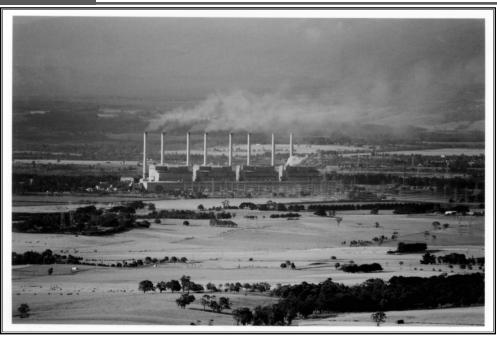
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'Powerful' by Kym Samson

Winner: Adult Churchill & District News Photographic Competition 2003



'The Land and its Energy' by Bryan Stow

Winner: U21Churchill & District News Photographic Competition 2003



'Sunset on McDonald Way' by Emily McKernan Runner Up U21



'The Servo' by Kym Samson Runner Up Adult

Churchill & District' KYM Samson, a talented young photograManager, Churchill & District News. "We co

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KYM Samson, a talented young photographer from Churchill, won first prize and two runner up prizes in the Churchill & District News Photographic Competition, 'Views of Churchill & District'. Her photograph 'Powerful' won first prize with 'Fire in the Sky' and 'The Servo' winning the runner up prizes. Kym, 22, works as a photographer in her spare time but would like to make a career out of photography.

"I would like to work for a magazine doing fashion photography," said Kym. "I would also like to travel around Australia taking photographs and then make a book," she continued. "I carry a camera everywhere I go and it would be dream come true to travel through the country taking photographs". Kym is currently looking for possible sponsors that could help finance such an undertaking.

"Kym's photographs showed outstanding talent and enthusiasm," said Val Prokopiv, Editor. "We congratulate her on her entries and wish her well for the future".

Bryan Stow won first prize in the U21 category for his photograph 'The Land and its Energy' and was a runner up with 'Waters Edge'. Bryan is currently in New South Wales but will shortly be starting a photographic course in Queensland.

Emily McKernan from Churchill was also a runner up in the U21 category with her photograph 'Sunset on McDonald Way'. Emily, a student at Kurnai College in Churchill, enjoys photography but her real passion is for martial arts, Karate and Tae Kwo Do.

"We have some extraordinarily talented young people in Churchill," said Ruth Place,

Manager, Churchill & District News. "We congratulate everyone who sent in photographs," she continued. "The standard was very high and we are looking forward to next year when the theme will be 'Four Seasons in Churchill & District'"

Twelve photographs will be featured in a calendar for 2004 that will be available later in the year.



Pictured above: Kym Samson and below Emily McKernan receives her prize from Ron Gowland



Recording Local History

THE Churchill & District News invites all readers to enter our 2003 Short Story and Poetry Competition. This is the second year that the competition has been

"Last year the competition was very successful," said Ruth Place. "We had entries from local writers as well as from across Victoria. We also had the support of the local schools, which was tremendous."

This year there a new category has been introduced, 'Local History'. The aim is to record the history of the district

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through the eyes of local residents.

"The idea came from our series 'Looking Back', where we have been interviewing local residents and telling their story," said Val Prokopiv.

This particular category will be judged on content alone and there are no restrictions on length. Stories can be as short as 100 words or as long as 2,000. We hope to encourage people to write their own story or to talk to a family member, friend or neighbour and record their account of life in Churchill & District.

Full details are on Page 2.



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EDITORIAL

THANK you to everyone who took part in our Photographic Competition and to those who helped organise our Presentation Night.

It is clear we have some very talented young people in this area!

The 2004 Calendar displaying twelve entries, including the winners, will be published later in the year. Orders will be taken through the paper and as soon as we have details on price etc we will let vou know!

The 2003 Short Story and Poetry

Completion is now up and running. The Special Category 'Local History' is very

It has been suggested that if we receive enough interest and entries that we may publish them in a book later in the year. I invite your comments on this idea.

On Page there are details of free banking seminars - Safety in Banking and Beating Fees and Charges - not to be missed!

Contributions

Articles for publication and letters to the Editor can be sent to: Churchill & District News PO Box 234, Churchill, 3842 Or Email: prokopiv@dcsi.net.au. or valerie.prokopiv@arts.monash.edu.au

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Churchill & District News Photographic Competition 2003

Winners

ADULT 1st - Kym Samson: 'Powerful'. Runner Up - Kym Samson 'Fire in the

Sky'. Runner Up - Kym Samson 'The Servo'.

UNDER 21: 1st - Bryan Stow 'The Land and its Energy'. Runner Up - Emily McKernan 'Sunset on McDonald Way'. Runner Up - Bryan Stow 'Waters Edge'

Photographs Chosen to be Printed as our 2004 Calendar

Cathie Halliwell 'Tranquil Dam'

January: Kym Samson 'Powerful' Cathie Halliwell 'Summer Sunset' February: March: Kym Samson 'The Servo'

Emily McKernan 'Sunset on McDonald Way' May: Janice Redmond 'Hazelwood Power Station' June:

Kym Samson 'Branching Out' July: Bryan Stow 'The Land and its Energy' August:

September: Bryan Stow 'Waters Edge" October: Kym Samson 'The Lake' November: Kym Samson 'Fire in the Sky December: Ruth Place 'Churchill Fire Brigade'

Many Thanks for all your entries.

April:

Thankyou!

The Churchill & District News would like to thank the following for their help in the Photographic Competition 2003:

All entrants, Ruth Place, Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, Ron Gowland, Judges - the Coal Creek Camera Club, Wendy Brown, Janice Redmond, Tracey Burn

and Peter Prokopiv

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Churchill & District News Short Story & Poetry Competition 2003

The Churchill & District News invites you to enter our Short Story and Poetry Competition.

- 1. Children (U7) Short Story / Poem or Picture Story
- 2. Children (U12) Short Story (Illustrations Welcome)
- 3. Children (U12) Poetry (Illustrations Welcome)
- 4. Under 18 Short Story
- 5. Under 18 Poetry
- 6. Adult Short Story
- 7. Adult Poetry.
- 8. Special Category: Local History My Story. Our aim is to record the history of the district through the eyes of local residents. (This category will be judged on content alone and there are no restrictions on length)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- * All stories must have a completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples)
- * The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript.
- * Entries must be original, previously unpublished work.
- * Multiple entries will be accepted
- * Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.
- * Writers will be credited whenever their writing is reproduced
- * Entries must be received by 5th SEPTEMBER 2003.
- * All pages should be numbered.
- * Length of stories are to be: Adult 1000 2500 words in length. Under 18 500 2000 words in length. Children: up to 500 words in length.
- * Poetry to be: Adult min 8 lines max 48 lines. Under 18 min 8 lines max 48 lines. Children up to 20
- * Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.
- * The judges decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- * Signing of the entry form constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

ENTRY FEES

\$3.00 Per Short Story - \$2.00 Student or Concession \$3.00 Per Poem - \$2.00 Student or Concession Children, Under &, Under 12 and Under 18 - 50c Special Category: Local History \$1.00

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS SHORT STORY & POETRY COMPETITION 2003 **ENTRY FORM**

Name
Address
Telephone
I have entered: ——— Short Story(s) ——— Poem(s)
Category(s) (please circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Title of Story(s)
Title of Poem(s)

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself.

Entry form can be completed on behalf of U12"s by a parent or guardian.

Signature

Entry Fee to be included with Entry Form. Please make Cheques or Postal Orders Payable to the Churchill & District News. No Cash or Stamps Please Send Entry Form To: Churchill & District News, PO Box 234, Churchill 3842

House Fires Stay Vigilant warns Council

LATROBE City's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, Lance King, has advised residents that fitting and maintaining smoke detectors in the home is vital to prevent the trauma caused by potentially deadly house fires this winter.

Mr King said that in the latest figures received from the Country Fire Authority, on third of structure fires attended by CFA units in the municipality, happened at properties where there were no functional smoke detectors.

"Of those properties, a number had no smoke detectors at all and others had batteries removed," Mr King

"It is vital that people understand the importance of these devices. A sleeping person is unable to smell smoke and therefore cannot detect a fire. Smoke alarms are essential early warning systems that help save lives by waking occupants and alerting them to the dangers of fire and smoke," Mr King said.

Latrobe City's Manager, Building Approvals, Robert Dunlop, reinforced the fact that the Victorian Building Regulation applies to all residential units, motels, hotels, flats, caretakers' dwellings and houses.

"Regulations stipulate that a self-contained smoke alarm complying with AS 3786-1993 must be installed in each dwelling or sole-occupancy unit in appropriate locations or near the ceiling of every story of the dwelling or sole-occupancy unit," Mr Dunlop said.

Mr King said that residents needed to be aware of the common causes of house fires in order to minimise the risk of damage to their own property, or even worse, potential injury to family members.

"Care in the kitchen is essential. A saucepan that is too full, allowing fat or oil to boil over onto a hotplate or burner is a major cause of fires, and always keep a careful eye on the stove or hob when cooking," Mr King explained.

"It's not just in the kitchen that you need to be vigilant when using equipment. Fires can be triggered by



some electrical appliances being left on in any area of the house. If this happens at night, or when the house is unoccupied, the results can be devastating. Always check that your turn off appliances when leaving the house unattended or when going to bed," Mr King advised

"During the winter, our heating systems are used much more. Placing furnishings, toys or clothes too close to a heater, either solid fuel or other heating appliance such as an electric radiator, could cause a fire. Ensure that the area surrounding you heat sources is kept free from clutter," Mr King said

"Many fires are caused by children playing with matches. Ensure you keep matches, lighters and other similar objects out of reach of children. Other potential hazards are smoking in bed, faulty wiring and faulty electrical appliances as well as incorrectly installed flues on wood heaters and stoves. Maintenance, or lack of, is an important factor when it comes to all appliances and heat sources. Get them checked regularly," Mr King continued.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Graeme Middlemiss said that Mr King's warnings have come at a timely season of the year.

"It's only natural that in winter we want to keep warm and cosy, but it is essential that we remain vigilant to the risks of using solid fuel heaters or other heating appliances. Keep household appliances well maintained and ensure that your smoke detectors are properly fitted and the batteries are working," Cr Middlemiss said.

"It would be useful to prepare a fire plan and you could conduct fire drills for the whole family in order to identify the quickest and safest way out of your home. We must be ever vigilant to the possibility of fires in the home; the majority of house fires are preventable and statistics show that most house fires are caused by human error rather than mechanical failure," Cr Middlemiss concluded.

Smoke Detectors

By RUTH PLACE

SMOKE detectors are essential to alert you to fire, especially when asleep. It is very important to have one outside an adult's bedroom as a study has found that 85% of sleeping children do not wake to the smoke alarm sound.

Check your smoke alarm weekly (push the button with the broom handle to ensure it beeps). Dust the alarm with the vacuum cleaner. Change the battery at least once a year at a time that is memorable to you, e.g. your birthday, end of Daylight Saving.

Senior Citizen, Myrtle Henshaw, recently had her smoke detector checked by a member of the Churchill Fire Brigade.

Myrtle was thrilled with the service extended to the senior members of our community.

"It is one thing I don't have to ask my family to do", said Myrtle. "The members who turned up were well presented, arrived on the day and time arranged".

Pictured left: Firefighter Darren Devlin checks a smoke detector for Myrtle Henshaw

Rotary Group Study Exchange Applications Invited

By JOHN BREHENY, Rotary Foundation Chairman THE Rotary District 9820 Group Study Exchange Committee is seeking feedback from any interested business and professional persons in the Churchill area wishing to nominate for team membership to visit Rotary District 1030 in England for 4 weeks from September 10 – October 11 2003.

