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Brittany Smart reads out her story



Morwell National Park Koala Count

ON Sunday October 21 the Friends of Morwell National Park will be holding their annual count of the Koala population in the Park.

This enjoyable activity is open to anybody that has an eagle eye or would enjoy a nice afternoon out leisurely spotting Koalas in the idyllic surrounds of the Morwell National Park.

All participants will be guided through the park by members of the Friends Group. Participants are requested to meet at 1:30pm in the Kerry Rd car park (off Jumbuk Road) in the Foster's Gully section of the park.

If you have binoculars bring them along to enhance the experience. For further information ring 5174 0782.

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Record Number of Entries for Writing Competition

A record number of entries greeted the judges for the 2007 Churchill & District News Competition.

"The judges were faced with a very difficult task," said Val Prokopiv, Editor. "The number and standard of entries was extraordinarily high. We had a record num-

ber of prizewinners, 38 in total in the junior categories!"

Prizes were presented to the winners at a ceremony which saw the Co-Operating Church full to capacity.

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Brad Moyle from Churchill Primary School presents Gabrielle Medew with her prize

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Editorial

I first heard Tony Medina speak at an Asbestos Awareness day conducted by Gippsland Asbestos and Related Diseases Support Group (GARDS). The 41 year old father of five had recently been diagnosed with mesothelioma, a fatal cancer caused by exposure to air-borne asbestos fibers.

He traced his cancer back to his first job as an asbestos removalist in the 1980s. Since then, Tony has campaigned for better protection for workers against the deadly product. Now, however, he has a new fight on his hands.

Because Tony lives in Victoria, he cannot receive subsidized access to the chemotherapy treatment that might prolong his life and reduce his pain.

If he lived in New South Wales, he would be eligible, because he contracted mesothelioma through work. If he lived in Western Australia he could have subsidized treatment regardless of where he contracted the cancer.

However, people who contract the disease in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia or Tasmania all have to pay about \$20,000 for a course of the drug.

According to leading campaigner, John Parker, many workers like Tony are in a very difficult position. Sufferers can pay for their treatment by taking a loan against a potential legal settlement. So they have to make a choice, treatment or financial security for the families they will invariably leave behind. What a choice.

The incidence of this cancer in Australia is increasing, with the number of mesothelioma patients predicted to peak in 2020 at around 18,000 victims, with over

600 new cases diagnosed every year. The Latrobe Valley has approximately seven times the national average of asbestos related illness, and according to John the asbestos removalist industry is still not regulated tightly enough. People, particularly young workers are still being exposed.

There is also a new wave of cases of asbestos related diseases appearing among young Australians renovating their homes. One in three houses built in Australia up until 1987 have asbestos in them. An asbestos home removal kit has been developed by GARDS and the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council to try to prevent home renovators being exposed to deadly asbestos fibers. The kit, an Australian first, is available from the Latrobe City Council Service Centre, in Commercial Road, Morwell and I would urge anyone considering renovations to make use of it.

Bernie Banton, who led the campaign to make James Hardie pay compensation to victims of its asbestos products was diagnosed with mesothelioma in August. He contracted the cancer through work and lives in New South Wales so he is entitled to the treatment that Tony Medina is not. According to Bernie:

"If someone sticks a fag in their mouth and gets cancer, they can get subsidized chemotherapy. But if they contract mesothelioma at home, or at work outside of NSW and WA, they can't. Is that fair?"

All mesothelioma patients should be entitled to the best treatment available and some quality of life as they battle with this cancer. We are soon to go to the polls - whoever wins must make this a priority.

Ed

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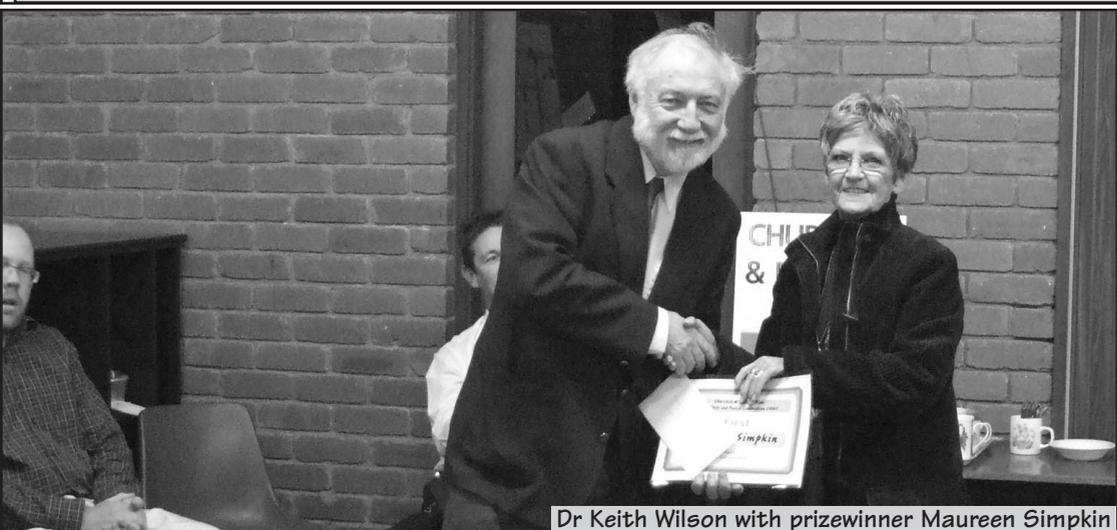
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Dr Keith Wilson with prizewinner Maureen Simpkin

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"The children stole the show, however, with some of the prize winners reading out their stories and showing their pictures to a very appreciative audience." continued Val.

The Churchill and District News would like to thank our supporters and sponsors, who attended the prizegiving, Cr Darrell White, Dr Keith Wilson, from Monash University HUMCASS, Russell Northe MP, Brad Moyle from Churchill

Primary School and Neil Lawson from International Power Hazelwood. Thanks also to Hazelwood Rotary and Monash University Bookshop for donations of prizes.

We would also like to congratulate all the prizewinners and thank all those who entered the competition. Many of the entries in the junior sections are entered by teachers in our local schools and we pass on our thanks and appreciation of their hard work.

Churchill & District News Short Story Competition 2007: Prize Winners

CAT. 1 7 AND UNDER
1st: Hayden Row
2nd: Lucy Stevenson
3rd: Tanner Hall
3rd: Thomas Hayes
Best Illustration: Bonnie Kearns
Best Presentation: Ivy Meade
Special Awards: Brenton Clissold, Gabrielle Medew, Rachael Pendlebury, Natalie Butler, Michael Pendlebury, Shannon Stark.
CAT. 2 8 - 12 SHORT STORY
1st: Aasha Linn
1st: Julia Briegar
2nd: Brittany Smart
2nd: Caitlin Lawson & Jacoba Moore
3rd: Max Sauppe
3rd: Trent Perry
Best Illustration: Jarrod Newberry
Best Presentation: Yong Le Ting
Special Awards: Harley Langanke, Luke Peake, Zac Mangion, Talia Medew, Ainsley Browne, Samantha Tullett, Dana Flahavin, Jye May,
CAT. 3 8 - 12 POETRY
1st: Alexander Lawson

2nd: Darcie Jongerius
3rd: Caitlin King
Best Illustration: Cassandra Hooimeyer
Special Awards: Cassandra Hooimeyer, Zoey Hibbert, Rhiannon, Renee Kotiw, Oliver Thain.
CAT.4 13 - 18 POETRY
1st: Melissa Griffiths
CAT. 5 13 - 18 SHORT STORY
1st: Julia Buras
2nd: Crystal Harvey
3rd: Sarah Aquilina
CAT. 6 ADULT SHORT STORY
1st: Beverly M Crane
2nd: Des Bennett
3rd: Douglas F A Campbell
CAT. 7 ADULT POETRY
1st: Maureen Simpkin
2nd: Des Bennett
3rd: Kay F Ruane
Special Award : Miriam Withers
CAT.8 LOCAL HISTORY
Carol Scott: Syd's Memoirs
CAT. 9 A CHILDREN'S STORY
Sandra James: Sebastian the Sausage Dog



Scout Of The Year 2007

JOHN BARKER, Strzelecki District Publicity

For many years Hazelwood Rotary Club have very generously made this Award available for Scouts in the local District in recognition of their outstanding qualities.

There were five Scouts from our District nominated by their Leaders who were deemed to be of a standard to be considered for this prestigious Award.

Each nominee received a letter requesting them to attend District Headquarters for an interview. The interview covered such topics as -

- *Questions on aspects of Scouting and of a general nature
- *Badge level achieved
- *Leadership skills
- *Why did they consider they should receive the award

After processing the data from this interview, the number of nominees was reduced to the three who performed the best in each of the above interview points. These Scouts were invited to attend the Strzelecki District AGM for the announcement of the winner and presentation of the Award.

At the end of the meeting, the

three Scouts were called forward by District Executive Chairman Mac Wood who made the announcement that the Scout of the Year for 2007 was Scott Marriott of 1st Yinnar Scout Troop, and presented him with a cheque for \$50 and a framed certificate as a keep-sake.

Scouts Alex Kovacs of 1st Traralgon and Caitlin Hall of 1st Yinnar Troops being runners up received a cheque each for \$25.

In his acceptance speech, Scott thanked Rotary for making the Awards available.

Churchill & District Intergenerational Community Hub Update

Work continues to run on track with the construction phase as the internal Latrobe City project team and architects Prior and Cheney have been working on finalising the detailed design. The Hub committee, consisting of community members and Latrobe City Council staff, have been involved throughout this process to ensure a good result will be achieved for the community.

The planning permit process is also underway. It was originally

identified in the planning permit process that a cultural heritage management plan would be required. A recent due diligence report from Prior and Cheney however has recommended that this will not be required. This helps keep the process moving and does not cause any unforeseen delay.

Following the completion of the detailed design a tender will be awarded to begin the construction of the building. The project is still on

track to meet the agreed timelines, which are provided on the next page.

The committee has also been meeting on a regular basis to discuss the operational aspects of the hub. In recent times, a governance structure has been agreed on in principle and the team is now working though terms of reference documentation and operational policies.

For more information, please contact David Welch, Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700.

Eating Disorder Education Group

Latrobe Community Health Service hold Eating Disorder Education Groups every three weeks at their site, 7-9 Seymour Street Traralgon.

Liz Jones, a Community Health Nurse who facilitates this group explains,

"Education groups are available for people with an eating disorder, as well as those that care for someone with this disorder. The group aim to provide information and to offer members emotional and practical support."

At the group's next meeting, Caroline Storti, a psychologist, will discuss anxiety and what it means in

terms of your eating disorder. This meeting will commence at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd October.

The Eating Disorders Education Group welcomes people at any stage of recovery from an eating disorder, including anorexia, bulimia and overeating, and new members are always welcome.

If you would like to attend this group and you have not done so before, please phone Liz Jones on 51711400 for a pre introduction to the group. Registration prior to the group meeting is essential so please contact Liz Jones on 51711400 to register.



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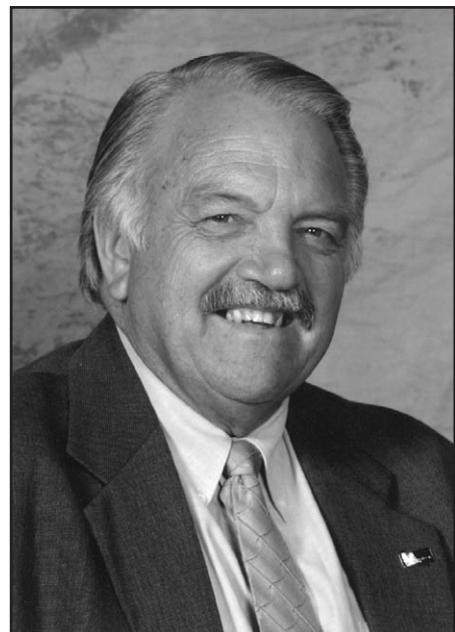


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Eel Hole Creek Walking Path "Planting Day" By Cr Darrell White

the creation of native gardens and provision of habitat for local birds and animals. On a broader scale, the tree planting will help to offset greenhouse gas emissions which have been linked to climate change.

Planting of the trees provided a great way for our community to contribute to the society in which we live. It also enabled a fun and healthy activity to eventuate which allowed the opportunity for people to participate and mix with others with a common interest and purpose.

The day also provided the opportunity to launch a specially designed and built "Tree Planting Trailer" which has been uniquely painted by Helen McInnes, a local artist. This "Tree Planting Trailer" can be borrowed by members of the community for tree planting and is one of Latrobe City Council's contributions to help in the wonderful work that is carried out all over our community by planting trees.

Groups such as Landcare make a massive contribution to the improvement of our local environment, and this "Tree Planting Trailer" will support their ongoing work. The "Trailer" is fully equipped and can be borrowed by groups through the Council. Bookings can be made through Michelle Hutchins Tel: 1300 367 700

The Churchill Lions Club came to the fore on the day, by cooking a BBQ Lunch for partici-

pants. As always, the Club does a mighty job serving the community and their efforts were very much appreciated.

To all who participated, I'm sure everyone experienced a great sense of satisfaction from their involvement. Congratulations to all partici-

pants for your efforts and voluntary contributions which will have a lasting impact and make an important difference in improving the environment of Churchill, in particular in proximity of the southern section of the Eel Hole Creek Walking Path.



I was fortunate, on behalf of Latrobe City Council, to be in attendance on Saturday 22nd September last, at which there was a terrific attendance by the community to participate in this important "planting day" event.

This opportunity is taken to thank everyone, including a strong voluntary representation by Latrobe City staff members, who took the time to assist in improving the local environment of Churchill by planting plants and trees.

As a result of these planting activities, there are many positive impacts, including an improvement to the local environment through



By Margaret Guthrie, President
THE Victorian Electoral Commission is conducting a review of Latrobe City's electoral representation. It is looking at -

*what is an appropriate number of councillors for the municipality

*whether the municipality should have wards or be unsubdivided

*if the municipality is to have wards, how many wards there should be, the number of councillors per ward and the ward boundaries

Preliminary submissions were due in at the end of August and the VEC is considering submission ideas, along

with demographics, the municipality's growth potential and the situation in similar municipalities.

The VEC is preparing a Preliminary Report, due on 4 October, containing its preferred options. Any person or group may make a Response Submission to the VEC about this Preliminary Report. Response Submissions must be lodged by 5pm, Thursday 25 October.

A Public Hearing will also be held to enable people to speak in support of their Response Submissions. This hearing will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 8 November at the Council

Offices in Commercial Rd, Morwell.

The VEC's Final Report, containing its recommendations, will be lodged with the Minister for Local Government on Monday 26 November and will be publicly available.

More information, including copies of the Preliminary Submissions received, is available at the VEC website - <http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/latroberr.html>

13 Preliminary Submission were received, including Latrobe City Council's own submission which recommended maintaining the status quo.

CDCA also made a submission recommending a change to 2 multi-councillor wards. Other submissions received contained a variety of ideas and suggestions, such as 3 multi-councillor wards, eliminating the ward system altogether and electing 9 councillors to represent the

City and increasing the number of Councillors to 11 or 12 to represent each town in the municipality.

The submissions make interesting reading and citizens are encouraged to access the website and consider the suggestions put forward. The Final Report may recommend significant change to Latrobe City's ward boundaries and councillor representation which would have quite an impact on the conduct of future Council elections and voter representation.

At our regular monthly meeting held last night, another matter of interest to Churchill residents was discussed at length. Cr. Darrell White and Simon Clark, Parks and Recreation Manager for Latrobe City, attended the meeting in order to consult with CDCA over the proposed relocation and upgrading of the Churchill Skate-Park to make way for the construction of the Community Hub on this site.

Possible new locations for the

skate-park include Gaskin Park, across the creek adjacent to the Leisure Centre, or north of the present site next to the CFA station. Keeping the skate-park facility in Phillip Parade would ensure it is accessible, highly visible and well-serviced by existing (or soon-to-be-built, like the Hub) central facilities.

Further information will be publicly available when Council has completed the community consultation process, including seeking the input of young people and skate-park users themselves.

CDCA can be contacted at P O Box 191, Churchill, or call the Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602. Our meetings are held at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Churchill Football and Netball Club. Tea and coffee supplied. All Churchill and district residents are most welcome.

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Book Sale

THE Friends of Latrobe City Libraries will hold their next Book Sale on Saturday 20 October at Kernot Hall in Morwell close to the Midvalley shopping centre.

The doors will open at 9 am. In the past it has been advisable to come early in the morning for the best bargains.

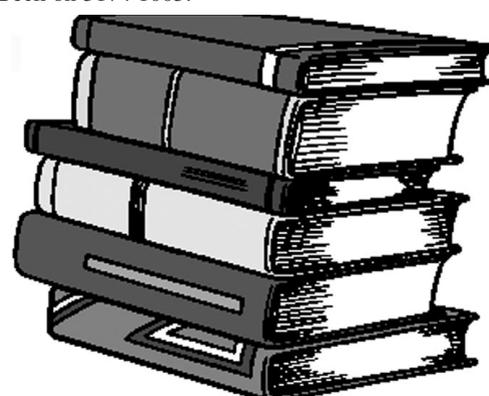
Surplus book stock, used Hear-a -Book tapes, CD covers and magazines from the Latrobe City Library service as well as donations will be available at \$1 each or sold by the bag between \$5 and \$10 depending on the size of the bag. New calico library bags may be purchased and filled for \$10.

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries are a group of volunteers who run the sale and use the proceeds to purchase items requested by the Latrobe City Library Service to enhance the library stock or the running of library programs.

Recently the Friends group were able to purchase a

large revolving stand capable of holding 400 CD's as well as 20 stackable chairs to be used for meetings at the libraries.

For further information on the book sale or joining the Friends of Latrobe City Libraries please contact Jill Beck on 5174 1005.



A Major Achievement By Our Youth

By Aaron Marriott, Venturer, 1st Churchill Venturer Unit.

On the 10th - 12th of August, Venturers Alex Jones and Aaron Marriott from the 1st Churchill Venturer Unit participated in Armstrong 500, a Victorian Scout Association hiking competition that is run annually by Leaders and Rovers.

