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Churchill business a winner in the inaugural Gippsland Tourism Awards

Aerial Skydives, a local business based at Latrobe Regional Airport, has won the 'Adventure Tourism' Section of the inaugural Gippsland Tourism Awards.

Chief Instructor and Manager Janine Hayes along with husband Ken Hills were delighted to win after passing a rigorous judging process.

"It was a great night and an honour to be recognised with the award", Janine said. Janine has been operating the Skydiving business from Latrobe Regional Airport for the past seven years. With the recent purchase of an aircraft Janine and Ken have committed to grow the business offering locals and tourists the opportunity to experience an adrenalin rush freefalling from an aircraft at 10,000'.

Ariel Skydives was one of three winning Latrobe City entries. Melinda and David Wilson of Montfort Manor was the winner in the 'Luxury Boutique Accommodation' category and Latrobe Visitor Information Centre won the 'Tourism Services' category.

Latrobe City mayor, Cr Tony Zimora, said each of the winners not only demonstrated excellence in their own field of tourism expertise, but also provided leadership for others in the tourism industry.

Melinda and Janine are participants in the Gippsland Tourism Leadership Program. Janine is also on the

Latrobe Tourism Advisory Board.

Marissa Panuskis, manager of the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre, also provides administrative assistance to the recently formed Latrobe City Business Tourism Association.

"Melinda, Janine and Marissa are all passionate about contributing to the growth of tourism in the area and consistently encourage the community to support their local tourism operators," Cr Zimora said.

"Gippsland has been through a tumultuous time with drought, bushfires and floods. These awards and the announcement of the winners, encourages everyone to not only sample the tourist delights on their own doorstep but to venture further afield in Gippsland and support the industry as a whole," Cr Zimora said.

"It is important to think locally for the forthcoming September holidays and see what's on offer in Latrobe and the Gippsland region," Ms Hayes added.

The awards were presented at a cocktail evening at Sale's Bis Cucina restaurant - a winner in their own section.

Renowned restaurateur Dur-e' Dara captivated the audience with her frank and insightful comments on life, restaurants and tourism in general in the Gippsland area.



Making chocolate crackles at Hazelwood North Primary School

Local Schools - Big Contribution!

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Countess Strzelecki greets students at Boolarra Primary School (above)
Students from Churchill North Primary School visit the Ambulance Station (below)



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4. 13 - 18yrs Short Story
5. 13 - 18yrs Poetry
6. Adult Short Story
7. Adult Poetry.
8. Local History - My Story. (This category will be judged on content alone and there are no restrictions on length of story, i.e. they can be under 1000 words.)
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 - *Under 18: min 8 lines and max. 48 lines.
 - *Children: up to 20 lines
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 - \$2.00 Concession or Student
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Camp Limber Up 2007

By RICHARD CUSICK

My name is Richard and I am 8yrs old. When I was 7 yrs old I got sick and ended up in Hospital for 3 weeks. After the doctors did some tests they told me I had Arthritis (Systemic Onset Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis) (JA), which was the cause of my illness.

My mum contacted Arthritis Victoria (AV), and we receive newsletters and information about JA. Arthritis Victoria invited us to go to Camp Limber Up which was at Halls Gap.

At camp we met lots of families with kids with JA. 150 people attended from all over Victoria and Tasmania. The camp was really fun,

AV had organised lots of great activities for all the kids of all ages, and the parents. We did craft and orienteering, we also had a disco, camp fire, visit to the Wildlife Park and Mini Golf. The older kids got to go on the high ropes course, and had massages. The ages of the kids at camp with JA ranged from 6 months to 18 yrs.

While we were at the camp we met lots of other kids with JA, and my brother and sister met other kids with brothers and sisters with JA. Mum and dad made met other parents with children with the disease. We now have activities we go to with other people who understand how hard it is for kids living with

arthritis.

At camp my doctor came to talk to the parents and his name is Dr Jonathan Akikusa. He is always trying new medicines to make me better and I am now having a daily needle and lots of tablets, which I hate.

My school, Churchill North Primary (CNPS), has been very supportive and have raised money so that my family and I can attend camp next year, which will be at Phillip Island. We would like to thank my school, CNPS, for their generous donations to Arthritis Victoria, for Camp Limber Up and research into the disease.



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August 24th

September 7th and 21st

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Co-Operating Churches in Churchill: \$168. Hazelwood House Bus Appeal: \$148.55. Fusion Breakfast Club at Kurnai College: \$200.00

The next event's funds will be donated to Churchill Primary School Breakfast Program. The Country Music Group wishes to thank the Cricket Club for their continued support.

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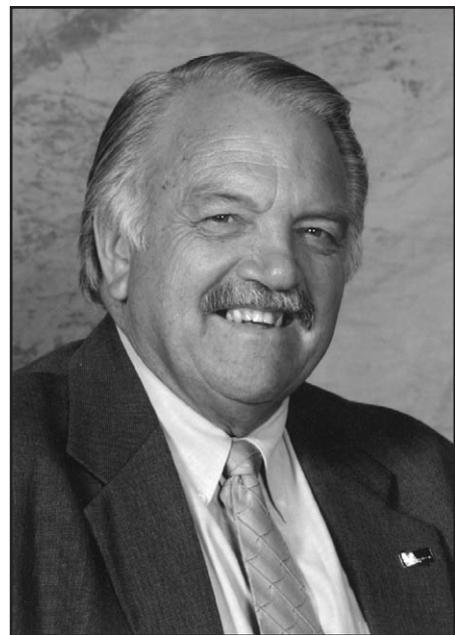
For more details please ring Zelma Mildenhall 5166 1264

NB: The Date of the October Dance is Friday 19th



Churchill Town Centre Plan - 10 Year Vision

By Cr Darrell White



In reaching the "Vision" the following principles from existing policies and documents were identified as being highly relevant and were tested during consultation:

- Create a stronger connection between the Town Centre and the University Campus;
- Consolidate the retail, commercial and entertainment uses in the existing Commercial Precinct;
- Promote the unique characteristics of Churchill;
- Improve the linkages between the different elements of the Town Centre;
- To "bring the community to the campus and the campus to the community in a variety of innovative ways";
- Facilitate the "Networked City" model;
- Strengthen the network of Bicycle Paths;
- Maintain and protect the public places along Eel Hole Creek; and
- Facilitate the integration of the University campus with the wider Churchill community.

The Churchill Town Centre "10 Year Vision" gives particular focus on creating a strong east-west linkage between the existing residential areas, commercial area and the Monash University Campus. It also provides for the consolidation of the retail, commercial and entertainment uses in the existing commercial precinct and includes a pedestrian plaza. In addition, particular consideration has been given to "blending" with the future Churchill Intergenerational Hub.

The Council has committed \$250,000 through

the 2007/08 Capital Works Budget and is seeking funding from other Government sources to enable elements of the "Vision" to be implemented in the future.

Community Groups invited to apply for Council Grants - 2007/2008

Community groups across Latrobe City are being urged to apply for funding assistance grants being made available by Latrobe City Council for projects being undertaken during the 2007/2008 financial year.

These Council Grants encourage community groups to enhance their facilities or the services they provide to the community. Whether it's a growing sporting group seeking to expand premises or upgrade equipment, a group wishing to develop a service program or a group wanting to share an event with the community, the community grants program can help them achieve their dreams. During the past year funding in each category has resulted in many useful, community-based projects being developed.

Last year, among the many Minor Capital Works Grants, funding was given to the Yallourn Tyers Landcare subgroup of Lake Wellington Landcare Network for the Thoms Bridge reserve revegetation project and the Hazelwood North Cricket Club received funding to lay synthetic turf at their existing training nets.

The Latrobe Valley Badminton Veterans Tournament in Traralgon, the Victorian Open Darts Competition in Morwell, and Coalies Week

in Yallourn North were among the successful applicants who received a funding boost under the events section of the program.

Many groups benefited from funding under the community development category such as Traralgon Sewing Group for their breast cancer comfort cushions to give to breast surgery patients and the Moe Community Playgroup who purchased toys and equipment to promote children's health, physical development, social skills and emotional well being through active play.

There are many fine examples of community groups working hard to create infrastructure improvements, organising events, both major and minor, as well as providing valuable community development programs within our municipality.

As well as receiving financial help through the Community Grants Program, community groups very often contribute to these projects by way of providing some of their own funding, as well as contributions made 'in kind', such as providing labour. It is a great way for the community to work together to achieve a common goal.

Application forms are available from Council's Service Centres in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon, by telephoning 1300 367 700 or by accessing the Latrobe City webpage on www.latrobe.vic.gov.au.

The deadline for receiving applications is 5pm on Friday 24 August 2007.

For further information relating to Community Grants, please contact Carol Bolding at Latrobe City Council, telephone 5128 5664.

At its meeting on 16th July last the Council adopted in principle the Churchill Town Centre Plan, and agreed that it be released for public comment.

The Churchill Town Centre Plan has been evolved through the auspices of Consultants Beca Planning, who were engaged by Council for this work. Beca Planning have not only undertaken significant consultation with the local community, both residential and commercial, they also received good urban planning advice in developing the Churchill Town Centre Plan.

The "10 Year Vision" has been created to provide for the long-term view of a more cohesive and attractive Town Centre for residents, businesses and users of the University Campus along with the Gippsland Education Precinct and the Churchill Leisure Centre.



By Margaret Guthrie, President
Latrobe City Council approved 'in principle' the Churchill Town Centre Plan at its July 16 meeting, subject to a two week period of public exhibition.