Applying nominees must satisfy certain qualifications and eligibility rules and submit a fully completed application form.

The forms are available from the writer (as below), for people between 25 and 40 years of age, living or working locally and in a business or professional career. The Rotary Foundation sponsors these exchange visits every year, and this year England has been chosen, with a return visit from an English Exchange Team, expected

in October - November 2003.

Applicants must be Australian citizens, living or employed in Gippsland. A unique feature of the Group Study Exchange is that it provides outstanding business and professional people opportunities for studying their profession in another country.

Eligibility as a team member requires that you have the intention of remaining in the workforce for a considerable time in the foreseeable future, so that the exchange experience can impact the nominee's long term career path.

The closing date for applications is July 21 2003. Interviews and selections are on July 26 and 27.

To request an application form please ring: 5134 4211 BH, 5122 1757 AH.

Toy Library 👫 Open Day 🧗

ON Saturday 19 July 2003 between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon the Churchill and District Toy Library will be holding an Open Day to celebrate its recently completed total makeover. The Toy Library is now bright and colourful with a visual display of our toys that would make any visitor glad they took the time to have a look.

It will be held at the Toy Library premises in Philip Parade, Churchill where all the toys will be on display. Parents or caregivers in the Morwell, Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra areas with children up to the age of ten are welcome to come along and join in the fun on the day. With face painting, Helium Balloons, Membership Drive and a

sausage sizzle as part of the activities for the morning.

Churchill & District Toy Library recognises that play is an important part of a child's development and therefore endeavours to provide educational and durable toys for members of the surrounding community and local child minding groups.

There are all sorts of toys in the categories of Baby, Music, Coordination, Imagination, Games and Puzzles. It is hoped that these toys will assist parents and carers to provide positive and non-threatening play situations for their children

For more details, phone Annette O'Shea on 5122 1074.



Free Supermarket Tours

ARE you interested in learning how to read food labels?

The Latrobe Community Health Services are offering free supermarket tours to anyone who is interested in learning how to read nutrition labels and becoming more aware of healthy choices available.

Expert dieticians will be conducting these tours and will be available to answer any questions. These tours are not just available for those at risk or already diagnosed diabetics but also to anyone who wants to learn more about nutritious foods.

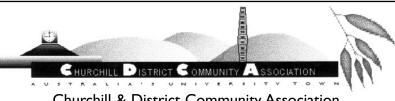
The tours will be conducted in Traralgon, Morwell, Churchill and Moe during diabetes week.

Information regarding diabetes will be on display and available at Mid Valley and Traralgon Centre Plaza during this time also.

The growing concern of obese / overweight Australians at serious risk of developing non-insulin dependent diabetes is the focus of diabetes week between 13 – 19 July. Currently there are over 1,000,000 Australians with non-insulin dependent diabetes and 50 per cent of these are yet to be diagnosed!

Non-insulin dependent diabetes can be easily prevented through adopting healthy lifestyle choices. Including regular exercise, good eating practices and maintaining a healthy body weight in to your regular lifestyle is much easier than living with diabetes.

Expression of interest is necessary to ensure the tours can take place. Contact Chris Little on 51 365 407 or Stacey Podmore on 51 365 404 as soon as possible.



Churchill & District Community Association
NOTICE OF A.G.M.
TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST
7.30PM

CHURCHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

There will be a guest speaker who will talk bout the Education Precinct Elections for Committee of Management

(To be eligible to be elected to the Committee of Management nominees must be a financial member of the C.D.C.A

Churchill & District Community Association

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 5 August 2003
NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE ELECTIONS
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being a financial member of the Association as a member of the committee for a 2 year term.

Nomination forms to be brought to the meeting.

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Da Vinci -The Last Supper

By PASTOR TONY MARSDEN, Churchill Christian Fellowship.

YOU'LL never look at the painting of The Last Supper in the same way again once you know the rest of the story.

The Last Supper was painted by Leonardo Da Vinci, a noted Italian artist, and the time engaged for its completion was seven years. The figures representing the twelve Apostles and Christ Himself were to be painted from living persons. The life-model for the painting of the figure of Jesus was chosen first.

When it was decided that Da Vinci would paint this great picture, hundreds and hundreds of young men were carefully viewed in an endeavour to find a face and personality exhibiting innocence and beauty, free from the scars and signs of dissipation caused by sin.

Finally, after weeks of laborious searching, a young man, nineteen years of age was selected as a model for the portrayal of Christ. For six months, Da Vinci worked on the production of this leading character of his famous painting.

During the next six years, Da Vinci continued his labours on this sublime work of art. One by one fitting persons were chosen to represent each of the eleven Apostles, space being left for the painting of the figure representing Judas Iscariot as the final task of this master-

This was the Apostle, you remember, who betrayed his Lord for thirty pieces of silver, worth in our present day currency

For weeks Da Vinci searched for a man with a hard callous face, with a countenance marked by scars of avarice, deceit, hypocrisy and crime, a face that would delineate a character that would betray his best friend.

After many discouraging experiences in searching for the type of person required to represent Judas, word came to Da Vinci that a man whose appearance fully met his requirements had been found in a dungeon in Rome, sentenced to die for a life of crime and murder.

Da Vinci made the trip to Rome at once, and this man was brought out from his imprisonment in the dungeon and led out into the light of the sun.

There Da Vinci saw before him a dark, swarthy man, his long shaggy and unkempt hair sprawled over his face, which betrayed a character of viciousness

At last, the famous painter had found the person he wanted to represent the character of Judas in his painting. By special permission from the king, the prisoner was carried to Milan where the picture was being painted. For months he sat before Da Vinci at appointed hours each day as the gifted artist diligently continued his task of transmitting to his painting this base character in representing the traitor and betrayer of our

As he finished his last stroke, he turned to the guards and said, "I have finished. You may take the prisoner away". As the guards were leading their prisoner away, he suddenly broke loose from their control and rushed up to Da Vinci, crying as he did so, "Oh, Da Vinci, look at me! Do you not know who I am?"

Da Vinci, with the trained eyes of a great character student, carefully scrutinized the man upon whose face he had constantly gazed for six months and replied, "No, I have never seen you in my life until you were brought before me out of the dungeon in Rome".

Then lifting his eyes toward heaven, the prisoner said, "Oh God, have I fallen

Then turning his face to the painter he cried, "Leonardo Da Vinci! Look at me again, for I am the same man you painted just seven years ago as the figure of

This is the true story of the painting of The Last Supper that teaches so strongly the lesson of the effects of right or wrong thinking on the life of an individual.

Here was a man whose character was so pure, unspoiled by the sins of the world that he presented a countenance of innocence and beauty fit to be used for the painting of a representation of Christ. But within seven years, following the thoughts of sin and a life of crime, he was changed into a perfect picture of the most traitorous character ever known in the history of the world.

Life can change us for the good or the bad. How we deal with those challenges is what makes us who we are.

Jesus Christ came into this world so that we could live life more abundantly.

If life is getting you down and it seems that everything is an uphill battle, contact your church, and just maybe they

I personally know that it's helped me face life's struggles and battles.

BOOLARRA / YINNAR PARISH Pie Drive A Great Success

By RAE BILLING

THE Pie Drive was a great success, Apparently at least five other clubs and organisations had a Pie Drive in June, so the (local) baker must have worked long and hard to fill all the orders (and tummies). Perhaps the hard working guild ladies got a rest from cooking for a night

It's just the weather now for a hot pie or two, so check out our Op Shop in Yinnar for a good selection of winter clothes for all the family. It can get quite chilly in the shop in winter, but we now have carpet in the kitchen area and front room, which makes the place more comfortable for customers and volunteers. Anyway, you'll always get a warm wel-

I must apologise to the lady from with over \$1000 worth of orders. Jeeralang, who rang me for some information pamphlets on Operation Christmas Child. Unfortunately I misplaced your name and phone number, so can you please call me again. According to the reports I have, in 2002 over 6 million gift boxes were handed to needy children in over 95 countries worldwide, including over 146,000 from Australia; each box a tangible expression of how precious every child is. Samaritan's Purse also works in areas like feeding programs, ministry to street children, schools and AIDS victims support.

> For any information on services or other parish activities, ring me on

All Things Bright And Beautiful

By IVY GOODWIN, Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

WE have had some heavy frosts where I live. The temperature has dropped to minus two -



brrrrrrr! In the early morning our magpie family looked really miserable moving about thigh-deep in the frost, searching for breakfast.

As soon as they saw my kitchen blind go up, they were at the back door, singing and calling to get my attention - hoping for some bread. Of course, they weren't disappoint-

At times like this I often recall the old, old hymn 'All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.' Oddly, I never enjoyed singing it but I often recall the words.

I have always loved magpies. Their singing and antics can stir even the saddest heart.

Sure the males get a bit protective and grumpy in spring when the babies hatch but it is only for a little

Before long the whole family, baby and all, are at my back door looking for bread.

Magpies are very caring parents but they can also be stern discipli-

I have often held my breath thinking that a baby was being seriously injured. But no, it looked worse than it really was. But to see their care and patience is wonderful.

It can't be easy coping with that high-pitched, insistent begging of their babies. And adolescent youngsters keep up that begging even when they are well grown and able to catch their own bugs.

One Spring morning I threw out the bread as usual, but this time a young baby picked up a piece and ran up the garden with her prize.

The mother, with a look of parental panic, dropped her own

bread and ran after the baby. She took the bread from it's beak, broke it into small pieces and, with great tenderness and gentleness, fed it piece by piece to her baby.

I couldn't help reflecting: 'Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him?' Matthew 7:9-11.

If magpies know how to be so caring then surely we should be even more so.

The hand of the Creator is all around us if we just take the time to look. The garden and everything in it can be our sacred text and our hymnal. Back to that hymn 'he gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things

Co-Operating Churches Snippets

By RUTH PLACE

BLACK AND WHITE NIGHT

FRIDAY 13th June was celebrated in grand style at the church. The evening's proceedings started off with most people arriving at 6:30 p.m. dressed in black and white. There were some stunning outfits including a bunny, Phantom of the Opera, a ghost, a cat and a doc-

Soon after a delicious meal of a scrumptious variety of soups and an amazing array of bread types, was begun. Sandwiches, quiche and salads followed the

Then followed the fun and games. The organizers had prepared an array of activities that would keep people busily occupied for over an hour. There was a giant jig-saw, quoits, shadow making, pin the tail on the black cat, 8 pin bowling, spiders web, wordfinds, spot the difference, a scary room just for the kids from 5 - 90 years

and a mystery to solve which involved clues gleaned from

After all the merriment, it was hoped you had worked up an appetite, because out came decidedly delicious looking slices, served with tea or coffee.

It was a great family night of fun food and fellowship, for which our church is famous. Many thanks to the organizers for such a memorable time.

This month Lorna Williams, a long standing arishioner, died. We celebrated her life at the funer-

al, remembering her love of things Australian. It has been a sad time for others in our church family also, with several families experiencing bereavements, sickness, stays in hospital or uncertainties. We wish you all our

One of our newest parishioners, Jill Tabart, has been very involved with the Uniting Church of Australia over a long period of time.

At present, Jill is in Geneva as a representative of the Uniting Church, meeting with the World Council Of Churches, as they decide whether they will adopt consensus decision-making procedures, pioneered by the Uniting Church. This has the ability to influence policy and therefore future strategies.

Jill is then off to Northern Italy, where she will meet with the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, testing their interest in adopting consensus decision making procedures. If they do, it will mean that they are used at the next international gathering in Ghana in 2004. Jill will be there to help with its implementation.

