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**Student Leaders:** from L to R, back row: Mr Kim McDuffie, Student Welfare Coodinatior, Ben Felmingham, Kaitlin Duffus, Sam Alexander, front row: Brock Holcome, Katia D'Amato, Emily McKernan, Mrs Sue Murphy, Campus Principal.

### Churchill Pool Update

Discussions have continued with consultants regarding a detailed plan to reopen the pool. The plan requires repairing the expansion joint, installing a pool liner and a new inlet pipe that will by-pass the present system.

Further talks have been held with GHD regarding the roof and ceiling panels. In GHD's report, it was stated all of the ceiling panels need to be removed and the roof inspected. GHD are now advising that the roof can be inspected via random selection across the ceiling panels to inspect the purlins and ceiling panel fastener clips. Rust has formed by condensation settling around the top side of the

At the present, the pool is half empty of water and discussions are underway with the two contractors who submitted quotes to remove some of the ceiling panels. The discussions will determine if the scaffolding can be placed and anchored into the pool when it is half full of water. To empty the pool completely will take time, as the water table has been effected due to the water leaking into the water table. It will take time to subside as the water level in the pool is reduced.

GHD is calculating costs for investigation to determine if there are any voids underneath or around the pool area. This investigation will include the wall of the southern corner of the pool area.

Information is being sought to finalise the costings to have a detailed report on the boiler, dosing system and the air handling system.

The aim of all the investigations is to determine if the pool can be reopened ensuring that all safety and insurance requirements are satisfied.

The suggested plan that is being investigated by GHD Consulting, is:

Installation of a pool liner;

New inlet pipe;

Investigations of the integrity of the pool shell and building.

The investigation will ensure if the plan can be achieved and meets safety requirements, then detailed costings will be obtained.

A company called Fabtech Pty Ltd have been contacted to determine a cost to manufacture and install a liner within the pool shell. They have advised that they no longer manufacturer pool liners. A company called Liner Specialists undertook an inspection on the weekend of 27 and 28 March 2004. A report will be provided within the next ten (10) days.

The contractor to remove sections of the roof panels have agreed that the scaffolding can be placed and anchored into the pool that is half filled with water. The contractor is renegotiating a cost to undertake the random removal of the ceiling panels.

### Kurnai Student Leaders

KURNAI College Churchill Campus has elected six Student Leaders, Emily Mckernan, Katia D'Amato, Brock Holcome, Kaitlin Duffus, Sam Alexander and Ben Felmingham, for 2004.

"I love being involved in Leadership Activities," said Kaitlin. "I'm on the SRC and the Year Council. I like trying new things and this will be good experience.

This is a new program at Kurnai, just at Churchill. Classes and teachers nominated a number of Year 10 students and then the Principal selected 6. In the past there were only 2 Student Leaders for the school," she continued

"We'll be showing visitors and parents around the school, speaking at assemblies, going to meetings to express students' opinions, things like that.

I'm looking forward to being a Student Leader this year."

The Student Leaders are nominated and voted in by the Year 10 students and staff. Student Leaders take a leadership and role-model position in the school for their peers.

They are involved in representing the school in

extracurricular activities and participate in programs such as peer support and assemblies at school.

"I was asked if I wanted to be involved. I sometimes

take Tae Kwon Do classes and I thought I'd like more public speaking experience," said Emily.

"As Student Leaders we'll have to talk to groups of

parents and Student Assemblies.

Kurnai Churchill has some good programs and opportunities for students. Student Leaders give younger students someone to look up to. They get to see all the different things you can do in Year 10."

Sue Muirphy, Campus Principal explained the reason there are six leaders this year instead of the traditional four. She said that there are many responsibilities that go with the role and this shares the load a little more.

### Churchill Festival



THE Churchill Festival is almost here! Planning is in its final stages and the organisers are excited about the tremendous response from the many different organisations that will be represented on the day.

"Our Motto is Free, Fun, Information for Families," said organiser, Tracey Burr. "We have a wide range of entertainment and we have over 35 organisations involved."

The Churchill Festival is being held on May 15, at Glendonald Park between 10am – 3pm, which is on the corner of Amaroo Drive, and Philip Parade Churchill.

"This is a combination of the Churchill Fair and the Churchill & District News Gala day, and we are looking at this event as a bi-annual event for the community" said Ruth Place, Manager of the Churchill and District News

Churchill Lions will be doing a sausage sizzle on the day, Girl Guides are providing the community with a rest tent, with refreshments!

Awakening will be there to provide activities for the

youth, we have clowns, face painting!

Scouts will be showing us their activities. The CFA are showing us their smoke house, and will have demonstrations on the day!

Royce from the Funshow will be providing activities for the day. Local schools displaying their student's artwork!

Quantum will be holding a handball competition with prizes available.

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"We have had tremendous support, sponsorship wise," said Peter Prokopiv, Business Manager. "This week we received a cheque for \$500.00 from Thiess. We can now offer free tea, coffee and cordial to visitors. It is going to be a very special day."

For further information ring Tracey on 0422823179 or email on Churchill\_Festival@hotmail.com



Theiss presents the cheque to Festival organisers: L to R: Margaret Guthrie, Tracey Burr, John Spicuglia, Project Manager from Theiss, Val Prokopiv and Ruth Place.

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3. Under 21: 'The Four Seasons of Churchill'

2. Year 7 - Year 12: 'Our Pet'

4. 21 and over: 'The Four Seasons of Churchill'

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'The Four Seasons of Churchill' and 'Our Pet" 2004 Photographic Competition Entry Form

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### Churchill Community Market

ON the third Saturday last month, the OLD SHOP-PING CENTRE at Churchill buzzed with activity from early morning as stall holders set up to sell plants, potatoes and produce, clothing and crafts, books and BBQ, drinks hot and cold, fairy floss and fancy goods. The roof was a real advantage as drizzle fell occasionally, but that did not deter the customers enjoying the contemplation of bargain items..

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood organises this market to raise funds for the ROTARY CENTENARY HOUSE which will be constructed on the site of the former



Traralgon Hospital. As the Latrobe Regional Hospital establishes its Cancer Treatment Centre for people of Gippsland, this house will provide accommodation for families who travel from more distant places while their children receive on going treatment.

Watch for the book called RUBBISH which is also sold to raise funds for this Rotary Centenary House, which is planned to open in time for the Centenary of Rotary.

The NEXT MARKET will be held 17th April when there will be gifts available for Mothers' Day.

See you there!



**Churhcill Market:** Left: Mark Nestor from Rotary at the barbecue. Above: Some of the colourful stalls

### Lions Ride For Sight

Gift of sight – Lions Corneal Donation Service By JOHN BARKER, Publicity – Lions Club of Churchill and District

THE Lions Corneal Donation Service is a non-profit, non-government agency dedicated to elimination of corneal blindness through the retrieval, assessment and distribution of donated eye tissue. The Lions Corneal Donation Service is supported by the charitable work of Lions International Service Clubs.

The cornea is the clear tissue covering the front of the eye. It is the main focusing element of the eye (much more than the lens). Vision will be dramatically reduced

if the cornea is diseased or injured.

A corneal transplant is a surgical procedure performed by an Ophthalmologist (Eye Doctor). A disc shaped segment of an impaired cornea is replaced by a similarly shaped healthy donor cornea. The only substitute for a human cornea is another human cornea.



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Only the corneal tissue is transplanted for sight restoring surgery, whilst other parts of the eye such as the sclera (the white part of the eye) can be used in reconstructive.

For the tissue to be suitable for transplantation, the eye donation must occur within 12 hours of death. However, the family should take their time to make a decision with which they are all comfortable.

If you want to say "yes" to a donation, the Transplant Coordinator can be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phoning: (03) 9929 8708

Churchill Lions Club Involvement

The LIONS RIDE FOR SIGHT is a fun social event raising funds for vision research into preventable blindness. This year it was a four day 420km event starting at Stratford on Thursday 18 March and finishing at Longwarry on Sunday 21 March. Lions clubs along the way hosted the ride with morning and afternoon tea, lunch, dinner and the stop-over venue.

Day 1: The route started at Stratford and passed through Longford, Rosedale and Morwell, with the stop-over at Moe. Strong head winds tested the riders as they

battled the flats east of Glengarry.

Day 2: A short ride to Trafalgar then the "giganterkillerous" climb to Mirboo North via Thorpdale. Riders passed through Leongatha with the stop-over at Korumburra.

Day 3: Oh no, it's raining! A nice little pinch up to Poowong then a long glide down to Lang Lang and Koo Wee Rup. Sunshine again as the group set off to the overnight stop at Cranbourne.

Day 4: A short 52km ramble from Cranbourne via Bayles to finish at Longwarry. Many weary bodies flopped down for the luncheon and presentations.

There were 51 riders who took part and 12 support crew. The rider's job was easy – all they had to do was ride. The support crew job was by far the hardest – they had to monitor and control the ride. Some of the riders may argue this point. Signs were placed at strategic locations to direct the riders, and Marshal's gave directions

when necessary. The crews maintained communication via radios. The riders were followed by two "sag wagons", pickup vehicles which controlled the tail end of the group of riders. The "tail end sweep" ensured we didn't leave any riders left behind. The accommodation consisted of finding a spot on the floor of the stop-over venue and throwing down a swag or sleeping bag. Most stop-over venues were reasonable with either carpet or polished boards on the floor (ie. stadiums) but one consisted of the concrete floor in a football change room – ladies in the home room and men in the visitor's room!

The Churchill Lions Club entrant, Norm Hall, did a fantastic job. With minimal training he showed the seasoned riders what tenacity and the ability to hide pain could do as he kept the pace for the whole distance. His support, John Barker, rode in comfort (?) in the club's Camp Quality esCarpade car which doubled as a "sag wagon".

A great time was had by all. There were smiles and handshakes all round as the participants readied for their home trips, many already declaring they will be back next year. Around \$50,000 was raised or pledged, a great effort for a fantastic cause.

Sponsorship for Norm, who already has \$2,000 in sponsorship for this fantastic Lions Project, is still open – you can forward your donation to Norm or to the Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District, PO Box 110, Churchill 3842 up until early May.

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### Red Cross Calling An Enthusiastic Response

By BEV THOMPSON

THERE has been an enthusiastic response from the Churchill Community to March Red Cross Calling.

With the majority of the township covered by our caring collectors we've reached a tally at the end of March of \$2145.40. And have expectations of the final total going well past this when the

remaining donations are brought in.

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A Big Thank You to the Churchill Community and especially to all our collectors who have tramped the streets enduring the hot Autumn month of March.

The Churchill Scout Group put in a great effort to collect the grand total of

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### Co-operating Church **Snippets**

By RUTH PLACE

A hot Friday night, 5th March, saw a dedicated group of ladies gather at the Roman Catholic Church in Yinnar to celebrate World Day of Prayer. The theme this year: 'In Faith - women shape the future'. The service this year was prepared by the Christian women of Panama.