The plan is "a ten year vision" that creates an east-west link between the

major Churchill residential area west of Monash Way, the commercial precinct and the University Campus. The plan also consolidates retail development to within the existing shopping centre area.

Perhaps the most debated aspect of the plan is the provision of further

retail floor space through the redevelopment and extension of West Place.

Copies of the Town Centre Plan are available from Council Service Centres or via the Council's website.

The accompanying report also recommends that, whilst a licensed venue such as a restaurant might be a suitable inclusion in the retail precinct, a 'purpose-built site' is preferable for a traditional hotel. No mention is made specifically of the old Churchill hotel site, now currently vacant, but it would seem to 'fit the bill'.

Meanwhile, it seems that the planned extensions to the Foodworks supermarket at Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre are guaranteed, with the recent announcement that Ritchie's IGA will take over the Foodworks Supermarket in November this year.

Numerous Churchill residents have expressed enthusiasm for the 'Community Benefits' scheme that Ritchie's supermarkets operate. In response to community interest and to answer the many queries residents have, CDCA is attempting to engage a representative of Ritchie's to speak at our Annual General Meeting.

This is, at the time of writing, a couple of weeks away, but by the time residents read this issue of the Churchill and

District News, our AGM will have been held (last night in fact).

We hope to bring you further information about the Ritchie's Community Benefits Scheme in a future edition of the News.

Also likely to have 'been and gone' by the time this issue goes to print, is the signing off by stakeholders on the final schematic designs for the Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub.

Detailed designs and the preparation of the tender brief will occur over the following months. The tender process should be completed and a construction firm appointed by mid December, prior to the Council recess over the Christmas period.

Project managers, Caroline Flake and David Welch from Latrobe City Council, are to be the guest speakers at the Glendonald Residents Group Inc AGM on Tuesday 28th August at 6pm in the Glendonald Pre-school. They will be providing up-to-date information on the progress of the Hub project and all Churchill residents have been invited to attend and view the final schematic designs.

This is a great opportunity for interested Churchill residents to find out the latest news on the progress of this major new facility for Churchill. Your concerns and questions about environmental design considerations, 'shared facilities', pre-school and childcare services, etc can be raised with the responsible officers.

The Working Group overseeing this project has agreed that there should be a 'two-tiered' management system for the Hub. A Section 86 Committee of Council will be appointed to oversee governance and strategic direction.

An 'Operations Committee', responsible to the Section 86 Committee will oversee day-to-day operations, and be comprised of representatives of the Hub user groups (e.g. Neighbourhood Centre, Children's Services, Library). This arrangement will be reviewed after the Hub has been in operation for a 3 year period.

CDCA plans to hold our annual Community Christmas celebration and market on Saturday 1st December. We are again inviting local schools to participate in these celebrations and to provide decorations that can be used in public spaces around Churchill. We have some limited funding to support schools to purchase materials for students' community Christmas decorations projects. School representatives are invited to contact CDCA for further information and to make application for these funds.

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

Planning for the Future Town Centre Plan and Churchill Hub

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Lions Village Cut Off

By JOHN BARKER

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Eight of our members attended the Changeover Dinner of the Lions Club of Morwell. A great night was had by all.

The Club welcomed our new District Governor, Lion Peter McShane for a "visit". He thanked the club for the help and support members have given him and is looking forward to the year ahead. He exchanged bannerettes with the Lions and Lioness clubs, and presented Lion Steve Duggan with the

Immediate Past President badge.

Fundraising for the Camp Quality esCARpade 2007 has started. Sponsorship is being sought and donations are welcome.

Lion John Barker assisted a group of local scouts to organise and run, and participated in, a 3 day hike at Wilson's Promontory covering 37km over 3 days.

Catering performed during the month -

- Amateur Radio Club.
- Junior Swimming Competition
- Computer Expo.
- Flood Disaster Clean-up at Newry.

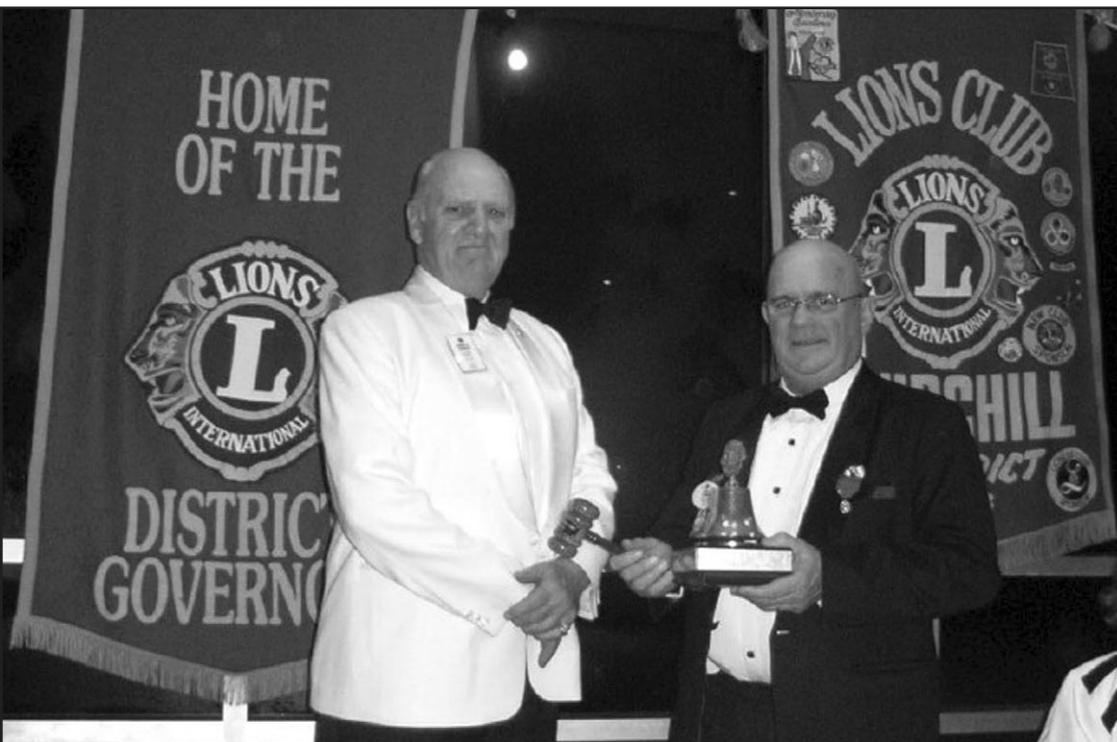
● Bunnings (Camp Quality).

Catering coming up -

- Bunnings (Camp Quality).
- Barry Sheene motor bike convoy to Phillip Island.

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Ashlee Flanigan and Jaryd Downes-Smith were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in July. All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join. IS YOUR CHILD A MEMBER? IF NOT, WHY NOT? Make sure your child is registered - just follow the instructions in the Lions Birthday Club list published each month in the Churchill News. WE NEED MORE MEMBERS.

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.



Outgoing District Governor Ken Anderson handing over of the Gavel to incoming District Governor Peter McShane



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Fake 'Customs' email targets online shoppers

Australians who use the internet to buy goods from overseas should be wary of fake emails asking them to pay 'Customs' a range of fees, duty or taxes, before their goods are released to them.

The Australian Customs Service has told SCAMwatch that a number of online shoppers have been tricked by emails advising them that the goods they have purchased were being held by 'Customs'.

The email states that in order for the purchaser to receive their goods, 'Customs' required payment of duty, GST and/or taxes.

Certain goods brought into Australia do require an import permit and Customs may detain such goods pending presentation of the permit. Where goods are detained for permit purposes, you will receive written advice direct by mail from Customs. Customs will NEVER make contact with you via an email.

Phishing scams are all about tricking people into giving out their personal and banking details to scammers.

The emails you receive might look and sound legitimate, but in reality, genuine organisations like Customs or a bank will never ask you to send your details via email.

● If you receive a suspicious email, your best defence is to delete the email

straight away.

● Never send money, or give credit card or online account details to anyone you do not know and trust.

● Do not click on any links in a spam email, or open any files attached to them.

● Never call a telephone number that you see in a spam email.

Visit SCAMwatch to learn more about phishing scams and how you can protect yourself from spam emails.

To find out more about import regulations and processes and buying goods over the internet, visit the Customs website (www.customs.gov.au) or contact the Customs Information and Support Centre on 1300 363 263.

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5th Sunday: Lumen Christi:
Mass: 11am

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill.
Sunday: 10.00am
Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

Chaplaincy Contemplations

The second semester has begun and everyone is back here at Monash Gippsland working and studying hard (well, most people are; there are always some who think they won't have to do this and will somehow scrape through at the end of semester and then are surprised when this doesn't happen).

Human beings are very good at not seeing what they don't want to know about and not really listening to what they don't want to hear.

Currently, the Australian lectionary used by many of the Churches for guidance about daily Bible readings is nominating Matthew: Chapter 13.

Here we find Jesus in a discussion with the disciples talking about why he uses parables as a teaching tool and he says-

With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

'You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.
For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes;
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn -

and I would heal them.'

Being a whole person means looking, listening and really seeing and hearing. It means understanding with our hearts.

In our modern world there are many areas where we need to be able to bring understanding with our hearts. Poverty, Social Justice, Refugees, the Politics of War, Unequal Distribution of Resources, Access to Education, Global Warming, and Environmental issues are just some to consider as each of us makes a choice regarding leadership of this country. It is important not to take our democracy for granted.

In the last Chaplaincy Contemplations, I referred to the iThink Seminars beginning on Wednesday 8th August at 1pm in the Hexagon, Building 1S, Room 132. They are printed below. The seminars are all about environmental issues which affect us all. Please come and listen to these speakers and ask questions and inform yourselves

Looking forward to seeing you there
Blessings
Rev'd Lyn Porritt
Chaplain
Monash University, Gippsland Campus.