We are thrilled with this and hope and pray that good results are forthcoming.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Although it was warmer in bed, several brave souls came to Saturday Breakfast to enjoy hot porridge and toast, and then listen to John Bush from the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority. John spoke of the work being undertaken to clean up some of our rivers and creeks. He explained that the board is mainly made up of primary producers, as waterways generally run through their properties and so it is important to have them involved. Many other highly qualified people make up the organization to ensure that our water is protected as our most precious resource.

Next month our guest speaker will be Peter Cook the magician, who will talk about how he became interested in magic. If you want to attend, please let Keith Enders

Church Times

Lumen Christi Catholic

Co-operating Churches of Churchill

Williams Avenue, Churchill. Tel: 5122 1480 Glenda and Ian Combridge Tel: 5166 1819

Sunday Service: 9.30am. Choruses: 9.20am

Sunday School: 9.30am

Church 35 Walker Parade, Churchill

Tel: 5122 2226 Father Andrew Wise Saturday: Mass: 7.30pm Sunday: Mass: 9.30am

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar:

Mass: 11.00 am 2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:

Churchill Christian Fellowship

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

Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

Mass: 11.00am

Lions Club of Churchill & District Always Willing to Help

By JOHN BARKER, Secretary

The highlight for our club this month is the first 'birthdayite" chosen from the Birthday Club. Nathan Lugton was the happy recipient of the vouchers last month. Churchill & District News is running a Children's Birthday Club sponsored by our Lions Club. All children under 12 are eligible to join - free of charge - and each month a lucky "birthdayite" will be chosen at random by the editor and receive a \$10 voucher for both Churchill Future Flicks and Churchill Newsagency.

To join turn to page 13, follow the instructions and have the application signed by a parent/guardian and post off to the address shown. The monthly list will be published each issue. Only 32 members so far, odds are very good. Make sure you don't miss out (especially if your birthday is in August).

The 2003 Camp Quality Escarpade (a car rally) is just over the horizon and our members have been busy getting the car ready and chasing sponsors. Churchill Lions have raised over \$110,000 through this cause over the past 10 years to assist the "kids with cancer" enjoy camps and activities with Camp Quality.

The Lowick family is again hosting a Lions Youth Exchange student, a young lady from Finland. Members will be busy showing her the sights of the Valley and Victoria in general.

Our change-over will be happening soon. We say goodbye and thanks to our current President Reg Grisotto, and welcome Peter McShane to the wheel.

Churchill Lions made a donation to Burnet Park, the District Guide Camp to assist with upgrading of bathroom facilities to enable disabled access. Many Guides from Churchill and Hazelwood areas use this camp facility.

Many heartfelt thanks to the Editor and crew of the Churchill News for the article published (front page) last month of Tom Trewin and his Hart Walker. Tom is improving almost daily with his general health, thanks to his 'scooter". A real success story. If readers have

information on a possible recipient, please contact the Club through Peter McShane and we can pass the information on to Aussie Go-Kids.

A donation was made to Churchill Primary School to assist with security and beatification of the school grounds. A sorry state of affairs when part of the children's play area has to be fenced off to protect the school facilities from vandalism.

The "Pub Raffle" is going strong and proceeds are being used to sponsor our youth programs (including the Birthday Club). Please support our

A major project being sponsored by Lions is to recognise "disabled" youth in sport. It is very difficult to collate all the Youth sport clubs and club contacts, so if you know of a club that qualifies, please let me know - John Barker 5122 1548 - and I will follow it through on behalf of the Club.

Our next catering project is Sunday July 13th at Bunnings, a sausage sizzle for Camp Quality. Please come and try on of our snags.

To all the families in our community of Churchill and district, we thank you for your support. Need to contact us? Our address is PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842.



Happy Birthday Nathan: Nathan Lugton - winner of the Lions Birthday Club in June

Libraries Building Communities Focus Groups

THE Library Board of Victoria has initiated research into the role that libraries play within their communities. As part of this research a series of discussion groups with library users will be offered at local libraries across the State.

Participants will be offered payment for their

time and contributions.

The groups will be held in the main library within your local service area.

For more information, or to register your interest in attending a group, please call Alice on FREECALL 1800 807 535.



THE Council has installed a new telephone system to improve customer service therefore telephone numbers have changed.

Morwell Library: 5128 5436 Traralgon Library: 5176 3630 Moe Library: 5135 8350

Churchill Library remains the same: 5122 2723.

Neighbourhood Centre **New Courses**

By CHRISTINE PENPRAZE, Coordinator AT the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre we pride ourselves on being able to offer members of the community the opportunity to participate in adult education classes that can stimulate and encourage individuals to seek out even further lifelong learning.

With the start of a new term here at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre comes the promise of a whole new selection of classes and courses in which to enrol.

As usual computer classes are very popular and on offer in term three we have Microsoft Publisher, Internet for Beginners and Advanced, Basic Word for Windows, Web Page design and Computer Fundamentals.

Other new courses include Leadlighting, Basic

Self Defence, Women's Discussion and Writing group and, because of the popularity of patchwork and quilting, we have scheduled yet another patch-

Scrapbooking has become a favourite pastime for many people and we offer classes in card making and in the art of scrapbooking to embellish

Regular classes in Tai Chi and Yoga will continue, as will our folk art, embroidery and craft classes, creative writing and community singing

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Exciting Changes at Dainbridge

THE new tax year for Churchill based accounting practice Dainbridge Services PTY Ltd will see the practice expand and diversify.

As from 1 July 2003, Dainbridge Services will become two new businesses offering financial planning and retirement advice under the name Dainbridge Financial Services and accounting and taxation services under the name Dainbridge Taxation - Gippsland.

Jim Blair, the founder of the Churchill practice, will head Dainbridge Financial Services.

Jim has over 30 years experience in accounting and financial planning and is a licensed financial adviser.

Dainbridge Taxation Gippsland will be headed by Lucio Viggiano, a local CPA with 16 years experience in accounting and taxa-

Lucio has previously worked in public practice with on of the local electricity generators.

Jim and Lucio see the change as a positive which will allow them to focus on their area of expertise, enabling Danbridge Financial

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The Dainbridge Team: From left - Jim Blair, Lucio Viggiano, Claire van Rossum and Markku



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Schools

The Discovery Experience



CHILDREN from Yinnar South Primary School are participating in a new and innovative program that uses physical experiences to develop physical and psychological self.

The brainchild of Bluearth Institute, the Discovery School Experience aims to encourage and promote the self-esteem of schoolaged children through active participation in a range of physical activi-

The program consists of activities that support the healthy physical development of children and teaches them to gain awareness and acceptance of their own abilities that will provide a stepping stone for all children to have a long, happy and active life.

The program activities improve the structure and function of the body with is fundamental to a healthy life. Individual achievement paths are set up for each child, so that all students regardless of their abilities can succeed in the program.

"A lack of fun is the number one reason children are dropping out of sport. This is linked to their anxiety over not being able to demonstrate a

skill" said local Bluearth Regional Coach, Brenton Wight. "The Discovery School Experience is an inclusive program that engages children in physical activity that develops a positive self-esteem and lifelong healthy behaviours".

Children engage in physical activity to have fun, experience thrills and excitement, learn new skills and be with friends. Play creates natural motivation to explore, learn and achieve.

The Discovery School Experience is currently being offered to all Victorian Primary Schools and includes a Teacher Development Model.

For further information, contact Yinnar South Primary School on 5169 1540 or the Bluearth Institute on 9820 6300.



Sunshine Kinder Restaurant

GLENDONALD Park Pre-School have had a busy term 2. The children enjoyed the lovely autumn weather, art activities and play in our beautiful playground. Many thanks to the forethought and planning that went into creating this lovely 'park like' play area back in 1988. I'm sure many of you have happy memories of those busy kinder days. Now we can enjoy cool shade, heaps of leaves, bugs, slugs, buds and fairies— yes there has to be some in the bottom of the garden!

During May our children turned the pre-school into a 'Sunshine Kinder Restaurant' and served their Mums yummy vegetable soup they had made. The Mums were then presented with a big cuddle and gift for Mother's Day.

The children have also been involved in a Traffic Safety Program and we have been for a long walk around the streets here practicing being 'safe' and holding an adult's hand when crossing a road.

The Churchill Community Hall hosted the "Flying Bookworm Theatre Company" recently and this enabled three part time preschools (Boolarra, Glendonald and Yinnar) to enjoy some great story telling.

Glendonald Park Pre-School

operates a 5-hour pre-school program for 4-5 year olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have 16 families coming to our centre and a hard working Parent Committee who help keep the program financed through fund raising efforts. They recently hosted a 'Kids Gear' clothing sale and our current effort is a 'Mars Chocolate' promotion. We will also be involved in the Country and Western Family Night in August, by organizing the colouring competition. Fund raising this year can hopefully help buy some new equipment for the children, fix our shade sail in time for summer and finance a new sandpit cover.

Enquires can be made on 5122 3315 after 2.30pm, Tuesdays or Thursdays. Libby Robertson is the Director and she is assisted by Janie-Lee Zwagerman.

Sunshine Kinder Restaurant ready to serve their yummy soup



Dear Mr McDuffie Part two of a letter from Kaitlin at the Alpine School 5.45 is when it ends. You have

By KAITLIN DUFFUS
THE day itself begins at 6.30am, unless I'm feeling

lazy and sleep in a little.

The earlier you wake up, the better chance you have

of getting a hot shower. I haven't had a cold show-

When 7.30 rolls around you are expected to be in the common room for a head count. I really don't see the point of doing that whole head count stuff because they say you are allowed to go back to bed after it.

9 o'clock is when classes start. The best thing about classes here is that not everyday is the same. How great is that?? You work hard until 10.30. Then its morning tea. I guess it's like recess.

Class then starts again at 11. You might have a whole different class or you might just continue what you were working on.

It's now 12 o'clock. The morning session is over. You have a break for another half hour until 12.30, and then you go back for a head count just to make sure everyone is there and then it's time to eat lunch. After lunch you can do whatever until 1.30, then it's another head count. At 1.30pm we have another class.

You have a break at 3.30pm. You get to do whatever from 3.30 to 5.15. I usually play soccer or write letters and stuff. One of my favourite teachers is leaving on Monday and she took us out for a cow pat fight! It was fun until I got it on my face and all over my clothes!

5.15 is what we call D.E.A.R. time. It means Drop. Everything. And. Reflect. This is the time of the day where we write in our journal about our day or about our goals. Most of the time it's just about anything. The whole main purpose of this activity is to remind yourself about all the things you did that day or about what you have learnt.



5.45 is when it ends. You have a little bit of spare time for about 15 minutes. The one thing everyone does here with their free time, is go and listen to or play music. So there's always something being played. There are lots of musicians up here, enough to make a band.

6 o'clock is another head count for dinner. Everyone is starving and at times it can get quite rowdy. The food has been REALLY yummy but not as good as home! We generally get a mix of vegies, meat and hot food (pies, pasties, pizza, lasagna, chips etc).

At 7.30 night classes begin, followed by another head count.

When 8.30 comes around that's the end of classes for the day although it's not unusual for them to go overtime. They could actually end at 8.45 and sometimes even 9. The thing is you have some more free time between 8.30 and 9 o'clock. At 9 you are meant to be heading off to bed any you are supposed to be in your actual bed at a quarter past.

The time spent indoors preparing for out CLP'S, participating in sessions such as de Bono 6 thinking hast and whole brain learning have been really enjoyable as well as informative. I discovered Darren McCubbins was the loudest man in Australia!! He was really interesting and taught me many things. We have had many inspiring guest speakers here and I'm sure people at school would benefit from these talks.