Marion Answerth led the service with many other ladies participating throughout. The newly appointed Chaplain to Monash University, Lyn Porritt, was the Guest Speaker. In her talk she developed the theme of the day with refer-

ence to significant women

of faith in the Bible compared with women in general. She then challenged us to use our gifts and our faith to shape the future of our environment.

Panama, the country that links North and South America, is famous for the Panama Canal, completed in 1914. It is a beautiful land with dense tropical rainforests, deep rivers, coal mountain, an extinct volcano and lovely coastal areas.

The long weekend was busy in our Church, with the majority of folks going to Lake Tyers camp for the annual Church Camp Weekend.



JACKSON FOWLER (above) was the winner of the "Guess the number of Easter Eggs in the Jar" competition. Jackson guessed 115 and was the closest entrant.

The total number of eggs was 121. Congratulations Jackson, hope you enjoyed sharing your prize with your classmates at





Clean Up Australia was also held on the Sunday after Church. Our site was cleared by 7 willing helpers. Between us we collected about 6 wheelie bins full.

We have at last a new minister elect -Reverend Doctor Bob Brown who will come to look after Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar from August. We are all looking forward eagerly to his arrival.

The Monster Garage Sale was on March 27th. We had a lot of articles for sale. The weather was perfect and the day very successful

Rev Elwyn took an Anglican Communion on the 2nd Sunday.

Ian and Mark's group took the service on the 3rd Sunday. Their theme was 'The Prodigal Son'.

Rev Elwyn took a Uniting Church service on the 4th Sunday.

Our Saturday Breakfast guest was Rob de Souza Daw who spoke about the original State School in the Churchill area, Eel Hole Creek State School. We had family descendants of the school attendees join us for the

#### Apologies

In our March edition we incorrectly spelt Rev Elwyn's name. We do apologise. Also she has been ordained for 15 years and brings a wealth of experience to our parish.

Pictured above: Annual Church Camp Weekend. Under: eager buyers The Monster Garage Sale.

### Pickup in the Rain

By Pastor TONY MARSDEN Churchill Christian Fellowship

ONE night, at 11.30pm, an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately

Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960s, the man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxi. She seemed to be in a big hurry! She wrote down his address, thanked him and drove away.

Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console colour TV was being delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read:

"Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes but also my spirit. Then you came along. And because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others."

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Nat King Cole.

This story really happened and my question to you is what would you do in that same sort of situation. Next time you see someone struggling with a shopping cart or with a flat tyre take time to consider what you can do.

Jesus Christ not only came top help people, but also to die for them, so that they might be set free from the worst things in life.

### Saturday Breakfast

ROB de Souza-Daw gave a very interesting talk to the 25 attendees at the March Saturday Breakfast. Rob spoke about the first school in the Churchill area, Eel Hole Creek State School. The school came into being in the late 1890s after a number of requests from the local residents for a school to be built. The school was eventually built but not by the Education Department.

After a number of tries a teacher was appointed and schooling began. The teacher turnover was quite high over the years but one teacher who became known nationally was John Flynn who went on to found the Flying Doctor Service after training to become a Presbyterian minister.

Breakfast had relatives who attended the school. Rob outlined details of the teachers and some amusing incidents that happened during it's life. He was also able to give details of many of the families who attended the school. The name of the school was changed in 1904 to be more in keeping with the locality, to Hazelwood South.

Rob is interested in finding out the names of the students who appeared in a photo taken in 1904. A photo that hung in the Churchill Hotel listed all the students names and if any one who knows of the whereabouts of the photo could contact the Churchill & District News

and they will give

The next Breakfast will be held on Saturday 24 April at 7.30am at Co-operating Churches, Williams Avenue. The guest speaker will be the local flying lecturer/teacher Phil Higgins who flies around the outback stations giving students the chance to experiences the wonders of science in their own locality. Phil will talk about his experiences and how he came to be involved in such a worthwhile ven-

If you are interested in attending the Breakfast please let Keith Enders know by Thursday 22 April on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at kbenders@net-tech.com.au



**Descendants of Eel Hole Creek School** pupils: L-R back -Joe Crsp, Coral Carrotte, Peter McFarlaine, Julie Berryman, Phil Williams, front -- Jean Crisp and Ron McFarlaine. Left: Rob de Souza-Daw

### Boolarra/Yinnar Parish World Day of Prayer

By RAE BILLING

THE Country and Western BBQ night held at Mount Holly on March 12th was very enjoyable. A big thank you to the talented musicians who kept the music com-

Several of the Parish ladies attended the World Day of Prayer service on March 4th, at the lovely Catholic Church in Yinnar.

The weather as well as the hospitality was extremely warm that night! Rev'd Lyn Porritt, who is the chaplain at Monash University Churchill, gave an interesting address on the theme for the night " in faith women shape the future".

Lyn also led our morning service on March 14th at Boolarra. Our supply minister the Rev'd Elwyn Sparks continues to do a great job conducting services for us and for the Churchill parish, while we are between

For assistance at any time, call the Churchill parish residence on 5122 1480. If Elwyn isn't there a recorded message will provide contact details.

Mothering Sunday (an historic Anglican tradition) was remembered on March 21st and we shared delicious simnel cake afterwards with a cuppa.

The annual car Boot Sale is coming up on April 24th (see the Op Shop section for further details).

### Lumen Christie Hi-Lights

By MARIAN ANSWERTH

ON Sunday 22 February we held our Parish Goal-Setting Day. About fifty parishioners attended. We were encouraged to look at where we were as a Parish Community today, and then look three years down the track and make suggestions and recommendations in the areas of Parish life that we felt needed implementing.

Certain needs were identified and as a result aims and goals were set for the future. A number of people volunteered to work on various committees and reports would then be presented to the Parish Council. As a result of this gathering a Parish Plan is being developed for the next three year\s.

This year Lumen Christie hosted the 'World Day of tional evening.

Prayer', held at Yinnar. The women from Panama planned this year's service. The ladies from the Cooperating Churches in Churchill and Uniting Church Yinnar shared in the service and the address, entitled 'Women of faith shaping the future', was given by the Chaplain from Monash University, Lyn Porritt. The evening concluded with great fellowship over a very enjoyable supper.

The Co-operating Churches Ladies Fellowship invited us to an evening at which the ladies from the Uniting Church in Traralgon displayed and explained the background to their beautiful designs on a very extensive range of hand-made wall banners. It was a truly inspira-

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#### **Co-operating Churches** of Churchill

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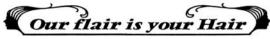
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THE 46th annual Rotary district conference was held in Bendigo recently.

About 1100 people, enjoyed a varied program based on a 'Young & Free'

The first plenary session was held on Friday evening, with introductions, a roll call of clubs, a welcome by Berwick Club and the official opening by Bendigo Mayor, Adrian Froggatt.

The keynote address by Kerrie Cue, entitled 'Australians let us rejoice, for we are young...Yippeeee!!', was a very humorous but reflective perspective or raising contemporary children.

Assistant Governor Ken Peake led the presentations by each of the eight areas in District 9820 on Saturday with a Powerpoint presentation on Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. During the day other Assistant Governors listed numerous programs being pursued by all the clubs in their area.

Pat Puddy from Moe reported on Inner Wheel followed by a bushfire report by PDG Noel Wheeldon

Two young men, Cameron Neil and Adam Smith addressed the large audience on youth activities. The keynote speaker for this session was Jim Stynes, with the topic "The Positives of our Youth" developed with humour, deep perception in an inspiring address.

After lunch Rotary International President's Personal Representative PDG Brian Guest, an Irishman living in Perth, gave a run down on the Rotary Foundation. He was followed by Professor John Phillips AC who gave a quite intellectual and sober perspective on the topic of youth. An interesting side issue was that Ouyen Secondary School rates in Australia's top ten achieving

schools even though having only 180 stu-

The evening's entertainment was provided by The Old Gum Tree O Bush Band and Pot-Pourri.

On Sunday a new program of "Shelter Boxes" was presented by Endeavour Hills. The boxes contain a 10 person, 3 room tent, sleeping bags, water purification for 6 months plus other essentials for only \$1100 donation by Rotary clubs. They are for any disaster situation worldwide, whether war, earthquake or flood.

The District and clubs have donated FOUR team sponsorships at \$32500 each for Interplast this year. Interplast is the organisation which performs plastic surgery mainly on children in neighbouring countries. The teams of 2 plastic surgeons and nurse train local doctors in the necessary skills so that they can be self sufficient. The teams donate their services. Some more complicated cases are treated in Australia. Keynote speakers were RID John Thorne and Professor Don Marshall AM, cosmetic surgeon with Interplast, who was presented with a Saphire Pin to his Paul Harris Fellowship.

Three Group Study Exchange teams related their experiences. The current team touring Gippsland comes from North East England and has an actor, a rehabilitation officer, a wildlife manager and a social services manager. Local teams visited Alabama and North East England. Applications are now being called for a team to visit northern Scotland next year. Anybody interested should contact Hazelwood club at hazelwood@district9820.orgInternational Exchange Students aged 15 to 18 also made colourful presentations.

### E Churchill Hotel

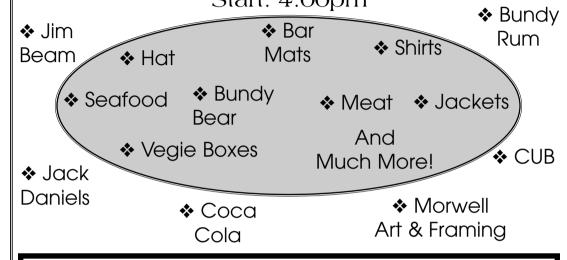
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HOTEL

### Good Friday Auction

For Royal Childrens Hospital Start: 4.00pm



Mothers Day 9th May

### Buffet Luncheon \$25 per person

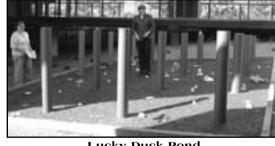
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### Lucky Duck For Good Friday

By TRACEY BURR

STUDENTS, staff and visitors to Monash University may have noticed a bright blue 'pond' with rubber ducks swimming around close to the reception area. This was part of a fundraiser by the School of Applied Sciences and Engineering for the "Good Friday Appeal". It raised \$215.00. The idea was to place a 'duck' closest to the middle of the 'pond'.

Anne Lorraine's frog was the winner! Anne works in the Centre for Learning Support.



**Lucky Duck Pond** 

The idea was initially started by Susan Lendon, who co-ordinated the fundraiser, with help from Erica Matthews, Lauren Burney and the caretakers from Monash University.