Church Snippets

The Place Team led the All-Age Worship Service for the first Sunday of July. The theme was about taking up our Christian challenge, setting our eyes on our goal, as Jesus did when he set his face for Jerusalem and the cross, and living our lives by the fruit of the Spirit- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control.

The service included the children acting out the Bible story of Elisha taking up Elijah's mantle to continue his job as a prophet of God. The Team leader thanks all her wonderful helpers who made the service so meaningful.

One of our lady parishioners- Lyn Johnson, treated the ladies of the church to a Ladies Day Out, at her lovely home with a magnificent view, spoiling them with indulgence in a foot or hand massage, home made soup and sandwich lunch, followed by home made ice-cream. There was lots of chatter, fun and laughter mingled with the food and other activities which people could choose to do, or not to do. Everyone appreciated the day very much. Thanks Lyn.

The congregation was saddened to hear of the passing, after a long illness, of Yvonne Sargeson. A memorial service was held in her honour, which was a true celebration of her beautiful life. Many memories of Yvonne were shared over

the refreshments served by the ladies of the church, following the service.

Ian Place was the guest for Saturday Breakfast. He spoke of his hobby, about which he is more than just keen, radio-controlled model aeroplanes.

Coming Events

Tuesday 14th August, the Ladies Fellowship will hold their very popular "For Love Or Money" evening. Ring Di on 51631361 for details. Come along even if you do not have an item to be valued. It is amazing just to hear about the items and their worth.

26th August Rev Dr. Mark Lawrence will conduct a seminar at the Co-Operating Churches, Cnr Williams Avenue and McDonald Way, Churchill, from 11am - 1 pm. His theme is "How to Share Your Faith". All are welcome. A light lunch will follow. Please let Robyn (15661306) know if you intend to come and stay for lunch, so catering is adequate.

Next Saturday Breakfast will be on the 25th August. The speakers will be Ray and Delma Hodges who spent Term 2 working with two isolated families in outback Queensland, teaching the children their lessons and helping out on the properties. This will be a very interesting time of listening to their experiences.



Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

The Breakfast was held on 28 July and Ian Place was the guest speaker. Ian is a member of The Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club and spoke about building and flying radio controlled model aeroplanes. Ian told us his interest in model planes was kindled as a young person but it was not until more recently that he started to build and fly them.

He described the kits that are available from almost ready to fly types to scratch built models where each of the components are made by the modeller. Some models built by the club members are scale models of real planes and others don't replicate real planes. Ian outlined the types of motors and the fuels used in the models ranging from electric, piston two and four stroke motors and jet engines as well as the types of materials used in constructing the models. The controllers used for flying the models are computer based and can store the flight characteristics of multiple model planes. Ian has built about 14 planes since being involved in the hobby and owns a number now along with a variety of motors. He had one of his models at the Breakfast along with one he is currently making.

He described the Club's airfield which is located adjacent to Lake Narracan and

some of the hazards involved in flying from there - fences, trees and the lake.

Competitions of various types can be entered into by club members including racing around a defined circuit and 'warfare' where the flyers try to cut off paper tails trailing behind the model planes. Crashes are experienced by members as they learn to fly and if faults occur. Depending on the type of crash the plane may be restored but in some instances they are written off. It was a very interesting talk with 12 people in attendance.

Next Breakfast

This will be held on 25 August at 7.30am at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Avenue.

Dr Ray and Delma Hodges will be the guest speakers and they will tell about their involvement in Volunteers for Isolated Student Education which normally involves assisting busy parents who need release from home tutoring. They have completed four placements with two being in single teacher schools and two at properties. Their involvement took them to Hebel, Mount Surprise, Cunnamulla and Eromanga in Queensland.

People interested in attending should leave their names by Thursday 23 August on 5122 1961 or on place@net-tech.com.au

iThink Seminars

Date	Presenter	Title
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15 th August	Mr Hans de Zwart Marketing Manager, The Centre for Energy & Greenhouse Technologies	Thinking Energy: Renewable. Sustainable. Visionary. Viable.
22 nd August	Mr Les Hunt Managing Director Energy Education Australia	Investment prospects in energy and the environmental impact on Gippsland
29 th August	Dr Wendy Wright, Lecturer, Environment Biology, School of Applied Science & Engineering, Monash University, Gippsland	Conservation of biodiversity on private property: an additional service provided by the farming community.
5 th September	Mr Neville Penrose Regional Director, Dept of Sustainability & Environment, Gippsland	The 2006/07 Great Divide Fires & Climate Change & the Challenges Ahead
12 th September	Prof. Sam Adegoju, Head of School, School of Applied Science & Engineering, Monash University, Gippsland	Our Water Future - New Ways of Thinking and Using Water

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Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Term 3

Term 3 has started with only a few vacancies left in some of our classes.

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Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome at the Neighbourhood Centre, so if you can spare a few hours per week, please come on down - you will be rewarded a thousand fold. The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Inc. is always open to anyone who can offer their time, energy and expertise to help out on the Committee of Management. If you feel that you can help out in this area, please do come in, have a chat, find out what we are about, offer your services, and help to work for the community of Churchill - the Centre is run by the community for the community.

If you are unable to be a volunteer or help out on the Committee of Management please consider showing your support by signing up as a member. The cost is only \$2.00

**TERM 3 - Monday July 16
Friday September 21**

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For more information telephone the centre on 5122 2955 , email Churchillinc@bigpond.com or better still come and visit us, we are inside the Latrobe Leisure Churchill building.



The Landcare Group

Yinnar-Yinnar South Landcare Sub-Group Tree Planting Day

By JENNI BOND - President

The next meeting will be at Yinnar South Hall on Monday 20th of August 2007 at 7.30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Marni Speed from Waterwatch.

Come along and learn about community water monitoring in our waterways. You may even want to become a volunteer! Tea coffee and a light supper will be provided. New members are very welcome.

Tree Planting Day

Yinnar-Yinnar South Landcare Sub-Group met at the Corner Middle Creek Road and Upper Middle Creek Road at 10.00am on Sunday 17th of June 2007. The fog and the cold saw some late comers and everyone was rugged up.

The aim of the day was to plant

120 native trees and shrubs on the north bank of Middle Creek opposite Martin Walker Park near the bridge.

The site chosen had hardly any trees but lots of grass. It was quite a steep scramble down the bank from the road to the area to be re-vegetated. This was made much easier once we had made a path.

The grass was chipped away in the areas where the trees were to be planted to remove the grass and provide some weed control. The trees were then planted and watered.

It was necessary to water the trees because we still had not had a lot of rainfall in the area and the ground was dry.

By about 11.00am the fog had cleared and the sun came out. Then

everyone was warm from the tree planting and the sun. Thanks to our Landcare Facilitator Jackie Waring for coming along and joining in.

Following the planting there was a picnic lunch in Martin Walker Park which was enjoyed by all. Let's hope the trees weren't all washed away in the recent flood!

Our last meeting was held at Yinnar in the Memorial Hall on Monday July 16th. The lovely homemade soup and rolls were enjoyed by all.

We had a very busy meeting with much to discuss and we had three new members join us.

More activities have been planned and the group will start to work on a vision and a long term plan as their next step.



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The Light At The End Of The Tunnel

By Chris Laming

For anyone who feels caught, or trapped, or stuck in a corner, there is always a way out. Sometimes that feeling of being 'hemmed-in' by the circumstances of our life, can seem overwhelming and full of despair. Yet the good news is that there is always a way out of the fix, a light at the end of the tunnel and no-one need be a victim of their biography. We can choose to build hope, for ourselves and for our family. Though as a man once said to me "Just make sure that the light at the end of the tunnel is not an oncoming train!

One way of building hope is for a man who has been abusive at home, to take responsibility for what he has done, admit to his family that he has been wrong, and take steps to change. It takes courage to go and talk to someone openly about what he is doing and get some honest feedback about his behaviour. Not the feedback that his 'mates' might give that will serve only to reinforce his excuses and denial about his behaviour and allow him to continue to blame everyone but himself for his violence and abuse. Instead, an abusive man needs to get an honest response about his abusive behaviour, preferably from another man. A response that both challenges him to become different, reminds him of the effect of behaviour on those he loves, and supports him to seek help in changing to respectful and caring way of relating.

It is often useful for a man who uses abuse at home, to ask himself the question "what does it feel like to be on the receiving end of my abuse?" or say "If I was in her shoes, I would feel really anxious, scared, angry, upset, untrusting and unforgiving" This can help a man, who is beginning to be abusive, to stop and think about the impact of his behaviour, in a way that motivates him to change. For example, he might choose to become more honest about what he feels and

learn to express it assertively, but without anger, violence or abuse. This takes practice.

However, many men have grown-up to believe that a 'real man' does not have emotions, is independent and doesn't need to tell others what he feels. As a result, they often do not have the words to express what they feel, even if they wanted to. They have been socialised to be 'emotionally illiterate' and so remain frustrated in their attempts to communicate at an intimate and emotional level with someone they love. If more men could better express what they feel, whether that be hurt, shame, frustration, tenderness, helplessness, grief, joy, sadness, longing or relief, their children would have more useful role models for a happy life.

What is also sobering, is to see that a young girl who has been brought up in a family where abuse is used as a matter of course, sees it as 'normal' to be treated the same way by her boy friend. It is not normal.

An abusive man who really wants to change, so that his family are not afraid of him any more and so that he can look in the mirror and not feel ashamed, can also contact the Men's Referral Service, or the local community health service, to get confidential advice.