I am enjoying work on environmental projects such as the pygmy possum for my ALP, which I'm working with students from other schools such as Blackburn and Lakes.

The other students here are from Lakes Entrance Secondary, Blackburn High, Camberwell Secondary College, Orbost Secondary, Upper Yarra Valley High, Lowanna College, Templestowe College and KURNAI!

I have developed some great friendships in the time that I have been here and I know that the next 5 weeks will see us get closer. My new friends will have been my second family for 9 weeks and I know that it will be so hard saying goodbye but I'm sure that after all that we have experienced and shared, keeping in contact will be important to us.

It's not long til I come home, so for the next 5 weeks I'm just gong to keep on enjoying this awesome opportunity I have been given and hopefully I will welcome any new challenges that I might meet and be able to use my skills back at school. I know that the time will go so quickly and I really want to make the most of it while it lasts. I hope everything and everyone is well back at Kurnai and you are not working my English class too hard whilst I'm away!

Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of this fantastic experience!

See you soon! Kaitlin.

Churchill Primary - What a Term!

By ROB HIGGINS

WHAT a term. What a wonderful, busy and successful term we've had, and we look forward to more of the same. Firstly we welcomed Ms Debbie Richardson to our staff taking over our Prep Grade, and I must congratulate Debbie on the wonderful job she has

We have had Cross Country events, where many of our students qualified for zone level and then State level. Several of our grades participated in excursions, our Grades 1/2's had a sleep over and behaviour was exemplary. A group of our Grade 3/4 children were selected to participate in the Zoologists in School Program, and are continuing to develop this project. Watch out for more developments with this project.

Several students also participated in the Robo-Cup program, and did terrific work. We hosted several 'Work Experience' and Trainee-Teachers, and they are always a welcome addition to our school.

Our Grade 5/6 completed the first of their Transition visits to Kurnai College, and I know a lot of our Grade 6's are starting to push their thoughts towards secondary schooling.

We completed an extremely success-

ful Education Week, the highlight of which was our night school and our funfilled nighttime assembly. Education week culminated in a fantastic working bee, with nearly 50 parents, children and staff, working together in our central playground area. Playground equipment was moved from the park to our school grounds, and two new sandpits were built, a huge thank you again to Bob Cooper who worked hard in completing an enormous amount of work around the school

Kids Biz started at our school halfway through the term and is starting to gather momentum as an after school child minding facility.

Our netball team was successful in the prestigious Bessie Frood Netball Tournament in Morwell, and is playing against Yinnar today to cap off the zone aspect of this competition. Good luck to all involved

Last week about 60 of our children participated in the Indigenous Games, and many teams were successful. To wind up the term we completed Parent-Teacher interviews and we had a fantastic percentage of parents meet with teachers to discuss the progress of their children. A fantastic term indeed. Well done everyone.

PREP ENROLMENT TIME CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS

THE Government Primary Schools in the Churchill and District have designated the week beginning July 28 as enrolment week.

The Government Primary Schools in the area are: Boolarra, Churchill, Churchill North, Yinnar, Yinnar South and Hazelwood North.

All schools offer a friendly, supportive learning atmosphere for your child and welcome parental participation in class programs and other aspects of school life.

The staff in all schools are committed to their professional development. Early Years Literacy and Numeracy training, Student Welfare and Learning Technologies are but a few of the areas of professional development all teachers participate in.

We welcome your enquires and look forward to your child attending one of the Churchill and District Government Primary Schools in 2004.

A New Lease of Life for 16 Year Old Border Collie Suzi

By MARGARET GUTHRIE

Suzi is my dog, a Border Collie, my best friend for over 16 years and now as deaf as a post!

She's not the lively, active dog she used to be and she's definitely showing signs of old age. She has slowed down a lot, and I don't think her sight is as good as it used to be either.

She used to jump in the water to chase the ducks and she would swim for hours trying to get close to them.

Then a year or two ago she stopped jumping in and would just stand at the waters edge, watching. Now she doesn't even do that, she would rather stay close to my side.

But she still enjoys going out and she is fit for her age. Her interest in food has not waned, and she still finds plenty to wag her tail about.

But late last year, however, she wasn't just slow, you could see she was stiff and in pain and she had trouble getting about.

A visit to David Morrison, our local Churchill vet fol-



David Morrison and his Dogs

lowed and a diagnosis for arthritis was made.

David advised me that there were several options for treatment. We decided on some daily tablets to reduce the pain.

After a few days of taking these, Suzi was again leaping in and out of the car and scrambling up and down the steps at home.

The tablets cost me less than our daily milk and Suzi was partial to swallowing her tablets with a bit of cheese.

But David warned me that with the onset of really cold winter weather Suzi might require further medical help with her condition.

Sure enough, as this winter approached, she started to stiffen up and slow down again. She had great difficulty in getting to her feet and the stairs were too much for her. She would stand at the bottom of the steps and bark, asking for help, as she would sometimes fall when attempting to climb them.

So back to Morrisons Vet and it is a program of injections now, which will help to lubricate her joints and reduce the stiffness. She is still on the daily tablets as well so she is starting to move around again with more

She sleeps indoors at night to reduce the impact of the cold. She trots around the yard during the day and follows me as I grapple with the washing or work in the garden. Because she is less active there has been some muscle wastage in her legs, so it is important to exercise her in small doses. She loves a stroll to the local shop or a walk around one of Churchill's parks.

She is such a loyal dog. When I go out she sits at the gate waiting for my return, even in the pouring rain, so now in wet weather I lock her in the laundry.

With David's help Suzi still leads a comfortable and content life. At 16, Suzi probably does not have much time ahead of her but her heart and general physical health are still good. We have been able to prevent her from suffering the pain and disability of arthritis through simple and effective care, medical treatment and pain management. The cost has not been prohibitive.

If your old dog and faithful friend appears stiff and in pain this winter, I would recommend a visit to our local Vet, David Morrison. He will discuss treatment options and management, then maybe your dog will get a new lease on life, as mine has.

Videos Picnics Dinners Talent Night and More

THE Annual General Meeting of T.O.F.S.S. Inc., (The Over Forty Social Singles), is being

held on Thursday 17 July, 2003, at the Migrant Resource Centre, 100 – 102 Buckley Street, Morwell, commencing at 7.30pm. All current members and interested parties are respectfully invited to attend.

T.O.F.S.S. is a group for those over 40 years and single. It offers friendship and companionship in a relaxed atmosphere with others in similar circumstances.

Some of the events in the coming weeks are: regular Friday Night Dinners at various locations, a trip to the

Akuna Market and Fountain Gate Shopping Centre, a Progressive Dinner incorporating a 'Red Faces No Talent Night', Movies, a Picnic at a Lavender Farm, a day trip to Healesville Sanctuary, a Video Night as well as Monthly Meetings (which is another venue for a cuppa and a natter).

For further information, contact Lee on 5127 4205, Cheryl on 5174 9045, Janet on 5133 9854, Di on 5134 5960, or Wally on 5126 2195. Alternatively you can write to: Box 3413 Gippsland Mail Centre, 3841 for our current newsletter, or e-mail mccombel@sympac.com.au.

St John Ambulance Social Night

By LOUISA BICKLEY, Secretary

A SOCIAL night was held on Thursday June 26 2003 for the Latrobe Regional Division. There was a great turn out of adult and cadet members and their families. We appreciated the support of the southern region staff that made the trip from Melbourne to be present on the night.

The evening was the division's opportunity to welcome six new cadets who were enrolled on the night. The three cadets already in the division have been working towards developing many skills in the first half of the year.

The cadet's were acknowledged for achieving the following proficiency badges: Hygienic Food Handling,

Map Reading, and Counter Disaster. There was also recognition of a 500 duty hour badge and 5 years' service stripes.

Certificates of appreciation were handed out to the volunteers who assisted with first aid during the January bushfires. There were also two certificates awarded to members who qualified for Semi Automatic External Defibrillator use.

The final presentations were to show appreciation to the various individuals who have dedicated their time to assist the division in various roles.

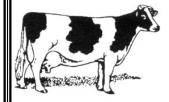
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Mars Becoming More Prominent

By JEFF SING

IN the last issue I mentioned the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society (L.V.A.S.) would hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2003-2004 on Tuesday August 12.

The AGM will be held at the Wirilda Environment Park Hall, Tyres, starting at 7.30pm. If time permits I will give a talk on observing the deep sky (that is, star clusters and gaseous interstellar clouds called nebulae - both within the Milky Way galaxy, and galaxies beyond our galaxy).

There will be observing opportunities at the end of the meeting with the setting up of telescopes. Directions for those wishing to attend the AGM directions can be obtained from John Sunderland on 5122 3014 or Gavan Dinsdale on 5174 6453.

The L.V.A.S. will meet again at the Coach Road Observatory, Yallourn North at 7.30pm on Tuesday September 9.

For those new to the L.V.A.S. the Coach Road Observatory houses a 25cm (diameter) reflector telescope with a very long tube, about 2.5 meters, and the whole telescope is permanently attached to a concrete pier, from which the telescope tube is mounted on what is called a German Equatorial Mount.

The telescope itself is about three decades old and was renovated and upgraded several years ago. Those who attend the September meeting (and members of the public are invited) will be able to enjoy looking through this historical instrument - a landmark in the his-

tory of the L.V.A.S. that goes back to the humble beginnings of the society in 1954.

Mars is getting more prominent in the lead up to the time when it will be in a straight line on the same side of the Sun as Earth, called an opposition on August 29.

Mars will then be visible all evening form late August onwards for the remainder of the year. At the

> Due to Mars coming closer into orbit around the Sun there will be a very slight increase in the Martian temperature producing fierce winds and red dust

moment it is rising around 9pm, but doesn't climb high enough to view very comfortably, especially for telescopes, until around 10pm. By the end of July it will rise around 8pm and every successive night it will get progressively higher in the sky.

I had a look at Mars on 25 June at about midnight with my 20cm reflector and could plainly see the southern polar icecap and a dark region, which I think was Syrtis

Due to Mars coming closer into orbit around the Sun there will be a very slight increase in the Martian temperature producing fierce winds and red dust storms.

Syrtis Major is a triangularshaped (extinct) volcanic plateau measuring 1,000 km wide by 1,200 km long marked with craters and darker deposits of basalt exposed when strong winds have blown away the lighter coloured find dust.

Mars has similar seasons to that of Earth. The southern icecap is tilted towards the Earth. When I viewed the icecap it was more conspicuous using a blue filter.

Anyone can buy a piece of blue cellophane from the supermarket or newsagents to view the icecaps and cloud tops while using a telescope, as it doesn't have to be an expen-

Also other coloured filters (or cellophane) such as red, yellow and green ones may be used to bring out other surface or atmospheric fea-

Filters are used to provide contrast whilst viewing Mars that otherwise would not be obvious with-

During the Martian summer the polar icecaps shrink and evaporate as it moves closer to the Sun. However, most of the retreat-

ing ice cap will have more solid ice underneath so should still be visible in small telescopes.

Who knows what can be seen on Mars through the telescope as the surface and atmospheric features can change very rapidly.

The L.V.A.S. will be holding observing sessions to look at Mars through the Coach Rod Observatory telescope and other member's telescopes as opposition approaches. Viewing nights depend entirely on the weather.

Those wishing to view Mars can register their interest by phoning myself on 5174 7556, or contact the L.V.A.S. Observatory Manager, Dennis Scambler on 5633 1941. There will be more details in next month's issue.