### Fire Extinguisher Use And Maintenance



THERE are 5 different types of fire extinguisher which are designated for dif-

1. Water (Stored Pressure) Type - Class

Suitable for wood, paper, textiles

2. Foam (Stored Pressure) Type -Class B type fires Suitable for flammable liquids

- 3. Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Type Class B & E type fires
  - B suitable for flammable liquids
  - E suitable for live electrical equipment
- 4. Powder (Dry Chemical) Type Class A, B & E
  - A suitable for wood, paper, textiles
  - B suitable for flammable liquids
  - E suitable for live electrical equipment
  - 5. Wet Chemical Type Class F type fires Suitable for cooking oils and fats

The most versatile extinguisher for domestic use is the Powder (Dry Chemical) type. These could be located in the kitchen area, car or caravan.

Extinguishers, like all equipment, need regular service and maintenance. They should be inspected every 6 months and serviced annually,

From Sunday 18th April to the end of May, the Brigade is offering the public the opportunity of a free inspection of residential (not business) fire extinguish-

You may visit the Station between 9 and 12 on Sundays and ask for Rob. If this is not convenient, you may call Rob on 51223857 and leave a message. He will get back to you to arrange another

time and date.

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free, please let us know

#### Smoke Detectors - Seniors

If you are a Senior Citizen and would like your smoke detector checked and/or the batteries changed, please let us know on 51223857. This is a free service offered by your local Churchill Brigade. This is something you do not have to ask your family to do for you.

If you do not have a smoke detector and would like one installed free, please let us know, as it is now law to have one installed. We would like our Senior Citizens to have one rather than attend a fatal fire incident.

### Bouncing Back at Lumen Christi! Churchill North

DENISE MCKENNA, Principal.

MARCH was a busy month at Lumen Christi and a highlight for all staff was the participation in a Professional Development Training Day on the Helen McGrath Resilience program called 'BOUNCE BACK'. This is a Prep to Grade 6 program which will begin next term at Lumen Christi and aims to assist children to develop and expand their prosocial behaviour and to contribute to a healthy selfesteem and resilience. As Helen says, "When things go wrong for you, or you get 'knocked down' by what happens in your life, you can decide to BOUNCE BACK and be yourself again." Approximately eighty teachers from Catholic Schools across the Diocese of Sale attended the day at the Catholic Education Office in Warragul.

Grade One and Two classes are participating in the "MUNCHIES" program this semester in partnership with the Latrobe Community Health Centre. Visiting speakers have conducted sessions with the children on healthy eating and lifestyle habits with a focus on nutrition and fitness. Children are learning that it is good to talk about foods such as fruit, vegetables, bread and cereals as "EVERYDAY FOODS" and high fat, high sugar foods such as chips and soft drink as "SOMETIMES FOODS'. There are eight schools



across Latrobe Valley involved in program and

Heal\th Centre for their enthusiastic work with us.

Lumen Christi children and parents have been well entertained in March with some wonderful class assemblies showcasing their work and talents. We also hosted a

Musician/Songwriter, Andrew Chin, who conducted workshops with every class one morning then orchestrated a concert for the whole school in the afternoon. He is an exteacher and writes religious songs which are easy to learn and popular with our children and it was a most successful event.

In addition, we hosted Nexus Theatre productions for their entertaining interpretation of the life of Mary Mackillop. Mary Mackillop began her life in a poor and battling family and went on to develop a passion for educating the poor of her time. Her first school was in a stable in Penola in South Australia and with her Josephite companions, her work continued in rural areas all over Australia and New Zealand. Lumen Christi Primary School was originally staffed by the Sisters of St Joseph when it was established in 1977 and we are proud of our Josephite connection and our links with Mary Mackillop.

The Lumen Christi school Captains consulted with all children in the school before their meeting with the Principal and came prepared with lots of suggestions and ideas for school improvements.



Adrian de Pellegrini, Cameron Pattle, Tamara Matthyssen and Hannah Ypelaan are a terrific group of School leaders and we are proud that they represent us.

The 2004 Confirmation Program has begun with families enrolling their children in March for their celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Coffey in July. Lumen Christi sacramental preparation is based on a School/Family/Parish Partnership model where all parties have a role

Enrolment information for 2005 will be available next term beginning with an information evening for interested new parents. Check your kindergarten for details.

Finally, Lumen Christi school endorses the Gippsland region's "It's Not OK to be Away" program and we continue to encourage high attendance rates for all of our stu-

Pictured above: The first schoolhouse conducted by Mary MacKillop. (Photo by Lumen Christi Principal, Denise McKenna, during a visit to Penola in 2003)

# Recycle Day

Recycle Activity Day

On Wednesday 3rd March the school held a Special Activity Day on Recycling which was a great success for all involved. The 'Parade' by students dressed only in costumes made with paper and boxes, was extremely well received by the many parents who attended. The students went on to complete an Art, Technology and English Activity based on Recycling.



Winners from Grade 2 L-R: Alex Bowman, Joel Caile, Josh Milkins

Musical In A Day

A Musical in a Day was an exciting Performing Arts Incursion that involved all students from Preps through to Grade 6. The students had the chance to experience and participate in all areas of the Performing Arts: Music, Dance & Drama. The day culminated in a final performance of 'Olympics 2004', a musical specially written by John Duff for school age students.



Kieran Browne and Brittney Edwards commentating on the Olympic Games

Yinnar & District Athlete Sports

The District Athletic Sports held on Wednesday 24th March were conducted under ideal conditions. All the students participated enthusiastically and in particular we would like to congratulate the following students who were 'Event Champions'. Ainsley Browne (Girls 8 Yrs High Jump), Jennifer Rae (Girls 12/13 Yrs High Jump) and Eammon Flahavin (Boys 12/13 Yrs Sprints, Discus, Long Distance, Long Jump & High Jump)



Taking a Break!

### Hazelwood North

By IAN DRYSDALE, Principal





**Hazelwood North Inverloch** 

OUR students enjoyed participating in the Yinnar and District Sports with six local schools.

The recent working bee was a great success with many tasks being completed. Next term all students will

attend one of two live performances at Traralgon.

Grades 12W and 23A went to Inverloch, a meaningful way to revise and extend students' knowledge of their Integrated Studies Theme about the sea.

One of our Year 4 students Matthew represented the school in the 50 metres butterfly in Melbourne and finished eighteenth in a field of forty eight.

Congratulations to students for their hard work and positive playground behaviour during term 1.



**Excursion** 

### Kurnai Sports **Update**

KURNAI College wants to congratulate their students' recent sports efforts.

Students regularly compete in round robin events and the boys Year 7 cricket team competed in their round robin winning one game. The Year 8 boys cricket team won all their matches to go through to the next round.

Asha McKay a year 9 student has

competed in interschool swimming and regional competition and will be competing in the State swimming championships and representing this region in the medley relay, and backstroke.

Well Done!

we thank Latrobe

New Computers for Kurnai

KURNAI College Churchill Campus has installed computer pods (small rooms with a series of computers) in the English, Science, Arts and Technology wings of This is to supplement the computers available to stu-

dents in the designated computer rooms, library and

The students will be able to work in a supervised area

classroom and in the school curriculum. Kurnai College supports and encourages Information Technology use in the classroom and innovative ideas

on project and research work at the back of the class-

room, allowing them more access to technology in the

and technology is an integral part of the school curricu-

51 new computers have been installed in the school.

### Kurnai College



Kurnai College students participated in a music concert for parents and friends on the evenings of Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 March. The students' performances were well received and they were led by the College's two music teachers, Kathy Elston and Joseph Bonnici.

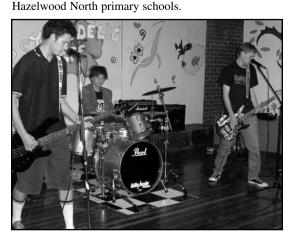
The performances included instrumental solos, vocals, original compositions and full band numbers by junior and senior students at the College.

Kurnai College has an extensive music program catering for students wishing to learn all percussion, brass, string and woodwind instruments. Students also Music Concert

participate in music VET and VCE programs at the Maryvale campus.

This year students already involved in the College's music program will receive private lessons, small group lessons, participate in junior concerts, senior concerts and a combined campus concert at the end of Term 2.

The College also provides lessons for primary school students from Churchill North, Churchill and



Kurnai would like to congratulate Jenni McKay who is competing in a horse riding competition in New Zealand

# Breakfast Program Up and Running

ON Thursday 25th March, Churchill Primary School began its Breakfast program following its initial launch last November.

The program operates Monday to Friday before school and is available to all students of Churchill Primary School.

Its aim is to promote a health, nutritious start to the day, enabling children to concentrate and function at their best.

Several dedicated staff members at the school, along with generous volunteers from Churchill's Co-operating Churches have offered their time to serve breakfast to the students.

The program has received funding from Members Australia Credit Union and is supported by Quantum Support Services but still needs further financial assistance to continue to operate throughout the year.

The school would like to express its gratitude to Churchill and District Lions Club for its generous donation, Parkinson's Wholesale Foods, Churchill



Foodworks and a very special thanks to Churchill Hot Bread for generously providing bread for toasting.

If you would like to support this worthy project please contact Jo Whitelaw at Churchill Primary School on 5122 1343.



### Stop Traffic!

THE Walking School Bus needs drivers and conductors urgently.

The Bus travels between Glendonald Park in Churchill and Churchill Primary School four days a week...

It has been a very successful program that is pat of the schools policy of 'All Day - Every Day', a program that encourages full and consistent school attendance.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact John Turner, Assistant Principal on 5122 1343.

Pictured left: Passengers ready to set off for Churchill Primary School

### Churchill Playgroup

C H U R C H I L L
Playgroup meets every
Friday morning of the
school term at the Walkley
Park Childrens Centre, situated in Mulcare Crescent
Churchill.

We operate between 9am to 12 noon and offer a variety of activities ranging from construction activities, water play, cut and paste, sand play as well as free ply.

It is a friendly safe environment where children can socialise and parents have the opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a cuppa.

If you have a child/children between



the ages 0-6 drop in, have a chat and a play. For more information ring the centre on Friday morning on 5122 1931 or after hours call Carol on 5 122 1671 or Rachel on 5122 2027.

### Hieroglyphics and Pow Wow

Hazelwood/Churchill Guide District
ON Wednesday 24 March a
Combined guide district sports night was
held in the grounds of the Hazelwood
South Hall from 5.00pm and Guides
enjoyed a variety of games.

Hazelwood Junior Guides
Each week we have visited one of the
World Guide Regions.

The first week we went to the Arab Region and wrote words and solved puzzles using Hieroglyphic. Built a pyramid, and did some weaving.

The second week in the Western Hemisphere Region-where we made

Indian head pieces, held a Pow Wow and played a variety of games that included Ice Hockey!