The bottom line is that a man is 'responsible' and is able to choose to change, if he really wants to, whether that is behaviour change, or taking steps to become emotionally literate.

Men are not born abusive or violent or angry or scary, they learn behaviour, as we all do, growing up, observing, listening and feeling. Boys

and girls learn from observing and hearing their parents, about how to relate, what to say and how to say it. It is very sobering to hear a four or five year old boy talking to his mother, using the same abusive words and tone as his father. It is in this way that many boys learn to become abusive adults themselves, even though they might say "I am determined never to treat a woman the way my dad treated my mum". So many abusive men who have attended the SHED groups, have expressed exactly that sentiment in the past and yet have become violent and abusive and controlling, themselves.

What is also sobering, is to see that a young girl who has been brought up in a family where abuse is used as a matter of course, sees it as 'normal' to be treated the same way by her boy friend. It is not normal. Hopefully as young women are mentored to become more assertive and empowered they will be able to enable young men to be the same, so that they do not resort to abusive, controlling behaviour because they are not feeling good about themselves.

It seems to me that there is sometimes enormous pressure on young people to conform to the group expectation. Often these expectations have a gender bias. In other words it is often the girls trying to please the boys.

What if the boys asked themselves, "Would I like someone to treat my mother, or sister, or aunt the way I am treating this girl?" Often abusive, hurtful and harmful behaviour comes from a lack of regard for the effects of what is being done. Simply asking the question "what does this person feel like when I treat them like this?" might be enough to make me think twice about continuing with that destructive behaviour. On the other hand, some bullies look to see what effect they have had and it is best not give to them the satisfaction!

Some one who is being bullied or coerced, might choose from a number of strategies, to prevent themselves being further victimised. For example, for a child being bullied, to be able to speak and act in a way that does not give the bully a chance to see the impact of their actions, reduces the odds that they will continue. Another strategy might be to use humour to make them look or feel foolish publicly, which of course, is often what the bully themselves are trying to effect by belittling their target.

Parents can help a child reach out for help when they need to, by modelling that they too, sometimes need to admit that they need the support of others.

Speaking up in a loud voice that you are not happy that they are using these, words or tactics to bully you, is another way of attracting attention to the bully, so that they stop. Similarly reporting the bullying to someone in authority is also a way of 'outing' the bully, especially for a small child at school who feels unsupported and isolated.

Parents can help a child reach out for help when they need to, by modelling that they too, sometimes need to admit that they need the support of others. Fathers, especially, are able to have a huge impact on their children by having the courage to admit when they are wrong, to ask forgiveness and to make efforts to change. This is great role modelling and allows those in the tunnel to feel hope that the dark despair brought by bullying and abuse, is being overcome, albeit slowly and painfully. Watch this space!



Winners in the Big Burger Competition (above)
Scout Josh Kemp (below)



1st Churchill Scout Group Celebrates 100 Years of Scouting

By Peter Tait, Group Leader

On Sunday 29 July, cubs, scouts, venturers and leaders travelled to Nyora with the Yinnar Scout Group to take part in the Eastern Region campfire at Bell Park, celebrating 100 years of scouting.

Several of our youth members have begun rehearsing for this year's Strzelecki Showtime production, which will be performed in Traralgon Little Theatre in October.

On Friday 27 July, 1st Churchill Venturers drove up to Dandenong to participate in the Big Burger Competition. Four teenagers, a leader, 2.5kg of mince beef and a

40cm diameter cob loaf later, the prizes were announced - we won best presentation and Champion Burger! With the title came 100 Chupa Chups - 50 less than last year, also won by Churchill.

Churchill scouts will be going skiing at Mt Baw Baw on August 19 along with other scout groups from the district.

Cubs will also be having fun in the snow at Mt St Gwinear on 19 August.

Our Scout Hall is currently being refurbished to make it more comfortable and safe for our kids. Labour is being provided by parents

and the materials have been funded through a generous grant from Latrobe City Council - thanks!

Youth members, leaders and families will be involved in a Strzelecki district tree-planting day at Crinigan Road Reserve on Sunday 5 August.

Why not come along and give it a try!

Cubs (7-11 years)

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Scouts (11-14 years)

Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00

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PROBUS - keen to extend membership

The Probus Club of Morwell and District currently has a number of vacancies for membership and is keen to extend its membership base to include the areas of Yinnar, Churchill and Boolarra.

PROBUS is an association of retired and semi retired people - both men and women- who join together in clubs the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interest and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

The word PROBUS is an amalgam of the words PROfessional and BUSiness. All Clubs are initially sponsored by a Rotary Club, but, on formation, are autonomous.

The Probus Club of Morwell and District was chartered in 1985 under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Morwell. It meets in the Morwell RSL Club at 10.00AM on the second Thursday of

each month, except January, and provides members with the opportunities mentioned above through activities, such as:

- Interesting guest speakers
- Opportunity to meet a friendly group of men and women
- Variety of day outings to places of interest
- Social get-togethers over lunch in local eateries
- Attend live theatre and musical performances.

The Club cordially invites interested people from the Yinnar, Churchill and Boolarra districts to attend some of our meetings or social activities as a guest to see what you think. Future meetings are on 9th. August, 13th September, 11th October and 8th November. To make arrangements please ring Jack Huxtable, President, on telephone 51344568.

Have your say on prescribed burning issues

Now is the time to find out that fuel reduction works. Asset protection and ecological burns are planned for public land (parks and forests) in your neighbourhood, as well as fire access road works and facilities maintenance.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment's three-year Fire Operations Plans are available for public comment at DSE and Parks Victoria offices across the region until Friday August 31 2007.

Senior Fire Management Officer, Geoff Pike said that over the coming weeks, DSE will be seeking input from the community on the Fire Operations Plans to ensure that everyone affected has a chance to comment on and contribute to proposed fuel reduction and ecological burns across the region.

"The Fire Operations Plan is an important organisational plan and tool for sustainable land management that requires the involvement of all stakeholders and the community," Mr Pike said.

"Everyone is encouraged to participate in the burns planning process and to raise any concerns or comments with DSE's local Fire Management Officers

now, before the Plan is finalised in late September."

Fire is part of the Australian landscape and Victoria's location, its vegetation and climate combine to produce one of the most fire-prone areas in the world.

"Burning is not only about asset protection, it's about protecting our natural environment and the flora and fauna that inhabit that environment," Mr Pike said.

"Many of our native plants and animals need fire for their ongoing survival: to open seed pods and release seed, or to provide the right conditions for their food sources to grow."

Department staff will meet with the community, public land managers, local councils, indigenous communities, CFA and flora and fauna specialists to achieve the best outcomes for community safety and the environment.

Please contact the Fire Management Officer at your nearest DSE office for further information and to view the Fire Operations Plan for your fire district. If you are unsure of who to talk to, please call Kelly Gleeson, Regional Prescribed Burning Coordinator on 51 722111.

Letter to the Editor

Legislation Presented to Parliament

Through the columns of your newspaper I wish to advise the residents of the Eastern Victoria electorate of the following pieces of legislation which have been presented to Parliament.

Summary Offences Amendment (Body Piercing) Bill 2007 This Bill is a Private Members Bill introduced to the Legislative Council by the Hon. Damian Drum, The Nationals Member for the Northern Victoria Region. It will prohibit body piercing of persons under 18 years of age without parental consent and will allow for prosecution of those who illegally carry out unauthorised body piercing.

Crimes (Decriminalisation of Abortion) Bill 2007 This is another Private Members Bill which aims to amend the Crimes Act 1958 to abolish the offences of unlawful abortion and to ensure the provision of safe and competent health services to

women having an abortion. This will be a conscience vote.

Other legislation includes:

*Royal Children's Hospital (Land) Bill 2007

*Legal Profession Amendment (Education) Bill 2007

*Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007

*Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Amendment Bill 2007

*Justice and Road Legislation Amendment (Law Enforcement) Bill 2007

Copies of the above may be obtained from website: www.parliament.vic.gov.au.

I am keen to receive people's views about these pieces of legislation. Anyone wishing to comment can do so by writing to me at PO Box 1506, TRARALGON 3844 before August 1, 2007.

PETER HALL MLC
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The team from the Morwell office of Keith Williams Estate Agency would like to introduce themselves to the residents of Churchill. After 65 years servicing the local community they feel they are able to offer the best services in their various fields of expertise. Due to good sales in the previous months they are also keen to assist people with the sale and marketing of their properties. If you would like assistance in real estate matters don't hesitate to call them.

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Northe's Natter

Creating more jobs for young people and providing quality education opportunities were the two issues most often rated in the top three categories (important - extremely important) by those from Churchill and surrounding towns.

The Latrobe Valley has quite a high unemployment rate which creates a number of negative flow-on effects. One thing we can all do to address the issue is support our local businesses. In doing so, we create more employment opportunities and ensure our hard-earned dollars stay in the Valley.

Our local teachers do a wonderful job educating our children but all would benefit from additional support staff. Statistics have shown that tertiary education participation rates have been in decline for regional students for a number of years. The Nationals have been instrumental in establishing an all-party inquiry into this matter and we are hopeful that the outcomes of this inquiry will highlight the need to support regional students undertaking post-secondary studies.

Once again, a big thank you to all those who took the time to reply to the survey.

And finally, congratulations to the clubs successful in obtaining funding through the Our Club Our Future Sporting Uniform Grant program including Boolarra Football Netball Club, Boolarra Tennis Club and the Churchill Amateur Swimming Club. Over \$26,000 was delivered to clubs in our region, which will hopefully contribute to making team sport more accessible financially, and ensure our clubs all look their best as they take on their competitors.