NADIOC Week

NAIDOC Week is an annual national event that celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and honours Indigenous

This year the theme of NAIDOC Week is 'Our Children Our Future'.

Melbourne and most regional centres across Victoria will host NAIDOC Week activities.

ATSIC Commissioner for Victoria, Troy Austin, said that he hoped all Victorians would join in the spirit of NAIDOC Week.

"It's a great opportunity for non-Indigenous Australians to join us in acknowledging the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to gain a better understanding of our cultures," Mr Austin

"It's been very pleasing in the past few years that more and more non-Indigenous agencies such as the Brotherhood of St Laurence and local government councils have held activities to mark this important week in our calendar.

A highlight for Melbourne this NAIDOC Week will be the formation of the Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council".

The 12 members will be elected on 10 July and their role will be to advise ATSIC and the State Government on youth issues and policies and organise events."

For a calendar of NAIDOC events in Victoria go to the website, www.naidocvic.com.

Hazelwood Guides

Baw Baw Region Environment Day

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

THE Baw Baw Region Environment Day at Inverloch on Sunday 1 June was a great day. Guides and leaders from this Unit joined the bus at Morwell.

There were already people on the bus from Warragul, Neerim, Trafalgar and Tanjil Valley. Other Guides and leaders who caught the bus with us were from Moe and

We were divided into groups for activities that included sand sculptures, A - Z environment game, navigational game, and volleyball using sheets to catch the

After lunch one group visited the Shell Museum, a

second group watched the video on dinosaurs, while the other groups spent time on the beach. Groups changed at regular intervals. We liked the time at the Shell

For weeks we prepared for a Promise Ceremony by playing Guide knowledge games, making jigsaw puzzles to illustrate Guide Laws, and learning the meaning of Promise. We welcomed visitors, and the Guides made and served afternoon tea.

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

For further information contact Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1364 or Faye Foley on 5122 1249.

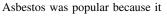
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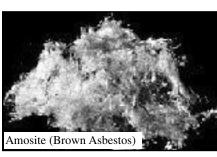
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Once inhaled the fibres can cause asbestos-related diseases such as: Mesothlioma, Asbestosis, Asbestosrelated lung cancer, Pleural plaques.





has several beneficial properties - it is not combustible, has high tensile strength, has good thermal and electrical insulating properties, is moderately resistant to chemicals, and has good frictional properties. It is durable, flexible, strong and resist-

This unique combination of properties makes asbestos and extremely useful material that has for many decades been established as a major component of lightweight reinforced cement products and friction materials.

Since the early 1920s asbestos was the insulation material of choice. The greatest use of asbestos was for the insulation of buildings and homes where pipe wrapping, roofing, wall insulation, siding, flooring, the insides of boilers, high temperature seals and gaskets and a host of other applications all contained this 'miracle insulator'. It is the only natural mineral that can be spun and woven like cotton or wool into useful fibres and fabrics.

There was a massive growth in

asbestos imports during and after the Second World War, peaking in the 1960s. it is clear that a substantial proportion of the working population over the last 30/40 years has been exposed to asbestos.

Asbestos is now mainly banned as a building material, mining ceased in Australia in 1983. It has not been exported since 1984, however chrysotile (white asbestos) is still being imported until the new asbestos regulations come into effect in December 2003.

> Where is asbestos likely to be found?

Few products today contain asbestos. However, until the 1980s

> many types of building products and insulation materials used in homes and offices contained asbestos.

There have been over 3,000 products made with asbestos and it has been estimated that between 25% and 50% of all homes

built before 1981 are built from material containing asbestos.

Workers who have worked with or around these types of products may have been exposed to asbestos.

Examples of asbestos-containing materials include the following:

Some roofing and siding shingles are made of asbestos cement. Houses built between 1930 and



1981 may have asbestos as insulation and AC sheeting (fibro). Asbestos

may be present in textured paint and in patching compounds used on wall and ceiling joints. Their use was banned in 1977. Artificial ashes and embers sold for use in gas-fired fireplaces may contain asbestos. Older products such as stovetop pads may have some asbestos compounds.

Walls and floors around wood burning stoves may be protected asbestos paper, mill-



board, or cement sheets. Asbestos is found in some vinyl floor tiles and

the backing on vinyl sheet flooring and adhesives.

Hot water and steam pipes in

older houses may be coated with an asbestos material or covered with an asbestos blanket or



tape. Oil and coal furnaces and door gaskets may have asbestos insulation. Automobile brake pads and linings, clutch facings and gaskets.

Asbestos is also found in the following products: Building insulation, asbestos rope, refractory cement, asbestos cloth, blankets, felt or paper, boilers, furnaces, turbines, electrical wires, pipe covering/pipe insulation, and firebrick.

Latrobe Community Health Service has produced free information booklets, a pamphlet and a web page to inform the community about asbestos-related illnesses and safe handling and removal of asbestos containing materials.

Booklets are available from the following locations:

Latrobe Community Health Services, Local Hardware Stores, Latrobe City Council, Latrobe Regional Hospital, Local GP Practices.

For more information check out Asbestos Web www.lchs.com.au/asbestos.htm or phone Rae Robins at Latrobe Community Health Service on 5136

There are two local support groups in the Latrobe Valley for those affected by asbestos related

Gippsland Asbestos Related Disease Support (GARDS)

36-38 Darlimuria Avenue

Newborough, Tel: 03 5128 1218 Latrobe Asbestos Disease

Support Group (LADS) Latrobe Community Health Service

42-44 Fower Road

Tel: 03 5127 9100.

Next Month: Asbestos in the

Rotary Club 25th Anniversary Celebration

By MIKE ANSWERTH

THE Rotary Club of Hazelwood will celebrate 25 years of service to the community with a Silver Anniversary Dinner to be held on Saturday 1 August and the Churchill Football Club Social Rooms.

More than 150 members, former members and their partners are expected to attend the function, including District Governor Ray Martin and former District Governors Arthur Davis and David Crane.

The Club officially came into being on 1 August 1978 and received its Rotary Charter under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Morwell on 18 November 1978.

The Club began with 25 Charter members, three of whom are still current members, and reached a peak in membership of 37 in 1983-84. Current membership is

Kurnai Secondary College teacher, Peter Liepens, was inducted as President of the Club for the 2003-04 year at the recent Annual Handover Dinner held at Churchill Hotel Motel.

Peter received his Presidential Collar and badge from District Governor Ray Martin and said that he was looking forward to another busy year in Rotary with a full program of activities and projects planned.

Peter, who was Club Service Director during last year, has acted as the student Counsellor for Rotary Exchange Student Jodie Rhodes, who is currently completing an exchange in Germany.

During the coming year, the Hazelwood Club will host an Exchange student from India.

Outgoing President Mark Nestor reported on a successful year in which the Rotary Club of Hazelwood distributed \$12,000 to local charities and community organ-

Two of the highlights of the year's activities were the participation with the Traralgon Central Rotary Club in the GoYouth camp for under privileged children and the successful launch in the District by the Hazelwood Club, of the ARHF Indigenous Health Scholarship Program to assist Indigenous students to study at University for qualifications in health care.

National Volunteer Awards Nominations Now Open

NOMINATIONS are now open for the annual National Volunteer Awards, Australia's premier community service and volunteer recognition program. This year, a total of \$500,000 will be awarded by the National Australia Bank to deserving local and regional volunteer groups with State and National winners recognised in nine categories.

"The spirit of volunteering is alive and well in Gippsland," said Kathy Russell, Area Manager of the Gippsland region for the National. "The National Volunteer Awards reward the dedication of those committed to enhancing and improving communities like ours."

Not-for-profit community groups are encouraged to enter in one of the following categories: Art and Culture; Children and Families; Community Service and Development; Education, Training and Youth Development; Emergency and Safety; Environment, Conservation, Heritage and Animal Welfare; Health and Wellbeing; Rural and

Development or Sport and Recreation. The Awards will be judged independently by recognised community leaders in each of the fields.

There will be one winner for each category in each of the states and the combined territories. State winners will receive \$7,000 each, plus become awards, where they will be in the running for and additional \$3,000 per category as well as the honour of being named the National Volunteer Award winner for their category.

"Just as volunteerism continues to grow across Australia, so too does the National's commitment to it," said Ms Russell. "We are proud to have seen the Awards grow into Australia's largest and most successful program to promote, encourage and develop volunteers."

The National gratefully acknowledges its major partner for the seventh year running, Volunteering Australia and welcomes ourcommunity.com.au as a new partner for the 2003 National Volunteer

To obtain your nomination or find out more about the Awards and eligibility criteria visit any branch of the National, free-call the National Volunteer Awards help desk on 1800 807 121 or visit the 'Community' www.national.com.au.



eligible for the national Kelly Russell, Area Manager, Gippsland, National Australia Bank



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Mathison Park Working Bee

World Tree Planting Day is Sunday 27th July Mathison Park will hold a Working Bee on Saturday 26th July Come and Help Plant the Koorie Plantation Time: 9.00am at Hare House Bring - Gloves, Spade and Rake

Free BBQ Lunch

Monash University Careers Expo

THE Monash University Gippsland Careers Expo will be held on Wednesday, July 30 form 12noon to 2.30pm in the student lounge at the Gippsland Campus.

The Careers Expo is run for students currently studying at the Gippsland campus and benefits both students and local companies with students becoming more aware of subjects relevant to local career employment opportunities, and employers being able to speak to students in all year levels and Faculties across the

Companies from across Gippsland have increasingly taken this opportunity to have a visual presence at the Careers Expo, to advertise their Graduate programs, and part time and vacation work that they offer to Monash University students. These companies are also major sponsors of Monash University Gippsland Student internships, scholarships, awards and industry visit pro-

Orientation Week Activities

Monday 21st June 2003 Free Soup & Rolls plus 2 Free Movies 6:30pm Student Union Lounge Cost: Free

Tuesday 22nd June 2003 Comedian

1:00pm, Student Union Lounge Cost: Free Wednesday 23rd July 2003

BBO 1:00pm Place Student Union Decking Cost Free

Band Night - Frenzal Rhomb 8:00pm, Student Union Lounge Cost: \$10 Students/staff, \$15 Guests ALL AGES Event... ID required. Thursday 24th July 2003 Shane St James 1:00pm, Student Union Lounge Cost:Free Golf & Beer Day 3:00pm Churchill Golf Course Cost: Contact Nicole Hutchinson

Friday 25th July 2003 Dance/Trance night 9:00pm, Student Union Lounge Cost: \$12 guests, \$10 Students/Staff

All ages event

Bat Roost Boxes

ROB de Souza-Daw has a great interest in fauna, especially our local Gippsland fauna. Since his arrival in this area he has carried out a lot of observation and research and documented his work.

Rob is also a keen conservationist. It was this dual interest that led Rob to the development of bat roost boxes, in association with the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalist Club Inc., Latrobe City Council, and the West Gippsland Catchment management Authority.

The production and placement of bat roost boxes is an initiative to help conserve our bat population and provide safe roosting places for them.

A Bat Roost Box Kit is available from the Wets Gippsland Catchment management Authority by phoning Lorraine Wregg on 51757899. It is FREE!

If you are interested in placing some on your property, this book is an invaluable guide. It gives you the dimensions, and necessary properties (i.e. rough wood surface to provide roost perches), and placement. To get the best results, you need to put up 10-15 in an area. You could ask your neighbours to take part. Then you must be patient, as it can take up to 2-3 years before the bats

Maintenance is important as insects and spiders in a box will discourage bat usage.

Monitoring of the bat boxes on a regular basis, and reporting what you find, will help research processes.