The aim of the competition is to hike to different activity bases. At each base, you receive travel points for arriving there and activity points for doing the activity.

A team normally consists of at least three Venturers but we were allowed to have two because they couldn't get another team to hike with us. It was harder with just two because there weren't as many people to help out on the activities.

Every year Armstrong 500 is

based on a theme, and since Scouting was founded 100 years ago by Baden Powell and this year the theme was based on that. Baden Powell was a commanding officer of the British Forces back in the Boer War so all the activities were based on the theme of his army involvement, him and the Boer war.

Over the weekend Alex and I covered a lot of activity bases. Some of which are followed:

*Apply simple first aid and make a stretcher and cart a patient.

*Learn about semaphore and send and receive a message.

*Basic orienteering and working out a message.

*Dig a grave and run a burial while still on the battle field.

*Build a bridge over a dam and get a cart with a load of boxes over it, pretending it was dynamite,

without it falling off.

*Climb up a cargo net and over a horizontal log being held up in the trees and back down the other side while carrying a hiking pack.

On the first day we covered about 20km and did most of the activities. The second day we covered about 10km.

I think that Alex Jones did a terrific job hiking on that weekend covering such a distance in the wet and cold (it was only his 2nd overnight hike!) Well done Alex! I found it was a very enjoyable weekend even in the wet and cold, and I highly recommend it to any Venturer for next year.

To our surprise we ended up coming 3rd and winning a hike tent to share.



Churchill Venturers Aaron Marriott (left) and Alex Jones who came 3rd in the Armstrong Hiking Competition

Changes leading to the 21st Century

'Pathways to Our Energy Future' is the title of a free morning tea seminar to be held at the Business and Economics Conference Room, Monash University Gippsland Campus on Thursday, October 18 from 8.30am-11.45am.

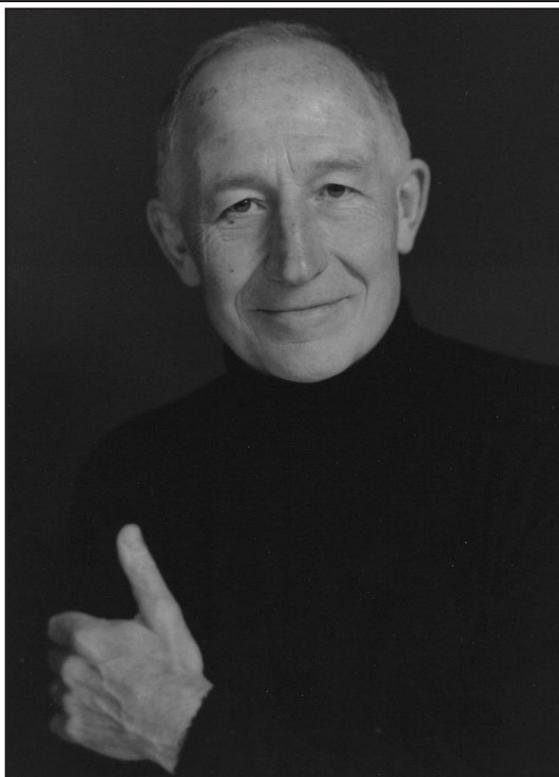
International keynote speaker, Mr Ian Dunlop has wide experience in energy resources, infrastructure and international business and will address the issues of climate change and the peaking of global oil supply which will fundamentally change society, business and government in the 21st century.

Mr Dunlop has worked in oil, gas and coal exploration and production, in scenario and long-term energy planning, competition reform and privatisation and has a particular interest in the interaction of corporate governance, responsibility and sustainability.

Mr Dunlop will discuss that rather than a problem, this is a unique opportunity to set humanity on a new course, built on sustainable principles, however values and policy have to change and the implications for energy are profound.

Mr Dunlop has chaired the Australian Coal Association, the Australian Greenhouse Office Experts Group on Emissions Trading and was CEO of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Mr Keith Hamilton will facilitate the event with other guest speakers include Ms Marianne Lourey (Department of Primary Industries), Mr Les Hunt (Energy Education Australia and Professor David



Ian Dunlop

Copolov (Monash University).

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More days out have been planned for

the coming months, including a visit to Healesville Sanctuary on Saturday 13th October and Philip Island on Saturday 3rd November. While these events are free, a \$10 non-refundable fee is required to secure the booking. Due to the high demand to attend, families will only be eligible to attend one outing.

Church News

Co-Operating Church Snippets

The highlights of this last month include Hospitality Sunday. The members of the church either provided a venue or attended a venue to share lunch and chat, in order to get to know each other on a deeper level. It was an enjoyable time, with everyone providing part of the meal. The super weather added to the enjoyment, as some venues had the pleasure of being able to enjoy the warm sun, and well as the warm hospitality.

Another enjoyable time was had by those who attended the morning coffee on the 20th August. The theme was Spring, and those who came were encouraged to bring something which reminded them of Spring. One lady wanted to bring her mower, but there were some objections, even though, it was most appropriate.

There was a wonderful display of Spring flowers, which people brought. One of the people shared experiences from her life, and another sang a beautiful song which she had composed.

A big thank you goes to those who spend a lot of time organising these special vents so we can get to know and appreciate each other better.

COMING EVENTS

The After School Club is set to begin on 10th October in The Shed at the church at 3:30-5pm. The cost is \$1 per child from grades 3-6. Enquiries ring Ruth on 51221961. All children are welcome to attend. Leaders have Working With Children Check cards

and first aiders are in attendance. This will be a fun time for the children who will be served afternoon tea before starting an active time of games, story listening and craft activities. Registration forms will be available at the first club meeting.

OPEN GARDEN

See advertisement elsewhere. This is to be held at 12 Acacia Way at a beautiful garden. Come with the idea of spending some time soaking up the atmosphere, and peace, while enjoying a sausage and/or morning or afternoon tea. There will be a plant stall. Entry cost \$5 per head. All proceeds will go to the church funds.

Church Times

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Sunday: 10.00am

Ladies Meeting:

Tuesday 10.00am

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

BY Keith Enders

The last Breakfast was held on the 22 September at the Co-Operating Churches. The guest speaker was unable to attend due to an operation and instead it was decided to have a DIY Breakfast where people were asked to bring along some of their favourite poems and/or short stories. A.B. Patterson poems were popular and one attendee brought along several poems she had composed.

Another very interesting story was a real life story of a person's arrival in Australia with his family from war-torn Poland after the second world war.

The next Breakfast will be held on Saturday 27 October at the Co-Operating Churches at 7.30am. Guest speakers will be Brett and Arch Van Berkel and they will talk about their recent walk across the Kokoda Track which had particular significance for Brett as his grandfather took part in the World War II battles there. Their talk will be accompanied by a video and photos of their walk.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at kbenders@net-tech.com.au by Thursday 25 October.

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To Maryvale CWA for very generously donating a cheque for \$200 which is to go towards the hydraulic lift on our hostel bus

On Grand final weekend, can you guess who our residents were supporting? Bill Barrett and Jean Lewis get ready for the big match to start. Go the Cats!!!!!!





Northe's Natter

period, Gippsland Water have announced tariff rises are likely to proceed despite public concern. It is disappointing that the State Government has not stepped in to cap price rises in Gippsland as they have proposed to do in metropolitan areas.

Given news water rates will double over the next five years, a number concession card holders have contacted my office to enquire about indexed rebates. I have written to the appropriate Minister asking whether the rebates will increase in line with rates rises and shall advise residents once this information is at hand.

Rising costs have been attributed, among other things, to a significant capital works program. I have recently made representation seeking additional funding for the Gippsland Water Factory to assist in

easing the burden of associated costs being passed onto local consumers. I sincerely hope the Brumby Government illustrates their support of local solutions to our state's water crisis by investing further in this important project.

Community dissatisfaction with the hard waste voucher system led me to write to Latrobe City on your behalf both prior to the rates notices being issued and again following their distribution. I strongly support a review of the current system inclusive of a broader community and rate-payer consultation process.

Once again, I thank those who have taken the time to write to me to convey their views on local issues and encourage anyone in need of information on State Government matters to contact my office (66 George St Morwell, 5133 9088).

Congratulations to both Churchill United and the Cougars on reaching their one big day in September. Unfortunately for both clubs the cards did not fall their way however all associated should be proud of their efforts both on and leading up to the day.

Two prominent issues of late have been the proposed water rates increases and Latrobe City's hard waste vouchers.

Following a public submission

Braving Climate change in our own backyard



'Braving climate change: drought, fire, floods and cleaner energy' was the topic for the recent free public lecture at the Gippsland Campus. Director of Research at Gippsland, Dr Nick Deacon said that the local community took the opportunity to come and listen to the speakers who addressed issues currently affecting all Gippslanders and at the conclusion of the presentations asked pertinent questions of the speakers.

More than any other area in Australia, Gippsland has felt the effects of fire, flood and drought over the last 12 months. As a consequence of these natural disasters, it is important to ask the tough questions and point to future choices in tackling climate change. These questions are not only relevant to the region but are part of the bigger picture affecting everyone: 'What are the consequences of climate change and greenhouse-gas?', 'How do we marshal our water resources?' and 'How can we minimise greenhouse-gas effects and still gain from our abundant brown coal resources?'

Local ABC personality, Gerard Callinan was MC for the evening with guest speakers

Mr Ian Nethercote, CEO, Loy Yang Power and Monash University Professors Nigel Tapper, Environmental Science and Sam

Adeloju, Head, School of Applied Sciences and Engineering, Gippsland.

Professor Nigel Tapper spoke about the recent Fourth Assessment Report from the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) and recent work on climate trends for South Eastern Australia which make for sobering reading. Professor Tapper highlighted some of this work along with some of the cutting edge research being done at Monash University to address some of the likely impacts of climate change.

Professor Sam Adeloju, focused on the "Management and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions" by highlighting what can be done at a practical level to reduce and manage current carbon dioxide emissions. These included a wide range of no cost, low cost and high cost actions, as well as the potential for new technologies, such as Nanotechnology, to make great impacts in this area in the future.

Mr Ian Nethercote saw the need to seek a balance between economic development versus environmental impacts and social effects. The community as a whole needs to embrace a range of responses to climate change including, clean coal technology, nuclear power, energy efficiency and improved demand

management. Emerging technologies included geo thermal, photo voltaics, hydrogen, post carbon capture, solar, waves/tidal, energy storage. Mr Nethercote asked the question 'How big is your footprint?' How do we in our every day lives contribute to greenhouse gases comparing CO2 emissions and the number of trees required to offset them eg the average car per household produces 6 tonnes which requires 200 trees to be planted or home heating and cooling (15 tonnes) requiring 1000 trees to be planted.

Professor Adeloju concluded by saying that, "While the search and debate for new low emission energy options continues, we also need to continue to look at ways of integrating greenhouse gas emission reduction and management practices to our various industrial and domestic activities, as a short to medium-term strategy for minimising the impact of global warming. There is no doubt that our growing demand for energy is equally to blame for the looming crisis as is the nature of our current sources of energy supply. So unless we also adequately address issues relating to our excessive energy demand, we will miss a unique opportunity to effect real change and avoid similar crisis in the future."



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Congratulations to Lou Reville (one of the fantastic girls at FoodWorks) on winning our AFL Quilt. Lou needed to be coaxed into buying a ticket, but how happy was she when told of her win - she was over the moon - once again congratulations. To everyone who invested in our raffle - thankyou very much, you are all winners because of your support to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

Please have a look at all the exciting activities on our program and if anything tickles your fancy, come on in, join the class, and engage yourself in fun and learning.

Timetables, fees and charges are available upon asking at the centre, open 9.00am to 3.30pm Monday to Thursday & 9.30 am to 1.00 pm Friday.

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Materiality Exhibition at Switchback

Materiality, the latest exhibition featured at Switchback Gallery, Monash University is a presentation of artwork that explores the way in which process and materials can be central to the purpose and meaning of a work of art. Whether it is the line of a pen, a drop of oil paint, a bodily gesture, the process is communicated through the materials in which an artwork is made.

'Materiality', curated by Kirrily Hammond of Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA), features the work of major Australian artists such as Tim McMonagle, Aida Tomescu, John Nixon and many more.

Switchback director Rodney Forbes says that the works are "not only intellectually stimulating, but lush and engaging in their physicality. The Monash collection is one of Australia's finest contemporary art collections and this is a selection of its gems - don't miss it."

The exhibition continues until 11 October

Pictured left: Silvana Magnano and Gabriella Magnano 'If ... so ...then' 2006 DVD 7.47 min Monash University Collection, purchased 2007.



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Term 4 Monday October 8 - Friday December 14 (10 weeks)

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room 1	Stitch & Chat Craft Activity Sessions Finish or start new activities, Socialise, have a cuppa or just cut, Plenty of help & advice from many experts	CREATIVE WRITING Join this wonderful, stimulating group & discover your hidden talents by putting pen to paper. Friendly & positive group currently working on a new publication	Room available for meetings	Room available for meetings	Reiki 1 thru to Master level Sue Kemsley:- Keiki Master Teacher learn this ancient art of hands on healing as well as how to self heal
room 2	Microsoft Publisher Great program that allows you to create a vast variety of projects using graphics - cards, letterheads, signs, brochures	OPEN LEARNING ON-LINE Study areas that suit your needs - Ebay, genealogy, internet for research, learn to draw, study english/maths	Time for internet/computer use for general public	Time for internet/computer use for general public	Leadlighting Class 10.00am Friday very popular & creative class make your own colourful projects windows, mirrors, lamp shades
room 3	PATCHWORK (advanced) Learn quilting, material choice, techniques & design	Room booked 23/10/07 - 18/12/07	Drawing Intro to drawing for the beginner learn basic techniques, different styles & use of different mediums	Patchwork/Craft Activities Class designed for the beginner & novice art craft worker. Join the class have fun & develop your skills & make new friends	Show your support for the Neighbourhood Centre become a member only \$2
	Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tuesday 12.30pm - 3.00pm	Wednesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Thursday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	YOGA Thursday evening 2 sessions 5 pm - 8 pm Integrated form of Yoga - suited for everyone - relaxation, breathing posture Heather - 5194 2397
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room 2	Basic Computers - Level 2 For those that know the basics & wish to improve their skills and be the master over their computer	Basic Computers - Level 3 You are in charge and now you learn to refine and develop your skills for use at home or the work place.	Adult Literacy Open Learning On Line - Aimed at adults who want to improve their reading, writing, spelling & maths skills - totally confidentiality	Time for internet/computer use for general public	
room 3	PATCHWORK (Advanced) Learn quilting, material choice, techniques & design	Touch for Health Enables you to access your body's wisdom and remove interference & restore muscle balance, pain & emotional stress relief Tuesday nights 6.30 - 9.00 pm	Room available for meetings	Patchwork/Craft Activities Class designed for the beginner & novice art/craft worker, come & develop your skills in a friendly & happy environment.	Become a volunteer at the centre or Join the Committee of Management



Lioness President Sue Lowick presents a cheque for \$500 to the 2007 Camp Quality esCARpade.

Lions Club Of Churchill & District

JOHN BARKER, Publicity

Catering performed during the month included:

- *Bunnings
- *Monash Churchill Tree Planting
- Catering coming up includes
- *Bunnings
- *Barry Sheene Tribute motor bike convoy to Phillip Island
- *Great Victorian Bike Ride - assisted by Yinnar and Morwell Lions.

Lions Village Licola

An open day was held with Staff and Board Members showing guests around and describing the damage by the mud slide and floods, and proposed restoration work to be carried out.

January Children's Camps will be going ahead and our Club will sponsor 4 children.

Fundraising for CampQuality esCARpade

Fundraising for the Camp Quality esCARpade 2007 is continuing. The vehicle's motor has been rebuilt and a new transmission fitted. Sponsorship is being sought and donations are welcome.

The Lioness Club presented Lion Ross Norman with a cheque for \$500 as a donation to this cause.

This year there will be stop-over at Powerworks on Monday 29th October followed by a street parade by over 50 cars with flashing lights and sirens blaring through Morwell.

Lions John Barker and Bob Lowick with Lionesses Margaret Barker and Sue Lowick, Camp Quality volunteers, assisted at a 5 day camp at the Gold Coast for Camp Quality children aged 9 to 13 where 3 days were spent at theme-parks. They then assisted at a 4 day camp at Queenscliff for children aged 3 to 8. Monash University supplied a mini-bus for transport to and from Tullamarine which was driven by Lion John Lee.

Six members attended a TAFE Food Handling Course Yinnar during the month, which was sponsored

by Latrobe City

Lions stuff -

- *A new deep fryer was fitted to our catering van
- *A working bee tidied up our shed
- *Trafalgar Lions will again challenge us to the Annual Bowling Competition
- *Our AGM was held during the month
- *5 members will attend a Lions Convention at McCrae this month

Our club will again organise

- *Australia Day 2008, with Junior and Senior Citizenship Awards and Community Breakfast
- *School Awards at 4 Primary Schools and Kurnai Churchill
- *Letters to Santa through 4 Primary Schools

Local police guest speakers

Our recent Guest Speakers were Senior Sergeant Peter Allen and Pat Hamilton from Churchill Police. Peter Allen spoke to the meeting firstly giving a brief run down on his background starting back in Broadmeadows and the work he has done within the Police Force including undercover work.

He went on to apologise for being late telling the meeting that prior to attending meeting they were called to a domestic violence incident. He went on to explain that domestic violence is a major issue in today's society today and is an area that is very difficult for Police Officers. He emphasised this by stating his scariest moment in the force was attending a domestic dispute and having a woman involved in that dispute pointing a loaded gun at him.

Peter went on to speak on the operation of the Churchill Police Station, their work around Churchill and the District and how in 05/06 it was the busiest regional station in Victoria with 744 offences being committed and with 572 of those offences being solved & cleaned up. In 06/07 the crime rate was well down and that the crime clean up

rate was at high 76%

Peter told the meeting that drugs are a problem as it is elsewhere but is not a major issue in Churchill. It mainly involves cannabis cultivation. Family violence however accounted for a big part of the crime rate locally.