The coming week we are going to the

beads to make necklaces, bangles, ankle ornaments and hair decorations.

After the school holidays we will visit

African Region-we will use wooden

the last of the five World Guide Regions. Our unit meets on Tuesday's from

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

For further, or if any girl would like to visit, contact Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264 or Faye Foley 5122 1249.



PO Box 245 Churchill 3842



### Easter 2004 news

Join Us For a Children's

#### EASTER EGG HUNT!

Meet at Glendonald Park BBQ shelter, 2.00pm Easter Sunday 11th April 2004

Easter is here already! To celebrate in a family way, Glendonald Residents' Group is organising an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. A fun, low key activity that should last for about an hour. Contact Gayle Rosewall on 5122 3898 for more information.

#### Physical Activity and After School Programs

Are you interested in knowing what physical activity programs can be organised for the residents of the Glendonald/Churchill Neighbourhood Renewal area?

Would you like to be involved in the provision of after-school programs for the children who live in the Neighbourhood Renewal area?

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has received funding through D.H.S. Neighbourhood Renewal to run these types of programs but the Centre really needs **YOUR** help, advice and support to commence organising the 'HOW's' the 'WHEN's' the 'WHAT's' and the 'WHO's' when it comes to the actual running of these programs.

If you are interested in getting these activities "up and going" please contact Christine (Coordinator) at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2955.

### Save On Your Energy Bills

If you live in Glendonald as a public tenant, or own / rent privately and have a health care card, you can organise for your home to have an 'energy usage check' and receive some modifications to improve energy usage. There are a limited number of packages (280 across the Latrobe Valley neighbourhood renewal areas) so if you're interested in this or for further information contact Quantum Support Services on 5174 5961, Office of Housing on 5133 0200 or TRY youth & community services on 5174 0433. This package is funded by the State government's Neighbourhood Renewal Project.

Glendonald Residents Group meet on the last Tuesday of each month at Churinga Drive kindergarten. All residents are welcome to join us for meeting and supper afterwards. The next meeting is 27th April at 6.30pm.

Supported by



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### William Collier Top Apprentice Farrier Of The Year

By RUTH PLACE

TO be named Top Apprentice in your trade is a great honour. For William Collier it is a culmination of a long interest in horses.

At 4 years old, William's Mum, Sandra, brought his first Shetland Pony, Tara.

William entered shows in Traralgon, Morwell and Sale and also gymkhanas at Moe.

Those who enter shows are judged on how they are presented, their clothes, saddlery etc and on how they ride.

William was very successful and came home with ribbons on most occasions

William was a member of the Jeeralang Pony Club until 1994. In that time he came 5th in his Melbourne Show category in 1993 as well as winning places in many shows and gymkhanas.

He competed until 2000 when he started working with a horse breaker. Riding young horses and educating them takes a great deal of patience. It is, according to William, a difficult job as the horses must be evaluated at each stage to see if they are ready to progress.

In year 10 William undertook work experience with Richard and Wayne Farrar. He enjoyed it so much that the went on to work full time with them as an apprentice.

In his second year of a four year apprenticeship, William was named Top Apprentice in his trade.

For his outstanding efforts he won a 40kg anvil. According to William you have to enjoy this work as it very hard, being labour intensive.

The four year apprenticeship

studies at the Trade School. During that time there is a great deal to learn, including blacksmithing, business studies and horse health.

Blacksmithing involves making standard and speciality horseshoes and toolmaking and knowing the

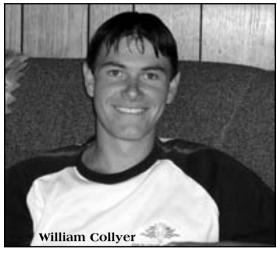
temperatures to which to heat different metals of varying thicknesses. It is important to heat your metal to the right temp to be able to mould it effectively with minimum effort. The range of temperatures are characterised by colour, for example cherry red is 770C-800C, orange is 980C

Why do horses need shoes? It is important to protect horses hooves walking on roads and rough surfaces soon ear down the hooves causing them to become lame. Shoes also give horses extra grip. Horseshoes can also be made to correct problems. For example horses which are founder (overweight) need special shoes to take the pressure of the hoof and support it. These harb bar shoes also help blood circulation. Other examples are rolled toe shoes for a horse with a bowed tendon and a hospital plate to protect the bottom of the foot with an injury.

Business studies include marketing, dealing with clients, social niceties, promoting yourself, employing people, correct letter writing skills, taxation, costing,

or Love or Monet

THE Ladies Fellowship of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill is hosting a 'For Love or Money evening based on the popular TV program of the same name. Bruce Arnup, antique valuer from 'Red Coat Soldier Antiques'



pricing, keeping financial record and computers skills for small busi-

Horse health topics include knowledge and treatment of cuts and abrasions, laminitis (overweight horses), teeth, knowledge of the systems (eg skeletal, digestive, muscular) and how they operate and lower leg deformities. All the signs and symptoms must be known for a diagnosis and treatment touching a farriers range of practice. A farrier must be able to assess a horses needs. Another topic is feeds given to horses they must know what's in them, what to feed them when and when to within feed depending on the problem. It is a wide-ranging

William has been around horses, most of his life "there is no way I would have a job stuck in an office behind a computer" he says, "I'd go nuts."

Williams future plans include having a operating his own successful farrier business, and he wouldn't mind being nominated apprentice of the year again this year!

# New Theatre Company Lends Helping Hand For Valuable Community Service Project KAL Creative Productions Pty Ltd ment and helping raise funds for local

KAL Creative Productions Pty Ltd commenced late last year, out of a desire to have an independent theatre company to develop the skills of local writers, actors and production professionals, and provide entertainment to the people of the Latrobe Valley.

It was established to give all those interested in theatrical productions an opportunity to be involved and develop their skills. Kal Creative Productions aims to provide a relaxed atmosphere that develops self confidence and proficiency within theatre.

Another critical reason for its creation was the need to have the vehicle to fundraise for charity organisations. The audience knows that in watching the performance they are supporting local talent, experiencing enjoyable entertain-

ment and helping raise funds for local community service projects, the Royal Children's Hospital, the Peter Mac Cancer Foundation, Red Cross and Lifeline.

Kal Creative Productions Pty Ltd, in association with the Churchill Primary School and the Co-operating Churches in Churchill, held a theatrical performance as a fundraising event on the 20 December 2003 to help fund the Churchill Primary School "Breakie Club" in 2004.

The production, titled "Masquerading Madness", was an original piece written especially for this project. The local cast and crew all donated their services as their contribution to the "Breakie Club" fundraising project.

On Friday, Cathie from Kal Creative Productions presented the Principal of Churchill Primary School, Mr Rob Higgins, a cheque for \$405 being all of the proceeds from ticket sales.

Keep an eye out for their next exciting production, possibly as early as the end of 2004.

Pictured left: Preparing for Masquerading Madness



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#### **Application Form**

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### Lioness Shaves For A Cure

By MARGARET BARKER, Publicity

OUR club has been on the quiet side this month. However we have put in 143 service hours on: maintenance to the Rose Garden at Hazelwood House, Aid to the Elderly when 2 of our members help the elderly through the Wattle Club and Emergency toilet packs compiled and delivered to Latrobe Regional Hospital.

The aim of the Lioness Club is to serve the community. If you think this is for you and you would like to join the club, please contact President Vicki on 51221614 or Secretary Merrilyn on 5122 2543

What is the World's Greatest Shave for a Cure?

During March Lioness Sue Lowick had her hair clipped for the "World's Greatest Shave for a Cure". This is a fund-raising event for the Leukemia Foundation where participants shave, clip or colour their hair to raise funds through sponsorship and donations. Sue had a Number 1 all over

The Leukemia Foundation is a progressive National

Organisation dedicated to the care and cure of patients with leukemia and other blood related disorders. The Leukemia

Foundation receives no ongoing government funding and relies on continued support of individuals and corporate partners to expand its services.

Sue courageously took on the task of fundraising and managed to raise \$1936.30. This program is close to her heart after personal association with cancer and her involvement with Camp Quality as a companion taking children with cancer to camps.



Well done Sue!

### 'Riding Along On My Pushbike Honey'

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

CAMP Quality esCarpade, a car "rally" to raise funds for Camp Quality, is on again this year in October. Our club will be running the 201 car again and will be eagerly seeking sponsors. The 6 day event starts at Tamworth and finishes at Port Macquarie via Southern Queensland.

Donations have been made this month to the Lions Hearing Dog Project, Churchill Primary School Breakfast Program and Glendonald Pre School. Churchill Koala Kinder also received a donation for assistance at the Outdoor Expo.

The recent Outdoor Expo at Kernot Hall was a great event and a fantastic fundraiser for our club. Koala Kinder committee members were a great help. The tea and coffee catering was given to the Salvation Army again this year and they made a very tidy sum from the event.

As a lot of our dealings involve some contact with children and youth, it is now club policy that all members submit to a Police Check. Our club embraced this move as a show of concern for the children and youth in our community.

The Lions club has always been a supporter of the Worlds Greatest Shave for a

Cure, and this year we supported Lioness Sue Lowick who submitted to the clippers, raising around \$2000 for the cause. A truly great effort from an individual in our community. Donations can still be forwarded to the Lioness Club of Churchill, PO Box 215, Churchill or any Lioness.

Catering continued at Bunnings this month with all proceeds going to Camp Ouality.

The Lions Club has accepted responsibility for Apex Park, Mathison Park, until the Shire can advise on who is responsible for this work.

Lions "Ride For Sight" is a Project which we proudly supported this year. The ride started at Stratford on 18 March and finished at Longwarry on 21 March, some 400 kms later. Our club provided afternoon tea at Bunnings, Morwell on day 1 and lunch at Mirboo North on day 2. Lion Norm advises that he is still open to sponsorship until mid-May.

Please help as this is a very worthy cause. Donations can be made directly to Lion Norm or by mail to the Lions Club of Churchill and District, PO Box 110, Churchill.

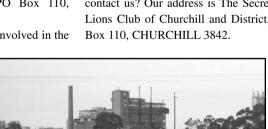
We had some members involved in the Children's Hospital

Appeal at the Churchill Hotel who made tasty morsels available at a very high standard but reasonable price. Thanks to all who supported this project.

Lions Village Licola is no longer being managed by the YMCA. Lions International are again running the Village and wish to advise that bookings can be made through the Manager at Licola on 5148 8791.

The Churchill and District News Birthday Club, sponsored and run by the Lions Club of Churchill, is growing. Bayley McLure and Jack Bennett were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in March. All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join and each month TWO lucky "birthdayites" will be chosen at random. Make sure your child is registered – just follow the instructions in the Churchill & District News Birthday List.