Only biologists should handle bats, as you may end up being bitten. Not nice!

Biologists studying bats will weigh, measure, sex, tag, identify species, and their reproductive condition. To measure the length of a bat, they measure the forearm

International Power Hazelwood installed bat roost boxes at Brodribb's Reserve, in the late October 2000. In January 2003, 84 bats were counted.

Once bats start to use the boxes, they will be loyal and stay many years.



Rob de Souza-Daw monitoring bat roost boxes at Brodribb Road Wetlands.

Picture by Steve Kurec

Mathison Park Development Committee is in the process of having 15 built which will be installed within the park in the near future. Rob has been instrumental in this project.

This is a wonderful opportunity to protect and conserve our bat species.

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EXHIBITION - Signatures: ARC Yinnar. An exhibition by MainStreet artists. Contact Arc on 5163 1310

SATURDAY 19 JULY

CHURCHILL & District Toy Library Open Day 10.00am - 12 noon. Contact Annette O'Shea on 5122 1074

THURSDAY 17 JULY

T.O.F.S.S Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm, Migrant Resource Centre, Morwell. Contact Lee on 5127 4205 FRIDAY 25 JULY

OLD Time Family Dance, Jeeralang North Hall, 8.00pm - 11.30pm. Contact Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264. MONDAY 28 JULY

PREP ENROLEMENT Week, Churchill and District Government Primary Schools.

TUESDAY 29 JULY - 21 AUGUST

GIPPSLAND Centre for Art and Design, Switchback Gallery: Back to the Future. Past Gippsland Centre for Art & Design staff and students including Euan Heng, Tim Jones, Jon Campbell and Sally Smart

WEDNESDAY 30 JULY

MONASH University Gippsland Careers Expo 12noon - 2.30pm, Student Lounge, Gippsland Campus.

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST

MONASH University Gippsland Campus Open Day

TUESDAY 5 AUGUST

CDCA Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm, Neighbourhood House, Churchill.

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Game Review The Sims

By LAUREN EDMUNDS AND HAILZ MCCOMB

THE Sims is a popular game on computer. There is a variety of stages which are: Creator to start with, Deluxe Edition, Hot Date, Unleased, Super Star, House Party and Vacation.

In order to begin to install 'The Sims' you need to start with Creator and Deluxe Edition, and then you can use the other games and extend the Sims.

A Sim is a simulated person you can create to suit yourself.

HOT DATE is were your Sim can go down town and hand with the townies, buy things and go on dates.

UNLEASED is where your Sim visits Old Town and purchases a pet Cat, Dog, Iguana, and Birds etc.

SUPER STAR is where you can make your Sims famous by becoming a star.

HOUSE PARTY is when your Sims

holds a huge party at their house.

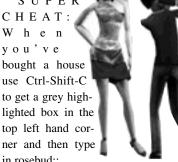
VACATION is when you send your Sim on holiday, just to have a break and have fun by hanging out at the beach and playing beach volleyball, and bathing in a

In these Sim games your Sims can go to work and earn money, get

alien abducted. SUPER CHEAT: W h e n you've bought a house use Ctrl-Shift-C to get a grey highlighted box in the

in rosebud;;.

robbed and be



CD REVIEW RADIOHEAD HAIL TO THE THIEF

By FIONA (Evil Mastermind) from "Triad of the Latter Day Morons".

RADIOHEAD'S seventh full length effort is an ode to confusion, with styles from all their previous work clashing to crate a strange but enjoyable landscape of random thoughts and odd sounds.

Much like its predecessors it takes a bit to get used to, with styles and sounds dropping at a turn of the head, from slow piano ballads to a full-out rock or funky electronic number, with a strong influence coming from the predecessor twins of 'Kid A' and 'Amnesiac' through the use of odd sounds, from a short bit of scratching in 'Backdrifting' to the slow, slightly out of beat claps of 'We Suck Young Blood'.

The old themes of confusion and society are well represented in the near random lyrics of 'Thom York', with light stabs at politics "we don't want the loonies taking over" to the humour of 'A Punchup at a Wedding', and reflection on a media obsessed with fear in 'A Wolf at the Door, Sit Down Stand Up' and '2=2=5'.

Overall it's a fresh and enjoyable experience in itself,



if at time a bit patchy compared to the earlier brilliance of preceding albums 'Kid A' and 'OK Computer'.

I recommend it alongside Mogwai 'Rock Action, Nine Inch Nails 'The Fragile', Radiohead 'Kid A', 'Amnesiac' or 'OK Computer' and a copy of 'Stupid White Men' by Michael Moore.

Standout Tracks - 'There There', 'A Punchup at a Wedding', 'Sit Down Stand Up', 'Backdrifting', and 'We Suck Young Blood'.

Rating - Big Smiley Face much goodness.

House's Story

A Creative Essay by SARAH WIL-

ITS amazing the things I have seen in the past. Built in 1931 by a wealthy Englishman for him and his family. I have stood on top of this hill for over seventy-three years. I have watched over the quiet town and its people, watching the once small town grow and grow. New houses and huge buildings have developed the town into something unknown to me. Sadly I am now the only house standing that is over ten years old. I now fear that I will not be here for much longer. So I will tell you a story, a story I have never told before.

Nine different families have lived under my roof. Each one unique and special, each one with their own story. I have so many memories, some I like to remember, others I do not. None of my memories are as sad as those of the Randal family.

They were a happy family but only lived with me for four years. When the Randal's first arrived, their daughter Clair was only a few months old. She was a health girl with rosy cheeks and blonde hair. Clair was always happy and seemed to grow so quickly both in personality and physically. Mr Randal was a good father and husband. He worked hard down at the local bank every day, would then come home and spend as much time with his wife and daughter as he could. Mrs Randal was a housewife and spent her days cooking, cleaning and playing with Clair. Mrs Randal seemed very happy and fulfilled doing this. I was very happy having them live with me.

This is where the story begins. The Randal by this time had lived with me for almost three years. It was summertime and the evenings did not get dark until late. Clair was outside playing as she usually did. Down the street a small puppy was running. Clair spotted the dog and was instantly interested. Happily she followed the dog down the street. I watched her waddle down the street. At first I was not at all concerned about how far she might go. She got close to the end

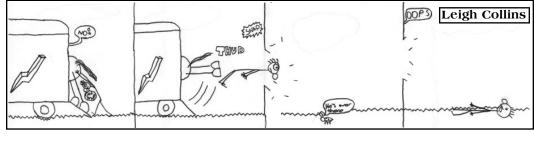
of the street and at this point I began to worry. How much farther would she go from home? And then as if all in a second Clair was gone! A car had pulled up beside her and innocently Clair had hopped in. From the moment Clair had left the house there was nothing I could do. She was gone! I had seen who had taken Clair but was unable to tell a soul.

After roughly fifteen minutes Mr and Mrs Randal realised Clair was not in the yard. Calmly they called her name and searched the house for her. When Clair did not answer and could not be found panic set in. They frantically searched the street getting neighbours and friends to help. They searched for another half an hour and then decided it was time to call the police.

By the time the police arrived Clair ha\d been missing for almost an hour. The Randal's, the police and the people of the town searched for days but found nothing. Soon days turned into weeks, weeks into months but still Clair could not be found. After five months the police stopped looking for Clair. They had come to the conclusion that they would never know what happened to

A year passed and still the Randal's never gave up looking or the hope that they would one day see Clair. Soon it became too much for the Randal's. Everything they did reminded them of Clair. They could no longer continue with their every day life. They had given up everything to look for Clair, but it was all in vein, they would never find her. Sadly they decided to leave town, as they could no longer bear the memories. Within a few days the removalists had completely emptied me out and they were gone. I would never see them again.

From that day to this no on ever came to live in me. A few years later a small family came with a real-estate agent to look at me, but they never came back. I was full of sadness. So now is stand here deserted and the bulldozers come rumbling up the hill. I don't worry, because at least now my story is told.



By LAUREN EDMUNDS

LOTS of people have a favourite place to hand out with their friends; one of these is at Inferno.

Inferno is located on Kay Street in Traralgon.

It's a place where people under age can go.

There's no drinking allowed or drugs. It costs ten dollars to get in, there are also security guards around the whole building, and so if there are fights or older kids trying to get in they can stop them.

If you have a bag or some luggage you wouldn't like to be stolen they have a cloakroom which keeps them safe; this costs two dollars an item. In return you get a tag which has a number and they know which bag is yours.

With this tag sometimes you can win things, if your number comes

Lots of people like to dance, or go on stage and do dares to win

things. Some of these are kissing competitions or sculling coke-a-

People dress up in their best, and hope to pick up a girl or boy friend. A DJ is there to give music to the huge crowd.

The most popular things there are little glow sticks which people like to wear.

So if you're looking for a good night on Friday come to Inferno for





By OWEN GUTHRIE, JAMES KLIEN AND STEPHEN KLIEN

WHY do parents have to pick up our reports? Because we can't always be trusted to take them home!

Some kids used to hide them or tear them up. Fools! This leaves evidence!

A report needs to be burnt, eaten or tied around a rock and sent to the bottom of the lake.

Don't bury it, as the dog might dig it up!

Alternatively, you can try forgery and deception by changing marks, names or swapping with your brother's (don't forget to make the necessary alterations).

Or use your best report from the past and alter the date (and school logo if necessary).

Next semester we should all be trusted to bring home our own 'excellent' reports!



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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking



...through the eyes of local residents

Kids tied town together

By CATHY COCHRANE

BILL and Pat Brown were going to buy a house in Pat, so their families could "get ahead." Boolarra. But Bill was working as a builder, plastering in the new houses in Churchill so they changed their minds.

They moved to Churchill in 1967 and were among the original residents.

Thirty-five years later they live in the same house, in the same street, in the same town.

Back then, Bill recalls, the town was home to a young population, mostly couples just married and young families. There was near full employment.

Many of the children played sport and that is what brought the community together, Bill says.

"In the early days the kids really tied the town together," he said. "That's how we got to know one another, at the kids' sport."

Initially there was a lack of facilities in the town. In particular, no petrol station meant residents had to remember to fill up in Morwell or risk running out of

Although the roads were good, the town was muddy during the construction.

The completion of the Churchill Shopping Centre was a leap forward for the town and Bill remembers it being quite well stocked for those days.

The Churchill Hotel was also a centre of activity after it was built, with many world-class acts appearing.

"They didn't need the pokies back then," Pat reflect-

Churchill Primary School was opened in the late 1960's in the same brick building that is part of the school today.

The construction of the Binishell provided a real buzz for the community.

"It was a real marvel how they did it," Bill recalls.

Another advance for the town was the Exacto Knitwear Factory (a division of Bradmill), which opened on the top floor of the shopping centre.

Many of the town's women worked there, including

A development not so popular was the cigar.

"There was a lot of money spent on that and a lot of controversy at the time. There was other better things,"

Residents were raising money for a swimming pool at the time and Pat argues that spending money on a cigar was "absolutely ridiculous."

"There wasn't money to throw around," she said.

The town's sporting facilities gradually developed and included football, soccer, hockey, swimming and Little Athletics.

Bill took long service leave at one point and put his building skills to work doing up a club building at Gaskin Park. Pat was active on the soccer club commit-

Little athletics eventually folded because there was no longer the parental support to run the club, according

Monash University is a more recent addition to the town, but has kept Churchill on the map, he said. The townspeople's youth and inexperience in the

early years did not effect its development, according to "The leaders just rose up out of the melting pot and

did the things that had to be done. We just went ahead and did what we had to do," he said,

More recreational facilities, particularly an extension to the walking and bicycle tracks, would improve the town, according to Bill.

seem to get bored easier today," he said. Pat and Bill also argue that a greater police presence

"We need something for the younger kids to do. They

"We need more policing in the area a bit more often,"

Pat said.

