

These are still of an investigative nature, but it does seem likely that the ceiling will be repaired. Let's hope the pool itself can also be repaired, and the pool reopened to the public sometime in the not-too-distant future.

On a brighter note, CDCA has been advised that a GreenCorps project application from Latrobe City Council has been successful.

Due to commence in July, this project will provide employment and training opportunities for some young people in the area, and the works to be undertaken include improvements to the Eel Hole Creek Walking Track and a 200-metre extension of the path to link it to Glendonald Park.

Some years ago, CDCA developed a "master plan" for walking tracks around

Churchill. We are delighted to learn that another section is to be established and would welcome comments from the public on both the standard of existing tracks and the future development of new ones.

At our June CDCA meeting, Dave Quinn, CEO of International Power Hazelwood, gave a presentation on The Westfield Project and answered questions from those present.

Topics covered included the closure of Brodrick Road, the diversion of both the Strezlecki Highway and the Morwell River, and the environmental impact of these changes.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6 July, at 7.30pm in the Link Room at Monash University. All interested residents from Churchill and surrounding district are very welcome.

Note that our Annual General Meeting will be held on August 3rd, and it is likely that our Guest Speaker will be from Latrobe City Council. Further information will be published in next month's "News".

The Co-Operating Churches in Churchill
Ladies Fellowship

Mini Olympics

Family Fun Night

Friday 11 June 2004

7.30 pm

\$5.00 Single \$15.00 Family

At the Church Centre,
Cnr Williams Avenue & McDonald
Way, Churchill

**Opening & Closing Ceremonies
Games**

**Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals to
be Awarded**

**Lucky Prizes drawn throughout
the night**

Tickets available from Betty Reid:
Tel: 5122 1505

Supper Provided

Christmas in July

OXFAM Community Aid Abroad, Morwell Branch will present a 'Christmas in July' Trivia Night on Friday 16th July at the Yinnar Hotel, Main Street, Yinnar at 7.30pm.

Admission is \$5.00. It promises to be lots of fun with great prizes to be won. Counter teas will be available from

6.00pm. Tea and coffee will be supplied during the evening, BYO nibbles.

Jingle all the way to the Yinnar Pub and make up your own table or come and join a table.

For further information please ring Robern on 5169 6494 or Wendy on 5122 1240.

Photographic Competition Winners

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners of our photographic competition and many thanks to all those who entered.

We will be producing a 2005 calendar with twelve of the photographs. It will be available in September. If you would like to reserve a calendar please ring Ruth on 5122 1961.

- Winners:
- Adult:
- 1st: Tom Mikulic: 'Pond'
 - 2nd: Tom Mikulic: 'Cloud Factory'
 - 3rd: Christina Prozhazka: 'All In One'
 - Encouragement Award: Jan May 'Spring at 592 Thomson Road'
- Under 12
- 1st: James Curwood: 'Don't Worry, Be Happy'
 - 2nd and Encouragement Award: Elizabeth Oakley
 - Runner Up: Tegan Zygarlicki: 'Jess'
 - Runner Up: Josiah Oakley.
- The following photographs have been

chosen for the calendar:

- January: Jo Drury: 'Too Close For Comfort'
 - February: Jo Drury: 'Tramway Road'
 - March: Tom Mikulic: 'Pond'
 - April: Tom Mikulic: 'Cloud Factory'
 - May: Tom Mikulic: 'Power Poles'
 - June: Ken Ewen: 'Moonstruck Cigar'
 - July: Jo Drury: 'From The Heavens of Churchill'
 - August: Christina Prozhazka: 'All in One'
 - September: Jan May: 'Spring at 592 Thomson Road'
 - October: Jo Drury: 'Droplet in School Yard'
 - November: Robin Mauger: 'Our Luncheon Guest'
 - December: James Curwood: 'Don't Worry, Be Happy'
- Following on from the Photographic Competition will be the annual Short Story and Poetry Competition. The details will be announced in the next issue of the Churchill & District News.

Hazelwood needs your help ... NOW !

International Power Hazelwood is undertaking an Environmental Effects Statement (EES) and it is seeking State Government approval to move its coal winning operations into the West Field beyond 2009

What is at stake here ?

- **\$380 million investment into Hazelwood's future**
- **800 direct Latrobe Valley jobs**
- **Social / economic impacts on 2400 local jobs**
- **Security of Victoria's power supply - Up to 25% lost**
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**So how can YOU
help Hazelwood?**



**International Power
Hazelwood**

HAZELWOOD EES SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 18TH JUNE

To speak up on behalf of Hazelwood's future, call Ms Maree Zajac on (03) 5135 5121, to access information on the EES process. You have until 18th June, 2004, to tell the State Government what you think...



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Churchill As I Recall It

By Carl Walker

FIRST let me congratulate the Editor and in fact all who help to print and distribute this newspaper. It just illustrates what a thriving community this place has become. I would also like to congratulate my former colleague Graham Ayers for his excellent article in this column. His memory for detail is far better, and I can therefore only assume more accurate than mine.

There are a lot of people who could claim to be first to start off a project like Churchill. There are town planners, architects, civil engineers, earth-work contractors and surveyors and many more before tenders are called and builders are selected and called on to make a start. Somewhere amongst all this early planning I was appointed Clerk of Works by the Architects branch of the Victorian Housing Commission to oversee the building of their houses. I recall a contractor once saying that he was building these houses in spite of the Housing Commission not for them. My task, however, was to see they were built properly.

I took up this position in early 1965, after serving probation under the supervision of other Victorian Housing Commission staff in the Geelong office. I was informed that all contractors were "Tarred with the same brush" and had to be watched, particularly when it came to "extras", a term used when work arose that could be deemed to have not been allowed for in the contract. I was also warned of some of the "dodges" that these contractors could be expected to get up to in an attempt to 'put it over' a new and inexperienced Clerk of Works.



Aerial Photograph of Churchill taken in April 1967



of the Churchill & Monash Indoor Swimming Pool have gained such wonderful support.