Community involvement was the major reason for the drop in the Churchill crime rate Peter said, and Police relied very heavily on public support and reporting as a guide to knowing where to conduct their patrols. He also endorsed the Cop Shop Program saying it was very good even though it had only been going for 8 months.

Birthday Club

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Bevan Kemp and Bonnie Kearns were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in September. All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join.

IS YOUR CHILD A MEMBER? IF NOT, WHY NOT? Make sure your child is registered - just follow the instructions in the Lions Birthday Club list published each month in the Churchill News. WE NEED MORE MEMBERS.

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After Hours Diabetes Information Program

Latrobe Community Health Service is holding an after hours type 2 diabetes information program for people newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes or others wanting up to date information.

"Type 2 diabetes affects between 85 - 90% of people diagnosed with diabetes. There is no cure, but a lifestyle with regular exercise, healthy diet and minimal body weight will help those affected live a full and active life with minimal medication" explained Julie Martin, LCHS Dietitian.

The information program will be hosted by a Diabetes Educator and Dietitian. It will commence at 7.00pm on Tuesday 16th October at Latrobe Community Health Service, 81-85 Buckley Street, Morwell for a cost of \$10. The program runs for two weeks, with the second session held on Tuesday 23rd October commencing at 7pm. Bookings are essential. Please contact Leonie Mooney at 5127 9184 for enquires or bookings.

Antoinette (Nettie Myer) - Her Life

By RUTH PLACE

Recently I had the privilege of visiting a very young 100 year old lady- Nettie Myers. Here is her story.

Frances (nee Stockdale) of English heritage, married Sam Young from Northern Ireland.

Elizabeth Morgan of Newport Wales married John Beale of Bishopsteignton, Devonshire, in Bakewell Derbyshire. Frances and Sam Young were Nettie's grandparents on her mother's side.

Elizabeth and John Beale were Nettie's grandparents on her father's side.

Both families emigrated to Australia. The Beale's came on the ship "Stonehouse", arriving in Melbourne in December 1871. They had seven children when they arrived, with Matthew being born later in Brunswick.

The Young's sailed via New Zealand and

They left Melbourne for the journey to the Jeeralangs in a bullock wagon, drawn by horses. It was a hard and rugged life, with no amenities.

Sydney to arrive at Melbourne. On the way they stopped at a port in New Zealand, where Ethel Young, Nettie's mother, was born. She was one of several children in that family. One of the older children stayed in Sydney, never coming to Melbourne.

After some time in the Melbourne area, both families were attracted to select and clear land on and around Mt. Hooghl, near Reidy's Road to secure their title. The aspect was similar to the part of England from which they had come. They left Melbourne for the journey to the Jeeralangs in a bullock wagon, drawn by horses. It was a hard and rugged life, with no amenities. The settlers faced a very difficult task of etching out a living from the poor soil, which was only revealed after much intensive work to clear enough land to cultivate the soil and plant crops. Clearing of the trees was done by axe and cross cut saws, and took many years. Sheep and cows were both tried. The sheep proved unsuccessful. Small herds of cows were milked by hand.

Ethel Young, born 1884, met Matthew Beale born 1872, because they were neighbours and would have been family friends. The families of the Jeeralang hills supported each other. Even though there was twelve years difference in age, they married and had ten children, Frances (Grosvenor) Antionette, called Nettie (Myers), John called Jack, Jessie (Holt), Olive called Ollie (English), James called Jim, Alfred, Nellie

(Kidman), Arthur and Ken.

Nettie was born on September 10th 1907, at the Maternity House on the northern side of Morwell. Dr. Major was the attending doctor, with Mrs. Symonds who was the lady in charge of the Maternity House.

Nettie lived her early life in the Jeeralangs on Reidy's Road. Her father, Matthew, gave land for a school where she was educated to be built. Their farm was a diary farm, and she was required to help her mother Ethel with the younger children, and in the work of the house including baking and housework.

Some of Nettie's earliest memories of life in the Jeeralang hills are those of going to school. She would run down one hill and up the next to the school house. There were forty-five pupils in eight grades, accommodated in one room. Some of the children walked long distances to attend with only a couple rode horses.

The male teachers always boarded with Mrs Curnick who had children at the school. Nettie remembers two lady teachers in the time she was at school. One boarded elsewhere she thinks, while the other rode a horse to school. Nettie does not remember liking school. She confesses she was too frightened of the teachers, especially if they were men! She didn't want to be growled at. The fright was more of a respect; a respect which she feels many children could do with in today's world.

Nettie stayed at school until she was fourteen. Even though she would have loved to stay longer and learn more, but to her disappointment, it was not the done thing then, especially for girls, and she felt she would be ridiculed.

School picnics were a great highlight of the year, with running races, sack, egg and spoon and three-legged races causing much fun and laughter. Nettie says everyone took a cake, and they made sandwiches, and supplied drinks.

Asked about her life at that time, Nettie quickly answered it was good life. There was plenty of firewood which was vital, as fires were very important for survival, especially in winter. Ethel was astute when it came to selecting the right wood for the right kind of fire to cook various dishes.

Nettie did not consider her life in the hills a hard one. It was just what you expected she said. There were close ties within the family, as well as with relatives nearby. The whole community stuck together and helped and supported each other.

One of the tasks allotted to Nettie was to help milk the cows. Chores were not the only thing



that filled the days. Nettie remembers going to the top of the hills up near Grandpa's to have snowballs fights in winter.

The clothes were then taken down to the spring where there were two tubs, one for the first rinse and the second for the blue water, made by immersing the blue bag for a time.

Her mother had a lovely flower garden with Marguerites, recalls Nettie. There was not much of a vegetable garden due to lack of water, but some vegetables were grown on the properties. The families had to be fairly self-sufficient.

There was an underground tank, which was their water supply. A bath was taken once a week, in a tub. She thinks that when they were young it was probably done in front of the fire, but when older it was a more private affair. There was a copper, which boiled the water, and boiled the clothes.

Washing was done with handmade soap.

The clothes were then taken down to the spring where there were two tubs, one for the first rinse and the second for the blue water, made by immersing the blue bag for a time. This water was used for the white clothes to give them a whiter appearance. Starching was also done. A concrete slab near the spring, which Dad had laid, was used to scrub the dirtiest and heaviest clothes. A long wire line served as the washing line, with a long wooden prop in the middle, to keep the clothes off the ground.

There were some fruit trees, but they were mostly for eating when the fruit was fresh.

However, one lady had a number of cherry plum trees and she would allow the family to go and pick a couple of kerosene tins full. These plums were used to make jam as well as for eating raw.

Games consisted of hopscotch and marbles. As she grew older Nettie loved to read. There were few books available then, but they could be ordered and delivered by mail.

As it was a long journey into Morwell for supplies, bulk quantities of flour and sugar etc. were purchased, along with some meat and other groceries. So there would be a bag of flour, a bag of sugar, 6 pounds of currants, used in making johnny cakes.

Dad was the one to mostly go to Morwell, on a fortnightly basis. It was an all day excursion, with one and a half to two hours to descend the hills and reach the town. It would have been even longer going home with the upward journey with a full load. All this was done with horse and buggy.

Mum went to Morwell now and again, if she wanted something special, generally to visit Arthur Green's Shop where drapery, materials and shoes were to be purchased.

Ethel made all the children's clothes from knickers, to singlets, petticoats, dresses, and trousers for the boys.

Social life was not frantic but enjoyable. There were dances now and then. These were held in the school house.

Due to an accident, the family house burnt down, so Dad used the schoolroom to build onto for their new home. During the period of rebuilding, the family lived in Tulloch's old house for three years. Nettie thinks the Tulloch's must have had money as the place had stables and a cow shed!





A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



School then took place in a little old house half way down the hill.

After the end of World War 1, there was a Returned Soldiers celebratory dance held. Nettie remembers it was a bitter sweet occasion for her aunt, as she had lost one of her sons to the war. The memories, and the heat of the night, caused her to faint. Windows were quickly opened and her consciousness restored.

When Nettie was sixteen, the family decided that to go on working that land was too hard a task for so little return. There was no money!

One of her joyful memories of that time was being able to look down over the Valley to see the fog filling the area, while above all was clear and sunny. She also spent a good deal of time visiting her Aunt Lizzie, learning about life (the birds and the bees), and how to keep house. Her own mother was a very shy and private person, and would not speak of, or reveal those aspects of her life.

When Nettie was sixteen, the family decided that to go on working that land was too hard a task for so little return. There was no money! So they moved to Yinnar and took up share farming for Firmin's Farm. Life became more tolerable, and definitely easier. The nearness of Yinnar, within walking distance, gave the family more opportunities for social engagement and the younger children the opportunity to attend a larger school.

When Nettie was 21 years old, she went to Melbourne for an operation on her eyes. She was cross-eyed. With help from her cousin to ride the tram, after the operation, she applied for, and was accepted, despite her arrival with eye bandaged and a bruised face, as a 'live-in' Nanny to the children of a family there, where there was a new

baby. They were good to be with and she was accepted as part of the family and grew to respect them so much she changed her religion to Roman Catholicism, as she was so impressed by the way they lived their lives. On her days off, she would take the children to see her relatives!

She stayed with that family until all the children had gone to school; some five years.

While in Melbourne she went to calisthenics classes and did very well. On her subsequent return to the family at Yinnar, she helped out with milking and other household chores. She also helped a lady of the district who had a bad heart, by doing housework and cooking her meals.

She also began to teach calisthenics to the young girls of the district. She taught for two years. Thursday nights were for the ladies, while Saturday mornings were for the school children. Displays of their work were put on in the local hall.

There were dances every Saturday night by then. It was either at one of these displays or at a dance, that she and her future husband John Myers, met.

What did courting couples of that era do, I asked. Well it appears that John had a motor bike, so every Sunday they would take a ride to Fish Creek where John's sister lived.

The family remembers a time when Nettie and her sister Jessie made a dress-making model by putting on one of them an old garment, and the other winding copious amounts of tape around and around the body.

Hannah and Joseph Ashton owned a butcher 'sshop in Pascoe Vale. Ada Evelyn Ashton, the fifth child of nine children, was born in South Yarra. She was only a child when her father Joseph disappeared without a trace. He left the



shop one evening, and never came back.

Hannah took over the running of the shop.

Ada was educated in Melbourne, while living in Carlton. After her schooling, she trained as a dressmaker, working in and around Pascoe Vale.

William Myers was a wine merchant who had a warehouse near the Victoria Market.

Ada and William met and they were married in 1889. They had five children- William Graham known as Graham, Eileen, Margaret, Robert known as Bob, John who was born on 15th August 1900, and Francis known as Frank born in 1907.

They all lived in and around the Brunswick area for seventeen years. The family ended up owning many of the hotels and other businesses there.

William and Ada moved to Bittern near Balnarring on Western Port Bay in about 1905. They had a sheep property.

Their son John was educated as a book-keeper, and worked at McEwan's where he became interested in carpentry, particularly cabinet making.

John was visiting his sister Margaret at Yinnar when he met Nettie. They fell in love, and were married at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Morwell on 27th June 1936.

Nettie explained that there was not enough money for a white wedding dress, so she was married in a fawn coloured dress and coat outfit, with brown trimmings. This was a very practical outfit. John wore a navy blue suit. Her bouquet was sweet peas. The reception was held in Morwell at Wilson's Bakery in Commercial Road. They had tea, cakes and sandwiches. The wedding cake was two-tiered. The honeymoon was a week at "The Spot" at Marysville.

After the honeymoon, they returned to work.

They lived in Murumbeena, in a flat behind a house. They had hoped to get a house and work at Yallourn, but it wasn't to be for a while. In Caulfield area their first child Tony was born in 1937.

Then the family went and share-farmed for about twelve months, at Yan Yean. It was an all hand dairy milking shed. Nettie's brothers helped. Next the family moved back to Melbourne to Preston, where Pat was born in

1941. This followed with a move to Yallourn. John secured a job at Yallourn State Electricity Commission (SEC) as a carpenter, cabinet maker at the Workshops.

Having secured a job, the family was then eligible to apply for a house in Yallourn. This was granted and they moved into a house in The Angles, where they lived until Tony was about 7. They changed residence to Strezelecki Road. Tony and Pat attended St Theresa's school in Yallourn.

Tony then went to St Patrick's Secondary College in Sale for two years and Pat went to Yallourn High School. After leaving school Pat worked for Budge's Butcher in Morwell. Tony became an electrical mechanic apprentice, serving his time with the SEC, before being given the job of Town Service electrical maintenance for all SEC houses.

During the time Nettie lived in Yallourn she minded many children who have become lifelong friends, still visiting her. She also took in boarders, usually students, and had up to three people at a time. Sewing and repair work involved a huge amount of her time, and she was a brilliant cook

The family remembers a time when Nettie and her sister Jessie made a dressmaking model by putting on one of them an old garment, and the other winding copious amounts of tape around and around the body. Then it was carefully cut off the person and taped together to be used as a dress makers model.

John collapsed with an aneurism in 1952, and died in 1974 from the aneurism which badly affected him, and the ravages of time. Nettie stayed on at the Yallourn house until the town was only a bare resemblance of its former self, and was finally closed in 1980 to win the coal under its earth. She was one of the last to leave. Then she made the move to Newborough into a unit in Banksia Village, Tresswell Avenue. There she is still living independently, with help from Latrobe City Council and Latrobe Community Health Service.

Apart from giving birth to her children, Nettie has only been in hospital once. For a time before her operation for bowel cancer, Nettie had been feeling unwell, until the cause was discovered. She came through the op with flying colours, making a remarkable recovery from which she has not looked back.



A Churchill & District History Series



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Tony, Marie and Pat, with other relatives, visit regularly twice a week to do her shopping, take her to appointments, to the chemist and on social outings.

Nettie is still an active person socially, going to shows in Melbourne and out to dinner at restaurants. One special event to which she looks forward is the annual Police Band Concert.

Nettie has two children, six grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. What an achievement!

The celebrate this wonderful milestone, Nettie had three parties, with three cakes. The family surprise birthday party was attended by 117 people- family, friends, old boarders and children she had minded back in Yallourn days. Her church family- St Mary's Roman Catholic at Newborough presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

There were many gifts (Nettie has enough boxes of chocolates to keep her satisfied for many months to come). Nearly 100 cards decorate her unit, as do the remains of the many flow-

ers she received.

A special folder holds the letters she received from the Queen, Prime Minister, Mayor, and local politicians.

She also received a present from the government. She does not have to pay rent for her unit now she is 100.

For a lady of her great years, Nettie has taken it all in her stride, never giving any indication of tiredness or inattention. She is alive, alert and a lot of fun.

All those who know and love her appreciate her wonderful patient nature and her attitude to life.

Well done Nettie and may you continue to have a happy, healthy, satisfying life.



Letter to the Editor

Concern with Churchill & District Community Association article in your previous edition.

I was quite dismayed that an article in your previous edition with the heading of the Churchill & District Community Association over the name of President Margaret Guthrie appeared to be a thinly veiled promotion for the Foodworks/IGA business in Churchill.

While I shop regularly at Foodworks I found the article to be tasteless and not what I have come to expect from an Association which has studiously avoided taking sides in Commercial issues in the town. The article was I believe a personal representation of Ms. Guthrie's views and would have been more appropriately located in the classified advertisements section of your paper.

I am very sure that it did not have the approval of the CDCA committee, and I doubt if it reflects the views of

the Committee. It is OK to give a brief mention of the Guest Speaker's topics but this article went far past that.

There are many items of interest to Churchill residents which in my view should have been part of this article including the Victorian Electoral Commission information session, the Community concerns about the possible East-West road, and the poor attendance at the Water Factory information night, all of which are of great concern to Churchill residents.

Ritchies I.G.A. are quite capable of advertising their own benefits schemes without the CDCA article being totally given to promoting them.

Articles under an organisation's letterhead should be representative of the views of that organization and should not reflect any obvious bias of the author.

Peter McShane
Churchill

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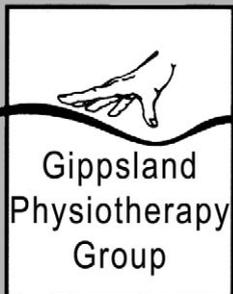
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- *What types of information and support did you receive?
- *If you were working within the criminal justice system, is there something that you would like to see which would make it easier for victims of crime to participate in the court process?

If you would like to be part of this discussion, please contact 1800 819 817 by Tuesday 13 November

Ask to speak to Belinda or Suzanne to register and receive further information about the focus group.

Hazelwood North United Sunday School Celebrating 60 Years

The Sunday School is celebrating sixty years of meeting in the present building, St Andrew's, Church Road, Hazelwood North.

A special service is being held on Sunday 18 November at 10.30am,

followed by lunch in the hall. An invitation is extended to all past students, families and friends.