The results from the community survey are finally in. Respondents from the Churchill district have identified four main issues of importance - employment, education, health and drugs.

63% of you rated reducing the use of illegal drugs as an issue of extreme importance, followed by improving local health services (60%). There are many parties involved in the response to the drug issue in our community including the police and Latrobe Community Health Services. The State Government recently announced that they would provide \$100 000 towards the development of an alcohol and drug action plan specific to the Latrobe Valley and I will be calling for additional funding to ensure initiatives from this plan are implemented at an effective level.

Our health services providers work tirelessly to meet the demands of our growing community however it is quite evident that their resources are stretched to the limit. Colleague Peter Hall and I have made repeated calls in Parliament for the Health Minister to address the concerns of our community with regards to services and will continue to push for more support for our health professionals.



New President for Hazelwood Rotary

Churchill resident and Primary School Principal, Richard Henshaw is the new President of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood. Richard was inducted into the role by Rotary District Governor elect Ken McDonald at the recently held Handover Dinner. Outgoing President Kay Radford handed over the President's collar and badge of office to mark the start of Richard's year as leader of the Club.

In presenting her President's Report, Kay outlined the achievements of the Club including the induction of three new members and the recognition of Elaine Johnston as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Among the Club's projects of the past twelve months were donation of \$3,508.00 for work in the area of Varakarasa in Fiji under the guidance Hazelwood Rotarian, Garry Watkinson who also co-ordinated efforts by other Rotary Clubs as well.

The joint hosing with Morwell Rotary Club, of the Southern Districts Shine on Awards for people with Disabilities who have made significant contributions to the community, was a very rewarding experience.

Hazelwood Rotarians also responded to the Toongabbie bush fires assisting in the organisation of a community concert and distributing hay to victims

of the fires.

Catering at the speedboat championships on Hazelwood pond was another major fundraising project for the Club and involved almost all members. Regular catering at the Bunnings BBQ's was another fundraiser, which involved many members.

Hazelwood Rotary Club distributed a total of over \$24,000 to local charities and Rotary projects as a result of fundraising over the past year. Among the major donations were \$6885.00 to Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, \$2,500 to the Australian Rotary Indigenous Scholarship program, \$500 to Hazelwood House, \$450 to Kurnai College, \$300 to Ronald McDonald House, \$200 to Churchill Scouts, \$200 to Churchill Football Netball Club and \$150 to the Churchill Primary School Breakfast Program.

Upon assuming the Chair, Richard Henshaw outlined his plans for the upcoming Rotary year and his ideas on how to continue and high level of Club activity while making it enjoyable and rewarding for members.

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Christmas in July at the Wattle Club

An exciting program has kept the Wattle Clubbers active and interested for this past month.

Their Mystery Outing was to Leggies in Moe where they had a nice meal and a bit of a flutter for those inclined.

The Moe Planned Activity Group (PAG) group paid Churchill PAG group a visit, and they played mixed games, and had a fish and chip lunch. They also played Hoy.

Another sessions had the grey matter being challenged by Brain Games- crosswords, word searches and trivia questions.

The Number Day also challenged the members who played games all involving numbers. Of course morning tea was bread and butter with 100s and 1000s!

Another favourite outing was to the Warragul Country Club. Morning tea was taken at Churchill, then off they set to Warragul. There the members enjoyed the usual lovely lunch, and the opportunity for a flutter if desired.

The day it snowed was special, as the snow was able to be seen from the rooms.

The treat of the month occurred

when the Club celebrated Christmas in July. The room looked festive with colourful bon-bons and sprays of poinsettia. Father Christmas was seated on a stool in his resplendent outfit. Christmas Dinner of roast chicken and pork was served with a variety of vegetables, followed by Christmas pudding with cream and/or custard. A small gift had been organized for each member. A new game of Shuffle board was trialed by all, with some varying results.

Of course, as usual, there was lots of happy chatter and exchanging of news.



Be Prepared For A Fire

Install a smoke alarm. Keep them dust free and change the battery regularly.

It is law to have smoke detectors in your house. There should be one in or near the kitchen, as this is where most fires occur. Another should be installed near the bedrooms, especially the parent's bedroom, as children can sleep right through the smoke alarm sound.

Keep a fire blanket and extinguisher in the kitchen. Remember not to put out an oil fire with water, as this will spread the fire not extinguish it.

Install an electrical safety switch for emergencies.

Put a "000" on your phone to help you in an

emergency.

Have you prepared and rehearsed a home fire escape plan?

Make sure all members of the household know:-

To crawl low in smoke.

To have two safe exits from each room (door and window) and know different safe ways to leave the house depending where the fire is located.

To test the door of a bedroom with the back of your hand to see if it is warm, indicating fire on the other side, and then choosing the alternative exit- the window.

How to unlock door and windows. Deadlock keys should be nearby in a known place to ensure

that children can get out. Make sure windows can be easily opened, and are not stuck with paint or age.

How to break a window safely, protecting the body and especially the face, and remove the fly screen if necessary.

How to alert other members of the family to the fire as they are getting out, eg. shouting, blowing a whistle, banging on walls and clapping hands.

Where to meet outside at a safe meeting place.

How to call the fire brigade using "000".

That you get out and stay out.

What to do if there are very small children in the house who do not understand what to do in a

fire emergency.

First Aid For Burns

Remove clothing quickly and gently, unless it is stuck to the skin.

Immerse or flood the burnt area in cold water for 15-20 minutes.

Never use ice, oil, butter or ointment.

Cover burn with a clean cloth and keep the person warm.

See a doctor if the burn is on the face, hands, feet, genitals, blistered or bigger than a 20 cent piece.

In an emergency ring "000" for an ambulance.



Notice of Annual General Meeting Glendonald Residents Group Inc

Tuesday 28th August, 2007

Glendonald Pre-School,
Churinga Drive, Churchill

Guest Speakers: Caroline Flake & David Welch (from Latrobe City Council)

Topic: The Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub Project

Pizza & refreshments after AGM

All Welcome.

The Churchill Community is welcome to join us and hear about the progress of the Community Hub project, see the final design plans and ask questions of the Council Officers heading up the Project Management Team.

A brief ordinary General Meeting will be held after dinner (7.30pm approx)

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Blue Stockings

Blue stocking week celebrations

The Womyn's Director and Education Vice President from MUGSU Inc have been working in conjunction with Monash Staff members, Latrobe City Council members and local businesses to celebrate Blue Stocking week, held both on-campus and within the community. Blue Stocking week is a celebration of the achievements of women in education.

Activities held during the week have included

*Panel of academics/alumni talking to students about how to succeed with their education

*Panel of businesswomen from the Latrobe Valley talking with students about how they succeeded in their careers

*Workshops on self-development such as: Public speaking, career and resume writing, career opportunities, leadership opportunities

*A social event at night for students with a 'blue' theme

*A champagne breakfast for students with blue pancakes and blue champagne

*A market stall day with all sponsors of the blue stocking event attending and advertising career pathways available in their given fields

The week-long celebrations will end tomorrow night with a 5-star event - "Blue Stockings: A celebration of women in Gippsland" being held at Premiere Function centre. The night will consist of a silent auction, guest speakers, key-note entertainment, Monash 'success' stories and other case studies present, performing artists and the presentation of eleven scholarships to women students within Gippsland.

The scholarships cover three areas: Indigenous female, Community Contributor and Equity

(including mature aged, disability and encouragement criteria); and are open to both VCE/IB or equivalent females and Monash University Gippsland students. The scholarships are quite unique in that they cater for the various education opportunities that exist and don't limit students to studying at Monash Gippsland - this has been an important aspect the Blue Stocking working party has strived to provide.

All members of the Gippsland community are invited to attend the night and may contact either Caitlin or Sarah for more information or to notify of dietary requirements for the event itself after the purchase of tickets. Tickets are available through the Latrobe City Box Offices in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon; and also through the MUGZOO Shop at Monash Gippsland.

National Tree Planting Day



Kerry Rosewall in Glendonald Park on National Tree Planting Day

By Margaret Guthrie, Secretary
Sunday 29 July was National Tree Planting Day and GRG Inc conducted an activity at Glendonald Park with local children, parents and volunteers.

It was great fun working with the kids as we shovelled dirt, dug holes, planted seedlings and potted up tube-stock.

Every child present took home a native plant they had carefully potted up into a large pot. We hope that these will be planted out later at home and cared for by these youngsters.

Our local, and knowledgeable, 'plant man', Joel Anderson, held a brief question and answer session about the importance of native flora and fauna. Many thanks to Joel for the effort put into organising this activity.

We'd also like to thank GEST in Moe for donating tube-stock for use in home gardens and Latrobe City Council for sponsoring the purchase of some more native plants for the Park.

As ever, our dedicated volunteers helped out, both supervising the children and preparing a BBQ lunch, fruit, etc that was hungrily devoured after the planting had finished. Needless to say, we provided plenty of wash-up water and soap for dirty hands prior to eating!

We've also commenced our Indoor After School activities program every second week at the Glendonald Pre-school, in partnership with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

On Wed 25 July we held a session we called 'Beading with Vicki'. Vicki is one of the craft tutors at CNC and conducted a jewellery making session, using prepared sets of beads and other necessary materials. A variety of bracelets and ear-rings were made for girls, mums and even dads!

We hope to have Vicki back to conduct further craft sessions for our program, along with other tutors from CNC.

For more information about forthcoming

children's activities we will be conducting, email us at g_r_g_inc@hotmail.com or telephone the Secretary on 5122 2997.