As a concerned resident of Churchill, upon realising that our indoor swimming pool had been closed and possibly not to re-open, I made

Amongst the inducements offered me by my employer prior to taking the job was the promise of a new house of my choice. When I arrived to start work I found no house, in fact just an open paddock with several areas bounded by sealed roads and footpaths. On closer inspection I found all the services such as water, sewerage, power, but no house for me. When I approached the tenancy branch in the Morwell Housing Commission District Office about my problem they said I would have to go on the waiting list like any other tenant and would not be given any priority. As they were not allocating houses at Churchill, and as I was not married I had no hope. Thus began my struggle with the Government bureaucracy. After much heated discussion I moved in to the Yinnar Hotel. (The score – Housing Commission 10, me 0.) While Les and Rita Anderson made me very welcome, it was not a home of my own as I had been promised.

Meanwhile at Churchill there was no movement. I had been issued with a set of drawings but no builder. Not even an office in which to unroll this huge set of drawings I had been entrusted with. Eventually after what seemed to me to be an eternity I heard "on the grape vine", (a most reliable source of information I was to find out over the following years), that a contract had been let to M. Marley. Pty. Ltd. of 197 Napier St. Essendon.

The name Marley was a local company, which I had been given to understand had been in receivership and was no longer trading. This mystery was eventually cleared up when a Mr. Joe Clift, who had acquired the company name of this bankrupt builder for his own reasons, contacted me. Mr. Clift then said he would be in touch in the near future and would meet me at my office, of course I had to inform him of the fact that I had no such abode and to suggest that he bring with him a large umbrella in case it rained.

When some weeks later I met Mr. Clift he introduced me to his new Forman Mr. Graham Ayers. Here I must add that from that first meeting my assessment of Graham was "here is a bloke I can trust", he was never to let me down. Sure we had many arguments and some quiet heated discussions but that's par for the course in the building game, but he was never to try to put any thing over me or to my knowledge any of his, at times quiet large, workforce.

I was next to get another setback in my plans to get married. The first house to be finished was naturally enough to be for the Ayres family, and I was assured by Joe (Clift) that mine would be the next. At first progress was rather slow, many house footings were started but the only house making any progress was Grahams. At this stage he was traveling to Churchill each day from Heyfield, so I had to wait my turn. Then one day, quite unexpectedly a shed arrived on the back of a truck. It was unloaded on the nature strip on the south side of Switchback Road. I believe that had it not been for Joes lobbying someone he knew in Head Office I could have had a much longer wait indeed. It was not long before this 'Green shed' as I called it, without power or phone was daubed with the one word that was to cause a lot of consternation amongst the local council and the hierarchy in Head Office. "HAZELWOOD" was emblazoned in large white letters on the west wall of my green shed. Had it not been for this act of "good humoured vandalism" that shed may have stayed in that spot for much longer than it did. Eventually "sign writing" and shed were removed. I wonder if the graffiti artist is still about today.

Although I had no phone connected to this hut I was expected to be in close contact with my Head office on at least a once a week schedule. Thanks to the cooperation of Mrs Willaron, who ran the Jeeralong telephone exchange, I was able to make these phone calls from a public phone located in McInnes Crescent, thus saving me from having to travel to the Morwell Office where relations with some staff members were still rather

strained.

Another rumor I was to hear on the grapevine was that another house had been allocated ahead of me for a Rev .Peter Arch. This prompted some very "lively discussion" with the builder and other Housing Commission staff. I was promised a house by the coming Christmas. I was at last able to tell my intended wife that we could make our plans for a wedding. Mary had been working at the Yallourn Hospital and was quiet relieved to at last have a date so she could make plans. We were married at the end of December 1965. The house in McInnes Crescent was completed in time for us to move in to in mid January the following year.

We might not have had the first house in Churchill nor even the second but we were the first with neighbours and what neighbours they were. Peter and Margaret soon became our firm friends and were always on hand to help when needed.

I recall being invited next door one Sunday afternoon and as all the residents of Churchill were also there, a total of six adults plus of course Peter and Margaret's children and I think Graham and Gwen (Ayers) had bought Russell and Vicki along as well. Peter decided that it would be a good opportunity to hold the first Churchill Church service. We were all warmly welcomed and thanked for attending. Peter led the congregation in prayer, I seem to recall the Hymn singing was a little thin on the ground, and just for the sake of regularity the plate was passed around, and then passed back again. Peter did not need to bless the congregation's contributions as the plate was empty. While it would not be expected to have a better attendance ratio of almost 100% I would hope the present congregations are more generous than our first effort.

During these early years we were all very involved in our own activities. For some it was work, others family or homemaking, not many were aware of the Rev Peter's activities

That was until The Churchill News arrived, usually personally delivered by the Editor who was also the Journalist in chief and publisher. This was the visible side of his activities. He worked just as hard as the rest

of us and no doubt this community has a lot to thank him for.

On the 23 April 1967 our daughter Clare arrived at the old Yallourn Hospital. Now Mary was a patient where she had formally worked. As she had been a "guest" for almost a month before Clare arrived it could be expected that she knew her way around quiet well. For my part I felt as though I had become just part of the furniture.

As Churchill grew so did our family. Penny was to arrive, with Mums help, at the Morwell Hospital on 27 January 1969. Before we were to leave the village midway through that year the town had started to take on a "satellite" community appearance. While we had a shopping centre, which could boast a barber, butcher, chemist, milk bar, and general grocery store, and perhaps some other small businesses I think most "weekly" shopping was done in Morwell or perhaps Traralgon at this stage.

After (Joe and Graham) Marleys contracts were finished there were other contractors I can only guess but I would think that about 400 houses were either completed or were started before our move.

I was to return to Churchill in 1981 and of course was really impressed to see how the community had grown into such a thriving and indeed a friendly group. During this time I made the acquaintance of many of the "new" residents. Amongst them were Mike and Loraine Bissitt who I have to thank for keeping me in touch with the happenings at present day Churchill.

Now looking back after close to 40 years, perhaps I could have done some things differently but there were others I wouldn't want to change. We still have very fond memories of our early married life in Churchill. We are still happily married and now live in Shepparton. Our daughters have families of their own and in fact we are the proud grandparents of nine healthy and happy offspring.

My wife and I would like to wish the town of Churchill and its residents prosperity in the future.

Sgd Carl E Walker
Shepparton

Letter To the Editor

the decision to gather community support in order to prevent this from happening.

Within a period of 2 weeks, I have been able to collect over 700 signatures, and there are yet more to gather.