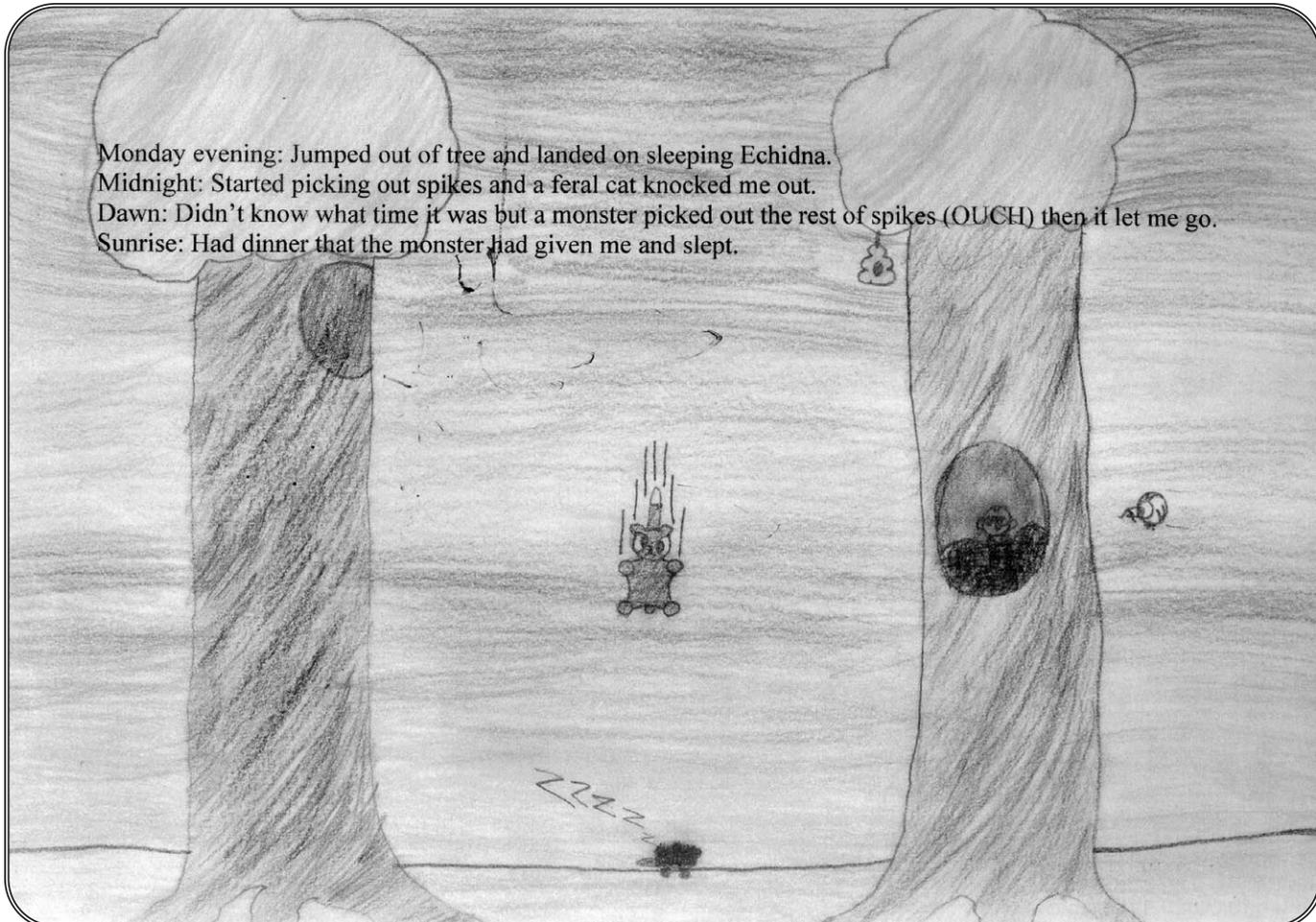
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Best Illustration
8 - 12 Years Short Story

"Wait!" said the Rabbit
Hayden Row

Winner 7 & Under

One day a rhinoceros, an elephant and a zebra found an orange tree.

The rhinoceros said I will charge at the tree and knock them down. But the oranges stuck fast. A rabbit said "WAIT", but they didn't listen.

So the elephant tried to shake them down but the oranges stuck fast. "WAIT," said the rabbit, but no one listened.

So the zebra stood on his hind legs but he couldn't reach them. "WAIT," said the rabbit, but no one listened.

The animals tried to think of more ways to get the orange's down but they just couldn't so the went off, but the rabbit waited.

Then one day the oranges started to fall. "I told those animals to wait but they didn't listen," said the rabbit. So the rabbit ate them all up.

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Alexander Lawson
A Wombat's Tale
1st 8 - 12 Years Poetry

My best friends



Bonnie Kearns
My Best Friends

Best Illustration
7 Years & Under





Myrtles Place

Beverly M Crane

Winner: Short Story

As I recall, William Tarrant was his name. They were besotted with each other but Myrtle's parents were not at all happy. You see, in their eyes, he was not good enough for their daughter. However, William and Myrtle carried on a clandestine love affair. My Granddaddy was the landlord of the Arms then and he would see the two of them sneaking into the stables of an evening. Being a romantic kind of a bloke he turned a blind eye to these shenanigans."

Barry stood and placed another mallee root on the fire, causing a cascade of sparks to skittle up the chimney. Pouring two glasses of wine, he offered one to Rachael. On the mantle, where he leaned his elbow, a pair of elaborate candlesticks held flickering tapers.

"It was 1940 and war had broken out," he continued. "William, being a fine young man, as one of the first in the district to enlist. Myrtle's parents were quick to grab the opportunity of his absence. They arranged for 'eligible' suitors to call on their daughter. I'm told there was a steady stream of older men visiting the house, all willing to get their hands on Myrtle and I should think, her father's money. When the news came that William Tarrant was killed in action Myrtle was overwhelmed with grief and they say she had some kind of a breakdown. Next thing you know she's married to this banker, twenty years older than her. James Alfred Heathcote was his name. He built the old blue stone you're asking about, the one they call Myrtle's Place. He built it for his first wife Jessica. They were only married for a short time when Jessica drowned in the big floods. The story goes that she was pregnant and didn't want the child, preferring to move to Adelaide and live a high social life instead. It's said that perhaps her drowning wasn't an accident. They say James went a bit strange after that. Nevertheless, James and Myrtle had a huge wedding. It was a bustling time in the district. A lavish social wedding was a big thing around here in those days. Granddaddy would laugh and say the party went on for a week. The pub must have made a good profit from that."

Barry paused to poke the fire. Rachael watched sparks reflect and caper through her wine glass. The candles on the mantle flickered as he poured more wine.

"Not boring you, am I?"

"Not at all, please go on." Enthralled by this tale Rachael could see a link to a novel.

"Well as Granddaddy told it, Myrtle gave birth to a little girl. There was a bit of gossip flying about. People were counting the months since the wedding but the old midwife put a stop to all that. She made it known that little Catherine was born two months early and was a very sickly infant. Granddaddy had other thoughts. He reckoned that when baby Catherine was put on show a few weeks after the birth she was a big as any full time bub. They say the trouble came about twelve months later. Apparently, James was entertaining a banker from Adelaide, I believe his name was Anthony, I can't recall his last name. Anyway, the story goes that they were all sitting down to dinner," Barry paused, he slowly turned a candlestick with his thumb and forefinger.

"Myrtle these candles burn far too quickly. Please endeavour to obtain better quality in the future'. James seemed to enjoy embarrassing Myrtle in the face of guests.

'I shall do my best, James.' Myrtle looked astonishingly beautiful that evening. She had regained her figure quickly after the birth of Catherine and had developed a grace and beauty that was both admired and envied. 'Gentlemen, dinner is served. Will you please be seated?' The role of gracious hostess came easily to her.

'I understand the price of wool is escalating, Anthony. Is this true?'

'Why should the price of wool interest you, Myrtle?' James took a large gulp of wine quickly followed by another.

'Really, James, Myrtle is correct.' Anthony lifted his wine glass in salute to Myrtle. 'You see Myrtle, it's the war. The uniforms are made of wool. Your father should be showing a good profit with the last few clips.'

'Anthony, about that financial matter we discussed,' James snapped, tersely interrupting the conversation. 'Do you think...?' The rest of his words were drowned as an hysterical young woman burst into the dining room. Myrtle stood, colour draining from her face.

'Anna whatever is the matter?'

All the Nanny could do was mutter 'Gone, gone,' then scream wildly, almost incoherently, 'The baby, it's gone'.

'What are you babbling about girl?' James yelled, his anger rising.

Myrtle fought back the acrid taste of panic as it rose from the pit of her stomach.

'James, can't you see the girl is distraught? Someone get her

some brandy.'

James slammed his hand on the table. 'What has happened?'

Her eyes bulbous with shock, Anna drew a deep breath. 'Sir, Madam. Little Catherine. She's gone!'

Myrtle felt her knees buckle and the room spin. She grasped the table for support.

Catherine's cot was overturned. A chilling wind howled through the open nursery window. The fire in the grate sputtered and flared making bizarre shadows on the walls, turning the faces in the painting above the mantle to ghost like masks. James turned and called to Anthony. 'Get the police. My daughter has been kidnapped.'

The candles burned low as Barry attended to the fire.

"Was the baby found?" Rachael was captivated by Barry's story.

"No. Officially, the case is unsolved. The police held a thorough investigation but there were no clues. No ransom note. Nothing. James was convinced Catherine was alive. She had a distinctive birthmark on her shoulder and because of this he was sure she would be found. He spent a fortune on private detectives. There were many sightings of course but none of them proved to be her. She was never heard of again. Granddaddy always said William Tarrant's family had taken her but the police ruled out that possibility."

"What happened to Myrtle?'

"James would often question Myrtle about her affair with William. This led her to believe that James suspected that perhaps Catherine was not his child. She and James began to argue. One day, during a terribly vocal and violent fight, James fell down the stairs and broke his neck. The rumors flew around, most people saying that good old James was pushed, others suggested that he was drunk and lost his footing. However, Myrtle was never questioned over his death.

She lived in the old blue stone house and as the years passed the place fell into disrepair. Being overcome with grief and guilt she started to drink heavily, spending most of her time in the nursery, just sitting in an old rocking chair. She developed a morbid fear of the early evening and one day around dusk she took some sleeping pills, washed them down with brandy and ended it all. The old locals say if you go up to Myrtles Place around dusk you can hear her ghost crying like a baby."

Tiny prickles of ice raced through Rachael's body. "I'd like to see inside the house. Is there any way that could be possible?'

"You're in luck Rachael, the real estate agent leaves the keys with me. I'll take you there tomorrow afternoon."

The sun was low in the sky as Rachael followed Barry along the overgrown path at Myrtles Place. Her shining black hair caught in the sun's last golden rays and allowed them to turn it the colour of claret. She had a sense of foreboding as Barry unlocked the heavy oak door.

"I want to check the locks on the back doors. If you're interested in seeing the nursery it's upstairs, the second door on the left."

As Barry left, a sudden gust of wind sent an eerie howl through the old house. Rachael felt a chill course up her spine. The air was thick with dust. As she made her way up the stairs, another blast of air swirled the dust in front of her. She stopped, watching in disbelief as a dusty apparition of a woman floated towards the nursery. The knob was ice in her hand as she slowly opened the door. The dull light, which surrendered to the darkness of night, crept into the room creating an ethereal atmosphere. There was a fireplace. Beside that an old rocking chair. On the shelves sat dolls and fluffy toys, all dulled with time and dust, the evening shadows making them appear grotesque. A little white cot stood by the window. A large ball lay idle in a corner. The air was frigid. Rachael experienced an overwhelming sense of grief, a sense of loss, of heartbreak. With the wailing of the wind came a scraping sound. Rachael gasped as the old worn rocking chair began to creak backwards and forwards. An icy hand grasped at her heart as a shadowy, figures rose from the chair and merged into a painting above the fireplace. She stood staring at the painting, mesmerized by what she saw.

Myrtle was posing in the rocking chair with Catherine sitting on her lap. Reaching up Rachael slowly ran her fingers over the brush strokes, gently tracing the face of the child. Barry had come into the nursery.

"Strange how they both had the same bell shape birthmark on the same shoulder." He spoke softly, afraid he would startle her. She turned to face him, dark eyelashes that fringed emerald eyes held back a dam of tears. Slowly she pulled at the neck of her sweater to reveal a tiny bell shape birthmark on her shoulder.

Rachael Madden had been driving for most of the day wanting to reach the hotel at Hampton Bridge before dusk. There was something about the light at that time of day that disturbed her. Approaching the outskirts of town, she screeched her little red Mazda to a sudden halt. The scene that confronted her sent an unexplainable chill through her body. Getting out of the car for a closer look, she was captivated by an overgrown garden filled with crepe myrtles in full bloom. Colorful azaleas, camellias and foxgloves were all in danger of being completely overgrown by ivy. An archway, which had once been an impressive entrance to the large house, was tangled with sweet perfumed Jasmine. A long forgotten 'For Sale' sign proclaimed, by way of graffiti that this was Myrtles Place. Rising above the tangle of vegetation was a once imposing two storey blue stone building. Four tall chimneys dominated the roofline. There appeared to be smoke curling upward from one, indicating that indeed Myrtle could possibly live there. Rachael's inquiring authors psyche ran at full pace. Who was Myrtle? Was she alone in life? Did she have family?

As dark shadows of evening began to close in a chilly wind pricked through her thin jacket. Wrapping her arms around her body, she started back across the road, glancing around the old house a flutter of a wing caught her eye. The bird dipped and banked then perched on the roof near the south chimney. In a window beside the chimney there was a shadowy movement. The wind dropped to a soft breeze and with it came the tormented cry of a baby. Suddenly, the bird swooped dangerously close to her face. Cawing, it winged its way back to its roost near the chimney. Rachael chided herself on letting her imagination run away. 'A misty apparition at an old window. I must be seeing things. Mistaking the squawk of an old crow for a baby's cry! Ridiculous! Somehow this time of day seems to spook me.' Shaking her head, she thrust her hands deep into the pockets of her old jacket and walked back to the Mazda.

It seemed to Rachael that she had been writing for most of her twenty-four years. Her parents had been killed in a car accident when she was a baby. She had no family. A little girl alone in the world, she was shuffled around foster homes. As soon as she could write, she began to keep diaries and wrote fantasies of being loved, of a belonging and caring family. When Mavis and Roy Madden adopted her, her dreams came true. Now she was a respected freelance journalist with two novels on the shelves and a publisher asking for more. Although there were times when she wondered about her roots, she was happy with her comfortable life.

Sitting by a crackling log fire in the guest lounge of the Barrington Arms, Rachael was enjoying a conversation with Barry, the licensee. She enjoyed the hospitality of country pubs. She found them homely, a haven to retreat to when she needed to clear her mind and rid herself of writers block.

"Barry, can you tell me anything about the old blue stone house on the hill?"

"Ah, Myrtle's old place." Barry carefully uncorked a bottle of Shiraz Cabernet and set it down to breathe. "Now that's a tale for you. There's a few different versions of Myrtle's story but they say that my Granddaddy's is the most accurate." He placed two glasses beside the bottle of red then settled into an armchair beside the fire.

"Alicia Myrtle Millburn," he began, "was one of the most beautiful debutants in the district. Story goes that she was tall and willowy. They say her hair was as black as the midnight sky and her eyes were as green as the fields of Ireland in spring. Her father owned the largest sheep station in the area and Myrtle, why they called her that instead of Alicia I will never know, anyway," Barry continued "Myrtle was sent to school in Adelaide and returned home when she was sixteen. There was many a young man who would have put his life on the line for her. She ignored all but one.

Cultures and Questions

Julia Buras

Winner 13 - 18 Years Short Story

The doors slid open, the only sound in the quiet environment. As Lucy stepped up the ramp, she slowly approached a small box-like counter.

A lady with greying hair and small rectangular shaped glasses stood behind the counter; she seemed to welcome the tentative intrusion.

'May I help you?'

Slightly startled by the soft, but sudden question, Lucy hesitated, not knowing what to say.

'Um, well....I was just wondering what exhibitions are on. I mean....which one is the best?' she stuttered at last, becoming more and more beetroot-faced and annoyed at herself for being tongue-tied.

A glimmer of a smile lit up the woman's face.

'It really depends on your taste. You may enjoy the exhibition called "Ancient Cultures". The exhibition starts to your right. Tell me what you think when you come out.'

Lucy made a polite nod. Turning on her heel, she walked into the subdued light and patches of brightness of cultures had passed into history.

From the poster, empty almond-shaped eye-holes started at her from the almost heart-shaped mask. Though the gold had not been decorated, it still held Lucy in breathless awe of its beauty and workmanship. Underneath, there were words, printed in block letters for impact: "Ancient Cultures; The History of Civilisation."

Lucy walked reverently into the exhibition.

Echoes of her footsteps ricocheted around the room as she paced to the first display case. Peering through the top, Lucy saw cracked broken pottery, clearly showing on the black card underneath it. A card described the pottery.

2. Shards of amphora (Greek)
c. 800 BC

The style carved on this amphora is one of the earliest known styles, known as Geometric. The main patterns on the surface of the pot are circles and arcs. They usually show narrative scenes from various stories and legends. This particular amphora depicted Heracles. This particular amphora depicted Heracles killing the Nemean Lion.

Private Collection

Having read the card and studied the pottery for some time, Lucy turned her attention to the left, where a block of text covered almost the

whole wall. "An Introduction to Ancient Cultures", she thought. 'I wonder what that is all about.'

So, hands in pockets, she moved across to the text. The text briefly explained the history of Ancient Greece, from its beginning, to its Golden Age and its fall.

On finishing reading, Lucy turned. Slowly, she paced to a glass cabinet. Looking in, she saw a mask, which she recognized from her history class as a mask used by male actors in plays.

As Lucy advanced to the next cabinet, the wall of an adjoining room gleamed with mysterious markings. She decided to go and see what that room contained and slowly meandered her way to the mysterious room, briefly pausing to take in the exhibits of the room.

Upon entering, she made her way to read the introduction, before she moved onto view the exhibits. She saw statuettes of gods, pieces of stone with hieroglyph inscriptions and figurines of people in boats or in fields. The culture was ancient, but the attention to detail was magnificent.

She passed through a Roman room, a Chinese room, and a Mayan and Aztec room, seeing objects from those civilisations in each. Some of the objects had survived the years more successfully than others.

When Lucy reached the final room, she found that there was no way out; she had to turn around and walk back the way she had come.

Since she was feeling weary, she was glad to see a large black, square leather seat in the middle of the room.

Thinking back on what she had seen in the exhibition, she wondered what had made those cultures so great. Did all those cultures have something in common in their respective Golden Ages?

'It was the hunger for knowledge,' she whispered to herself. 'Because without knowledge, there is no progress, and culture is nothing without progress.'

As she sat pondering, another thought struck her.

'Do knowledge and progress also lead to the fall of a civilisation? Are there more factors? All these cultures have had a major invasion, which has crushed them, a major invasion by a lesser culture.'

'Will that mean that Western civilisation will end? When will that happen and what will be its

downfall? In any case, I don't want to be there when it does get invaded!' He eyes fell on an exhibit close by, which she hadn't noticed before.

The small round object in that display cabinet was in fact an Ancient Mayan calendar. Lucy didn't have to look at the card, she knew what it was.