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting, to be held on Tuesday 28 August, commencing at 6pm in the Glendonald Pre-school in Churinga Drive.

Guest speakers on the night are Caroline Flake and David Welch from Latrobe City Council, who will provide an overview of the Churchill Intergenerational Hub project and provide up-to-date information on the progress of the building plans and construction dates.

All Churchill residents interested in the new Community Hub that will be built in Phillip Parade are welcome to attend.

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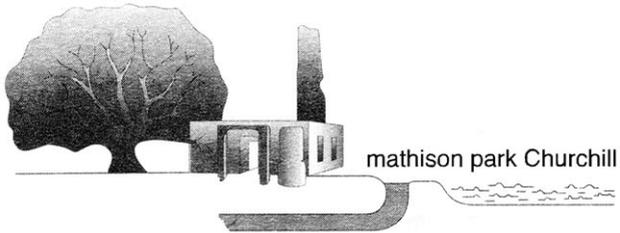
(Please note that volunteers involved with children's activities are required to have a 'Working with Children' Check, which is free for volunteers involved in community organisations.)

Our meetings are always held on the last Tuesday of the month at the Glendonald Pre-school. Childcare and supper provided.

For more information about meetings, or any of our other activities, please telephone the Secretary on 5122 2997. GRG can also be contacted at PO Box 245, Churchill 3842 or by emailing g_r_g_inc@hotmail.com

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**Lake Re-stocked
Pathway
Delayed**



The rain is wonderful, but it has set back our plans for starting the pathway to link up with the board walk, and complete the circuit of the lake.

With the lake being re-stocked with one kilogram trout for the holidays, there have been many keen fishers present, trying their luck. Some have been very successful. Please observe bag limits to allow as many people as possible the chance to catch a fish.

Fish were not the only thing caught over the holidays. Two intrepid fishers caught a yabby. Ken Harris happened to be present and took some photos. He has also written a small commentary about them yabby as follows:

Common Yabby (Cherax destructor)
This Yabby was recently caught in Lake Hyland in Mathison Park. It is a wide-ranging species in Eastern Australia and is very hardy, tolerating poor water quality and periods of drought.

It is often found in farm dams and got its name 'destructor', from the damage caused by its deep burrowing into dam walls. They range in colour from brown to green or pale blue and have mottled claws.

The Common Yabby is farmed by 120 licensed farmers in Victoria, who produced 25 tonne of yabbies during 1995-1996.



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A \$10 non refundable registration fee per family is required to secure the booking for all events. A \$5 voucher will be given to each family member, including children on the first event to spend at the Dandenong Market.

Future events will include visits to the Werribee Zoo, IMAX Theatre, Aquarium, ScienceWorks and Healesville Sanctuary.

Due to high demand, families will only be eligible to attend one event. Eligibility also requires that families are in receipt of a Centrelink payment and have either a Pension or HealthCare Card. Families must reside within the Latrobe Valley and have dependent children listed on their relevant card.

Families will be picked up from Latrobe Community Health Service sites in Morwell, Churchill and Moe.

To register or for further information, please contact Sandy Johnson on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays by phone on (03) 5122 0400.

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Churchill North Primary School

Acting Principal

For Term 3 Mrs Debbie Edwards, Assistant Principal from Commercial Rd. Morwell will be our Acting Principal.

Our Mini-Fete held on the 15th June confirmed us in the idea that "short and sweet" is best and definitely worth repeating. Everyone was happy and occupied during this time with the Parents, Teachers and upper grades running stalls and the little ones browsing and buying.

As a culminating excursion to our theme on "Transport" for 2nd term, grades visited the Airport, Ambulance and Fire Station on June 26th and 27th. Our thanks to all concerned, a great time was had by the students.

Out and About Debbie Edwards

Prep/ 1 Harwood-A very special welcome to Ms Brock, the students were straight into work on Monday and eager to show me their fantastic writing and stories about their holidays.

1/ 2 Dunne-I had the opportunity to work with the 1/2 students on Monday and was extremely pleased with their abilities to think outside the square, they have wonderful imaginations and inquisitive minds.

2/3 Judkins- an extremely hard working grade, with some great story tellers. Children in Grade 2/3 have offered to help me in any way and have been a delight.

3/4 Midgley- It is great to see the wonderful support and respect within this grade, students were eager to return to school and are currently investigating endangered animals.

4/5 Taylor-I received a very special welcome from students in this class, all wrote me letters explaining a little about themselves, the great things about the school and how they will assist me with my job. I am currently in the process of working with students in this grade on a lunch time links activity, more information will follow.

6 Scotson-I was extremely impressed with the maturity of Grade 6 students, their motivation and coordination of various roles. Of particular interest is the manner in which they run the peer mediation.

Art

Each week students participate in a truly innovative art program, of particular interest is the fabulous fossil impressions that students are creating. These reflect our schools current theme of animals.

Computers

Students are fortunate to have such an innovative computer program, if you have the time drop in to see the high standard of brochures, flyers & work completed in excel.

Library



Computer Lab

Our computer lab is being continually updated and now boasts a work station for each class member for their timetabled sessions. In addition each classroom has 4 to 6 networked PC's.

The schools boasts a very impressive library, displays are regularly changed to reflect the students interests. Students have a wonderful variety of books to choose from.

LOTE - German

Students participate weekly in an exciting program where they are immersed in learning about the language and culture of Germany. Our LOTE teacher Mrs Backhausen, works closely with Kurnai College. Of particular interest is her work on the German poetry competition.

Welfare

Kim our Welfare Officer is truly amazing, always willing to help out in the classrooms and is often in the playground supporting students or tending to the gardens. Kim coordinates a WAGS and Super skills program, is available to provide support, advice and referrals upon request. Kim has been instrumental in coordinating a plate of fruit for each of the classrooms on a daily basis.

Integration

Our integration team work far beyond their call of duty; they are a wonderful support to both staff and students. Di, Sarah and Reg provide aiding to Integration students, support small groups of children and provide an intensive language support and literacy program.

Kinder Prep Transition Program

An exciting transition program has been developed to ensure a smooth transition for our 2008 prep students. Please mark the following dates in your diaries. Friday October 25, Friday November 9, Friday November 23 and Tuesday December 4. Please contact the school office on 5122 1976 if you are planning on your child attending our school' transition program.

Craft, Cuppa & Chat

A new initiative for Churchill North Primary School; is Craft, Cuppa and Chat. This is a great opportunity for parents to participate in new activities, have time out for themselves, as well as making new acquaintances.

Our first scheduled activity is Mosaics, on Tuesday 7th August. Up and coming events include, scrap booking and card making.

National Tree Planting Day and Whole School Working Bee

On Friday 27th July each grade planted an area of the school grounds with a selection of indigenous shrubs generously donated by Land Care Traralgon, Wights Toyota have kindly supplied tree guards and the school community have provided fertilizer so that our plants will get a really good start.

All students and staff worked enthusiastically in the gardens, moving a record 20 metres of tan bark in 2 hours.



A Netball group representing the school, trained by Mrs Marianne Lugton and umpired by Mrs Regina Teychenne enjoyed the District Competition on June 22nd and were excited to win a game.



The Trivia Night was a great success and created an interesting departure from tradition by adding play dough modelling, to our Australian quiz. Check out some of our sculptural efforts on display in the Administration building. Mrs Van Tilburg is to be commended on her strong wrists in mixing many batches of play dough, for this activity.



National Tree Planting Day



Junior School Council

At the school assembly on Monday July 16, Miles and Jackson presented the Cusick family with a \$150 donation to go the Arthritis Foundation for Research. The money was raised at the school mini-fete held last term.



Hazelwood North Primary School



The Soccer Day

On Thursday the 26th of July, 2006 the school soccer team went to the Gippsland Soccer Ground to attend a tournament. The team was made up by: James, Toby, Mitchell, Dale, Jaye, Mark, Alistair, Shane, Jake, Daniel, Meg, Annie, Stacy and Jade and our coach Mrs Duncan. Our team won-1, drew-2 and lost-2.

In the first game against Churchill we lost 1-0. We then had a 1 game break before playing Churchill North and drawing 0-0 and then we had a food break and then played Yinnar and drew 0-0. We had one game break and then we played against Lumen Christi and lost 4-1. Meg scored a great goal with a set up by Toby.

The last game we played was against Boolarra and we won 1-0 with a fantastic goal by Toby and a set up by Mitch. We all had a fantastic day and thank you Mrs Duncan for coaching.
By Toby R and James A



The Healthy Lifestyle Expo

By Mitchell A, James A, Jaye A, Dale D.

On the 19th of the July grades 4 and 5 went to the Healthy Lifestyle Expo at Kernot Hall. We had to do 7 activities and they were soccer, swimming, basketball, cricket, netball, self-defence and gymnastics. The people who were running it were Katie, Caitlin, Corey, Aaron and Claire from Kurnai College in Churchill. At lunch 2 Gippsland Power players named Brent Connelly and Luke and their coach Adrian Hickmott (who played for Geelong and Carlton) talked to us about healthy living and football.

At the end of the day Tommy Hafey (who played for Richmond and coached Collingwood, Sydney, Geelong and Richmond) talked to us about doing good things like running(he does 8 km a day), doing push ups (he does 200) and doing sit ups (he does 700) and getting energetic and eating healthy foods like your vegetables and fruit and not junk food like McDonalds and Hungry Jacks. Tom Hafey turns 76 in 3 weeks and he is pretty fit.

We had a great day and got a lot of freebies such as drink bottles and sweatbands.