It is extraordinary to see how large a district that the pool serves. Signatures from Churchill, Monash University, Hazelwood, Morwell, Traralgon, Yinnar, Boolarra, Jumbuk, Jeeralang, Thorpdale, Mirboo North, Dunbalk and Yarram.

It's truly amazing to see just how many people would be disadvantaged if the pool were to be closed permanently.

I would like to publicly and sincerely thank

all those people who signed the petition and also the Owners/Staff of the venues who allowed me to place the petition at their premises.

As a result of your support, these petitions can now be presented to the CEO, Latrobe City Council through the Churchill & District Community Association Committee.

The objective is to achieve an open Public Meeting between the CEO, the Mayor and Latrobe City Councillors (especially those who voted to close our pool permanently) and the Public.

The Public would like to ask questions face to face, not read the answers in the newspaper!

Thank you all once again for your support and hope to see you all at the proposed Meeting.

Details of which will be publicly displayed for all those who would wish to attend once Council agree and details are arranged.

Geraldine Seymore, Churchill

PS – To date 31.05.04. there are more than 1500 signatures on the Petition which has since been handed over to the Mayor and a Working Party has been set up in order to investigate various ways of getting our Pool up and running again.

Black Wattle

By RUTH PLACE

DEVELOPMENT at the park continues. The conifer plantation is under way and at the last working bee some ferns were planted.

My apologies to anyone who turned up on Saturday 22nd for the working bee. This was the fourth Saturday, not the last as it should have been.

The trees in the Arboretum are growing well.

This month's feature tree is the Black Wattle, pictured left. It is a small to medium sized tree to 18 meters high. The cylindrical trunk expands to approximately 60 cm., and bares a bushy crown and slender willow branches.

The bark is of a dark green brown, smooth in young trees, becoming scaly and shedding in longitudinal patches in older trees. The branchlets are covered in

dense rusty hairs.

Looking at them with a magnifying glass will reveal a world of wonder. Mature leaves are broad lanceolate to narrow elliptic with coarsely toothed margins, 5-15 cm long and 2-5 cm. wide on stalks 4-8mm. long.

They are long, glossy, dark green above, covered with dense pale hairs below with a raised midrib and lateral veins covered with brown hairs.

Flowers are cream in dense globular fluffy heads 1-2 cm. in diameter, on hairy auxiliary stalks 1-3 cm. long, solitary or clustered on a common stalk.

Fruits are small green capsules densely clustered in globular heads 8-10 mm. in diameter, each containing 1-2 spindle-shaped seeds, ripe in Autumn.

They flower in Spring and early Summer. They can be found growing in a wide variety of habitats including damp sites along creeks, rocky gullies and rainforest margins, along the coast and tablelands of New South Wales, South East Queensland.

The Ganai Community used the seeds to grind into flour for damper or steamed them whole to eat.

The seedpod was split with a stone knife, the seeds beaten out, winnowed on bark and ground with grinding stones. Gum was eaten, sometimes mixed with manna, or made into a sweet drink and left to ferment.

The bark was used as a medicine, by making a decoction, used to slow major bodily processes and used as a remedy and treatment for diarrhoea, haemorrhage, heavy menstrual flow, as well as many other uses.

The wood was used to make handles for implements and the inner bark was made into string.

The reference material used for this article was found in the "Concise Australian Flora" by Leonard Cronin and the "Plants of Significance to the Ganai Community" by Rob de Souza- Daw, Ken Harris and Doris Paton.

**OUR NEXT
WORKING BEE
WILL BE ON
SATURDAY 26TH JUNE.**



Lions Club Of Churchill & District – Community Fun

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

CATERING at Bunnings this month was again a success raising sponsorship for Camp Quality through the car rally style Escarpade.

Lion, Bob Lowick, attended an information session at Wangaratta to get the details on this year's Escarpade.

Our energies were directed towards the Churchill Festival – and what a great event it was. Congratulations to the organisers and thank you for allowing Lions to be a part of it.

Almost 80kg of sausages and multitudes of onions disappeared like magic as the crowd enjoyed the fine weather and exhibits.

Congratulations to the young and youth in attendance for your manners and behaviour – you are a credit to your community.

Members manned a sausage sizzle for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal collectors.

The recent Ride for Sight project raised \$42000, with Churchill Lions entrant Norm Hall raising the highest amount.

A presentation including the showing of a video on Hart Walker – a special walking aid for children with a disability - was given to the "Over 50's Club" at Traralgon.

Donations during May went to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and the Ulysses Motor Bike Club Christmas Toy Run.

Summer or Winter, Lions Village Licola has a special appeal. Any club, organisation, school, group or individuals interested in using the Village can get information and book this fabulous venue through the Manager at Lions Village Licola on 5148 8791.

A number of our members got together with members of the Churchill Lioness Club at the Yinnar Hotel recently to listen to an address by Rotarian Ken Peake on the proposed Centurion House accommodation venue associated with the Cancer Unit at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

He presented a lot of interesting information on the project from its inception as a Rotary Centenary Project to the present stage of working plans and fundraising.

The Centre will service all of Gippsland and will cost in excess of \$2 million.

The incoming President Norm Hall and Secretary Trevor Burgess will attend an information day at Monash University this month. The Lioness Club will be catering for the event.

The Churchill and District News Birthday Club, sponsored and run by our Lions Club, is still growing with two more names this month – there are now 74 members.

Ebony Kootstra-Denton and Tamara Kemp were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in May.

All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join and each month TWO lucky "birthdayites" will be chosen at random.

Make sure your child is registered – just follow the instructions in the Churchill & District News Birthday List published each month.

To all the families in our great community of Churchill and surrounding district, we thank you for your support. Do you need to contact us? Our address is The Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District, PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842.

Morwell RSL Sub Branch Inc.



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Entertainment for June

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Saturday 12th June	Frantic
Friday 18th June	Mike
Friday 25th June	Bak 2 Bak
Saturday 26th June	Misty

Visit By John Brumby

Minister For State And Regional Development

By WENDY BROWN

ON Friday 28 May, Minister for State Regional Development, John Brumby visited the Latrobe Valley to talk at a public meeting of Advance Morwell. He talked about the Latrobe Valley Taskforce, which saw its beginnings 3½ years ago, and the many good things that were happening in the Valley.