Suddenly, it was as if a door had opened in her memory.

'The Mayans predicted the world would end on 22nd December 2012. No, it can't be! I don't want to die before my 21st birthday!'

Lucy stood and hurried past the rooms, irrationally shocked.

No sooner had she set foot out of the dimly lit room than a strong, gentle arm placed itself on her shoulder and a soft voice called for her to stop and think about what she was doing.

Lucy felt herself flush with embarrassment. How could I be so childish, she thought. But where have I heard that voice.....?

'What did you think of this exhibition?'

Lucy turned her head and her eyes widened in surprise.

'Oh, I'm sorry. Well....I think it was excellent. Though....I think I must have become a bit preoccupied when I started questioning why different cultures rose and declined....I don't know why. I became scared thinking the world would be ending in only a few years.'

The woman's eyes crinkled at the corners. 'Don't worry. Has anyone ever told you that nobody is here to stay, but each soul and heart lives on? It comes from one of favourite poems.'

'Is it true that the world will end in 2012?'

Lucy cried. 'That date is only an ancient prediction. No one knows the exact future. Many try to guess it, but very few get even close to what does happen,' the woman soothed. 'Do you have any more questions for me?'

Suddenly, Lucy realized she'd lost her sense of direction.

'Excuse me, but, where is the reception desk?'

'If you walk to your right, you will find it around that corner. Thank you for visiting. I'm glad you like the exhibition. I hope we meet again sometime.'

Lucy turned to look in the direction the woman pointed, and could see a small section of the entrance hall, which he had entered when she came to the museum. When she turned to look at the woman once more, she found herself not



Julia Burras receives her prize from Neil Lawson

looking at anything. The woman had simply vanished.

Puzzled, Lucy walked in the direction indicated. She found the desk. A young brunette was sitting at the counter, intently reading a magazine. She look up when Lucy approached.

'You're a quiet walker. I never heard you come in. How did you like your exhibition?'

'Very interesting,' Lucy replied. 'May I ask a question? Who is that grey-haired lady with rectangular glasses?'

The brunette looked startled. When she answered, she spoke quietly, even reverently. 'I believe you say Skarbnik, our Keeper of the Museum. I have heard stories about her, but never actually seen her. Anyone who sees her, it is said they will go far.'

'That explains why she knew that I enjoyed culture. She also knew when I was coming out of that exhibition.'

As Lucy looked up, she caught sight of the time.

'My gosh, time has flown. It seems I must be flying too. Bye!'

Going down the ramp, Lucy thought she glimpsed a smiling figure with greying hair and rectangular glasses, but when she turned her head to look; there was no one there.

Smiling, Lucy walked quickly out of the museum door and out into the hustle and bustle of the outside civilisation. She loved life and felt ready for anything.

No Choice At All

Maureen Simpkin

Winner: Poetry

We have to choose most every day
From getting up or not,
Will we have a salad?
Or a stew all piping hot.

But what about the choices,
Where we have no choice at all,
The choice that's thrust upon us,
Like when the in-laws call.

You choose a certain checkout,
She says, "Sorry I am closed"
Now stuck behind a three week shop,
It's hard to stay composed.

The hairdresser's over zealous cut
Not the one you chose at all,
If you'd really wanted to look like that,
A shearer you'd choose to call.

Did I really have a choice?
When the midwife said to me,
Would we like to push now dear,
Was it really up to me?

Did I choose the price of petrol?
Electricity or gas,
Or the tons of bloody junk mail
That arrives each day on mass.

Did I really choose to flood the stores?
With clothing from Taiwan,
Or fruit from far flung foreign shores
Distinctly weatherworn.

They tell me soon I'll have to choose
Between John, or Kevin Rudd
George Clooney would be my actual choice
Cos let's face it he's a stud.

But choose I must between them,
Can't tell them I forgot,
Cos if I don't they'll soon be round,
To fine me on the spot.

But there is a choice that I can make,
To stand and lend my voice,
For those poor souls around the world.
Who never; - ever, get a choice.

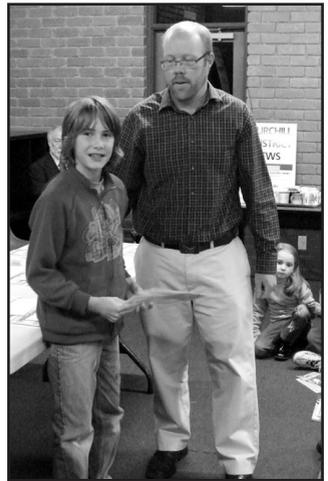
A Wombat's Tale

Alexander Lawson

Winner 8 - 12 Years Poetry

I am a wombat
hear me shout.
I rule the bush
with claw and snout.
You silly farmers
won't keep me out.
I'm far too strong
with my claw and snout.
Your fences made
Of wire and wood.
Can't you see
they are no good.
For underneath them
I will go.
Progress is fast
and never slow.
Digging, Barging
at the door.
I use my trusty snout and
claw.
You use the bin
to keep me out.
But it's no match
for claw and snout.
So off to my hole
back to the creek.
Full of scraps,

what a tasty treat.
My day is done
the sun is out.
Time to rest
my claw and snout.
But in the night
you will hear me shout...
I RULE THE BUSH
WITH CLAW AND SNOUT.



Alexander receives his prize from Brad Moyle

A True Home

Julia Brieger

Winner 8 - 13 Years Short Story

Claudia sat on the convenience store's porch, surrounded by her family. She could feel her mother's cold, quivering arms tightly wrapped around her. Her father's heavy breathing falling onto her like snow. The porch had been their home for too long now, and Claudia knew that they could not live off stale food that the manager of the store gave them.

Claudia felt something wet fall onto her. She looked through one of the large holes in the awning of the porch. The night fell onto Claudia and her family like a large blanket that fell on the world. There was suddenly a rip in the blanket which gave way to light. It was accompanied by a loud boom and Claudia gasped, burrowing her head into her mother. The rip of lightening was there for almost a second when the earth quickly patched it up. Claudia didn't dare to lift her head, just in case it came back.

After a couple of minutes, Claudia lifted her head to see what had happened. It was no differ-

ent to what she had seen earlier, except that the streets had cleared of rushing people.

Claudia suddenly felt heavier than lead. Her eyes couldn't stay open, and her head hung in front of her. Her feet couldn't support her, and she collapsed onto her father.

When she awoke she wasn't with her family on the store's porch. She was in an odd place, that seemed so familiar, but Claudia couldn't quite find the answer to where she'd seen it before.

Behind her was a beautiful door, with Victorian windows. Claudia stared at the flames that danced ahead of her. Memories flooded back to her, bad memories, giving her a headache. She wanted to turn away, she didn't want to stare her horrible, frightening past in the eye. Her head was a rusty piece of metal, and it wouldn't turn away.

A smell made her turn, one that hadn't touched her nose for seven years. A delicious

smell. The smell of her mother's homemade pumpkin soup. She ran over to it. Hastening to pull the chair back, she quickly gobbled up the soup.

She stood up and looked around the cream coloured house. A big wooden box caught her eye. She ran over to it. It was taller than her, and finer than her, and it played better music than her. She sat down on the soft stool, bouncing and laughing as she felt the feeling she hadn't felt for seven years, excitement. She touched the fine wooden keys of the piano. She let her hands slide up and down, feeling the soft, smooth keys. She pressed on them, and produced a beautiful sound.

She twirled around, looking all around her, over and over again. As she twirled she changed, from wearing an ugly brown torn up dress, to a gorgeous, silky, pink dress. She could feel it happening, but she didn't want to look down. She was having fun in her own world.



Julia Briegar from Sydney NSW

She felt dizzy, all of a sudden, and fell back onto the soft cream coloured rug. She knew where she was now, why it felt familiar. She was home.

The End is Near

Darcie Jongerius

Second: 8 - 12 Poetry

*The damage might as well be done, yet hope still remains,
To lose a life this way fills anyone with pain,
From the top to the bottom, the creature will surely fall,
With no way to survive but a soft, sad call.*

*His small eyes grow wide as the end nears,
His head fills with sadness, surrounded by fear.
With no way to call but a common caw,
The creature may learn to fear death no more,
To be happy with the life that once he had,
And be proud of his achievements of which he can look back.*

*There was no positive in the whole ordeal,
Yet to be saved now the creature would feel
More pain and sorrow than ever before,
For to save his life now, another's would fall.*

*If the cause of someone's death was because of him
His spirit would die with no way to mend.
Surely one death is better than two,
If not then life needs to be thought through.*

*Yet if the chance came where no one would be hurt,
Would it be taken by him, or just keep him alert?
To know that such miracles could happen to him
Would teach him that he is worthy within.*

*But if he were worthy then that miracle would be deserved,
He would know that he should live and his voice should be heard,
He would take the chance, just to find,
That his whole outlook had changed on this cunning life,
He was no longer a crow with claws attached to a tree,
But a brave and honest friend was he.*

*He and his friend seemed invisible as they flew,
Right in front of the man, then the gunshot flew,
It missed by a feather and two crows rejoiced,
Their voices would now be heard and their story voiced.*

This is a poem about my horse

Melissa Griffiths

Winner 13 - 18 Poetry

*Stevie has gone,
Here no more
They came in a truck
Took him away
No more greetings from your yard
No longer you run to meet me,
It's so hard
No movement from your stall
An empty hay bag hangs from the wall
No more warm breath on my neck
Or the feel of your body under my hand
No national champion, for sure
But
The pleasure you gave me
I can never repay
Stevie my friend
Why did I let you go?
My heart is in pieces,
I miss you so.
If circumstances were different who would know?
One day I will come to watch you star in a show
Till I see you my friend
My tears will never end
Memories of you
A trail of hoof prints across my heart.*

Magic Igloo

Aasha Linn

Winner: 8 - 12 Years Short Story

Well it all started when I was walking through a bit of bush, mad at my sister for taking credit for everything I do. Anyway, I was kicking all the stones that I saw. All of a sudden a stone came flying back at me and hit me on the shin.

"Ow! Where did that come from?" I wondered. Out of the corner of my eye I saw an igloo. I thought to myself, 'An igloo, what is an igloo doing out here?' I walked over to it.

'Should I go in?' I wondered. As I did my bottom lip nearly fell off. It was full of gold. As I walked around I noticed it was as big as a castle. Then out of the blue I heard "Well, are you going to pick up some and throw it around?"

I looked to my right and there sitting on a mini throne was a dog.

"Did, did you just talk?"

"Naaa, do you see anyone else talking?"

"Well, no," I replied.

"Good, otherwise I'd think you were dumb or deaf or something," said the dog.

"Why would I throw it around?" I said, "I could break something."

"Gold can't break," he replied.

"Oh well in that case why not, Weee."

By now it was getting late so I said good-bye and left. I ran home as fast as I could because it was dark and scary. I finally got home and was about to tell my sister when I paused, and remembered why I went out there in the first place.

"What do you want?" said my sister.

"Oh, nothing," I replied and ran off to my room.

I grabbed my diary and started writing.

Dear Dumb Diary (like in that book Dear Dumb Diary you know).

Today I was walking around in the bush and I found a magic igloo and it was full of golden riches and a talking dog. There was even a mini throne and a big one for me. I even sat on it. It was sooo cool. Anyway, bye for now, not forever.

For the next couple of days after school, that's where I went. I had lots of fun and conversations with Zac. Oh yeah, that's the dog's name. He told me.

When I came home on Wednesday night Mum said, "Where have you been lately?"

Oh my god, I totally forgot about Mum.

"So?" she paused. "Where have you been,"

she repeated.

Then I tried to blurt out the news so fast that all Mum heard was 'blah, blah, blah'.

"Wohooow," Mum said so I told her, but she didn't believe me.

"Why don't you go get some rest," Mum said softly. As I slowly walked away I wondered why she didn't believe me.

"I know!" I said aloud and ran back to Mum.

"In the morning..."

"In the morning what?" replied Mum.

"In the morning I will take you and we will go see it."

"Okay but..."

"No buts!" I interrupted.

"But..."

"See you in the morning," I said over the top of her.

The next morning I got up and I suddenly realised that I was taking Mum to go see the magic igloo. "AWESOME!" I screamed. I jumped out of bed and ran into Mum's room.

"Come on, come on I have to show you the..."

"Okay, okay." As we walked out the door I told Mum that she would love it.

The whole time we walked in silence.

"Okay Mum, close your eyes," I said, as I walked backwards trying not to trip over. I finally said 'open'

and I turned around. It wasn't there, I got down on my hands and knees searching for it.

"Oh darling it's all right," said Mum.

"BUT IT WAS RIGHT HERE," I shouted and ran home and straight to my bedroom and got my diary out and I wrote.

Dear Dumb Diary

Today I tried to show my Mum the magic igloo but it wasn't there and now no one will believe me, well I guess it's my secret, well at least for now. Even though no one else saw it but me it will always be in my heart.

Now reader, if you have read this whole story, could you just imagine that talking dog sitting on his throne smiling?





Lions Club of Churchill and District Incorporated

PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842



2008 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on 26 January 2007. Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible. Members of the Lions Organisation are ineligible to nominate. The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award

Must be 18 years or under on 26 January 2008.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award.

DETAILS OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED:

Surname: Other Names:

Private Address:

Occupation: Telephone Private: Business:

Date of Birth: Age: Marital Status: Children:

THE PERSON IS BEING NOMINATED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY IN:

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

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OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE:

Name: Name:

Position: Position:

Address: Address:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Mr/Mrs/Miss:

Address Post Code:

Organisation represented (if any): Telephone:

Signature:

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Citizen of the Year Coordinator
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
Phone: (03) 5122 1548
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PO Box 110
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FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2007

Lions Club Citizen Awards 2008

John Barker, Publicity, Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.

For several years, the Lions Club of Churchill & District Incorporated have been responsible for organising and running a community function for Australia Day in Churchill involving citizens of Churchill and especially our youth.

To enhance this event, the club decided to present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months.

This Award is now adopted as a tradition and we ask that residents again nominate candidates. Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions Club of Churchill and District at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on 26th January 2008.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on 26th January 2008.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on 26th January 2008.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 18th November 2007.

Churchill Country Music Nights Cricket Club

A community minded group of Country Music enthusiasts and entertainers decided to get together with the idea of fostering country music in the Churchill area.

The ambition of this group is to encourage local talent. people who would not normally have a venue to perform in and give them experience; a chance to improve their skills and the opportunity to perform in public. We also aim to support young people if they want a career in the music industry and encourage them to perform.

The funds raised from these nights is donated back into the Churchill community and used to support Charity and Welfare groups in the area. To date approximately 1000 dollars has been raised and distributed.

The Churchill Cricket Club has kindly supported and donated their venue to our group. The Churchill Cricket Club rooms are situated in Birch Drive, Churchill, besides the Andrews Park Cricket Ground.

Anyone with an interest in country music or music generally and is tired of watching television is most welcome to come along to this venue, either as a performer or as an audience member.

So far we have held some great fun nights and have had a variety of performers perform not only country music but rock and roll and blues. This is a family friendly venue and we encourage families to attend.

These nights are held on every second Friday 7.30pm to 12.00 with the next music night being on held on the 19th October, and followed by 2nd November, 2007.

The cost of these nights is \$5.00 entry per single or family and a plate of supper to share.

If more information is required contact Dawn O'Connell on 51749227 or Bob Cooper on 0401173804



Lumen Christi Primary School

KidsMatter

On September 9th Noreen Webster, Deanne Dal Pozzo, Danny and Cathy Blackford traveled to Adelaide for a KidsMatter conference. Lumen Christi are extremely lucky to be one of 101 schools throughout Australia who are part of this Australian Government initiative.. We applied for this early last year and have been waiting for this since then. KidsMatter is a national, primary school mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative. Mental health is an issue that should be talked about and not hidden away. It is just like any other health issue. It is just that it is to do with the brain. It is not a dirty word!

The aims of KidsMatter are:

*Improve the mental health and well being of Primary school students

*Reduce mental health difficulties amongst students (eg Anxiety, depression and behavioural problems)

*Increase support and assistance for students experiencing mental health difficulties

Good mental health is vital for learning and life. Children who are mentally healthy are not just free from mental health difficulties but also learn better, have stronger relationships with teachers, family members and

peers, and are better

equipped to meet life's challenges. These children are better able to enjoy and benefit from life experience, be productive and fruitful, and contribute to their families, friends and society ways that are appropriate for their age.

Good mental health in childhood provides the solid foundation for managing the transition to adolescence and adulthood, and for engaging successfully in education and meaningful contribution to society. Many children progress through to adolescence and adulthood without showing significant behavioral or academic difficulties. This is due to a combination of good coping skills, the right amount of support, and a manageable level of environmental stress.

Children can be exposed to increasingly common challenging circumstances, such as family breakdown, parent mental illness or substance abuse, poverty and racism. Children who do not receive adequate support or who have less effective coping skills may develop behavioral problems, and will carry the burdens into adult life where their mental health is likely to be affected. Currently in Australia nearly one in five, or more than three million people are affected by a mental illness in one year, and the effects of mental illness are felt across our nation. A new National Action Plan on Mental Health (2206-2011) has been developed to address, this, with a significant

emphasis on promotion, prevention and early intervention in children.

It is not always possible to predict which children will develop mental health difficulties, so children's mental health programs need to target all children, with interventions ranging from skills for emotional well being to specific mental health interventions.

It is estimated that 10% of children will have significant mental health difficulties with serious associated problems at some time during their childhood. Disruptive behavior problems, anxiety and depression are the most common mental health problems in primary school-aged children.

Good mental health is integral to academic learning. Mentally healthy students arrive at school 'ready' to learn and are more likely to achieve academic success. They are motivated learners, have fewer behavioral problems and show greater commitment to their schoolwork. They are also more likely to experience success after primary school, with a greater likelihood of graduating and better prospects for constructive employments.

By participating in KidsMatter we are already building on the work we are doing in relation to addressing these issues. Lumen Christi has many projects that have been implemented to assist the learning and development of all our students and KidsMatter gives us a framework to work with.