Making Chocolate Crackles By The Preps

I made chocolate crackles. They were yummy. By Hudson

Yesterday I made chocolate crackles. It was very, very, very fun. We all liked it. I liked it too. I had very, very, very fun and we shared. By Emily

Yesterday I made chocolate crackles. By Patrick

I made chocolate crackles. It was fun. I got to eat them. By Bridie

I made chocolate crackles. I liked it a lot. I did it at the staffroom. My family ate it all. By Lara

On Thursday we made chocolate crackles. By Xavier

Yesterday we made chocolate crackles. I shared with my Dad and Leigh. I had four. By Sophie

On Thursday I made chocolate crackles. I like it. By Aston

On Thursday we made chocolate crackles. I shared with Mum and Dad. By Tammy

Yesterday we went in the staffroom. We made chocolate crackles. By Jordan

We made chocolate crackles. I shared my chocolate crackles with my Mum. She liked my chocolate crackles. She said thank-you. By Shellbie-Diana

On Thursday I made chocolate crackles. By Byron

Yesterday we ate chocolate crackles at the staffroom. We had fun but I didn't have one but Sam had one. By Ben

From Grade 1

On Saturday I had a fantastic night because Keiley, Jaye, Mark, Tony, Jade and Amber came to my house. We played two games of Spotto. Keiley, Jade and Amber played the computer. It was fun. On Sunday I went shopping. I got a fairy that you can paint. By Tess

On Saturday I went to ballet. My mum bought all of us chocolate frogs. After ballet I went home. At home I watched Cheaper By The Dozen. I played with Meg. On Sunday I did Meg's training. Mum, Meg, Dad and I went to the movies to watch Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. When we got home me and Meg played cats. By Lori

On the weekend I had my party. I got two BIONICLES. They were both blue. One of them is a Burarcy. It is a blue glow in the dark one and I got another glow in the dark one. It was blue too. On Monday Sophie

Haiku

Year four and five students are currently learning about Haiku poetry. We have learnt about the Japanese poet "Master Basho". Haiku as we know it is a tiny poem filled with the love of nature. We have tried to follow the structure of Haiku, although sometimes we had to break the rules because we liked our poem and how the words sounded together.

Birds singing up above
Wind whistling into my face
Creek shimmering below
By Chloe S

Water glistens
Flowers blossom life comes
Sun shines bright
By Alex B

Little white flowers
On the beautiful green bush
Swaying in the wind
By Lisa T

Little bird sitting
In a tree chirping away
With the sun on him
By Darcy K

Many noisy birds
Play in green grass while cold
Scared calves stay quiet
By Jessica N

Very cold and windy
Little birds are there for you
Big and small and round
By Cody C

stepped on my head. It really hurt. I was crying. By Daniel

On the holidays I went to Mia's house. We made ginger bread men. It was fun. After they were cooked we got to decorate them with icing and lollies. On Saturday me and my brothers and mum went to soccer and both of my brothers won. By Libby

On Saturday I went to my nanna's house. I played with my cousins. Their names are Dylan and Jiy and Ryder. On Sunday I rode my bike it was fun. By Drew

On Saturday my mum and my sisters went to Andrea's place, but I didn't come. I stayed home with my dad. It was fun and we watched the footy, We played with the Bombers and Collingwood won. The points and goals were 112. It was FANTASTIC! By Bella

I went to Kyle's house and I played the computer. By Casey

On the weekend I went to Daniel's party. We played dragons. It was fun. My brother couldn't come. We had Red Rooster and watched Funniest Home Video's on TV. It is funny. By Hayden

On the weekend I played my x-box and so did Casey. We played Spiro. By Kyle

On Sunday I went to my very first ever gymnastics competition. It was so cool! I got four second place ribbons and one fourth place ribbon. After that I went to Daniel's party. It was fun! I was a princess (as usual) in the game we were playing. We had chocolate cake. I cut off dad's hand! By Natalie

Professional Learning

- Paul O'Brien, Sue Duncan, Karen Foster and Natalie Gliddon attended a writing seminar.

- Kelly Alexander and Sue Duncan have a weekly professional development session with the Blueearth teacher.

- Ann Wyeth has attended a two day First Aid course.

- Denise Vesty is familiarising staff with the new Department Literacy Website.

- Ian Drysdale will be attending the annual meeting for principals and the Gippsland Principals' Conference.

- Six of our teachers will be attending the Boys in Education Training Day whilst another three staff members will attend a workshop on developing a curriculum in line with the Essential Learning Standards.



Churchill Primary School

Building Works

The school is delighted to announce that the building works have commenced and are well under way. The structures will provide much needed outdoor learning and recreational spaces in both summer and winter.

The work also included some long sought after roof repairs. If the works continue to go to plan, they will be completed by the end of Term 3.

Open Days

During the first two weeks of the term, Open Days were held for prospective families of 2008 Preps. There have been a number of people touring the school and seeing the great things happening that this school has to offer. On one of those days, the P-2 Grades had a Fairy Tale Dress Up Day.

Sports News

A boy's and a girl's team represented the school in a soccer round robin in Morwell.

Active After School Program

This will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday of this term for the Grade 3-6 students. On the Tuesday, the students will have a chance to experience martial arts, while on the Wednesday, there will be multi sports. It is great to see many students availing themselves of the opportunity to try out new sports.

Developmental Curriculum

The Prep/1 Grades taught by Mrs. Dyson and Miss Perkins, have been using 'learning through play' to activate children's oral language and development of writing and reading. The children choose activities and the people they work with.

Grade ½ Jordan and ½ Henry are also trialing 'learning through play' situations an hour per day. The school is conducting a feasibility study on the approach to learning and will report to the school community periodically.

Staff Changes

With the appointment of Sue Davis to another school, Mr. Jeff Curwood has assumed the position of Acting Assistant Principal for the rest of the year. He will be focusing on Curriculum and Assessment.

The school community is pleased to welcome Mrs. Sue Ann McGowan, who will be one of the Grade 5/6 teachers for the remainder of the year.



Kurnai College Junior Campus

Year 8 Camp

Year 8 Tasmanian Camp, will be held in late August. The students are keenly looking forward to this week long excursion, which will take in many places and sights of Tasmania.

The Alpine Camp students recently held a Healthy Life Expo at Kernot Hall. This event was the Community Project required of these students. They organized sponsors and volunteers very well, to provide activities for over 200 primary school students. Tom Haffey was the Motivational Speaker. The school was very proud of, and congratulates, the efforts of these

students- Katie Duncan, Corey Carter, Aaron Osborne, Caitlyn Doherty from Churchill Campus and Claire Lawrence for Morwell Campus. These students were ably supported by teacher Andrew Frost.

Actin Squad

The Action Squad is now reformed for 2007. The students from this squad visit all the primary feeder schools to talk with the Grade 5/6 students about transition and any other issues of concern. This is a very positive approach to re-assuring and informing future students at Kurnai.

AIM Testing

AIM testing for Year 7 occurred during late July and early August. The AIM tests for Year 9 students have been returned and the results show that students achieved very well.

Second Steps

On 15th and 22nd August, Second Steps will occur. This is a process whereby teachers from the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP), visit the Churchill Junior Campus of Kurnai, to talk to the Year 9 students about course and subject options available at the GEP. This gives the student knowledge and allows them to make informed choices about their Year 11 and 12

studies.

Students from Chengdu

Thirty-two Chinese students aged 7-19, from Chengdu, on their Summer vacation, are enjoying a visit to Australia. They are experiencing life in Australia and particularly Victoria. Half of them visited the Kurnai Campus at Churchill, for an information session about what is available for them here.

The long term aim is to encourage Chinese students to study at Kurnai College.

Boolarra Primary School



WE ALL LOVE ROCK AND ROLL

This was the title of the most recent visiting art show performed at our school. All of the students, from grade prep to 6, loved the presentation. The two performers must have felt like A grade celebrities when they were mobbed for autographs at the conclusion of their rousing performance!



WHOLE SCHOOL MATHS

To reduce the numbers in groups and better meet the specific needs of our students we conduct a whole school maths program. The prep to 6 students are tested at the beginning of a unit of study to determine their entry point and the specific skills they need to be taught.

Children then work in groups with other children who have similar needs - often in mixed age groups, as students don't all progress at the same rate. The smaller groups enable the teachers to really focus on teaching exactly what the students need to be taught and to monitor their progress very closely.

Groups are flexible with students moving from groups as required. Our extremely talented mathematicians, and we have quite a few of these, are extended far beyond what is usually taught in Primary Schools.

We are very grateful for the extra support, to assist with our whole school Maths program, that we receive from our Cluster Facilitator, Ms Jenny Smethurst and local retired teacher Mr. Jon Lubawski.



Students Self Portraits

Mr. Duck Retires

At the final assembly last term our grade 5/6 students provided a special tribute to our Physical Education teacher, Mr. Duck as he was retiring from full time teaching. Mr. Duck did a sensational job lifting our students' fitness levels and building their skills over the three years that he taught P.E. at Boolarra Primary School. At the first assembly of this term we welcomed back Mr Glynn Taylor who many of our students remembered from when he filled in for Mr. Duck last year. It was lovely to hear the spontaneous cheer that greeted Mr. Taylor's return.

PJ Day

Our Junior School Council conducted a special out of uniform, P.J day at the end of last term that raised \$85 for SIDS. This was a fabulous effort!