75% of Taskforce projects are now complete. These include the police station at Boolarra, tourism signage, street scaping works for Monash Way and the \$25m Justice precinct to start in July 2004, maximising local jobs.

Another success story is the Housing Renewal Program which has included the improvement to housing estates in Morwell East, Moe Heights, Traralgon East and Glendonald Estate in Churchill, upgrades to about 60 houses and a Community Jobs Program which will benefit 280 people.

Gippsland Integrated Learning Centre is to be completed in 2005. This purpose-built facility will link year 11 and twelve students with Gippsland Group Training,



TAFE and Monash University.

The Fast Train will see new services apply progressively from 2005 as well as services being improved, not reduced. The new V/Line timetable is due to be completed late this year.

More good news is that our population is up slightly, unemployment is falling and there has been a doubling of building approvals in the last 2 years. Also there is a decrease in the negative perceptions of the Valley, i.e. unemployment, social problems, pollution and economy.

Lioness Club Of Churchill & District

By MARGARET BARKER,
Publicity

AT a combined dinner with the Lions Club we inducted a new member into the fold. Welcome Gwen Lawson. Also at this dinner we had a guest speaker from the Rotary Club talking about the proposed Centurion House to be built at Traralgon.

Our club put in 220 service hours during April/May with upkeep of Hazelwood House Rose Garden, Aid to Elderly Citizens and several other ongoing projects that we do.

We also took part in the Churchill Community Fair with our free lucky-dips for boys and girls. This was a fun day.

Thanks to all concerned.

Our club also distributes, in conjunction with the local police, Teddy Bears for children in a crisis situation. We have been doing this for many years.

If you would like to join our club please contact President Vicki on 5122 1614 or Secretary Merrilyn on 5122 2543

Some ask why do we need a Lioness Club in Churchill when we have a Lions Club. Although we are affiliated with the Lions Club we can have women in our community whose partners are not in a Lions Club. They can then become part of Lions International. Partners of Lions are called Lions Ladies, not Lionesses.

Vale

RUTH AUSTIN

1922-2004

Ruth Austin was born 26 August 1922, one of twin sisters, at the Leongatha Hospital, a daughter for Leslie James and Mary Dianna Austin of Mirboo North. There was no hospital at Mirboo North at that time. After growing up in Mirboo North and going to the local schools, Ruth went to Prince Henry's Hospital in St. Kilda Rd. Melbourne to train as a nurse. This was at the time of the second World War. She then went to Sydney to complete her obstetrics qualification.

After the war, Ruth went to New Zealand where there was a shortage of trained nurses, and worked in several provincial hospitals.

In 1953, Ruth and her twin sister Mary, who had also trained as a nurse at Prince Henry's, set sail for England. The lure of seeing the Queen's coronation was their reason.

There, and in Montreal Canada, they both nursed for the next two years. During that time with two other nurses, they traveled throughout post war Europe, encountering all sorts of situations including a broken axle in Yugoslavia.

On her home-coming, Ruth decided to complete her infant welfare training on a bursary at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Mothers and Babies in Carlton. In return she had to work for one year. From the options of Cranbourne or Bright, she chose Bright.

There was a 200 mile journey from home at Mirboo North to Bright made alone in a small pale blue Ford Prefect.

Ruth used this Ford Prefect with the addition of a heater and seat belts, and future cars to trav-

el safely for twenty-eight years to see and care for her mothers and babies. The travel included driving up and over the Tawonga Gap.

Sister Austin became known for her training, wisdom and her humanity. She made a lasting contribution to the women and babies of the Alpine Shire community, introducing immunization and hearing tests.

For the elderly her initiative brought about the provision of services such as meals on wheels, and the establishment of a Senior Citizens Club, as a result of founding the Community Welfare Association.

This association also began classes to teach the migrant people English. These were but a few of the programs instigated by this caring woman.

Ruth also became a keen photographer, often winning prizes for her photos, particularly of the Alpine wildflowers.

The Uniting Church had a wonderful worker in Ruth who loved to help especially with the Advent Workshops for the children after school.

At age 65 Ruth reluctantly retired. But her energy and ideas did not. Soon after retirement she formed a bushwalking group. Each Tuesday morning the group would walk for approximately 90 minutes.

Each year she and twin sister Mary would holiday together, either overseas or north to Kinka Beach in Queensland. This entailed motoring north, pitching their tent and settling in for the Winter. At Kinka Beach they established many friendships.

It was on this trip north last year that Ruth began to experience some pain in her shoulder. Just before Christmas this became very bad. Finally in early March she went into hospital at Albury expecting to have some surgery on a possible torn muscle in the shoulder.

Three days post operatively swollen lymph nodes indicated cancer. Several hours later this was confirmed.

Mary is of the firm belief that women should not be too optimistic about negative mammograms. Self-examination should be continued. Even then you can't be sure when it involves breast tissue in the underarm region.

THESE CAUTIONS ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IF THERE IS A FAMILY HISTORY OF BREAST CANCER.

During Ruth's seven weeks of illness she and Mary had the prayerful support of the people here in Churchill and Bright, receiving many cards, lovely bunches of flowers and hospital visits. Ruth died peacefully at midnight on the 27th April 2004.

A funeral service for Ruth was held in the Uniting Church at Bright on 30th April. Another was held at Mirboo North on 3rd May, followed by interment in the lawn cemetery at Mirboo North in a lovely position near some trees.

Since her death Mary has been overwhelmed by the huge response, receiving cards, flowers,



Mary and Ruth Austin

gifts of food and much loving care. Mary wishes all to know that this has been most appreciated and thankfully accepted.

In her lifetime Ruth saw at least two generations of children grow to maturity. She has been a mainstay, a life-force, and an inspiration of, and for, the community.

Ruth is a special person laid to rest after a lifetime of loving service.

RIP

Yellow Pages Business Ideas Grant

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Entry forms are available by calling 1800 886 680 or by visiting www.yellowpages.com.au/big.

Entries close 30 July 2004. Winners will be announced in Melbourne on 8 September 2004.

The Yellow Pages Business Ideas Grants are proudly presented by Sensis a leading advertising and directories provider and supported by the Australian Government through AusIndustry

Granny Smith's Apples

A battling Aussie pioneer woman, Maria Anne Smith was midwife for the township of Eastwood in the early days of the colony.