WorkSafe Victoria and The KIDS Foundation get students thinking safely on the farm!

SeeMore Safety, the KIDS Foundation mascot recently visited Lumen Christi Primary School in Churchill to help raise awareness about safety issues that many children are regularly exposed to on farms.

KIDS Foundation representative Cathy Colaciello presentation a session about the importance of farm safety. The presentation focused on the importance of finding a 'Safe Play' area when visiting a farm.

The Farm Safety Education Program provides children with strategies that they can put into practice to prevent themselves from sustaining injury when visiting farms.

Staff at the KIDS Foundation believes it is a great opportunity to spread the SeeMore Safety Mascot message of 'Think Safe, Play Safe' by encouraging students to adopt an attitude to safety and risk management that becomes part of their lifelong learning.

For more information on safety education programs available from the KIDS Foundation, please contact 0437 543 705.

Participants at the KidsMatter Conference in Adelaide



Gippsland Education Precinct

Self-Sustaining Environments

The Year 11 Biology students have tried to create a self-sustaining environment for their chosen animals or plants and have spent the last 5 weeks observing their own ecosystems. I am pleased to report that there have been no casualties (apart from 1 Huntsman, and I can't say I

was very sorry!). However 1 tadpole has grown quite large and there seems to be fewer of his friends around. The students have developed an understanding of biotic and abiotic factors, and are more aware of the delicate balance that exists on Earth.



Primary School Nutrition Program

VCAL Foods/Catering students have enjoyed hosting students from Hazelwood and Commercial Road Primary Schools for a four session Nutrition Education program held at the Gippsland Education Precinct.

The program focused on The Healthy Living Pyramid. In consultation with the primary schools the VCAL students designed and presented the unit, utilising

the school's kitchen for "hands on cooking sessions" and one of our computer rooms for research, playing educational games based on the Healthy Living Pyramid and to complete their recipe analysis.

After each session all students shared a healthy smorgasbord style lunch prepared by the grade five students

The VTEAM program has returned this term. The VTEAM program has had a team of a dozen VET students teaching computer animation software to students from two of the local primary schools. The VTEAM includes students from VET IT class who have come from Kurnai College, Traralgon College and Drouin Secondary College.

The VTEAM have spent time learning the computer programs Kahootz, Movie Maker and 2Animate and have designed and organised a range of different activities for each of different student groups to complete.

The VTEAM has over three five sessions, been responsible for the delivery of the classroom activities

they had planned. As a result of this each member of the VTEAM has had a distinct role and each VTEAM member has been important to the overall success of the program.

The VTEAM have been challenged and have overcome many obstacles to deliver a highly effective program to all of the primary school groups. The primary schools involved have been Hazelwood North and Commercial Road Primary schools. The grades involved have ranged from Preps to grade 5.

The VTEAM has been an important part of the VET IT program and has met many of the aims of this program, with all activities being conducted at the GEP in the double

computer labs.

Each member of the VTEAM has been well organised and supportive of each primary school student. The primary school students with the support of the VTEAM have all learnt many new computer animation skills, which they will be able to use back in their own primary schools in their classroom activities.

A highlight for the primary school students has been a treat at the end of each activity organised by Dianne Sheridan.

The program has been organised by Barb Hosken, the Kurnai Cluster educator who has organised all of the primary schools involved and supported the teams in their learning and with the program's delivery.



VTEAMS at the GEP

Kurnai College Junior Campus

Scholarships for Germany

FOUR Year 9 students of German, Stephanie Schutte, Craig Dent, Robyn Moore and Katie Duncan, have been selected to take part in a student exchange to Germany in 2008. This means that Churchill Campus will host four exchange students from Germany at the start of next year. Later in 2008 the four Churchill students will go to be with their German host families and schools. The students are very excited about the new experiences which lie ahead of them. Congratulations to these students for being chosen.

Action Squad

Over term 3 the Action Squad students have been out and about. This class is made up of Year 9 students aiming to increase their leadership role within the school and current Peer Support Leaders from Year 10.

The Action Squad class is set up to visit the Churchill Campus feeder primary schools to give the primary students some contact with the students from Secondary School. This contact allows the primary student to talk about their fears and concerns and familiarise themselves with some of the senior students that will be at their Secondary School next year. One of the main aims of this program is getting to know some senior students who will mentor them in their first year of secondary school through the Peer Support Program. The Action Squad student's afternoon starts in the younger year's classes. Many of our groups spend the first hour of their visit in with the prep/ grade 1 students. Here they are helping out the teachers with reading, activities and maths. At Yinnar Primary School our students are running a lunchtime activities program with the focus on different year levels each week. Our kids are really enjoying this part of their afternoon. In the afternoon they attend the grade 5/6

classes and work through

an activities booklet designed to help familiarise grade 5/6 students with secondary school. These activities also include discussions about issues/ worries they may have regarding secondary school, how to read timetables, uniforms, what electives and subjects they may study. They conclude their day with some physical activities and games out in the yard.

Karoonda Park

A number of Year 9 students from Churchill Campus went to Karoonda Park at Gelantipy to enjoy an adventure camp. The camp was an outstanding success and entailed activities such as horse riding, abseiling, flying fox, orienteering, night walks, trivia nights and fantastic food! The highlight of our trip was the rafting on the Snowy River. Everyone involved got a great kick out of the activity with plenty of thrills and spills. We went as far as the NSW/Victorian border while rafting and got to see some amazing mountain scenery.

The camp site was originally an old wood mill, and people who worked there lived in little cabins with kitchens. The students stayed in these cabins.

Special thanks go to Geoff the bus driver who managed to get the coach into places others would never have thought possible. A big thank you goes to all staff and students who made the Year 9 camp extremely memorable and most of all FUN and lots of it!!!!

Helen and Cathy James went and here is what they had to say.

"On Monday the 3rd September, both Morwell and Churchill Year 9's left on a four hour trip to Karoonda Park. Karoonda Park is a camp near Buchan in East Gippsland. We stopped at the Buchan Caves for lunch that took two hours, and then we finally got to go in the caves. The caves were really nice to look at.

After we settled into our cabins we went for a night walk. On Tuesday there were lots of fun activities such as orienteering, flying fox and abseiling. The abseiling was only 15 metres down which made it the best experience for me. The flying fox was 35 metres, and I was really scared but I did it 3 times. After a busy day we had a movie then we were off to bed.

On Wednesday everyone went white water rafting. It was a short trip to the beach. There were 6 groups, which were split up into 3 groups. White water rafting was the most awesome experience that I have ever experienced. The rest of the group stayed at the beach and talked to each other. Jordan went fishing and had lunch. Then the other group had their turn at white water rafting.

On Thursday there were more fun activities to do such as horse riding, low ropes and problem solvers. Horse riding was enjoyable because the horses were nice and slow for us. The low ropes were ok in the end because we completed it. The problem solvers were fun because we had to work in a team. At night time we watched photos which the teachers took of us then we had another movie or went to the disco.

Friday morning we packed our bags to go home after the best camp that we have been on.

Music Presentation

About three hundred people attended the Music Presentation, which was held at the Churchill Campus on Wednesday 29th August. The evening featured Precinct, VCE/VCAL class music students as support acts, followed by the main act- all Churchill Campus music students. All ensembles at Churchill Campus were featured, including some solo, duet, and trio items. The performance was again standing room only. Comments from the audience included, "very entertaining", "concert had variety", "great to see my child on stage", "thank you for such opportunities".

Science Excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium



RECENTLY a bus load of year 8 students visited Melbourne Aquarium. The year 8 science program incorporates an ecology unit, and a visit to the aquarium enabled the students to visualise the concepts learnt during their lessons. Students and teachers had a great time, exploring the Aquarium, learning new and interesting facts and expanding their knowledge of the marine world.



YEAR 7 TONAL DRAWING EXERCISE

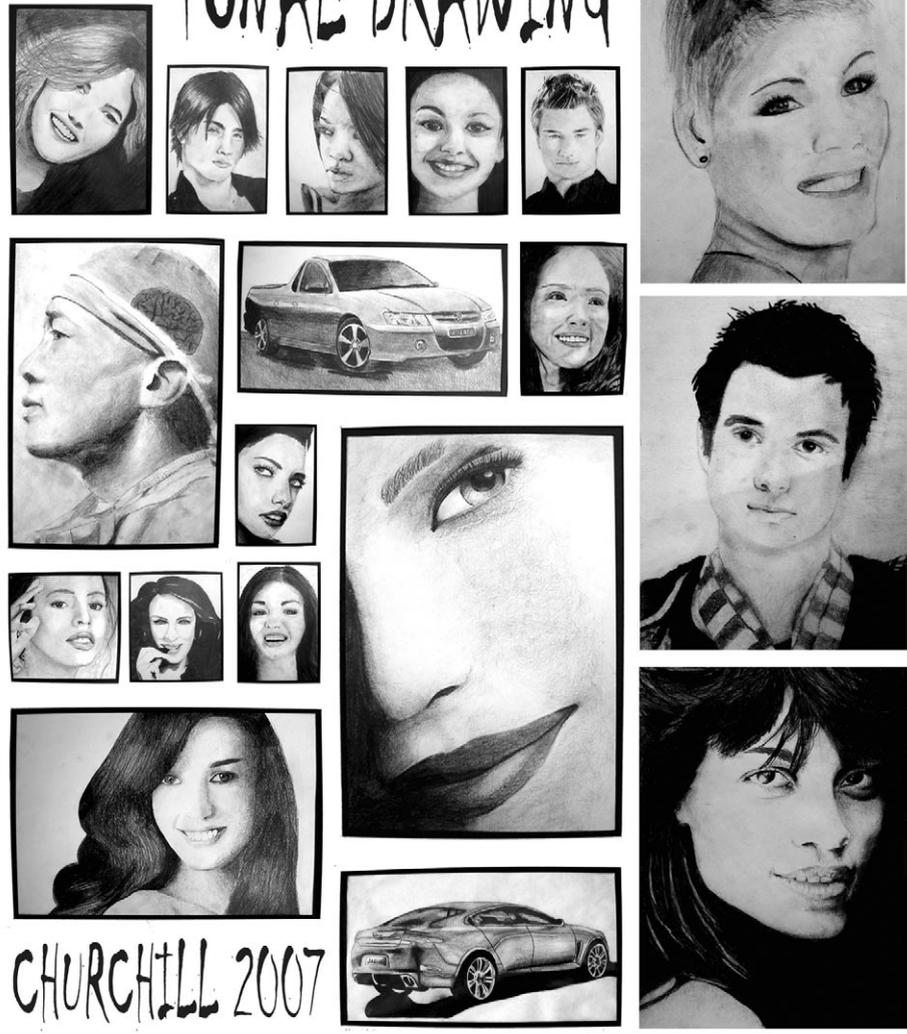


Kurnai College Art Exhibition

This exhibition will be held at the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) on the 23rd October. It is a compilation of the various art media from across the college and is well worth a look.

The public is welcome to visit and enjoy the creativity and talents of these young artists. For further details phone the GEP on 51323800

YEAR 8 & 9 TONAL DRAWING



Churchill North Primary School

Time flies when you're having fun!

School working Bee

An exceptional turn out to the school working bee was coupled with exceptional gardening weather. 10 families comprising children past and present, Mums, Dads and Grandparents worked consistently for 2 hours and then were somewhat exhausted whilst enjoying a delicious BBQ lunch.

Language Support Group for Kinder Students

A Language Support Program for Pre-School children that have enrolled for 2008 will commence next term, the program will run every Wednesday from 2:15pm until 3:15pm, commencing 10th October.

The co-ordinator of this group is Diane Bosma-Lindgren, an aide who has worked at this school for three and a half years. She will be guided by our early

years teachers and run a structured session, with a different focus each week to enhance the students' communication skills. This will help to prepare students for their first year of Primary School.

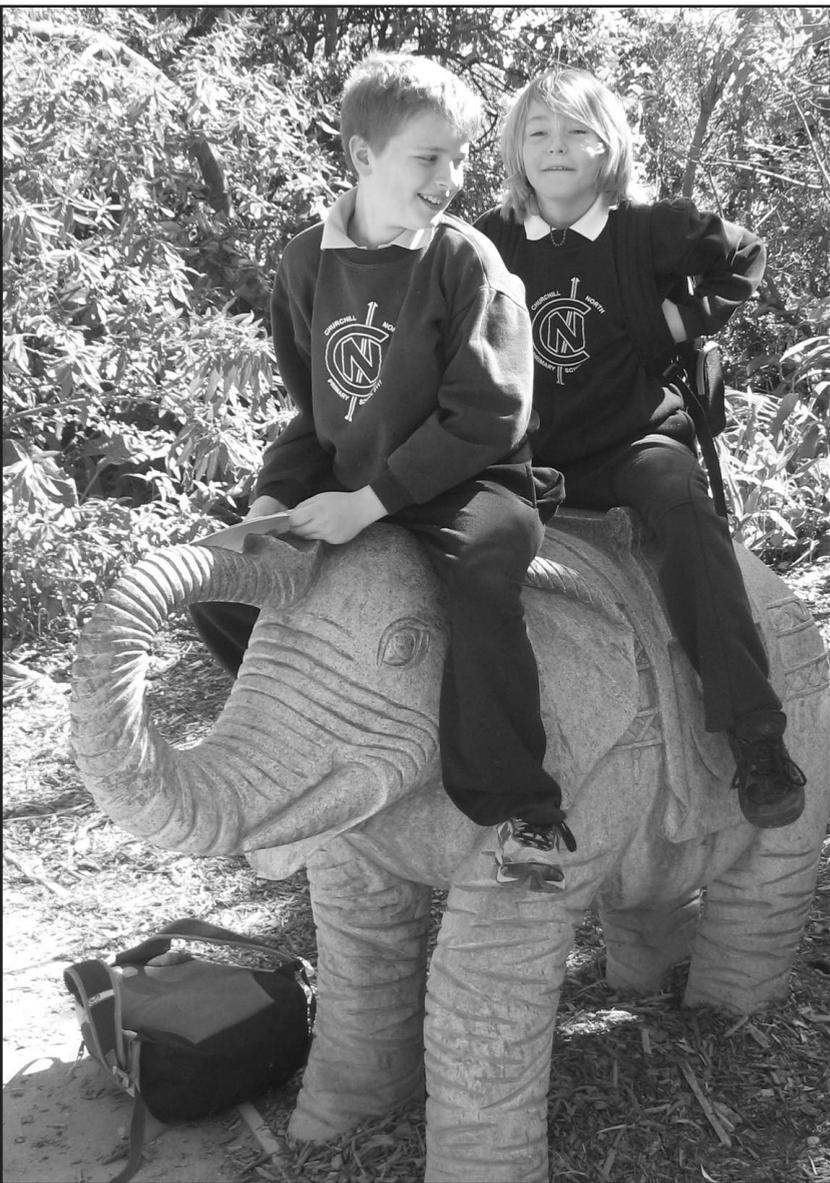
For further enquires in regards to this program or enrolments please contact the school on 51221976.

Athletics

Student in Grade 5/6 participated in an Athletics Day held at the Jo Carmody Reserve in Newborough.

Teachers at the school, Miss Scotson and Mrs Taylor were extremely proud of the behaviour and attitude of students who attended.

Congratulation to:
 1st Kacey 1500metres, 1st Hayden S 800metres, 2nd Taylah VT, Jackson, Kacey 800 metres, 2nd Shyla 200metres, 3rd Jackson Shot put.



Zoo Trip

A whole school excursion was held at the Melbourne Zoo, this was equally exciting for both students and adults. The Orang tan closure was an absolute

wonder, where the occupants put on a treat during their meal time. The elephants were a little sleepy while the baboons were very active in searching for food.



Party Day - Literacy and Numeracy Week

The school was successful in receiving a grant to contribute towards the festivities of Literacy and Numeracy Week. The celebrations commenced with a whole school assembly, parade and awards to students for educational excel-

lence. Student's participated in party games, board games, initiative games and a Dinosaur Dig.

Morning Tea was supplied free of charge as well as a take home game for each family. Students dressed in party clothes and families participated in board games during recess and lunch time.

School Production

All students and staff have worked tirelessly during the term on the whole school production 'Kids at Sea'; director and producer was Sandy Dunne who should be congratulated on her efforts.

Students enjoyed sailing the seven seas with young Harold Sindbad, meeting pirates, mer-people, sultans,

Roc Birds and ending up on the Fabulous Treasure Island, where dreams come true and everyone gets what they want on Neptune's Wonderful Wheel of Fortune.

Students committed to rehearsals during both recess and lunch times, their dedication and commitment was evident in what was truly a fabulous event.



Boolarra Primary School



Angus, Rory & Mum at the Celebrating Students' Achievement Exhibition

Celebrating Students' Achievement

We were delighted to have many families attend our recent exhibition to view some of the magnificent work our students have produced. We estimate that we had 80% of our families attend.

Excellent Yard Behaviour

Our yard raffle winners enjoyed making and eating fruit salad on the last Thursday of term 3.

Staff Vs Students Footy Game

On the last day of term we also staged a football match between the grade 5/6s and the staff and parents. Staff were hoping to recruit Chris Judd but unfortunately were unsuccessful.

After a ferocious battle, the final result was the staff scored a total of 35 points to beat the students who scored 18 points.

The staff were very grateful to the many parents who assisted them, in particular our leading goal kicker Kate Reiske and star ruck-person Di Sharman.

We are also very glad to have a two week break to recover from the gruelling

encounter!

Term 4 Plans

We will have Steve Shulz as our resident musician working with our students each week to develop an end of year musical extravaganza such as we've never staged before.

Our grade 3/4s will attend the Woorabinda Camp and our 5/6s will participate in a Ballarat Camp, whilst the P/1/2s will enjoy dinner at school with the grade 2s staying on for a sleep-over.

Our JSC also have some big plans with an after school movie and discos scheduled.

In addition to all of the above there will be lots of serious learning to ensure that every student builds on their skills and knowledge.



L.V. Bike education champions again!

Having been L.V. Bike Ed champions 11 times (that is every year but one that the competition has been staged) our team is probably under more pressure to do well each year than we would wish.