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



### Lurgi Plant Contamination Concern

BRENDAN JENKINSMP has been contacted on a number of occasions by concerned residents of the Churchill and district, in particular the Hazelwood North area, regarding the demolition of the Lurgi Gas plant.

Their concerns include the amount of dust surrounding the plant and the air quality in the vicinity of the plant. One resident commented that early in the morning it is like driving through a fine cloud on Monash Way.

There is also a great deal of concern for the students at Hazelwood North Primary School as they are directly downwind of the site and if there is any contamination in the air it could be a serious health risk

"I have written to the Minister asking that independent environmental auditors hold a briefing with concerned residents" said Mr Jenkins.

The site is subject to EPA and Victorian Workcover Authority regulations and anyone with concerns can contact them, he added.

Other residents of the area have also questioned why, when this project is part of the Latrobe Valley Ministerial Taskforce, there has been no jobs created for local people.

### Matt's Op Shop - Yinnar

By RAE BILLING, Op Shop Coordinator

SALES during the last few weeks have been extra good and up to the end of March around \$1000 has been raised towards the work of our Parish. With the hot weather winding down (finally!) I'm planning some specials on summer clothes during April. There are also have a lot of children's shoes in stock, so check them out next time you call in. We are grateful for the quality and quantity of donated goods. It's funny that it often happens that new goods are sold the very day they are brought in and put up for sale. If you have any comments or suggestions don't hesitate to call me anytime on 5169 1629.

I'd be pleased to make any changes. Presently I am having a new signboard for out the front made, so am looking forward to it being completed.

I hope you'll all come to our fabulous (we hope!) Car Boot Sale on Saturday April 24th. The shop will be open as usual, with various church stalls such as devonshire teas, cake stalls, sausage sizzle, produce stall and plants out the front. For \$10 you can have your own stall over the road. Contact me if you wish to book one but note that we don't provide anything, so you have to BYO trestles, shelter, etc. We are praying hard for fine weather and a successful day.

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### Creations

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### The Pool Your Comments

SOMETHING is rotten in the town of Churchill and there's a distinctly fishy smell wafting all the way from the Council Chambers to our swimming pool.

"There is some ill a-brewing towards my rest For I did dream of money bags tonight." – Shakespeare

Cora Pal

I'd like to point out that it's not just the people of Churchill that greatly miss the Churchill pool; it was also a great facility for the people of Yinnar, Yinnar South, Boolarra and districts. To travel to Morwell swimming pool for swimming lessons may only be 10 minutes more than the Churchill pool, but for people who already travel 10 minutes or more to get to the Churchill pool, it could very well make swimming lessons for their children just too far away.

To many people their days are already very busy and time is as much a commodity as money; and like money, there's a limit.

Sharlene Butler



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Auction cost is 15% of sale prices (negotiable for higher priced items) Vendor accounts to be settled by mail within 10 days Condition sheet available.

> **Contact Geoff Bennett** 0418 513 860 or 5134 2790 **Tony Harwood** 0408 541 227 or 5163 1448

All proceeds go towards Lions many special causes.

### Mathison Park-Its Like Painting the Sydney Harbour Bridge!

By RUTH PLACE

I would like to commend the small group of volunteers who maintain the Park. Mowing Mathison Park is like painting the Sydney Harbour Bridge! There are many other jobs which are carried out quietly and effectively, so the public has a special facility for their pleasure. Thanks to all or volun-

The tree I am going to tell you about in this issue is the Coast Banksia. It is often referred to as Honeysuckle and is known to the Gania people as Birrna, due to the large compact flower heads, rich in nectar. The flower heads were sometimes rolled in the hands and the nectar then licked off. A handful of well chewed bark was run from the top to the bottom of the flower spike to sponge up the nectar. Nectar was used to make sweet drinks. Dry banksia cones were used for strainers.

A Coast Banksia is a medium sized tree which grows to 20 metres, with a 50cm diameter trunk. However trees are usually under 10 metres and are characteristically gnarled, twisted or straggling along

the coast, stunted and shrubby in exposed sites. Young branches are covered in white down hairs, but the bark on the rest of the tree is hard, rough, light grey in colour, sometimes with splits and granular in appearance. Leaves are grown in sets around the branches, with 4 - 6 leaves per set. The leaves are oblong to narrow lance like or wedge shaped, with a short stalk

sometimes being sharply toothed along the edges. They are dark green above with silvery white hairs below. There is a prominent mid-rib, net like veins and often turned back mar-

Flowers are pale yellow, small and tubular, with long wiry straight protruding styles arranged in cylindrical terminal upright spikes, 5 - 15 cm long and 4 - 8 cm in diameter. Fruits are grey cylindrical cones with numerous brown protruding follicles, usually containing 2 black - winged oval seeds, which are released on maturity. Banksias flower most of the year. Their habitat is widespread on poor soils along the coast adjacent tablelands in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and

OUR NEXT WORKING BEE IS ON SATURDAY MARCH 27TH AT 9.30AM TO 1.00PM.

Please come along and help. Bring gloves, rakes and Stanley



It doesn't get much better than this!

On these rare occasions, I can come to the surface I love to kick back and admire the Rhododendron; what a magnificent flowering

There are 3 main categories of Rhodie, namely: azalea; tropical or Vireya Rhodie; and the temperate climate plants which include

### Herman Ge Rhodie's!

small Alpine or Arctic Rhodie.

The 800 species vary considerably in climate requirements, so its amazing that they all share the same general cultivation needs.

Unlike most other plants the entire root ball is a mass of fine roots, which makes them ideal for container cultivation and easy to transplant. The disadvantage being they are inclined to dry out quickly and soon rot if kept water

Rhododendron's need loose, open well-aerated, acidic soil with plenty of humus and thrive with a regular

In wet areas or gardens with alkaline soil its best to plant in raised beds filled with specially

They prefer dappled shade and protection form the hot afternoon sun and strong winds.

Trim lightly after flowering.

Cheers from Herman Ge.

### Gippsland Trade Printers











GIPPSLAND Trade Printers is a locally owned and operated commercial Offset Printer located in Churchill. The history of our company dates back over 110 years beginning life as a newspaper servicing Morwell and surrounding districts. Out of our 26 full time, part time, and casual staff, 15 of them reside in and around Churchill itself with the rest from other parts of the Latrobe Valley.

15 years ago a decision was made to follow a fledgling industry known as print management. This allowed our customer base to expand from local consumers to brokers based in all major capital cities.

Over 95% of our work is now directed to Print Management companies alone allowing us to expand as a result. We are an exporter of print sending our products out of the Valley and bringing revenue in exchange.

In May of 1997 we moved from our Driffield Road address in Morwell to our new location in the then empty Kaiser building in Webster Street, Churchill. The building gave us a commodity rarely awarded to Offset printers - space. We utilised this space to our advantage ensuring that our work flow is smooth and our environment is healthy

We are now a strong force in the Trade Printing industry recognised for our work, quality, ethics and customer service. The companies we supported throughout their infancy are now blossoming, forging strong business relationships with the corporate giants.

Therefore when you fill out any Real Estate form, a Chubb security form, a Westpac slip, a Pizza Hut take-away docket, a Spotless Ensign docket, a JB Hi Fi Sales receipt, a Crown Casino pay out voucher, or a Vic Roads roadworthy certificate, be proud as there is a good chance it was printed right here in the Valley. We are!





### C.D.C.A.

### Walking Tracks, Safety Neighbourhood Centre..

By Margaret Guthrie, President

The Churchill & District Community Association has been receiving regular updates from Latrobe City Council regarding the temporary closure of the Churchill Pool.

Investigations are continuing into the options available to carry out repairs. It seems likely that it will be some time before the pool can be safely reopened.

CDCA will continue to monitor this situation, representing the depth of concern expressed by many local residents over the closure of the pool, and the need for Council to keep the community informed.

Whilst the Churchill Pool was the urgent item for discussion at our March meeting, other matters discussed included the continuing development of walking tracks around Churchill, the possible future relocation of the

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, and neighbourhood safety hazards.

Cr Darrell White was present, along with Officers from Latrobe City, Monash University representative David Abbott and the Churchill & District News.

The Churchill & District Community Association meets regularly on the first Tuesday of the month. New members (and old) of all ages and interests are welcome. We are keen to support local activities and take up issues affecting Churchill and District.

You can also find us at the Churchill Rotary Market in West Place, on the third Saturday of

For more details contact our Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 03 5122 3602 or write to PO Box 191, Churchill 3842.



### Youth Yard

### Final Fantasy: The Return of Sephiroth

By JAZZMAN AND THE STORY MAN Chapter 4: O'aka and Friends

We meet our friends walking to Buck Town, when they meet a hooded man standing near a sign that said 'This way to Buck Town'.

'Who are you?" asked Jarrod, looking up at the man's hooded face.

"None of your business..."replied the man, turning away.

"Yes it is!!! called out James, using his hands as a speaker.

"What do you want from me kid?" asked the man, holding James by the col-

"Hey! Let go of me!" shouted James and pulled out his sword.

"It's a duel then!" said the man and pulled out a Key Blade (sword-like weapon, with a key shape and a key chain).

"Haaagh!!!!!" screamed James and dived at the hooded man. The man blocked the attack, deflecting James to the ground.

"Now you will pay for interrupting my duties!!!" shouted the man and swung his Key Blade at James.

James quickly rolled out of harm's way. He noted how much concrete was smashed after the blow, which could've been him!"

"Come on James, keep it up!" shouted Jarrod, but with little confidence.

James jumped up in the air and pointed his sword to the sky and started to spin. He flew up into the sky and came thundering down straight at the hooded man.

But to everyone's surprise the hooded man dodged the attack. James' sword stuck in the ground, while at the same time the hooded man struck James with the Key Blade and sent him flying through the air. James landed on his back and slid across the ground.

To be continued.....

tures.

By JACQUE CHRISTIE. Frogs are wonderful crea-

Our country is home to more than 220 named species and they can be found in any Australian landscape.

Most frogs lay eggs on land or in water. Then, after the eggs hatch, tadpoles enter the water.

They stay in the water for two or more weeks (depending on the temperature) and grow into froglets (baby frogs).

The Hippocket Frog is a brilliant example of prenatal care, but unfortunately they are almost extinct.

You could help to prevent the extinction of these animals by saving water, as most frogs lay their eggs in the

### Bonds

BY BEN FOWLER

Attraction signals ending time of visions born from dust disintegrating bonds between impaled from your lust

Turn to me to prove it true what never comes to be say the word and make it real to being me to my knees

Holding on to never feel you gave too much, it's no longer real too alive to deny this bond by giving in to you

.....it shall not become

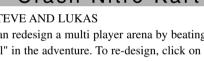
#### Game Tips Crash Nitro Kart

BY STEVE AND LUKAS

You can redesign a multi player arena by beating "capture the crystal" in the adventure. To re-design, click on CUSTOM

If you want to get fake Crash, do 50 or more boosts in a row, in any track, in Team Cortex. Pura is the same, just on Team Bandicoot tracks.