Present at the birth of so many young Australians in that region, she developed a special place in their affections, hence the name "Granny Smith".

Because of her husband's illness, she not only had the task of raising her own family and being a midwife, but also running a small farm and orchard.

On one occasion, after delivering her produce to market, she bought a barrel of crab apples to make apple tarts. On bringing them home, she found she could use only half of the barrel.

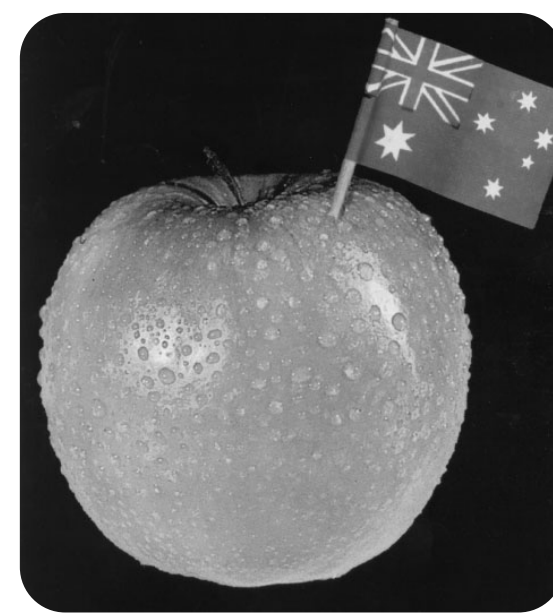
The rest had gone bad. The bad apples she emptied on a garbage pile she had near a creek at the end of the property.

Some months later, she returned to discover a small tree pushing its way through the rubbish.

She transplanted and nurtured the tree, and later harvested the world's first crop of green eating apples.

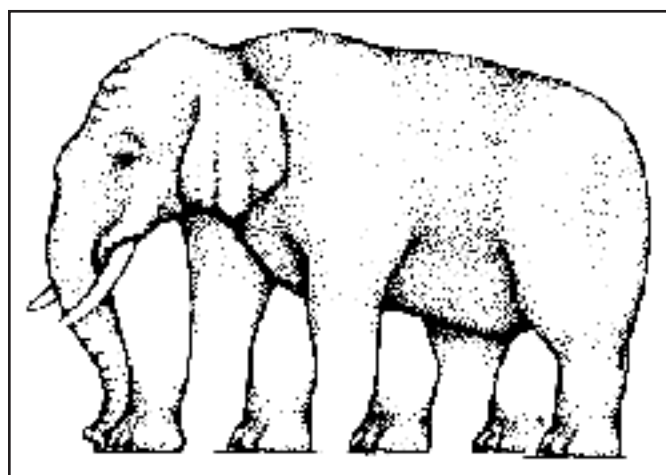
The apples became popular around Eastwood, where they were affectionately known as Granny Smith's apples, and that Aussie green apple has become accepted throughout the world.

When asked to explain how the tree grew, she said, "Isn't that just like God-the very stuff we chuck away, he uses to bring in a new thing."



Could it be it was no accident of history that saw those tall ships in the Pacific ocean, produced a new hybrid-a people called cornstalks, currency lads and lasses, later diggers and mates.

Mary from *Awakenings* passed this story on to me at the Churchill Festival.



Optical Illusion!

How Many Legs Has This Elephant Got?

June Health Tip

THE best way to avoid catching a cold is to stay fit and eat well.

Remind children to carry a hanky or tissue to use for blowing a runny nose.

Remember to cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.

You can help stop the spread of colds and other res-

piratory infections by washing your hands regularly.

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Alpha Centauri: The Nearest Star

By JEFF SING

There is a star near the Southern Cross (Crux) in the night sky called Alpha Centauri. Its proper name is Rigil Kent, which means 'the foot of the Centaur'. It is the slightly brighter star of the two pointers to the Southern Cross, both are the brightest stars in the constellation of Centaurus (the Centaur).

The pointer nearest the Southern Cross is Beta Centauri, or Hadar meaning 'ground'. Alpha Centauri, the pointer farthest from the Southern Cross, is the nearest bright star (apart from our star, the Sun) to the Earth.

This month the pointers, along with the Southern Cross, ride high in the early evening sky in the south. As each hour progresses they drift and turn in a slow clockwise direction by 15° around a fixed point in the sky called the South Celestial Pole (S.C.P.)

This is an imaginary point in the sky projected directly above the Earth's South Pole. The S.C.P. is found 38° in altitude vertically above the south point on the horizon. The altitude angle of the S.C.P. is always equal to and dependent on the latitude of a place.

From mid-southern latitudes constellations such as the Southern Cross and stars making up the pointers are circumpolar, that is, they never set.

The Southern Cross and the pointers nearly brush the horizon in the evening sky in summer.

The constellations that lie in between the Southern Cross and the pointers and the S.C.P. are well above the horizon even when they are at the lowest point in their yearly journey.

Alpha Centauri and Beta Centauri are unrelated stars. That is, they are at vastly different distances from each other. Alpha Centauri is 4.3 light years away, whereas Beta Centauri is nearly 500 light years away.

Light travelling at about 300,000 kilometres a second (in a vacuum) covers about 10 trillion

kilometres (that is 1 followed by 13 zeros) in a year.

This unit is the light year. Light left Alpha Centauri 4.3 years ago. It took 4.3 years for the light to reach our eyes so today we see Alpha Centauri as it was in February 2000. A smaller unit is the Astronomical Unit (A.U.), which is the average distance of the Earth from the Sun, or 150 million kilometres.

Light traverses 1 A.U. in 8 minutes or 40 A.U. (about the average distance of Pluto, the outermost planet in the Solar System) in just over 5 hours. Alpha Centauri appears close to Beta Centauri in the sky because both lie in the same direction from Earth but in other parts of our Milky Way galaxy the positions of stars and the constellations we are familiar with would be totally unrecognisable.

Alpha Centauri is not a single star but belongs to a triple star system. The brightest star of the triple system is called Star A, or component A. The nearest star to Star A is called Star B.