That is a concern that has developed in the town in more recent times.

> "I think back in them days it seemed to be a safe place...Back then the police knew the kids around here," Bill said.

> "There was more community policing, more personalised... It was small so it was easier to

"They didn't have the money for cars back then like you do now," he added.

But all in all it is a good place to live.

"I wouldn't go anywhere else, it's what you make it," Bill said.

'birds eye' view. Matchbox Toys

Logging on the hills surrounding Churchill is a familiar sight. Jan May gives us a

and Toothpicks!

An old friend of ours

often told us there was

gold to be found in one

of the gullies up here

STANDING in Churchill and looking up at the hills you can't help but see 'scars' on the side of the hills where the pines have been logged. The landscape has changed slightly due to the logging.

Up close to these logged areas the change is much more dramatic, to the extent that it is quite easy to be a little uncertain as to where you are at any

A gully that was once full of mature

30 - 40 ft pines in now bare, except for a few Eucalypts dotted here and there on the side of the now steep looking hills.

We had a young visitor staying with us when the pines along our fence were being logged.

We packed a lunch and walked to the top of the hill, from where we could see the whole operation.

We also packed a camera - and as we were on a very high point and it was cool (nearly freezing really!) we rugged up against the wind.

From our vantage point we could see the cable logger drag the logs from the 'floor' of the gully up to the loading ramp, then see the 'stacking machine / loader' place them in piles and watched the trucks being loaded.

The machines looked like matchbox toys from where we sat, and the workers

in the gully fixing the logs (which looked like short toothpicks) onto the cable were no more than orange dots moving across

Our visitor enjoyed himself, as I did even though I had other things I should have been doing like washing and iron-

After the area had been logged we walked down to the bottom of the gully, and looked up to where we had been a few weeks earlier.

> It was then we realised just how steep the gully really is, surrounded on three sides by hills, with a great view over Churchill from the

Along the side of one hill we watched as trucks going to and from another copse wound their way along the

It was hard to believe these 'matchbox trucks' were the same trucks we dread meeting on the road.

The Eucalypts that have been planted 'next door' are growing so fast it won't be long before we forget the true depth of

An old friend of ours often told us there was gold to be found in one of the gullies up here, but because the pines had changed the landscape he could not remember where or how to get to 'his secret place'!



Pat and Bill Brown

Closing Date Extended

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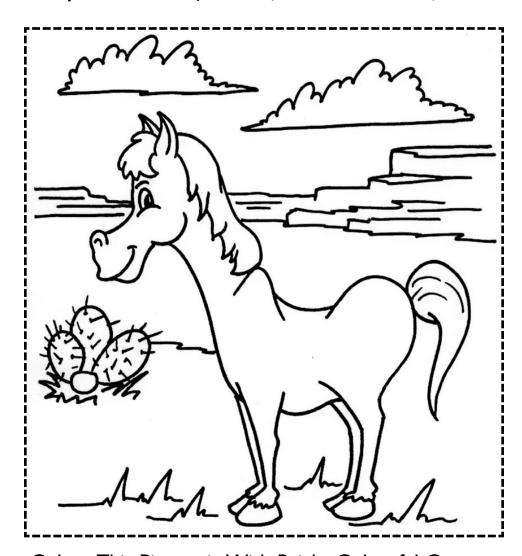
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Schools Competition Chess

By DON WALTERS, Secretary, Latrobe Valley Chess Club.

THE Gippsland schools championship was run on June 17 at Mirboo North Secondary School and June18 Traralgon Secondary College. The event was organised and run by the president and the tournament director from Chess Victoria, the stat controlling body for the game. Latrobe Valley Chess Club members supplied additional help on the two days.

The event was an allegro chess competition, where players have to complete their moves in ten minutes or loose the game on time.

In the country east section (Gippsland) the winner of the primary school division was Boolarra Primary School.

It was another outstanding effort by the Boolarra School, considering their pupil numbers. It follows their good performance last year, and the team of four will go into the stat finals to be held in September.

Boolarra team members had been given some practice in playing against the clock in an allegro event, and this has apparently paid dividends. In their first competition last year, where they did so well, they had to play against clocks for the first time.

Their coach, Gary Davis, and the teachers at Boolarra, have all done a magnificent job.

Warragul finished second and will go into the final of the B Division, also to be held in September.

The finals will be a Swiss competition where winners are matched against winners, after each round, rather than a round robin competition.

The Swiss competition has the advantage of pairing teams of equal ability as the tournament progresses, so the stronger teams do not overwhelm the weaker teams.

This generally makes the competition more enjoyable.

In the secondary schools competition the winners of and runners up in Division 1 were Mirboo North Secondary College and Gippsland Sale Grammar School respectively. In Division 2 the winner and runner up were Drouin Secondary College and Gippsland Sale Grammar School.

In this case the teams competed in a round robin event.

Mirboo North and Drouin will go into the state final to be held in September while Gippsland Sale Grammar will go into the B finals.

Matthew Potter, who is the current Latrobe Valley club junior champion, had a good tournament playing for Mirboo North Secondary College. Matthew did not lose a game. Well done!

Latrobe Valley Chess Club News.

The final positions in the club championship were decided last week where Ian Hamilton won his adjourned game against Chris Potter. The final scores were as follows:

Ken Holt

8 1st

Ken Hon	O	151
John Ollie	6	2nd
Ian Hamilton	5	Equal 3rd
Reg Harvey	5	Equal 3rd
Chris Potter	4 1/2	Equal 5th
Matthew Potter	4 1/2	Equal 5th
Eddie Wagner	4	7th
Don Walters	3	Equal 8th
Joe Lapuh	3	Equal 8th
Cliff Thornton	2	10th

The event was rated by Chess Victoria, which will put the club 'on the map' for interstate competition.

The allegro competition played on June 17 was won by Reg Harvey, who was unbeaten in all his games.

Reg's home town is Burnie, Tasmania, where he plays for the local club.

Reg, in his job, is temporarily assigned to the Latrobe Valley, and is a welcome visitor. His presence at our club has greatly lifted the quality of the competitions.

The winter tournament will start next week. This will be a 'guillotine finish' event, where all moves have to be made in 90 minutes.

The club meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30 at the Fun Shed. Experienced players will give coaching to beginners.

For further information phone Eddie Wagner on 5122 2301, Ian Hamilton on 5134 1971, or Don Walters on 5122 1836.

Vegetables or fruit?

Plant them now...

WINTER produce is what we tend to call the fruit and vegetables that are planted in winter and that's a very apt name. Look out for potatoes, berries of all kinds, leaf crops, rhubarb, asparagus, fruit trees of course and so much more.

The way to ensure success with vegetables or fruit is to prepare your soil carefully at the start and follow a set feeding programme.

Try some fruits with a difference:

QUINCE trees are really delightful. They are hardy, small trees and produce rather attractive fruit for many months. One of the delights of a Quince tree is the ability to make that beautiful quince jelly. Have you



tried poaching quinces and serving them with yoghurt for breakfast? It's a real taste treat.



How about a MULBER-RY TREE? They are hardy and easy to grow in most soil types, preferring moist well-drained soils. The fruit is unique, pleasing and slightly astringent taste. It is only really sweet when fully ripe

and should be ripened before picking. Mulberries grow into graceful small trees.



FIG TREES are very tough plants as they'll grow almost anywhere. Figs are perhaps an acquired taste but serve a useful purpose in our diet. If you have a difficult spot in your garden then a

fig tree could be for you. Allow room for it to grow though as fig trees can get quite large.

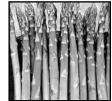
RHUBARB always comes to mind as being great in pies and doesn't it look scrumptious on a plate with cream. Grow your own by planting some this winter. Select a well drained spot in your garden, dig in plenty of



compost and animal manure, wait a fw weeks, then plant and you are on your way.

ASPARAGUS is another one of those plants that people buy but often do not grow.

Try growing some. Now is the time to plant and you'll be rewarded for your efforts.



Enjoy Strawberries all year! Select a sunny position that is well drained. Soil preparation before planing will ensure that your strawberries will thrive. Cultivate the soil and add an organic fertiliser. Plant approximately 30cm apart. Water well until your strawberries are established. Alternatively plants can be planted through black plastic or weed mat. This reduces both weeding and watering while keeping the fruit clean. For small gardens, strawberries can be grown in baskets and tubs. For best results use Grow Master potting mix and liquid feed as directed after the plants are established.

Harvest your strawberries regularly, every three to four days, as this enables new fruit to develop to full maturity.

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Spiky Crackles

A delicious recipe by Marian Oakley INGREDIENTS

250g jersey caramels, chopped 1 tablespoon golden syrup 60g butter 250g dark chocolate, finely chopped 3 cups rice bubbles 100g white marshmallows, chopped 1/3 cup toasted silvered almonds METHOD

Line base and sides of a 23cm square dish with foil. Put caramels, golden syrup and half the chocolate in a bowl

Cook (uncovered) on medium for 2 minutes
Mix rice bubbles into caramel. Press into dish.
Put rest of the chocolate and marshmallows in a bowl
Cook on medium for 45 seconds
Spread over caramel mixture. Press nuts on top

Spread over caramel mixture. Press nuts on top Leave to set. Cut into fingers and serve.



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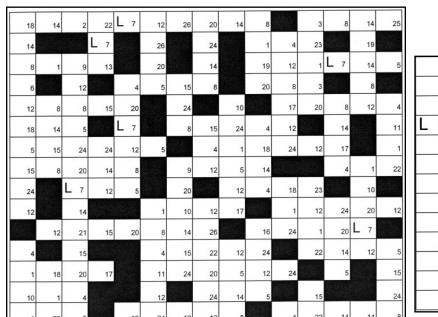
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Jacko's Jumble Words



Solve the puzzle by working out which number equals which letter. In this puzzle 7 = L



June Solution



CHURCHILL & Monash Golf Club held their club championships over the last three weeks.

Men's Scores: Round 1: Ken Hills lead scratch with a score of 78 and handicap was led by Toby Spark with a great score of 60nett. Round 2: Ken held his fine lead with another 78, and again Toby Spark had an excellent day with an outstanding

The final round found Ken leading by 2 scratch. Toby led the handicap field by 10 shots. When the final score came in, Rick Scurlock took out Scratch Champion with scores of 80, 79, 81 = 240, Charlie Lesiw was Runner up with 81, 77, 83 = 241. Toby Spark managed to hold his lead and take Handicap Champion with 60,58, 72 = 190,Runner up was Chris Thomas with 68, 69, 69 = 206.

Ladies Scores: Round 1 of the Ladies Championship saw Dianne Scurlock come in with a score of 90 for scratch and Chris Ellis lead handicap with 70nett.

In the 2nd round Linda Jessop had a great day with a terrific score of 62nett and Diane had a scratch

In the final round Dianne had a lead of 12 and Linda was 8 shots ahead for handicap.

The final scores saw Dianne Scurlock take out Scratch Champion with scores of 90, 89, 91 = 286. Jill Busch won Handicap Champion with great scores of 76, 71, 73 = 210and Dianne Scurlock was runner up with 72, 71, 73 = 216.

Saturday Mens: Staableford,

A Grade: W Peter 42pts C/B, B Grade P kearns 45pts, C Grade J Sterrick 40pts. DTL: G Fraser 42, K Hlls 41, D Gardam 40, D McCafferty 40, R Scurlock 39, T Sterrick 39 C/B. NTP: 3rd S Wotton, 5th K Hills, 14th W Peter. Birdies: K

Tuesday Ladies: Stableford, 6.5.03 CCR 70.