Velo: earn two sceptors





From L - R Jacque, Jade with PE teacher Ms Fitzpatrick

### Screaming Silently By Kristina

You sit in silence but your mind is screaming And your eyes; red and sore from this constant weeping.

You're weakened, faltering, falling apart, And all that is left is an empty heart. You're sick with apprehension, You're crippled from exhaustion All that is left to find, Is the happiness suppressed in your mind. It is hidden under rubble and debris,

#### The Judging Eyes

Causing destruction, hate and blasphemy.

#### BY CLAIRE DENT

The eyes are always watching me From a distance they will stare, No matter where I go They'll always be right there. Of me, they make a mockery Laughing at every step I take, They will keep on proceeding Until my heart is bleeding And finally has broke. They'll think that it's a joke, But I shall show them wrong I shall stand up tall and strong. Until the watching eyes have stopped, My tears I will not mop, Because I will not need to, For I will have won the war.

We would like to apologise:

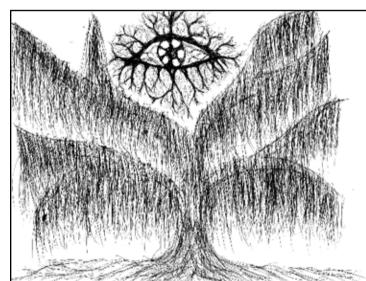
Last month we published this poem under the wrong name. Claire please accept our apologises for this error



2D ART



### Weeping Willow by Ben Fowler





Peer Support Leaders

From L - R Sharni, Peer Support Leaders, Kaila, Brock and Jacque.

By JACQUE CHRISTIE, HAYLEY EDWARDS, AND JADE RAWLING

'We're in Year 7 at Kurnai Churchill this year. We really like the school. You make new friends here, like the three of us."

"The teachers are really good - they respect you. We all have our favourite teachers.'

"The Art program is great. This Semester we're doing 2 D (two dimensional) Art, which is drawing. Next Semester we do ceramics. It's really fun doing things in the Art Rooms."

"The Peer Support Program is excellent. That's where you do activities on a Friday afternoon in your Peer Support Groups with some of the Year 10 Leaders."

"We like doing P.E. in the gym too. Our teacher's really good, and we do different exercises and sports indoors."

"There are lots of things to do that are interesting at Kurnai. We have a lot of fun."



L - R Jade, Ms Martin, Jacque, Hayley and Ms Taylor



A Churchill & District History Series

### Looking Back.



.through the eyes of local residents

### My Story

I MOVED to Traralgon in 1957 and from my workplace, the newly opened Traralgon and District Hospital looked across the farmland south of the town to the Jeeralang hills. During the following years I attended functions in the Jeeralang North Hall and Hazelwood South Hall. The Hazelwood North Hall, built to replace the one burnt down, was not completed until late 1961. By that time I had married and moved to a farm on Walkers Road, Hazelwood North. You may be interested to know my husband and I are still on that farm but our address has changed four times during the forty plus years of our residency. We have also moved in and out of electorates. Our latest move was this year when we returned to the federal seat of Gippsland.

Power was connected in April 1961, and a Grand Switch-On ball was held in the Jeeralang North Hall on 21 April. The ribbon was cut by Mr Charlie Mele, the resident who had lived in the area for the longest time.

In 1965 we had the telephone connected. Prior to that date there was an exchange, open for limited hours, at the home of our neighbour. We decided to work towards a twenty-four hour service rather than connect to the Jeeralang North exchange. We had to dial '0' before the required number when making a non local call. As more homes were built and people moved into the area the telephone lines and services were upgraded and the prefix 661 was added to local numbers and there was no longer the need to dial '0' to get

Mail was delivered three days a week and the mailman would collect letters to post providing the correct postage was on the letters. We are one of few residents who continue to regularly use

The road in front of our house was re-aligned and sealed in1966. A workman came at each morning tea and lunch time to collect the tea urn I had boiling on my combustion stove. Our children were young and watched the progress of the

A primary school operated form 1955 to 1961 in the supper room of the Jeeralang North Hall. When the school closed the pupils caught the secondary school bus and were dropped off at the Hazelwood North Primary School at 7.45am. School classes did not begin until 9.15am. Parents were grateful to the Head Teacher who had the school open, heated in the winter and supervised the children. He lived in the school house next door to the school. I was one of a small committee who worked hard to get a bus service to the primary school. Mr John Smethhurst, Head Teacher, was very supportive. The bus service began in 1969. the school enrolment was 45 and 20 pupils used the bus.

Most families had only one car so rosters were very important. There were rosters for the guide, scout, football and tennis runs, and probably a few more. Many husbands worked off their farms, either at the SEC or APM, and most did shift work. Wives organised ways to have a car to enable them to attend Mothers Club, school sports days, and meetings.

This was often quite an exercise. I rode a bicycle after our youngest child started school. I remember my children asking me NOT to be on the road when the school bus was due. This may have had something to do with the bike. It had holes in the back mudguard where a net was attached to prevent your skirt getting caught in the wheel. How old fashioned! How embarrassing for my children!

Our third daughter wore spectacles and had a patch covering her 'good' eye for most of her years at primary school. The bus driver was wonderful. He tooted the horn if she boarded the bus without her specs, and told her she would be called 'four eyes' by the other children, but she was not to be upset as they were really jealous.

Trucks drove along Jeeralang North Road (Walkers Road had been renamed) to and from the stone quarry, and drivers knew the school bus stops and how many children were at each stop. In 1974 our oldest child started secondary school so caught the earlier bus to go to Maryvale High School. Our other children went to the bus stop to catch the primary school bus, and a quarry truck stopped. The driver said, "OK. Where is child number five?"

In the late 1960s I was asked to help with Red Cross Calling. There were thirteen homes on which to call in the local area I was allocated. Is still cover the same area but today there are one hundred and four homes on which to call.

When the township of Churchill was being established there was much discussion about the name chosen for the town. Those who did not want the name, and those who supported the name, all had their say. As the town grew the importance of the name faded as people met and mixed with the new residents.

I believe it is the people who make this community a great place in which to live. I quickly became involved in local activities - the Sunday School and Church, the Jeeralang Hall Committee, then the school community, Progress Association (now the Hazelwood & District Community Association), and Guides. It has been a great way to keep informed and have a say in local developments.

Special celebrations have been wonderful. The Centenary of Hazelwood North Primary School in 1981 was a weekend to remember. How it rained and rained most of the Saturday morning and people splashed through sheets of water to reach the school to see the displays. An old time dance was held in the Traralgon High School and most people dressed up for the occasion. The sinking of the Time Capsule was delayed a few days because of weather conditions. The Capsule contains copies of the speeches "Yesterday" - Mr Ron Rae, a senior member of the church who spoke on the theme "I Remember", "Forever" by Rose Mildenhall, a young member of the church, who spoke about her hopes for the future, and in "Today" Mr Victor Sanders spoke about the present challenge of our faith that was part of the special ecumenical church service on the Sunday morning.

Local papers and photographs were also put into the Capsule, and probably many other things. It is due to be opened on 28 July 2006, and I plan to be present on the day!

The Bi-centennial and Federation dances at Jeeralang North were other great occasions at which Colonial dress was the go.

A toilet block was built in 1979 and as the secretary of the Jeeralang North Hall Committee I had to invite the President of the shire of Traralgon to do the official opening. I thought about just how to word the invitation and eventually settled on 'hall extensions'. The Shire President was a good sport and everyone had a laugh on the night.

Neighbours, Mr Ron and Mrs Mary Rae made it possible for our children and me to attend Sunday School and church, by providing transport. Sunday School was at 1.45pm and the church service at 2.45pm – very difficult times to have a car when your husband was a shift work-

#### by Zelma Mildnehall



Belonging to a community has meant hours at working bees. There always seemed to be the need for cleaning of the halls, the school, the church and their grounds. It has also meant raising money. Stalls, Casserole dinners, fetes, concerts, special afternoons, and auctions were held to help keep organisations / club afloat. For a period of time the Mothers Club had the contract for the cleaning of the school.

While cleaning with a couple of members we heard the announcement that Elvis had died. We sang Elvis songs as we continued our work! Perhaps the most memorable fundraising event was the Guide District Fete held to raise money to build toilets attached to the Hazelwood South Hall. The old toilet block was behind the hall on low ground, and during wet periods water often covered the concrete floor.

There was no shelter if you needed to wait, so when it was raining you ended up very damp indeed. Rain began early on the Friday before the Fete and continued all the following day. It was heavy, soaking rain. A couple of local council representatives came to inspect the toilet block. They had to wade through wet grass and found the water almost ankle deep in the toilet area. The Fete was a huge success and the toilets were built.

The district continues to change. Many new estates have town water and garbage collection; the trucks to the quarry are bigger and heavier; school buses run to Morwell, Churchill, Traralgon, Warragul and Sale; Sunday School and the church services are held on Sunday mornings; the milk tanker has only a few farms from which to collect milk; mail is delivered five days a week and the volume of traffic on local roads is amazing.

While participating in community happenings you will find the neighbours just as they have always been – friendly, caring and supportive.

### .eadership

CHURCHILL resident Margaret involvement with the Gippsland Guthrie, was one of twenty women from rural Victoria to receive a Rural Women's Leadership Bursary.

The presentations were made at the

Rural Women's Network Awards held in March in Melbourne's Parliament Gardens

Margaret, who involved in a number of community groups Churchill, is one of the team here at the Churchill & District News and is President of the CDCA.

She is currently busy helping to organize the Churchill Festival, which will be held at Glendonald Park on Sat 15 May.

The money Margaret has won is covering her

Community Leadership Program. The GCLP aims to build leadership resources within the Gippsland community through a formal program.



Mary Gillett, Parliamentary Secretary for Women's Affairs, left, presents Award to Margaret Guthrite

### Friends of Monash Gippsland

FRIENDS of Monash Gippsland was formed in 1998 by a group of citizens concerned about the decrease in opportunities for Gippsland people to benefit from university education and research at the Churchill Campus of Monash University.

We were, and still are, concerned about the lack of opportunity for Gippsland school leavers to pursue tertiary education of the broadest possible scope here in the region.

In 1999 we played a part in persuading the University to fully commit itself to Gippsland.

The outcome was the Monash University Working Party Report on the Gippsland Campus.

As this campus is still run by management in Melbourne, who do not have a real understanding of the needs of Gippsland, we think that there is a need for a new review of the Campus because the 1999 Working Party's Recommendations have not been adequately imple-

Friends of Monash Gippsland agree with PVC Brian Mackenzie who concludes "What is clear is that, one way or another, the way the Gippsland Campus operates must be reworked if it is to contribute the most it can to the success of Monash (University) overall. That unquestionably is a common goal."