The farthest and usually faintest star from Star A is Star C. Star C is also called Proxima (from the Latin meaning 'nearest') Centauri. Components A and B make up a very bright binary star in the Alpha Centauri system. Binaries are not to be confused with 'optical doubles', that only appear close together due to a line of sight effect, that is, they appear in the same direction but are at different distances apart.

True binaries are stars that are bound together by gravity and have the same proper motion through space as seen from the Earth.

They orbit around each other much like the Moon does around the Earth and all the planets in the Solar System do around the Sun.

Their gravitational interplay is like them being connected to an invisible twisting bar of dumbbells. Binaries can consist of more than two components. Some can have as many as six components or more but this is extremely rare.

Nearly 70,000 binaries have been discovered but only about 2,000 have had their orbital elements accurately measured. Double and multiple stars are very common.

About 50% of all stars visible in our nearby neighbourhood are known to belong to binary systems. Our Sun belongs to the other 50% that are single. There are other classes of binaries. These are the spectroscopic binaries (stars that can only be divided in a spectroscope), and eclipsing binaries (variable stars), that are so close together they can't be

separated in a telescope.

The two bright components of the Alpha Centauri system are very close together at the moment. However they take about 80 years to orbit around each other in a tilted ellipse from the Earth's viewpoint.

The pair obeys Kepler's third law of planetary motion with wide and narrow separations at different points in their orbit.

Their widest separation occurred in 1980 and will again happen in 2060: the separation at the time being 35 A.U. or beyond the orbit of Neptune around the Sun.

The bright pair had its closest separation in 1957; and will again be closest in 2038 at a dis-

tance of 11 A.U. or beyond the orbit of Saturn.

The Alpha Centauri binary can be easily separated in a small telescope at any stage of its 80-year orbit but would have required very high power in 1957 and when it nears 2038. Proxima Centauri, or component C is about 2° (or about 4 Moon widths side by side) from Stars A and B. Proxima is closer than the bright binary by about 0.1 of a light year, at 4.2 light years away.

It can only be seen in small telescopes at medium to high power and is difficult to find due to many nearby stars of similar brightness or magnitude (a measurement scale of a star's apparent brightness).

Proxima is a very small and cool red dwarf star. It is one of the least luminous stars in the Milky Way galaxy, 25,000 times dimmer than our Sun in absolute terms. Proxima takes about 500,000 to 1 million years to orbit around Alpha Centauri A and B (depending on which source you quote).

The feeble star is between 10,000 and 30,000 A.U. (1/6 and a 1/2 light year) from Stars A and B. This is the equivalent of between 250 times and 750 times the distance of Pluto from the Sun.

The next meeting of the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society will be an Annual General Meeting at the Wirilda Environment Park hall, Tyers starting at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday July 13.

It will be followed by a social and observing night. The society welcomes any member of the public to come along and attend any of the meetings. New members are very welcome to join.

For further details contact Gavan Dinsdale on 51746453 or visit the society's regularly updated web site at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~lvas/>. The author apologises for the error in last month's issue stipulating that the June 8 Venus transit party started at 4 p.m. instead of the correct time of 3 p.m.



Aphro Here!

Hi, Aphro here!

Herman is somewhat indisposed. Two weeks ago the "early bird" nearly caught the worm. But I'm happy to say that Herms convalescence is progressing well. And although this bird made a meal of his tail end he's well on the way to growing a replacement.

On the subject of those feathered scary things, you many want to attract them to your garden to eat pests, if so please make it clear that worms are off the menu.

A good idea is to take a slow walk around your neighbourhood and take note of where birds are hanging out. What plants attract them? You may have room to add a small eucalyptus, a group of grevilleas, a Correa or wattle to your

own garden.

Many native Aussie birds need the shelter of dense understorey which provides a safe retreat for them when larger birds or predators appear.

Be cautious regarding your spraying program as you may be killing the very insects etc. that are needed to attract the birds.

Rosellas, galahs and king parrots can sometimes be attracted to a feed-tray with seed. But place the tray well above the ground out of reach of cats.

Provide shallow water for birds to drink and cavort in.

Well hopefully Herm will be back on the job next month.

Happy Gardening
Aphro.



Congratulations Debbie And Jamie

THE wedding of Debbie Cranwell and Jamie Johnson took place at the Churchill Co-operating Church on 10th April 2004.

Fiona Cranwell, Linda Huizer, Debbie's Sisters, Marcia Lynne and Janella Andrews were bridesmaids.

The Groomsmen were Matt McNamara, Steve Beckman, David Speirs and the Grooms brother, Lee Johnson.

Over one hundred guests enjoyed the reception at the Italian Australian Club in Morwell.

The couple honeymooned in Surfers Paradise and Couran Cove Queensland.

They are now living in their newly built home in Hazelwood Estate.

Congratulations Debbie and Jamie.

Old Time Family Dance

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

THE Jeeralang North Hall Committee holds an old time family dance in the hall on the fourth Friday of each month.

The next dance will be on Friday 25 June with music by Harmony Plus, at 8.00pm until 11.30pm.

The Jeeralang North school / community building was burnt down on 14 February 1944 when bushfires swept through the area.

At a meeting in March that year the decision was made to rebuild a short distance from the old site.

The hall was first used for meetings in the second half of 1954 and in the November the supper room was added. The Grand Opening Ball was not held until September of the following year. Regular dances have been held since 1955.

The dance on Friday 22 October will be the fiftieth anniversary of the hall and special celebrations are being planned. On Saturday 23 there will be a picnic lunch and bush walk.

For more information contact the Secretary, Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264.

****CHILDREN'S CORNER****

Birthdayites!

The May 'Birthdayites' were all smiles as they were each presented with \$15 vouchers from Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill and District. They were chosen at random

from the May list. This could have been you - make sure you join now so you also have the chance to be a lucky 'Birthdayite'. Remember, now you have two chances of being chosen.

Ebony Kootstra-Denton
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Tamara Kemp
9 Years on 19th April

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The lucky "Birthdayites" for May were
Tamara Kemp and Ebony Kootstra-Denton.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR JUNE 2004

Daniel BERTOLI	12 years
Sarah COOK	10 years
Rachael CUSICK	4 years
Kate JOHNSON	11 years
Nathan LUGTON	10 years
Christopher NICHOL	10 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" for June are
DANIEL BERTOLI and KATE JOHNSON

Congratulations, you have each won a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency. We will be contacting you soon.