However, yet again they prevailed and won through to the next level of the Bike Ed Challenge. This was a

superb effort and clearly demonstrates that the work our Bike Ed Coordinator, Ms Tina Larrad and our parents put in to build our students' bicycle skills and road safety knowledge is highly effective.

We wish our team well in their endeavours at the forthcoming regional finals.



Carol Hanratty with some Freaky Footy Friday Participants

Freaky Footy Friday

On the last day of term 3 our Junior School Council staged an out of uniform day themed Freaky Footy Friday and collected donations for the Gippsland Cancer Care Unit.

Ms Carol Hanratty, who sometimes teaches at our

school, bravely had her head shaved to raise money for this good cause and visited us to talk about her efforts. In total we raised \$161: 55 for the Cancer Care Unit which was a magnificent effort.



Siobhan & Ella enjoy fruit salad



Bryce & Mason dressed to support their footy teams

CHILDREN'S CORNER

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

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Hi Kids,

If you are under 12 years old you can join the club. Ask your Mum, Dad, Guardian or Carer to ring the Editor of the CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS on 5122 2589 or write to

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB
PO BOX 110
CHURCHILL 3842



with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL (all information strictly confidential).

The lucky "Birthdayites" last month were
Bonnie KEARNS and Bevan KEMP.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR OCTOBER

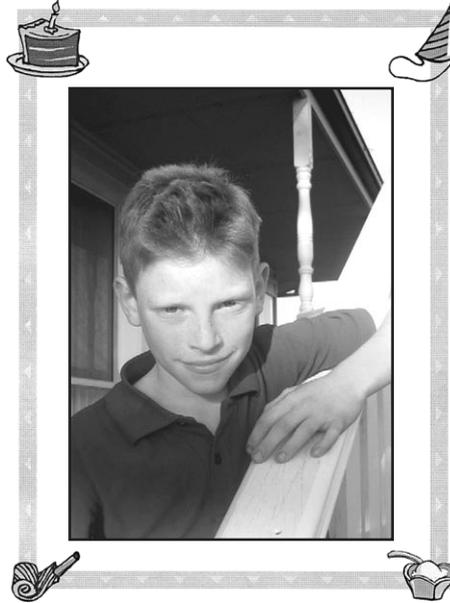
Kristy BARRY	12 years	Maddylen LOCH	8 years
Tyson CURTIS	12 years	Trent ROSEWELL	6 years
Breanna LAMONT	8 years	D'Artagnan SIMPSON	12 years
Kway LAUHLAN	2 years	Tori Lee UPTON CROWE	
Dana LAWSON	12 years		9 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" this month are
D'Artagnan SIMPSON and Tori Lee UPTON CROWE.

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

John Barker Publicity

BIRTHDAYITES!!



**Bevan Kemp,
10 years on the
26th September**



**Bonnie Kearns,
8 years on
15th September.**

This "Birthdayite" was all smiles as he was presented with a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District. He was chosen at random from the September list. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".
(Tayla Smith photo next month)

SEBASTIAN AND THE SAUSAGE DOG.....

BY SANDRA JAMES

WINNER OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS CHILDREN'S STORY 2007



"I've got some news for you," said Mummy when she picked Sebastian up from kindergarten on Monday, "Grandpa has a new puppy, It's a sausage dog!"

When they got home Mummy made Sebastian a sandwich for lunch. Sebastian watched as she cut slices from a long roll of meat.

"Is that what a sausage dog looks like?" asked Sebastian.

"No," laughed Mummy, "What a silly sausage you are Sebastian!"



On Tuesday Sebastian and his friends were having a special barbecue lunch at kindergarten. Miss Scott gave Sebastian a slice of bread with a sausage and lots of yummy coleslaw piled on top.

"Is this what a sausage dog looks like?" asked Sebastian.

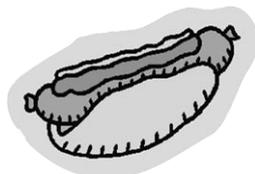
"No," laughed Miss Scott, "What a silly sausage you are Sebastian!"



On Wednesday Mummy said they could have hot dogs for lunch after they did the shopping. The lady behind the counter gave Sebastian a loooooong bread roll with a loooooong red saveloy in the middle and a squiggly line of tomato sauce down the centre.

"Is this what a sausage dog looks like?" asked Sebastian.

"No," laughed the lady behind the counter, "what a silly sausage you are Sebastian!"



On Thursday Sebastian's friend Sally was having a birthday party. They played lots of games like pin the tail on the donkey and hide and seek. Then Sally's mother called them inside.

On the table was a beautiful birthday cake, delicious fairy bread, fruit salad, potato chips, crunchy carrot sticks, chocolate biscuits and a bowl of little red cocktail frankfurts.

"Is this what a sausage dog looks like?" asked Sebastian, holding up a cocktail frankfurt on a little fork.

"No," laughed Sally's mother, "what a silly sausage you are Sebastian!"

On Friday, Mummy suggested they make some sausage rolls to have for lunch when Grandpa came to stay for the weekend. Sebastian watched as Mummy spread sausage meat onto

the pastry; then he helped her roll them up and place them on the baking tray. They came out of the oven all golden brown and smelling delicious.

"Is that what a sausage dog looks like?" asked Sebastian.

"No," said Mummy, "but tomorrow you will be able to see what a sausage dog looks like. Grandpa is bring his new puppy with him."

Sebastian could hardly wait.

The next morning Sebastian heard the sound of Grandpa's car in the driveway and went to meet him.

"Hello, Sebastian," called Grandpa.

"Hello, Grandpa. Did you bring the sausage dog puppy?"

"Yes, Sebastian," replied Grandpa, "but a sausage dog is just a nickname. He's really a Dachshund."

"Dach....Dach....," said Sebastian. It was a very difficult word.

Grandpa reached into the car and took out the puppy. He put him on the ground. The little puppy ran to Sebastian.

"Oh, Grandpa," giggled Sebastian, "I think he's a dash hound!"

Grandpa laughed. "What a pair of silly sausages you are!"



Brigades in Schools



The Brigades in Schools program continued at Churchill Primary School, where all children participated. The Grade Prep- 4 students had a truck visit with activities, being on and in the truck, squirting the hose, (one teacher decided that it would be fun to try the hose), and locating the equipment on the fire truck and finding out what the item is used for.

Safety messages learnt included:

- *Fire can be good and bad. We have to treat it with respect and attention so good fires don't turn into bad fires

- *Crawl low in smoke. The best and freshest air is near the floor in a smoke filled room.

- *If your clothes catch on fire STOP, DROP, and ROLL.

- *Cool a burn by pouring cold water over it.

- *Report a fire by dialling "000".

- *Have a home fire escape plan.

- *Being aware of fire hazards in your home, rectifying them, and where necessary, storing them sensibly.

The grade 5/6s finished their lessons with paying a visit to the fire station. There they were able to tour the station and dress up in the firefighters gear.

Then they were shown how the hydrant is used to fill the truck tanks to allow the hose to be coupled and water pumped through the outlets. The children had a go at unwinding the hose, coupling the hose to the truck outlet, working the pumps on the trucks, squirting the hoses, and using the 2 varieties of fire extinguisher.

It was a showery day, and many children got quite wet, but not only from the rain. It was great fun to run through the hose spray. The students had a very engaging time. The children began to appreciate the training and ability of the firefighters, and their dedication to the job. All Churchill members are volunteers!

The children from Watson Park also paid the station a visit. They were given a lesson which included the message that matches are tools not toys and are for adults not girls and boys, as well as cool a burn, stop, drop and roll if your clothes catch on fire, and crawl low in smoke.

Of course the most interesting part of the visit as always, was being able to get on and into the fire truck, and having a squirt of the hose.

New Residents Welcome Kit



By Margaret Guthrie, Treasurer

GRG Inc has been putting together a 'Welcome Kit' for residents newly arrived in Churchill. The Kit was launched at our Community Dinner held last month and is now available for distribution.

The cloth bag, screen-printed with our logo, includes bus and train timetables, waste collection calendar and information on local services. More importantly, the kit contains all those items needed when you first arrive at a new house and everything's still packed in boxes - toilet paper, light globe and matches, soap, dish cloth and tea-towel, mug with tea, coffee, sugar and long-life milk, note-pad and pen, etc.

The Kit has been developed by GRG Inc in partnership with Latrobe Community Health Services, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and Latrobe City Council

If you see new neighbours moving in, please telephone 5122 2997 or (m) 0407 876 443, email g_r_g_inc@hotmail.com or contact the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2955 and let us know the address. We'd like

to welcome new residents to Churchill and provide one of our Kits to assist them to settle in to our community.

The free Community Dinner for local residents held at Churchill Cricket Club last month was lots of fun for all. It was part of Housing Week '07 celebrations, which are funded by the Dept of Human Services.

Diners were asked to dress in their best "op shop finery" for the evening and an array of costumes, 60's wear, frocks and assorted accessories were on show. Shopping vouchers were presented as prizes to those who had made a special effort.

The evening's activities were ably M.C.d by Henry Parniak, Coordinator of Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. Guests included representatives of Latrobe City Council, Dept of Human Services, Dept for Planning and Community Development (DPCD, formerly Dept for Victorian Communities), Morwell Neighbourhood House and Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

Yvonne and Michelle from Café Le Mac's did a superb job of catering on the night. Everyone enjoyed the meal,

with choice of soup, plates piled high with roast meats and veggies for main course and cheese and fruit platters for dessert. Special thanks also to Owen and Luke who stood behind the bar and poured fruit juice, soft drinks and mineral water for diners.

Young Owen was also very busy the night before, putting together a PowerPoint presentation show-casing some of the voluntary activities that GRG Inc conducts in our community. The presentation was met with much applause.

Our 'doings' include community service events such as Tree-Planting Day and an annual Glendonald Kerbside Waste collection, children's after-school and holiday activities and project partnerships with local agencies to provide services of benefit to local residents, such as our new 'Welcome Kit', Glendonald Cop Shop (every fourth Tuesday afternoon at Churinga Drive shops) and last Term's soccer skills clinic and BBQ at Glendonald Park with Churchill United Soccer Club and DPCD.

The Cricket Club was a great venue for the evening and we'd like to

thank the Club for their efforts in providing this superb community facility which is available to hire for local functions. Diners gave the venue a resounding vote of applause and so GRG will likely hold next year's Churchill Community Dinner at the Cricket Club again.

For more information about GRG or any of our activities, please telephone 5122 2997 or (m) 0407 876 443. GRG can also be contacted at PO Box 245, Churchill 3842 or by emailing g_r_g_inc@hotmail.com

Our meetings are held at 7pm on the last Tuesday of each month at the

Glendonald Pre-school in Churinga Drive. Childcare is provided and all residents of Glendonald are welcome to join our Group.

New volunteers are always welcome, including parents who would like to assist with our children's activities - you do not need to live in Glendonald to volunteer with GRG or participate in our activities. We will be conducting several after-school activities during Term 4, along with our annual Christmas BBQ in Glendonald Park in December. Enquiries most welcome.



Wattle Club Celebrates 23rd Birthday

With all the great things that go on at Wattle Club, why wouldn't older citizens of Churchill and district want to be part of it?

Spring is in the air, and the Wattle Club members celebrated the season by making tissue and crepe paper flowers. That day they also celebrated Ethel Stein's 80th birthday. Lunch was a picnic outside the centre on the grass. It was such a success that they decided to eat outside the next time as well- this time enjoying a BBQ.

The following week the group took a trip to Mid Valley for doughnuts and coffee before joining the Morwell PAG for lunch at the RSL. They took the scenic route home!

A bring and buy auction, saw the clients bringing a grand assortment of objects to be auctioned. Amid a lot of fun and laughter, the objects found a

new home while raising funds for the Wattle Club.

Another pamper day gave the clients the opportunity to have a massage or a manicure.

Footy Grand Final Fever is definitely abounding. The Wattle Clubbers are no exception. They came dressed in their footy colours, made paper footy jumpers in club colours, had a footy quiz and a footy lunch of pies and hot dogs with plenty of sauce.

Budding scientists showed off their talents as science experiments were tried. Some weird smells and noises emitted from the room, but all survived as they tried propulsion techniques, static electricity, whirlpools with water bottles, making hearing aids from two balloons and finding out which is heavier a can

of ordinary coke or a can of diet coke? Do you know? If you want to know, float them both in a dish of water and see which one sinks the lowest.

At the end of the month the Wattle Club celebrated its 23rd birthday. Party games were the order of the day, with Pass the Parcel being a favourite. They watched a DVD on the new DVD Player the PAG had been able to purchase with the funds made available to them by the generous Country and Western Group which gathers every second Friday at the Churchill Cricket Club rooms.

A three course meal of roast chicken, dessert and a birthday cake was followed by a relaxing afternoon of games as the clients worked off their lunch, in a friendly, contented atmosphere.

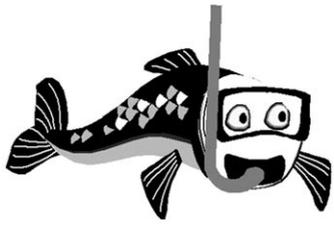


Wattle Club Members celebrate 23 Years

Sports

Junior Fishing Competition

Heaps of Prizes to be Won!!!!!!



Saturday 17 November
Lake Hyland
All Junior Anglers are welcome



All Children **MUST** be accompanied by an Adult

For More information please contact Peter on 5122 2589

Boolarra Bowling Club 50h Anniversary



Betty Fox

'What a great day,' was the remark made by numerous past and present bowlers that attended the 50h Anniversary of the foundation of the Boolarra Bowling Club. To join in our celebrations 130 people came from near and far including Ballina (N.S.W), Lake Tyers, Lakes Entrance, Nicholson, Paynsville, Stratford, Yarram, Foster, Rosebud, Somers, Churchill and Hamilton. Also from our own association Yinnar, Traralgon, Mirboo North, Morwell, Trafalgar, Yallourn, Drouin, Warragul and Boolarra.

The green and surrounds looked superb and the interior of the club house was delightfully decorated for the occasion in red and blue (the club colours) with a touch of gold. There was also a display of early photos including many in albums.

The afternoon began with the executives lining up on the green. A minutes silence was held for our valued member Lorna Richards who recently passed away. Presidents Val McLean and Brian Gilbert welcomed everyone in attendance before introducing office bearers of the GDLBA and MGBA. The green was declared open for season 2007-2008 and Valda Durrant GDLBA President had the honour of rolling the first jack and MGBA President Norm Thompson the first bowl. Cards were read by the ladies match committee and eight rinks of players had a fun day participating in 12 ends of mixed bowls.

The weather was good so those not playing bowls sat under the verandah chatting and exchanging memories.

During afternoon tea, 88 year old May Wilson, our only foundation member present, told us about the first meeting held in 1957 to form the club on the present site of hotel land made available by Hilda and Ted Light (the club paid 1 shilling rent per year). May's husband Ed was the 1st elected Men's President and Ive Rennie the 1st elected Ladies President. She also told us that the first club house was the hotel horse stable. The green was constructed with borrowed farm machinery and much voluntary labour from local identities along with Eddies's mates from Footscray RSL.

Bill Welsh from Yinnar Club and Win Vary from Drouin Club, who were past members, related some of their memories and fellowship of the past.

Betty Fox spoke on the development of the club over the past 25 years.

Our life members in attendance were May Wilson, Arthur Robbins, Norm Halliday, Betty Helliwell and May Ford. Boolarra Bowling Club mugs were presented to the executives of the GDLBA and MGBA.

Geoff Burt, Vice President of RVBA and Councilor of MGBA presented a 50th Commemorative Plaque to the club for our achievement.

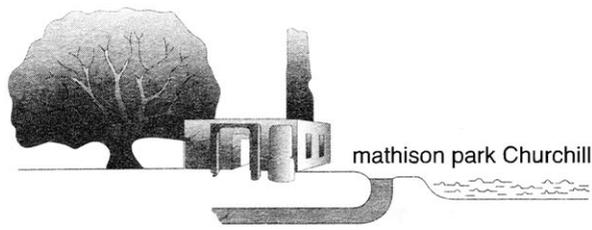


Bowling Foundation Member May Wilson

A beautiful cake made by Beryl Coulding and decorated by Jenny Medew was cut by our foundation member, May Wilson.

Cards were fanned for the day's winners. May Ford donated a large box of fruit and vegetables for the charity raffle for the Taralye Centre to help deaf children to speak. This was won by David Halliday.

Lots of people contributed in various ways to make this day a great success for which I thank them very much.



Bees & Frogs

The dedicated volunteers of Mathison Park, had a very productive working bee on the third Saturday in September. The volunteers were cleaning up the area around the play equipment, and along the northern side of Lake Mathison, in preparation for the Junior Fishing Competition to be held on the 17th November.

The photo shows the crew enjoying a well earned morning tea. Thanks to Terry for providing the hot water for tea and coffee. It was much appreciated.

Working Bees are held on the third Saturday of each month. Please come and join us, instead of saying "Hello you are doing a good job." and walking on!

With the arrival of spring and with plenty of water about, the frogs are becoming very active and noisy in Mathison Park. At least five different frogs are known from the park. The smallest of these is the Common Froglet - *Crinia signifera*. These although small are very numerous and their calls can be heard all the time, like a continuous series of

clicks. Next in size are the two tree frogs, the Brown Tree Frog - *Litoria ewingii* is also common and is one of the most familiar frogs, often climbing house windows at night after insects attracted to the lights.

Their call is more drawn out "creee creee creee" and is a very familiar sound. The other tree frog, the Whistling Tree Frog - *Litoria verreauxi* is much less common but also present in the park. It's call is similar to the Brown Tree Frog, but with a higher note with a whistling quality. The other two frogs are both marsh frogs in the genus *Lymnodynastes*, which translates as Lord of the Marshes.

The Spotted Marsh Frog - *Lymnodynastes tasmaniensis* is quite common and its call is a single sharp "click" or "plock" - similar to the sound made when two stones are struck together. As it's name suggests, it has large spots of dark olive to brown on its back. It's larger cousin, Peron's Marsh Frog or Striped Marsh Frog - *Lymnodynastes peroni* is also com-

mon in the park. It has the spots on its back joined together so that it appears striped. It's call is very like the Spotted Marsh Frog's, but a bit louder and firmer "tock" or "poc" somewhat like a hen's "cluck".