In cooperation with the Gippsland community we are also keen to support any effort to aid this

Since 1995 staff at the Gippsland Campus of Monash University has been reduced by 172.3 equivalent full time positions (EFT), 94 academic and 78.3 general staff EFT's have been lost. Since 2002, a further 3 academic positions have been

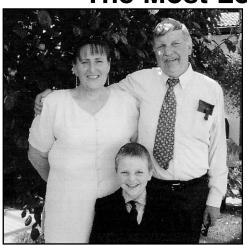
The university cannot therefore, argue that it has met its regional obligations, considering these cuts.

The Campus needs to recover authority over its administrative units and an overall Campus Academic Plan that would safeguard the Campus as an integral part of Monash University needs to be

Anyone who wants to join The Friends of Monash can do so by contacting the convener: Brian Burleigh, Main Street, Cowwarr, Vic 3857. Tel: 5148 9364 / Mobile: 042 8864 371

#### GRAEME MAXWELL 1943 – 2004

#### The Most Loveable Larrikan That Lived



BORN in Thornbury, Melbourne in 1943, Graeme grew up there, going to Heidelberg State School and Technical School. Graeme worked in various jobs, including the State Savings Bank, in air conditioning, as a builder, and at the SEC.

Andreco Hurll was his last job as a maintenance worker on contract to the power stations cleaning the chimneys etc. Graeme's Mum recalls her son coming straight from work, and while still in his suit, responding to the call for volunteers to go and fight fires.

Graeme met Sandra on 14th February 1996 at the Morwell RSL at the Over 25's Club. They were married on 20th September 1997. They were blessed with a little boy, Andrew on 19th January 1998.

Graeme became both father, and stepfather to 2 teenage boys – William and Matthew. He was a good stepfather, trying to keep the kids on the right track. They all settled down into a happy life together.

When Andrew was 2, Graeme and Sandra took up Rock and Roll classes, becoming keen members of the Latrobe Rockers. It was a great way of spending time together and getting to know a terrific bunch of people. They enjoyed it so much that it became their greatest social involvement.

They were involved in classes, demonstrations and fundraising efforts run by the club. Graeme's 60th birthday was celebrated in fine style with a Rock'n' Roll night with Graeme's favourite band Shadoogie at the Italian-Australian Club.

In 2000 he was he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Radiotherapy followed and after the treatment the doctors thought they had been successful in controlling it. In 2003 a blood test revealed that the cancer had flared up and had travelled into the bones of the spine.

Throughout this time and right up to Christmas, Graeme continued to work. Graeme was well regarded at Andreco Hurll and his fellow workers took up a collection for him. But a bigger surprise awaited Graeme at the Latrobe Rockers Christmas party, when he was presented with tickets to the Theme Parks on the Gold Coast. Graeme and Sandra decided to use the money and tickets to have a "holiday to remember" in Queensland, during January. Between visits to casualty and hospital, Graeme, Sandra and Andrew enjoyed as much as they could, their visits to Seaworld, Dreamworld and Wet and Wild.

On return to Victoria, Graeme was immediately hospitalised. He was stabilized sufficiently to return home and Palliative Care was brought in.

Although very ill Graeme remained positive and cheerful. Being at home was a big plus. Graeme's love for Sandra was expressed daily in words and actions, which was a great support for Sandra.

Graeme was easy to get along with. After

being a bachelor for so long, Sandra marveled that he settled into married life so well. He adored Andrew and would support him in his school activities and read to him at bedtime

Graeme was a one-eyed Melbourne supporter and a great fan of all sport. This love he instilled in Andrew also. He loved to attend Andrew's school's sports days.

Much to everyone's surprise, Graeme died suddenly, earlier than expected. He died peacefully at home on 27th February with Sandra and Andrew present.

It was a great shock. Graeme's funeral was a celebration of his life and included the playing of one of his favourite Rock'n'Roll songs by his favourite band Shadoogie. It was from their latest CD, which they sent him when they learned he had cancer.

Graeme is greatly missed by his family. "Out of the mouths of babes" - Andrew recognises that his Dad is now out of pain and in a better place. He missed having his Dad attend the last sports day, and Sandra misses him terribly.

The Latrobe Rockers posted a Vale on their website expressing their condolences to Sandra, family and friends, then continued – "We hope Graeme meets up with all the great stars in Rock'n'Roll Heaven, and better yet, we hope that if we are fortunate enough to get there, we will meet up again with our good friend Graeme."

Sandra would like to thank everyone for their support in many ways. The many cards, flowers and other tributes are all greatly appreciated. Special thanks go to the workers at Andreco Hurll, the Latrobe Rockers, family, friends and neighbours.

Farewell to a loving and caring husband and father.



### Phil Cox visits International Power Hazelwood

Mr Phil Cox, the Chief Executive Officer of global utility giant, International Power

(IPR) has paid a visit to Latrobe as part of his Australasian tour.

Mr Cox is in Australia to inspect operations in both Victoria and South Australia where IPR have significant investments in established brown coal generation, gas-fired power generation and renewable energy in the form of the recently announced Canunda Wind Farm near Mt Gambier.

International Power Hazelwood has today hosted Mr Cox and IPR's Australian Managing Director Mr Tony Concannon giving local IPRH management and employees the opportunity to showcase the West Field project – a major IPR investment in the future of the Hazelwood business.

IPRH Chief Executive Dave Quinn said Mr Cox's visit was "very important" coming at a time when the Hazelwood business was "still confident of gaining State Government approvals to secure a 25 to 30 year life for the business".

"We are very pleased Phil has chosen to visit Hazelwood as it gives us a chance to demonstrate the confidence that IPR has shown in the business since privatisation is wellfounded." Mr Ouinn said.

"We are also keen he should be aware of the critical phase we now enter in securing a robust future that will provide jobs well into the next decades – a phase which will determine the amount of investment which will flow to our business provided the economic and political conditions are conducive."

Mr Cox will visit IPR businesses in South Australia at Pelican Point Power Station and Synergen before engaging several senior business and government figures in meetings in Adelaide and Sydney.

He will take the opportunity to visit IPR assets in Japan, Thailand and the Middle East before returning to London next week

Mr Cox, 53, was appointed to the position of CEO in late 2003 following the return of former CEO David Crane to the

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### CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS BIRTHDAY CLUB

Hi Kids.

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

BIRTHDAY CLUB

LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT INC POBOX 110

CHURCHILL 3842

with your NAME, ADD RESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL

The bucky "Birthdayites" for March were Jack Bennett and Bayley McLure.

#### BIRTHDA YITES FOR APRIL 2004

Hannah BERTOLI 7 ye ars
Mirhael CUSICK 8 ye ars
Tahlia FLAKE 8 ye ars
Olivia MORGAN 7 ye ars
Hayden ROW 4 ye ars
Alanah SHANKLAND 1 ye ar

The "BIRTHD AYITES" for April are
HANNAH BERTOLI and MICHAEL CUSICK

### CORNER\*\*\*

Birthdayites

# II Praga

Bayley McLure 2 years old on 1<sup>St</sup> March

THE March "Birthdayites" were all smiles (nearly) as they were each presented with \$15 vouchers for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District. They



Jack Bennett, 7 years on 21<sup>St</sup> March

were chosen at random from the March list. This could have been you – make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite". Remember you now have two chances of being chosen.

### Try This Tounge Twister!

Betty Botter had some butter,
"But," she said, "this butter's bitter.
If I bake this bitter butter,
it would make my batter bitter.
But a bit of better butter-that would make my batter better."

So she bought a bit of butter, better than her bitter butter, and she baked it in her batter, and the batter was not bitter. So 'twas better Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter.

### Observing Jupiter

By JEFF SING

JUPITER, the king of the planets, is now rising high in the night sky after sunset and will remain in the evening skies until setting with the Sun in early September. Venus is sinking lower in the sky after sunset and will move closer to the Sun over the next two months in time for the transit occurring on June 8 (when Venus passes in front of the Sun, between us and the Sun). Mars is fading away in the west and is setting earlier each night in April around 8 p.m., less than two hours after sunset. Saturn still graces the evening skies in the early evenings and sets around 10.00 p.m. for most of April.

Galileo observed Jupiter with a newly invented telescope of his own design during the early 17th century and he made an amazing discovery. Besides discovering Jupiter's large disk for such a primitive instrument there were four little worlds circling the planet, just like a mini solar system we envisage today. They became known as the Galilean moons after their discoverer. Galileo named them as the "Medicean stars" but we still refer to them as the Galilean moons or Galilean satellites.

Three of the Galilean moons, Io, Ganymede and Callisto are bigger than the Earth with Ganymede the largest in the Solar System and bigger than the planet Mercury Mercury. All four moons are visible in good

quality moderate (size) diameter binoculars under the best conditions.

An even better view is available in small telescopes under as high a magnification that sky conditions will allow. Any size telescope is good enough to view Jupiter, although the perfect instrument is probably a large diameter refractor on a good mount and with a steady, sturdy tripod.

Often four moons are visible at the same time, depending on the periods of their orbits when viewing them. The periods range from just under 2 days for the inner most moon Io, to just over 16 days for the outermost moon Callisto. Other times only three or two moons are visible. On rare occasions only one satellite or no satellites are visible. It is interesting to watch the configurations of all four moons in their waltzes around the planet's disk; sometimes one or two moons in front of the planet's surface and sometimes one or two hidden behind. Sometimes a moon will pass into the shadow (an eclipse) behind the disk. When it disappears completely behind Jupiter's disk it is called an occultation. Other times a moon will pass between the Earth and our view of Jupiter, called a transit.

Transits are detected in the telescope by the shadow the moon (or in a rare event more than one moon) cast on the planet's surface. If you have a telescope 60mm in diameter or larger then you may be able to detect the Great Red Spot on

Jupiter. Jupiter is a gas giant and only atmospheric features can be seen with telescopes. The solid surface or outer core of the planet cannot be seen. Only cloud tops and other atmospheric phenomena are visible. Jupiter rotates on its axis about every ten hours.

This is rapid considering Jupiter's equatorial diameter is nearly 143,000 kilometres. The Great Red Spot, a huge rust-coloured storm in Jupiter's atmosphere was discovered over 300 years ago. It has been known to grow over three times the size of the Earth but most of the time remains about the same size, or twice the size, of the Earth. The Great Red Spot changes colour over time. It can appear orange, yellow, tan or a shade of white. You will find just slightly above or below the planet's equator, depending whether the type of telescope optics reverses the image or not. Besides the Great Red Spot there are coloured bands plainly visible right across Jupiter's disk. These are not uniform and small irregular spots can be seen interspersed around the edges.