They Forgot to Plant an Acorn on the Moon

THE surface of the moon looks a lot like a desert. It's dry, rocky, and sandy. There are no plants on the moon. Not even a small cactus.

In the year 1969 human beings from planet Earth first stepped on the moon. They walked around a bit and collected some moon rocks to take back with them. By mistake, they forgot to plant the acorn.

They had brought an acorn with them, along with a watering can and some potting soil. They were supposed to plant the acorn a few hundred yards away from the spaceship, but they forgot. They plain forgot.

You can't really blame them though. They had so much else to do. Every minute of every day they had something important to do. People from NASA were telling them what to do over the radio.

But what if they had remembered to plant the acorn? What if they had dug down a couple of inches in the loose soil, dropped some sweet-smelling potting soil into the hole, and gently placed the acorn in its new home? What if they covered the acorn with some more sweet-smelling potting soil, and gently watered it with their watering can?

An acorn doesn't need a lot of things to grow. It needs water, it needs soil, it needs sunlight, and it needs carbon dioxide gas. Now, there's plenty of soil and plenty of sunlight on the moon. But water and carbon dioxide are in short supply. That's why the astronauts

brought a watering can with them.

They also brought a small plastic greenhouse with them. The plan was to place the greenhouse right over the planted acorn. Then the greenhouse was supposed to be filled with carbon dioxide gas.

After the acorn sprouted, it would pop up through the soil right in the middle of the greenhouse. There would be lots of water, soil, sunlight, and carbon dioxide for the small plant to grow tall and strong.

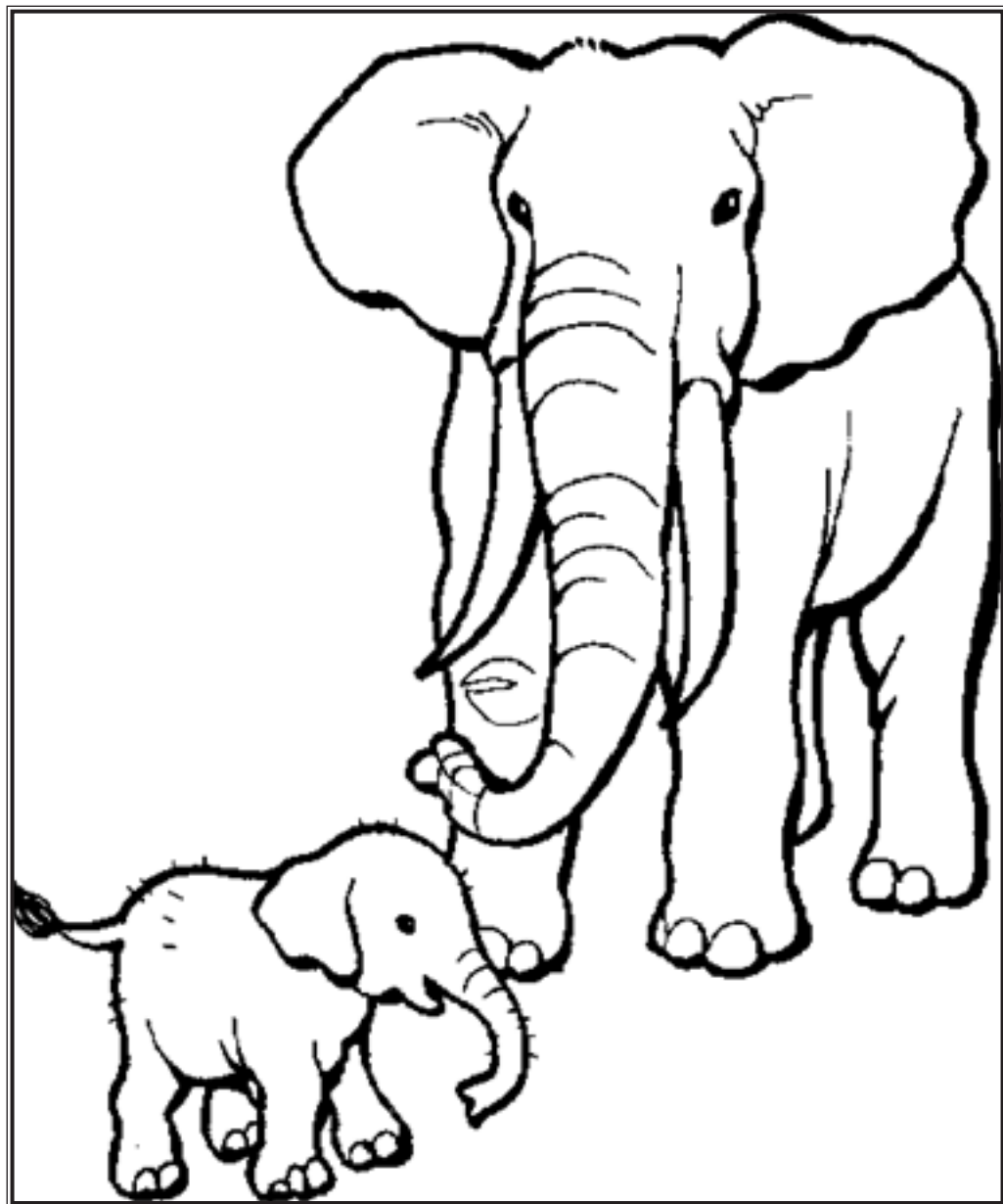
Plants both produce and consume carbon dioxide. A plant placed in a closed bottle, with good soil, sunlight and water, can survive for years without any care from human beings. (If you don't believe me, you can try this yourself at home.)

As the little oak tree grew, it would produce more and more carbon dioxide from its leaves. Its branches would reach out and bump into the walls of the greenhouse. One day, the top of the oak tree would poke its way through the top of the greenhouse.

When that happened, some of the carbon dioxide and oxygen would escape through this hole. But the strong plant would continue to grow and continue to produce more of these two gases.

So if you think of the moon's atmosphere as a small glass bottle in space, it might be possible for an oak tree to grow in its soil If only the astronauts had not forgotten to plant the acorn.