Frogs in Mathison Park photographs by Ken Harris



Striped Marsh Frog



Whistling Tree Frog



Churchill Hockey Club 2007 Season

Congratulations to the Women's B Grade side who won the grand final for the second year in a row. Although Churchill went into the game as favourites, it was a hard fought match against Traralgon Rebels. No goal had been scored in the first half. More than 15 minutes had passed in the second half when Gail Harding scored of a beautiful pass from Rebecca Cheater to put Churchill one goal up. The final score was 1-0.

The B Grade Premiers are: Coach - Linda Reid, Megan Wells (goalie), Rebecca Mathieson, Gail Harding, Rebecca Cheater, Beth Wolfe, Pam Tragenza, Marlene Payne, Raelene Fisher, Debbie Wells, Michelle Ypelaan, Priscilla Harvey, Nicole Ypelaan, Sally Turner, Dean White and Alice Stewart.

In the Minkie (Prep-Grade 4) competition, Churchill Black won the Grand final. Our Junior team (Grade 5-6) and our Intermediate Boys team all made it to the Grandfinal, though were both defeated on the day. A great effort was made by all the players in these teams.

Our junior and senior Presentation night was held in recently in the Student Union Lounge at Monash University. A great night was had by all with a fantastic turn out. Flowers were presented to our Life Members who are still associated with the club, Debbie Wells and Pauline Linke. After a beautiful tea, presentations were made. The awards presented were:

Women's B Grade - Coach: Linda Reid.
Best and Fairest - Rebecca Cheater
Runner Up Best and Fairest - Sally Turner
Most Determined - Rebecca Mathieson
Most Improved - Nicole Ypelaan
Encouragement Award - Beth Wolfe

Churchill Black Minke Team - Coach: Linda Whitney
Best and Fairest - Bevan Kemp
Runner Up Best and Fairest - Lachlan White
Most Determined - Lachlan White
Most Improved - Carly Pettigrew
Encouragement Award - Zoi Little

Churchill Blue Junior Team - Coach: Rebecca Mathison
Best and Fairest - Tamara Kemp
Runner Up Best and Fairest - Dean White
Most Determined - John Pettigrew
Most Improved - Tiffany Harvey
Encouragement Award - Katie Stewart

Intermediate Girls - Coach: Linda Reid
Best and Fairest - Priscilla Harvey
Runner Up Best and Fairest - Rochelle Cheater
Most Determined - Nicole Ypelaan
Most Improved - Jessica Hull
Encouragement Award - Tiffany Harvey

Intermediate Boys - Coach: Pauline Linke
Best and Fairest - Patrick Villman
Runner Up Best and Fairest - William De Silva
Most Determined - William De Silva
Most Improved - Todd Birkbeck
Encouragement Award - Joshua Gatehouse

Rebecca Cheater won the club's Barrett Award and Top Gun award. The Junior Top Goal Scorer award went to Lachlan White and the Senior Top Goal Scorer was Rebecca Cheater. The Club Top Goal Scorer was won by Lachlan White with 22 goals. Linda Reid won the Best Club Person Award. Linda does a lot for the club, with both the junior and senior teams. We appreciated the work Linda does for our club.

A thank you also goes to all our coaches, umpires and parents who give up their time to do extra jobs around the club. Without all their work we would not have a club. These people attended meetings, marked the grounds, washed tops, organise fundraising and purchasing of equipment, and much more.

A big congratulations also goes to Rebecca Cheater who won the Latrobe Valley Women's hockey Association Best and Fairest in B Grade and to Bevan Kemp and Lachlan White who won the junior associate Best and Fairest and Runner Up Best and Fairest. What a great effort!

Our Annual General meeting was held recently. The 2008 committee were nominated and all positions were filled.

President - Linda Reid
Vice President - Gail Harding
Secretary - Rebecca Mathieson
Treasurer - Heather White
Committee Members - Linda Whitney and Pauline Linke.

The 2008 seasons begins in April next year, with training start in March at Maryvale Reserve in Morwell. We are still looking to fill coaching positions for next year. If you are interested in coaching or playing, please contact our President, Linda Reid on 5122 2072.



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2nd Prize: Model Speedway Bike
3rd Prize: Cluc Cap**



"the Cougars"

Churchill Football / Netball Club

Presentation Night offsets season 2007 disappointment

By Tony Martin

After a fantastic run through the season at the end of the finals series we came away empty-handed but with heads held high. In the grand final the seniors came unstuck against Heyfield who were just too good for us on the day. On the same day the reserves went down in rather an inglorious manner with a 100 plus point loss to Heyfield.

"A" grade lost to Glengarry in the Elimination final and "B" grade lost the Qualifying final against Sale City by one goal. So, all this being old news at this stage, enough of the negative stuff and lets look at the positives. The club's presentation night was held on the 28th of September and was a very well attended function which resulted in the following awards being presented: -

Seniors

Best & Fairest: - Leigh McDonald
Runner Up B & F: - Dean Jenkins

Most Consistent: - Daniel Hawking
Most Courageous: - Kane Sheridan
Most Improved: - Neil Thompson
Most Valuable Player: - Leigh McDonald
Most Valuable Player: - Dean Jenkins

Reserves

Best and Fairest: - Chris Williams
Runner Up B & F: - Shaun McNamara
Most Consistent: - Nick Johnson
Best Utility: - Josh Cahill
Most Improved: - Glen McCafferty
Coaches Award: - Chris McNamara

Thirds

Best and Fairest: - Luke Strempe
Runner Up B & F: - Joe Whykes
Most Consistent: - Tristan Shorter
Most Courageous: - Blake Cornell
Most Determined: - Steve Leeson
Coaches Award: - Adam Bickley

"A" Grade

Best and fairest: - Renee Vail
Runner Up B & F: - Amanda Noblett

Coaches Award: - Kylie O'Brien

"B" Grade

Best and Fairest: - Stacey Sanders
Runner Up B & F: - Roxy Shields
Coaches Award: - Stacey Sanders

"C" Grade

Best and Fairest: - Katie Vary
Runner Up B & F: - Katrina Hutchinson
Runner Up B & F: - Kate Whitney
Coaches Award: - Jane Barrett

"D" Grade

Best and Fairest: - Carlie Woodbridge
Runner Up B & F: - Melissa Jonas
Coaches Award: - Sionainn Hayes

Best Clubman Award: - Julie Larkin

Presidents Award: - John Woodbridge

Congratulations to all those involved, looking forward to them continuing with the endeavour next year.

Junior Football News By Cheryl Mason

The Churchill Junior Football Club finished up the season with their presentation day on September 9th with a great attendance and wonderful weather.

We had a family footy game whilst lunch was being cooked. All had lots of fun and no injuries were reported thankfully. The A.G.M. was held on the same day and a new executive committee formed consisting of the following people: -

President: C. Mason
Vice President: John McMillian

Secretary: Hayley O'Brien
Treasurer: Robyn Killury



Rob Jellis winner of the leagues reserves goal kicking award, played his 150th game for the club in the 2nd semi final on the 1st of September

Asst. treasurer: Caryn Rule.

With many committee members also being appointed the future is looking great for 2008.

An advertisement for coaches for Under 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's was put in the Express and applications close 15th October.

Our numbers this year will allow us to be able to enter an Under 16's team for 2008.

For any enquiries re junior football please contact Cheryl on 51661797.

Club applies for "Good Sports" level 2 accreditation By Mark Answerth

The Churchill Football Netball Club has an ongoing commitment to responsible alcohol management and is working towards Level 2 accreditation under the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports program. The program provides leadership and support to community sports clubs throughout Australia to manage alcohol responsibly. It aims to help clubs become more viable by creating a safe and friendly environment whilst addressing their duty of care obligations in relation to alcohol consumption. It is the first nationwide alcohol management program of its kind.

As part of Level 2 accreditation,

we will implement practices around responsible alcohol management including endeavoring to develop transport strategies to ensure our members get home safely. Our facilities are smoke-free and the emphasis for player awards, fundraising, and prizes at functions will not be alcohol. Food will be provided when alcohol is served and we will sell a variety of low and non-alcoholic drinks. All bar staff will be RSA trained and we are confident our efforts will continue to improve the environment at the Club. We are working to ensure the Club is a great place to participate in and socialise at for all members of our community.

The Club will be regularly monitored to ensure we comply with the program. It is the responsibility of all our members to make sure we do the right thing when drinking and enjoying ourselves. The Good Sports program is run in Victoria on behalf of the Australian Drug Foundation and is supported by VicHealth, the Transport Accident Commission, the Department of Human Services, DrinkWise and the Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Foundation.

For more information about the program contact Mark Answerth.

Churchill Football/Netball

Club

welcomes you to the

Cougars Café

We invite you to enjoy a Friday night meal at our new restaurant.

Come along and enjoy our menu on Friday nights from 6.00pm at the clubrooms at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive, Churchill.

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Julie Larkin, Best Clubman 2007 Award winner with John Woodbridge who won the Presidents Award for 2007

Sports

Cougars Café,

For that end of the week eating out experience for all the family, come along and enjoy a meal every Friday night from 6.00pm at the clubrooms at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive, Churchill. Paula Auger and her crew are providing great meals at a great price. We are running a blackboard menu and it can be viewed in the clubrooms foyer during the week.

Table format is round, seating up to 10 people, rectangular seating up to 6 people, and square seating up to 4 people. If you wish to book a table bookings can be made by calling Julie Larkin on 51221762, otherwise just turn up and enjoy the experience.

"G.O" club, celebrates Jean Selwyn's 83rd birthday

by Betty Wyatt

Jean Selwood celebrated her 83rd birthday at the Golden Oldies club with her husband Reg and their friends last Thursday week.

The "G.O" club has been holding their Thursday afternoon gatherings at the Cougar's club rooms for the past four years and appreciate the hospitality of the football club.

It's a great outing for anybody looking for a fun social outlet and all are welcome. Recently the club has

presented 100 hand knitted singlets to the African Aid Centre for Babies. Enquiries about the club and it's varied activities can be made by contacting Betty Wyatt on 51221691.

Past Players Thursday Night Chook Raffle: -

If you're missing that Thursday after work social interaction session since the pub closed, wander down to the footy clubrooms at Gaskin Park in Manning Drive and renew that wanted feeling. Every Thursday from 4.00 till 7.00 pm the members bar is open with happy hour from 5 to 6pm and a chook raffle conducted weekly.

Club Annual General Meeting

The Club Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 23rd October in the Churchill Football Netball Club Social Rooms at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive Churchill.

All are welcome

Nomination forms for the Committee are available from the clubrooms.

Please send completed nomination forms to:



Jeff McDonald, the club's only Life Governor at the Presentation night

The Secretary, Churchill Football Netball Club Box 111, Churchill 3842

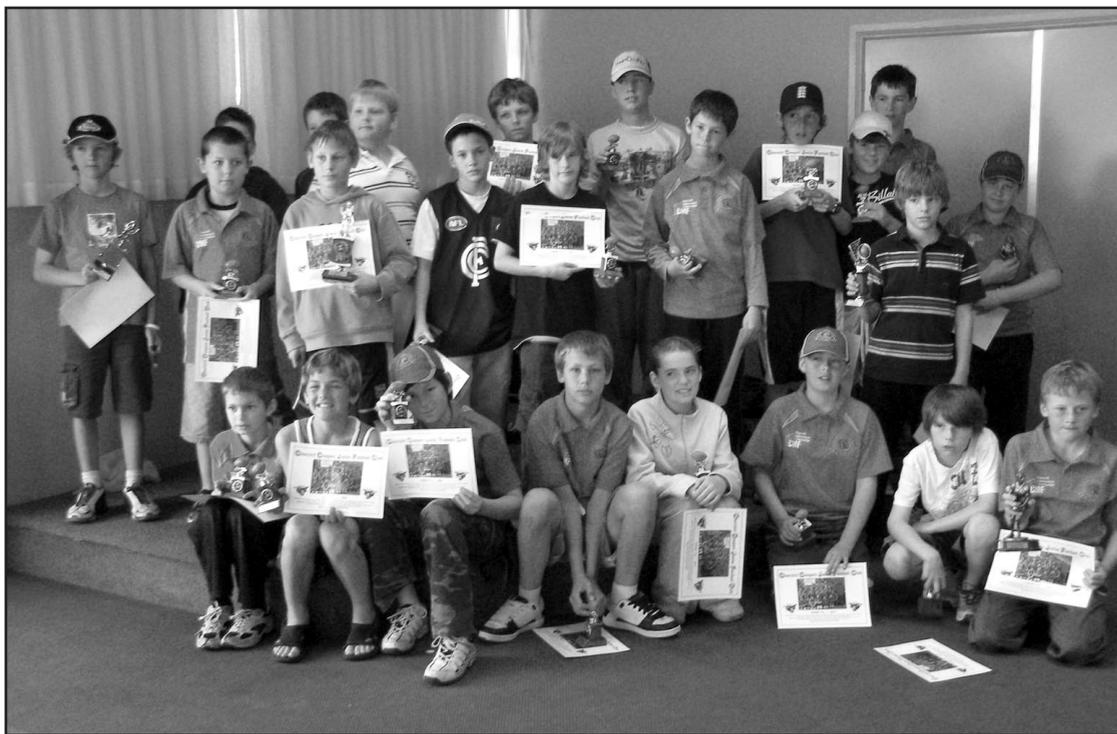
Bingo every Wednesday!

Bingo is on every Wednesday evening. The program starts at 7.30 PM and it's eyes down at 8.00PM.

There are three sets of 10 games with a considerable jackpot on the last game. The bar is open during breaks and drinks and eats are available.

There are various competitions included. All in all it's a great night, so round up your friends who like a punt and come along.

The boys who run it, Brian, Fred, Robbie, Chips and Jeff, say "the more who play, the more we pay."



The under 12 team with their certificates from the Junior Football Club Presentation Day

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Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

Saturday Men's Comp: Stableford 01/09/07. CCR: 67.

A-Grade: Lindsay Stein (13) 39 pts. B-Grade: Fred Debono (24) 37pts. C-Grade: Ray Ancillen (32) 40 pts. DTL: G Spowart 39pts, V Zamit 34 pts, T Collins 36 pts, C Flanigan 34 pts, J Welsh 35 pts. NTP: 3rd D Byers, 5th M Brereton, 12th C Flanigan, 14th A Sharrock. Birdies: D Byers 3rd, P Coad 5th, A Sharrock 14th.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Monthly Medal 04/09/07 CCR: 68

Scratch: Kim Moroney (21) 93. Winner and Medal Winner: Kim Moroney (21) 72. DTL: Merrilyn McDonald 77c/b, Linda Casey 77, Chris Ellis 79. NTP: 33-45 5/14 Merrilyn McDonald. Putts: Maureen McConville 27.

Saturday Men's Comp: Stroke 08/09/07. CCR: 68

A-Grade: C Lesiw (13) 67. B-Grade: C Barnes (25) 68, DTL: R Scurlock 68, G Beyers 69, B Barnes 71. NTP: 3rd A Sharrock, 5th A

Sharrock, 12th A Sharrock, 14th R Scurlock. Birdies: R Scurlock 14th.

Sunday Men's Comp 09/09/07 CCR: 68

Winner: B Barnes (27) 44 pts. DTL: A Percy 36 pts.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 09/09/07. CCR: 68.

Winner: M McConville (21) 35 pts c/b.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 1st Round Stableford Agg Championships 11/09/07. CCR: 68

Winners: Heather Croft (33), Kim Moroney (22) 49 Pts. DTL: Eva D'Alterio (21), Vicki Verheyen (30) 47 pts. NTP: 4/15th 0-32 Kim Moroney, 33-45 Jill Beck.

Saturday Men's Comp: Par 15/09/07. CCR: 68

A-Grade: 0-20 Peter Sheilds (20) +3. B-Grade: 21-32 Tom Collins (27) +4. DTL: Peter

Ludlow +3, Warrick Judkins +2, Glen Downs -1, Ken Hills -1. NTP: 3rd Gary Miller, 5th Robert Welsh, 14th Peter Ludlow.

Sunday Men's Comp: Stableford 16/09/07 CCR: 68.

Winner: G Blizzard (24) 33 pts. DTL: W Peter (16) 31pts. NTP: 12th D Taylor.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 16/09/07. CCR: 68

Winner: K Moroney (22) 33 pts.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 2nd Agg Championship 18/09/07. CCR: 68

Day Winners: Kim Moroney (22), Heather Croft (33) 60 pts. DTL: Jan Blizzard (23), Di Thomas (26) 59 pts. Eva D'Alterio (21), Vicki Verheyen (30) 55 pts. NTP: 5th-14th 0-32 Di Scurlock. Champions: Kim Moroney (22), Heather Croft (33) 109 pts. Runner-Up: Eva D'Alterio (21), Vicki Verheyen (30) 102 pts.

Saturday Men's Comp: 2 Person

Ambrose 22/09/07

Winners: G Beyer (13), M Mereton (12) B Murphy (29) 65. Runners-Up: G Fraser (16), K Ellis (23) 6512. DTL: A Auld, T Collins 66 1/2. W Peter, W Judkins 66 3/4. P Ludlow, C Watermen 66 3/4. NTP: 4th A Auld, 5th D Taylor, 12th M Brereton, 14th G Fraser.

Sunday Men's Comp 23/09/07 CCR: 68

Winner: M Fletcher (18) 36 pts.

Sunday Ladies Comp 23/09/07. CCR: 68

Winner: K Moroney (22) 32pts.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Split Six (Canadian, Ambrose, Foursomes) 25/09/07

Winners: M McConville (21), L Olliquist (35) 78. DTL: J Beck (33) M Mitchell (41) 82 1/4. J Leslie (22), H Croft (33) 83 3/8. NTP: 5th K Moroney, 12th Y Wotton.

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Chantel and Staff of Churchill Kats Hair Design would like to wish Mandy good luck in her future ventures.

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