What I've just mentioned is only a fraction of what can be studied on Jupiter and then there are other fascinating planets to view as well during different times of each year. If you do not own a telescope then come along to the meetings of the Latrobe Astronomical Society as members there will be only too happy to showcase the views of



the planets through their telescopes providing the planets are "up". The next meeting will be held at member Peter Nelson's home observatory at Ellinbank, on Tuesday April 13 at 7.30 p.m. For details and directions to the Ellinbank observatory contact Gavan Dinsdale on 51746453. View regular updates of the calendar of events (i.e. meeting dates, venues and topics on the nights) on the society's website at http://home.vicnet.net.au/~lvas/

Members note: Gavan will be starting a members discussion group on a monthly basis. There will be six vacancies and perhaps a waiting list in case of non-attendances at the nights. It will be a very informal gathering for the purpose of talking about astronomy on any subject or level. To register your interest contact Gavan by phone or e-mail him at gdinsdale@hotmail.com.

#### Sports News





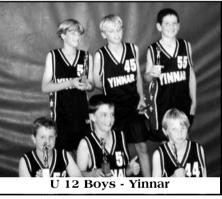
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The winter season starts in the second week of term 2. Teams can be found for new players.

Churchill Junior Basketball, with the support of International Power Hazelwood, ran a skills clinic for young children interested in learning about the game in a fun and relaxed way.

The children were taught various skills over the 4 week course and gained confidence and are now looking forward to joining teams in the up coming winter season in the Under 8 Competition.

Any children regardless of their age who is looking to play in the Season starting the second week of Term Two can contact Jenny Webb on 51222884.

## Happenings at Lake Hyland



THE Associated Angling Club, in conjunction with Quantum Support Services, held a day at Lake Hyland for people with a disability to enjoy some fishing. The day was a very successful with plenty of fun and laughter, and some fish reeled in and kept. Thank you to Peter Prokopiv, Keith Davies, Andy Burr, and Paul Reid for your help! Thank you Quantum for the day of sharing with the community.

An open day was held at Lake Hyland in March with the club offered a free sausage sizzle. There were plenty of laughs some fish caught, which had to be thrown back due to size.

Our April events include a trip to Glenmaggie, and in May we will be attending the Churchill Festival, which is being held in Glendonald Park.

For more information about this great family club telephone Paul Reid on 03 5122 2859.



**Great Catches at Lake Hyland** 

#### Sports News

### Golf Results

Saturday Mens Comp: Par, February 14, 2004 CCR 68 A-Grade I Wilson +3 c/b, B-Grade G Hornsby +3 c/b, C-Grade S McNamara +2, DTL P Williams +3, R Welsh +3, G down +2, R Sheahey +2, A Booth +2 c/b. NTP 3rd P Williams, 12th G Blizzard.

> Sunday Comp: Open Canadian, February 15, 2004

Scratch: Rick & Di Scurlock 83, Handicap Jim Dickson & Jill Busch 72 5/8, Visitors: J Hall & K Hall 77 1/4, DTL C Waterman/L Jessop 73 1/8, M & C Reynolds 74 3/8, G Down/V Verheyen 76 ¾, A & L Casey 70 1/4, D Marston/V Anderson 80 7/8, L Slein/D Thomas 82, NTP Ladies 5th C Reynolds, 12th M Neilson, 14th D Thomas, Mens: 5th M Reynolds, 14th B Forrest.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 4BBB Stableford February 17, 2004

Winners S Jeffery & L Casey 47, DTL B Beebe & L Jessop 46, C Gardam & D Thomas 45, NTP 3/12 0-32 J Leslie, 33-45 V Verheyen, 5/14 0-32 M McConville, 33-45 C Barnes.

Saturday Mens Comp: Captains/Presidents Day, February 21, 2004. CCR 67

A-Grade (0-18( I Wilson 62, B-Grade (19-23) J Ambrosini 69 c/b, C-Grade (24-36) S McNamara 57, DTL M Bianconi 58, C Waterman 65, F Peel 65, R Sheahey 66, D Williams. NTP 3rd P Williams, 5th J McCafferty, 12th C Waterman, 14th J Armstrong. Birdies R Jenkins, 12th M Bianconi 3rd.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford, February 22, 2004

Winner B Croft 47 pts, DTl P Ludow 44 pts, J Ambrosini 41 pts c/b. NTP 5th R Scurlock, 12th G Blizzard, 14th D Taylor. Birdies G Blizzard 3rd/12th

Sunday Ladies Comp Stableford, February 22, 2004 CCR 70.

Winner Di Scurlock 43pts. DTL J Maher 38 pts. NTP 5th & 14th M McConville, Birdies Di Scurlock

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stableford, February 24 2004, CCR

Winner E D'Alterio 40 pts c/b,

DTL S Jeffery 40, V Anderson 38, H Croft 37. NTP 3/12 0-32 M McConville, 33-45 J Verheyen, 5/14 0-32 J Blizzard, 33-45 H Croft, Lost Handicap S Jeffery 32-31.

Saturday Mens Comp Stroke Monthly Medal, February 28, 2004 Scratch C Lesiw 76, A-Grade (0-16) C Lesiw 65, B-Grade (17-21) J White 66, C-Grade (22-32) K Garlick 65 & Medal c/b. DTL J McCafferty 66, W Peter 67, D Williams 67, K Ellis 68, S McNamara 68, T Roeder 68. NTP 3rd M D'Alterio, 5th K Ellis, 12th W Barnes, 14th C Thomas. Birdies R Jenkins 3rd, R Welsh 12th, Eagle 11th J McCafferty. Putts R Welsh & K Garlick 25.

Sunday Mens Comp 1st Round Mixed Foursomes Championships, February 29, 2004

Scratch R&D Scurlock 89, Handicap W & J Leslie 70 1/2. DTL C&D Thomas 71, M McConville & T Spark 75, W Peter & V Verheyen 76 c/b NTP 3rd D Thomas, 12th J Ambrosini, 14th Scurlock. Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke Monthly, March 2, 2004. CCR 70.

Scratch Di Scurlock 91, A-Grade Di Scurlock, 75 nett, B-Grade B Beebe 68 nett & medal, DTL C Barnes 74, L Jessop 75 c/b. NTP 3/12 0-32 L Jessop, 33-45 V Verheyen, 5/14 0-32 E D'Alterio, 33-45 C Barnes, Putts Di Scurlock 31, Lost handicap B Beebe 35-34.

Saturday Mens Comp: 1st Rd Foursomes Championship Date March 6, 04. Scratch P Williams/W Leslie 82, Handicap P Williams/W Leslie 64 nett. DTL M Brereton/J Sterrick 65 1/2, L Stein/D Harvey 66, P Kearns/C Flanigan 70, NTP3rd J Armstrong, 5th P Kearns, 12th C Flanigan.

Sunday Mens Comp: 2nd Rd Mixed Foursome Championship, March 7, 2004.

Scratch R&D Scurlock 83, Handicap: W & J Leslie 66 ½, DTL J&L Ambrosini 68, S&Y Wotton 68 ½ c/b, NTP 12th T Spark, 14th S Wotton. Championship: scratch R&D Scurlock 171, W & J Leslie



Tuesday Ladies Comp: 2 x Amrose, March 9, 2004.

Winners: Y Wotton/V Rowley 65 1/2, DTL J Blizzard/M McConville 68, J Leslie/Di Scurlock 70 1/4, NTP 5/14 0-32 Di Scurlock, 3/12 0-32 Di Scurlock. Longest Drive: 33-45 L Ambrosini, 0-32 M McConville.

Saturday Mens Comp: 2nd Round Foursome Championship, March 13, 2004.

Scratch P Williams/B Leslie 86 c/b, S McNamara/D Williams 65 1/2, DTL P Williams/B Leslie 68, G Fraser/K Ellis 68 1/2, P Kearns/C Flanigan 69, NT 5th G Fraser, 12th D Williams, 14th M D'Alterio.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford, March 14, 2004. CCR 68 Winner F Bianconi 43 pts, DTL L Stein 37, J Ambrosini 36 c/b, NTP 3rd L Maher, 5th F Bianconi, 12th L Maher, Birdies: 5th G Down, 5th L Maher.

Ladies Stableford, March 14, 2004. CCR 70. Winner: L Ambrosini 37 pts. DTL J Maher 35 pts, NTP 3rd J Maher, 5th E D'Alterio, 14th J Blizzard, Birdies J Maher.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke, March 16, 2004. CCR 70 Winner K Hall 71, DTL Heather Croft 73 c/b, Vicki Anderson 73, NTP 0-32 3/12th K Hall, 5/14th V Verheyen, 33-45 3/12th C Ellis, 5/14th B Beebe.

Sat Mens Comp: Foursomes Championships, March 20, 2004

Scratch: K Hills/L Stein 78, Handicap P Williams/W Leslie 65, DTL J Jeffery.P Sheilds 66, P Kearns/C Flanigan 66, A Justice/J Dickson 67, NTP 3rd A Casey, 5th J Dickson, 12th R Sheahey, 14th J Osborne, Champions: Scratch: P Williams/W Leslie 250, Champions: Handicap: P Williams/W Leslie 197.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stableford - Mary Mitchell Day, March 23, 2004. CCR 70.

Winner Jan Blizzard 43 pts. DTL Y Wotton 38pts c/b, C Gardam 38pts, S Jeffery 36pts. NTP 3/12 0-32 D Thomas, 33-45 C Barnes, 5/14 0-32 E D'Alteror, 33-45 B Beebe, Lost Handicap J Blizzard 29-26.

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### A Tale Of Kitty And Jack!

By GEOFF MARSHALL

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The Ladies "A" has finished at the top of G.D.L.B.A Division 2 but lost in the play off.

'Fred Jones joined a bowls club and became so involved every time he returned home he told his wife his fun on the green with "Kitty", 'trailed Kitty in the ditch'. Carried Kitty out of bounds', horror of horrors!, 'Iain close to Kitty' and 'kissed KITTY .....'. Feeling that the best way to put a stop to Kitty's evil ways and save her marriage was to join the bowls club. This she did and in no time at all was soon having an equally torrid affair with Jack!'

Not many sports has a name for a ball, not in

Golf, Tennis, cricket, snooker or pool. Billiards has 2 white balls but only one is called spot. If you missed the last twilight bowls on March 24th for palliative care then you missed a good 10 or 12 ends of fun bowls. Thanks to Geoff Whitelaw for donating his hair (at a price) and then his eyeshadows for money and the postmaster of Vinnar shyam Tripathi who was persuaded to lose his moustache for \$150 (\$159 was raised). This was followed by a good feed and raffle we raised \$1206.70 for Palliative Care. We must thank every one that came and participated in for

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