Winners: Y Wotton/M Mitchell 46pts. DTL: C Ellis/L Jessop 45pts. NTP:3/12 0-32 J Blizzard, 5/14 L Jessop, 5/12 33-45 V Rowley, 5/14 E Baker. Birdies: L Jessop 5th.

Saturday Mens: 1st Round Championship, 10.5.03.

A Grade: (0-15) C Thomas 68 C/B. B Grade: (16-21) D Wilkinson 68. C Grade: (22-36) T Spark 60. DTL: S Andrews 68, J McCafferty 69, J White 69, G Blizzard 70, R McIvor 71, B Debono 71, C Lesiw 71, K Hills 71, R Scurlock 70. NTP: P Ludlow 3rd, K Hills 5th, G Hornsby 12th, C Thomas 14th. Birdies: C Thomas 12th.

Sunday Mens: Open Day Canadian, 11.5.03.

Scratch: Dael & Dianne Scurlock 70. Handicap: Chris & Melisha Johnson 73 2/8, Visitors Trophy: Kath & Terry Garrett 71 6/8. DTL: Noel Tony Hutchinson 73 4/8, Glen Lity & Jeanette Mitchell 74 5/8, Peter Williams & Jill Busch 76. NTP: Kath Garrett 3/12.

Club Championships Results

> 1st Round Championships / Monthly Medal Stroke 13.5.03. CCR72.

Scratch: Di Scurlock 90. A Grade and Medal Winner (0-32): C Ellis 70nett. B Grade: (33-45) J Busch 76nett. DTL: L Jessop 72, Di Scurlock 72, Y Wotton 74, H Croft 77, S Jeffery 77. NTP: 3/12 -32 M McConville, +33 J Busch, 5/14 –35 M Mcconville, +33 B Beebe. Birdies: L Jessop 12th. Putts: Y Wotton 26. Silverspoon: C Ellis 70nett, Lost handicap: C Ellis 31-30.

Saturday Mens: 2nd Round Championships Stroke 17.5.03.

A Grade: (0-15) S McCafferty 66nett. B Grade: (16-21) D Wilkinson 61nett.C Grade: (22-36) V Monument 62nett. DTL: T Spark 62, A Gill 66, C Lesiw 67, J Armstrong 67, N Hutchinson 67, B Debono 67, T Sterrick 68. NTP: 3rd G Hornsby, 12th R Sheahey, 14th R Welsh. Birdies: P Ludlow 14th, G Fraser 14th, C Lesiw 3rd.

Tuesday Ladies: 2nd Round Championships Stroke, 20.5.03 CCR70.

Scratch: Di Scurlock 89. Handicap: Linda Jessop 62nett. DTL: J Busch 66, Di Scurlock 72, Y Wotton 75. NTP: 3/12 0-32 M Mcconville, 33-45 J Busch, 5/14 0-32 L Jessop, 33-45 J Busch. Lost Handicap: Linda Jessop 32 – 28, Jill Busch 33 - 31.

Saturday Mens: 3rd Round Championships, 24.5.03.

Scratch Champion: R Scurlock 240. Handicap Champion: T Spark 190nett. A Grade (0-15) G Beyer 68nett C/B. B Grade: (16-22) J McCafferty. C Grade (23-36) J Milkins 66nett. DTL: T Sterrick 68, D Gardam 69, C Flanigan 69, A Casey 70, C Thomas 70, R McIvor 70, R Scurlock 71, N Hutchinson 71. NTP: 3rd G Morrison, 5th R Scurlock, 12th J McCafferty, 14th G Beyer. Birdies: R Scurlock 5th, G Beyer 14th.

Tuesday Ladies: Final Round Championships, 27.5.03 CCR70.

Scratch D Scurlock 91. Handicap: J Busch 70nett. DTL: V Verheyen 73, Di Scurlock 74, E D'Alterio 76. NTP: 5/14 (0-32) Di Scurlock, 3/12 (33-45) H Croft. Scratch Champion: Di Scurlock 270, Runner Up: M Mcconville 286. Handicap Champion: J Busch 210, Runner Up: Di Scurlock 216.

Saturday Mens: Monthly Medal Stroke, 31.5.03.

A Grade: 0-17 R Scurlock nett 64. B Grade 18-23 G Down nett 66. C Grade: 24-36 and Medal Winner: G Blizzard nett 32. DTL: B Debono 64, T Roeder 65, W Peter 67, A Gill 68, T Spark 69, J White 70, P Williams 70 C/B. NTP 3rd J Abrosini, 5th D Harvey, 12th G Blizzard. Eagle: P Williams 16th. Putts: W Peter 13th.

Sunday Mens: Stroke, 1.6.03.

Handicap D Taylor 71nett. DTL: G Blizzard 72nett. NTP: D Taylor

Tuesday Ladies: Monthly Medal 3.6.03 CCR 70.

Scratch: Di Scurlock 93. Handicap: Chris Ellis 75nett. DTL: Di Scurlock 76nett, Y Wotton 77nett. NTP: 3/12 +33 Linda Casey, 5/14 -32 V Anderson, +33 S Jeffery. Putts: Linda Jessop C/B.

Saturday Mens: 2 Person Ambrose, 7.6.03.

Winners: J White/D McCafferty 63. DTL: C Flannigan/B Debono 66 ½, C Johnson/G Beyer 66 ¾, G Fraser/K Ellis 66 3/4. NTP 3rd A Casey, 5th K Ellis.

Winner: T Sterrick 38pts. DTL: G Lack 37pts. NTP: 3rd P Ludlow, 12th L Morrison. Birdies: C Speekenbrink 14th.

Sunday Mens Stableford, 8.6.03.

Tuesday Ladies: Foursome Stableford Doris Chambers 10.6.03.

Winners: M McConville/H Croft 30pts. DTL: V Rowley/E D'Alterio 29pts, C Ellis/C Gardam 26pts, V Anderson/V Verheyen 26pts. Longest Drive: 33-45: P Hrynyszyn, 0-32 M McConville.

Saturday Mens: Queen Elizabeth Trophy, 14.6.03.

A Grade 0-18 P Williams 40pts. B Grade 19-36 N Hutchinson 39pts. DTL: C Flannigan 35pts, P Kearns 35pts, G Blizzard 33pts C/B. NTP: 5th B Debono, 14th G Blizzard.

Sunday Mens: Mixed Canadian,

NTP: 5th R Scurlock, 14th R Scurlock

Tuesday Ladies: Foursome Championship, 17.6.03.

Winners: H Croft/Di Scurlock 80 ½. After play off V Rowley/E D'Alterio 80 1/2 . DTL: C Gardam/J Leslie 82, L Jessop/L Casey 83 1/2, M McConville/ S Jeffrey 89.

Saturday Mens Comp: Par 21.6.03 CCR+3.

A Grade: 0-19 G Morrison +5 C/B. B Grade: 20-36 J White +6. DTL: C Speekenbrink +5, L Morrison +4, A Casey +2, G Fraser +2, E Fashagbon +2, C Flannigan +1 C/B. NTP: 3rd L Morrison, 5th A Casey, 12th G Fraser, 14th J White. Birdies: P Kearns 3rd, R Scurlock 3rd, L Morrison 3rd, J White 5th & 14the, R Welsh 5th.

Tuesday Ladies: Stableford, Queen Elizabeth 34.6.03.

Winner: Di Scurlock 38pts. DTL: Dianne Thomas 32pts, Jan Blizzard 27pts. NTP: 3/12 33-45 Susan Jeffery, 1/14 33-45 Mary Mitchell, 5/14 0-32 Di Thomas.

Saturday Mens: Monthly Medal Stroke. 28.6.03 CCR69.

Scratch: C Johnson 75. A Grade and Medal: 0-15 C Johnson 66nett. B Grade: 16-21 D Wilkinson 70nett. C Grade: 22-36 J Dickson 69nett. DTL: C Thomas 67, R Scurlock 68, K Hills 71, D Scurlock 72, G Blizzard 72, P Kearns 72. NTP: 3rd W Leslie, 5th D Scurlock, 12the E Fasagbon, 14th K Hills. Birdies: W Leslie 3rd, K Hills 14th. Putts: C Johnson/G Morrison 26.

Sunday Mens:

Winner: G Bllizzard 34pts. DTL: J Ambrosini 32pts. NTP: G Down

NAmbassador Program with Tennis Victoria

TENNIS Ambassadors are encouraged to volunteer for the 2003 Davis Cup Semi Final to be held at Rod Laver Arena on 19-21 September 2003.

Tennis Victoria's club ambassador program ha\s raised the communication of best practice amongst clubs in the city and country significantly. With over 150 members the program sets out to ensure that topics covered bi-monthly are relevant to Tennis club needs and as a group we can take a pro-active role in effecting changes from what our ambassador has

By taking an active role in Club Ambassador evenings, it is easy to see that there is strength in having so many people with shared goals in tennis together. A network via email or at the bimonthly meeting encourages support from clubs throughout Victoria. To any query or concern which may need a solution or strategy to a particular problem, at your Tennis Club.

The June meeting at Kooyong Tennis Club, a presentation on how to communicate and develop a relationship with local council was attended by our club repre-This informative sentative, Vicki. evening explained how the needs of local clubs could be addressed by communicating with your local council. The next meeting in August is a presentation by

coaching professionals showing how juniors are encouraged to go up in the rankings and how Tennis Victoria shows the

Night Tennis

WITH winter setting-in, it really is a good time to come down to the club in Manning Drive, Churchill, for a night game of tennis. It raises the body temperature very quickly and with the cold night air on your face it is rather invigorating. So come and join us every Wednesday night at 7 pm.

Thankyou to everyone who collected Paul's milk caps. Keep saving those caps for the next collection in November 2003.

Tennis Open/Fun Day will be held in early September. Keep watching this spot for more information.

See Vicki Schilling to order your Microfibre Polar Fleece Vest, the same as the Official Player Gift 2003, at a very competitive price (these vests are the same as those worn by players who have competed in the Australian Open). Cost price with your club emblem is \$45.00

New members are always welcome. Weather permitting we meet on Mondays from 1.00pm and Wednesdays from

Inter Club Angling Competition

By ROD SLOCOM, President

ON the recent Queen's Birthday weekend the Associated Angling Club met Colac for an inter club competition at Apollo Bay, staying at Lake Colac Caravan Park and travelling 60km to the bay to fish.

Strong winds and rain made it difficult to fish, as there were 3 - 4 metre waves on the surf.

Most of the members went to the river just out of Apollo Bay, where there was Mullet and Bream caught over the two

I would like to thank all of our club

members who attended try and bring

home the shield. However, Colac took the shield again for 2003. Our congratulations go to Colac.

Both clubs will meet again in 2004 at Port Welshpool and Woodside.

Congratulations go to Christine Coon with a total of 8 points, to Rod Slocom, Laurie Coon for the heaviest bag on Saturday and Peter Rowley on Sunday.

For more information contact Rod Slocom on 5122 2189.

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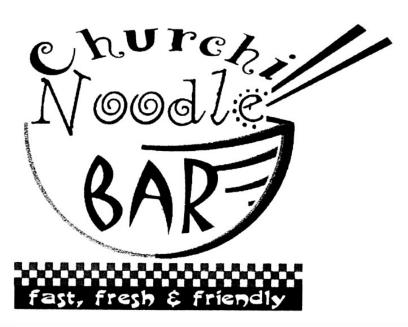
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