COLOURING CORNER



Golf Results



Saturday

Saturday Mens Comp: Monthly Medal Stroke: 24/04/04

A-Grade: (0-19) J White (18) 69, B-Grade: (20-36) R Welsh (21) 69. DTL: S McCafferty 71, W Peter 71, J Armstrong 71, I Wilson 72 c/b. NTP: 3rd G Down, 5th P Williams, 14th P Kearns, Putt: J Armstrong 22.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Presidents/Captains Day: 27/04/04 CCR 72: Winning Team Captains 352 pts, Presidents Team: 393 pts, M McConville 37 pts. V Verheyen 36 pts, NTP: 3/12 33-45 V Verheyen, 5/14 0-32 Di Scurlock, 33-45 V Verheyen. Eagle: 9th Di Scurlock, Lost handicap: M McConville 21-20.

Saturday Mens Comp: 1st Round Championships, 1/05/04 CCR 70: Scratch: C Thomas 81, A-Grade: (0-17) C Thomas 70 c/b, B-Grade: (18-20) D McCafferty 66, C-Grade: (21-32) D Harvey 73, DTL W Leslie 70, S Sanders 70, W Peter 70, P Kearns 70, G Down 71, NTP: 3rd G Down, 5th D Taylor.

Sunday Comp: Stableford Medley: 02/05/04

Winner L Maher 30 pts, DTL: J Maher 27 pts, NTP: 5th L Jessop.

Tuesday Ladies Comp 4BBB: 4/05/04 CCR 70

Winners: K Hall 28/V Rowley 36 44pts. DTL: C Barnes/H Croft 37 pts, J Blizzard/C Gardam 36 pts c/b. NTP: 0-32 5/14 E D'Alterio, 33-45

5/14 J Beck, 0-32 3/12 C Gardam, 33-45 3/12 V Rowley, Lost Handicap: V Rowley 36-35.

Saturday Mens Comp: 2nd Round Championships: 8/05/04 CCR 70: Scratch A: C Thomas

161, B: P Kearns 169, Handicap A: W Peter 139, B: P Kearns 135, A-Grade: (0-15) W Peter (15) 69 c/b, B-Grade: (17-21) P Kearns (17) 65, C-Grade: (22-32) B Debono (22) 70, DTL: K Hills 69, C Thomas 69, J McCafferty 69, R Scurlock 70, C Speekenbrink 70, C Lesiw 70, V Monument 71, K Garlick 72. NTP: 3rd S McCafferty, 5th C Thomas, 12th D McCafferty, 14th F Peel, Birdies: T Johnson 5th, S McCafferty 3rd.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 1st Round Championships Medal/Silverspoon: 11/05/04, CCR 73

Scratch: Di Scurlock 84, A-Grade: (0-32) Di Scurlock (16) 68 nett, B-Grade: (33-45) H Croft (36) 75 nett, DTL: J Blizzard 71, M McConville 73, S Jeffery 74, E D'Alterio 74, NTP 3th/12th 0-32 J Blizzard 33-45 J Beck, 5th/14th 0-32 J Leslie 33-45 V Verheyen. Putts: L Jessop 28 c/b.

Medal Winner & Silverspoon Di Scurlock 84 (16) 68 nett, Lost Handicap: Di Scurlock 16-14, J Blizzard 27-26.

Saturday Mens Comp: 3 Round

Championships, 15/05/04, CCR 68 A-Grade (0-15) W Peter (14) 69, B-Grade (16-18) W Leslie (18) 64, C-Grade (20-32) M Bianconi (22) 67, DTL: J White 67, J Dickson 68, G Blizzard 69, P Kearns 69, J Armstrong 71 c/b, NTP: 3rd R Sheahey, 12th J Armstrong, 14th B DeBono, Club Champion Ken Hills 242, A Grade Handicap W Peter 207, B Grade Scratch P Kearns 253, B Grade Handicap P Kearns 202.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford: 16/05/04, CCR 68

Winner: G Down 33, DTL: D Taylor 32, NTP: W Barnes 14th.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford: 16/05/04, CCR 70

Winner: B Beebe 39 pts c/b. DTL: C Barnes 38 pts NTP: C Barnes 5th, B Beebe 14th.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 2 Round Championships, 18/05/04, CCR 70

Scratch: E D'Alterio 94, A-Grade: (0-30) E D'Alterio 71 nett, B-Grade: (31-45) V Verheyen 65 nett, DTL: D Thomas 72, Y Wotton 77, J Leslie 78, NTP: 3/12 33-45 V Verheyen, 5/14 0-32 Di Scurlock, 5/14 33-45 J Beck, Birdies: Di Scurlock 5th, Broken Handicap: V Verheyen 36-33.

Next Stop - Port Welshpool

THE Associated Angling Club are in the process of planning for their 3rd annual Junior Fishing Competition at Lake Hyland in Churchill in November.

There will be three categories this year with the age groups from 4-8, 9-12, 13-16.

We welcome all juniors to come along and participate in the day as well as volunteers to help keep things running smoothly!

The registration fee this year is \$2 per child, or \$5 per family. Please keep your eye out for further information in the Churchill & District News.

Our Club had stall at the Churchill Festival on May 15 and what a great day it was.

On the day we ran a raffle and a Jelly Bean Guessing Competition. Alpine Country donated the raffle prize, which was lovely folding fishing chairs. They were won by Fiona Hodge.

The Jelly Bean Competition count was 667. The closet entry was for 666 jelly beans from Melinda Burr who has happily shared them with Mum!

Our next fishing trip is this weekend to Port Welshpool. It is an annual competition between Associated Angling Club and the Colac Angling Club. It is a great weekend.

For more information of our club please ring President Paul on 51222859, or Secretary Tracey on 51223507.



Christine and Laurie Coon From The Associated Angling Club at The Churchill Festival

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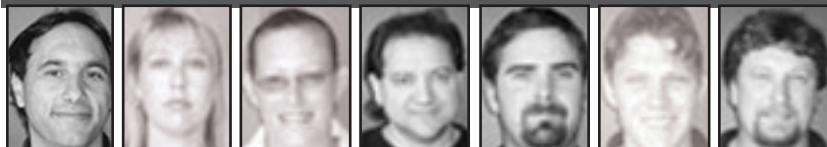
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