100 Days of Learning

Monday 23rd July was a day to remember at Boolarra Primary School when the students, staff, parents and community members celebrated 100 days of learning for 2007. Students have been counting up to 100 days of learning from the beginning of the year focussing on numeracy and have had special events for the 10th, 25th, 50th and 75th day of school, culminating with a full day of celebrations for the 100th day. The day included a special assembly at 10:00am where past and present students, teachers and parents were invited to hear stories from current students around the number 100, history about famous people who have lived to 100 and view self portraits of what the children think they will look like at 100 years of age. Past students spoke about what Boolarra Primary

School was like when they attended and awards were presented to the four students who have not missed a moment of learning so far this year. The celebrations culminated with the oldest past student in attendance (Mr. Norm Halliday, who recently turned 82) and the youngest current student cutting a cake in the shape of 100, after blowing out 100 candles, at 10:25am which was the 100th minute of school on the 100th day. The students were delighted to have royalty in attendance at the celebration with Countess Strzelecki (who bore a resemblance to Mrs. Grace Fratta, who taught at the school for many years) coming along because she had heard there was to be cake.

New Mural

We recently installed the new murals that were funded through the federal Investing in Our Schools program. The murals were developed to replace the former murals that honoured the Budgerie School when it closed; these unfortunately had become unsafe as the wood rotted and had to be removed. In keeping with the preceding murals, and matching the school's letterhead, the new murals are shaped as books and feature the prep to grade 6 students of 2006's art work depicting different aspects of life in Boolarra. The artists Matt and Melissa Pavey did a brilliant job staying true to the children's own illustrations and as a result the murals are bright, colourful and imaginative, as children's art invariably is. It is a pleasure to hear our students proudly pointing out their contributions to the new murals, which the manufacturers, Nak Signs report should have a life span of twenty-five years or more.



New Mural



Norm Halliday cuts the cake with the youngest student at the school

Touched By Heaven

By MARTIN HOOPER

I had the opportunity recently to stay a few days up in the Jeeralang Hills, at a log cabin nestling in amongst tall gums.

The cabin was at the end of a long and winding road. It was only a rough dirt track really, with scattered boulders ready to crack the sump and bulging tree roots waiting to snare the unwary traveler.

There were frequent soil washouts leaving craters criss crossing the road. It was the sort of track that would deter even the most ardent passing salesman.

I arrived late evening with darkness all around. I wound my way slowly in with my headlights highlighting features of the surrounding Australian bush but also occasionally shining out into space as a ridge was rounded or beaming heavenwards as a washout was negotiated.

I gave thanks for the all wheel drive feature of my vehicle.

On stepping out of my vehicle, the refreshing cool air reminded me that I was still very much alive on earth.

Nights in the Jeeralang's can be cold. My host was away having gone in search of exotic adventure (and maybe a warmer climate, I surmised).

He had emailed me earlier and had told me where the key was hidden. It was out of sight under the third stone on the left of the door, although why you need to lock up out here escaped me.

A wheelbarrow of wood stood next to the back door.

I soon had a cosy fire burning and a cup of hot soup in my hand. My host had left instructions on the rough wooden table detailing where things were and how to operate the vintage wood stove.

The note was short but ended with that typical Aussie hospitality, 'Help yourself to anything'.

Before turning in, I wandered out onto the front veranda and there before me, through the trees, were the lights of the Latrobe Valley.

It was like looking into a land of Christmas lights. The small towns strung along the valley floor looked like shimmering stepping stones in some great canyon.

The power stations had taken on the images of majestic ships with stars strung from tall masts and throughout their riggings.

It was early to bed, and early to rise. The sun touched my window and I awake feeling good within myself.

With a cup of hot green tea, I revisited the front veranda and looked out across the mist with the structures of man hidden by nature.

Before me was a breath taking sight of the hills across the valley and of thick fog covering the valley floor.

There were wispy images of misty dragons where the emissions from hidden chimney stacks pushed through the fog.

The early morning peace was interlaced with bird calls as the magpies set up their warbling song, distant kookaburras laughed and a variety of coloured parrots squawked.

The sun's rays gave life to all manner of trees and plants surrounding my observation point.

I wandered down an overgrown walking track in front of the cabin and a black tailed wallaby bounded off disturbed, by my appearance, from its early morning pickings.

I came into a clearing which was once perhaps a vegetable garden. Numerous kangaroos stood up, looking alarmed.

I stopped and stared, willing them to stay but they must have decided flight was the best strategy.

One broke and leaped away followed immediately by the rest with graceful bounds.

As I moseyed around I had the impressions of peace and tranquility but also a sense of human abandonment.

There were signs of past habitation with old cars and tyres and an old tractor which didn't appear to have moved for many a year.

There were structures overgrown by plants and remnants of fences. Branches and leaf litter from gums and bushes covered the ground.

There was an interesting collection of introduced plants; most were overgrown now but they must have been glorious in their heyday.

They were still showing signs of health, vitality and beauty but now under the guidance of nature, fending for themselves as nature had intended.

My tea was finished. With some regrets at leaving but much joy at having visited, I loaded my material baggage into the car.

It was time to wind my way back along the bush track, back to civilization. I found myself thinking, 'I hope I don't meet any buses loaded with tourists on my way out, but then, perhaps they haven't yet reached this Jerralang Haven'.

August Gardening Special

How to Improve Clay Soil

When working with clay soil, it is best to mix in with it some gypsum. Gypsum really helps to break up and unlock your clay dirt. Individual clay particles are actually negatively charged. What this means is that they have the capacity to attract and adsorb, positively charged elements (called cations). These cations include such things as ammonium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and other trace elements.

Because of this capacity to adsorb these wonderful plant nutrients, they are relatively fertile. All you have to do is unlock the soil.

Other good things to mix in would include:

Sheep manure is a good agent to improve it too. Really, horse manure and cow manure would do too if you can't find sheep manure. You don't need to dig this in - just spread over your soil and rake it in.

Mushroom compost is very good as it is pH neutral. Most plants will react well to it.

Pelletised complete fertilizer - often made up of seaweed concentrate, blood and

bone, fish manure, as well as chicken manure. Spread liberally by the handful. This is a great organic method of improving your soil.

Blood and bone - is great because it contains slow release nitrogen, and also phosphorus and calcium. If you use this as your soil improver of choice, be sure to add some potash too. Roughly add 2 cups per bucket of blood and bone mix

Dolomite (limestone) is a wonderful soil conditioner if you have acidic or clayey type of soil. Dolomite limestone is not a fertiliser, rather it's a soil unlocker. Dolomite is composed of calcium and magnesium. It helps break it up. Dolomite is slow acting, and therefore does not react against your manures. Spread it on liberally and dig it in.

Each one of these things would work well, but if you combined some or all of them, it will work wonders.



Caring for Roses

Everyone loves roses, but not everyone loves growing them. Let's face it, roses have a bad reputation for being hard to grow. In fact, they're not that hard to grow; they simply need routine attention.

You can't plant roses and expect beautiful blooms while you sit back and do nothing.

It's important that you make it a habit to care for your roses if you want them to look beautiful and healthy all summer long.

The first tip is to start out with a rose that is known to grow well in your climate. You can check with a garden center.

The next thing is the site you choose. Roses need at least five hours of sunshine a day. Soil is also very important.

They don't like wet feet; in fact, the soil should be well drained and very fertile. Also, when planting, make sure you give roses room to breathe--they need air circulation to reduce the chances of an outbreak of fungus or bacteria.

Roses are kind of like kids: they like to be fed, and they like variety.

Mix fish meal, blood meal and alfalfa meal together and spread at the base of the plant. For mature roses, apply one cup of fertilizer around the base of the plant.

Newly planted roses need only a quarter of a cup. Then work the fertilizer into the soil with a hoe.

It's best to apply granular fertilizer two times a year--once in the early spring and then midsummer. In between, supplement the roses with a water-soluble fertilizer every two weeks.



It's also a good idea to mulch around your roses. Cocoa bean mulch works well to keep pests and weeds away. Apply about an inch or less around the base of the plant. Too much mulch reduces oxygen to the root system.

If you want blooming roses all summer long, you'll have to invest in a good pair of pruners and some gloves.

As the roses begin to fade, remove the blooms. However, it's more than just cutting at the stem.

Look at the leaves and go down the stem until you find a cluster of five leaflets.

Then, cut the stem just above that point, at a 45-degree angle.

This prevents water from sitting on top of the stem. The reason for cutting it in this location is so that it will send out a new shoot and a new bloom.

But keep in mind, the next shoot is going to grow a little tall. So, if you don't want your roses above your head, feel free to move down on the stem to a lower cluster of five leaflets.

A pruning sealer is also a good investment. Apply a dab of it to each cut to seal the cane, preventing insect damage and diseases.

And speaking of diseases, blackspot is the most common rose disease. If you want to grow roses, you'd better be ready to do battle with blackspot.

There are many chemicals available that do a fine job in controlling blackspot.

Just be sure to read the directions carefully. If you want to use organic methods, look for products that contain neem oil, which has been proven effective to control blackspot and other diseases.

Another common problem with roses is powdery mildew.

It starts as small, white, fuzzy patches and can spread to the entire leaf surface, turning the leaves yellow and weakening the plant.

To prevent this fungus, mix one tablespoon of baking soda and two and a half teaspoons of vegetable oil into a gallon of water.

Then spray the plant, above and below the leaves, every couple of weeks. No matter what product you choose, a regular routine of spraying your roses is the key to preventing any disease.

And finally, don't forget to water your roses. They'll appreciate about two inches of water a week.

Water them at the base of the plant. Hopefully, these tips will help you grow beautiful, healthy blooms so that you'll come out smelling like a rose.

Hazelwood House Happenings



Brian Barker (pictured above) is one of the many volunteers who entertain at the Hostel on a regular basis. Brian sings the old favourite songs so the residents can sing along and enjoy the music.

Some of our residents joined with Latrobe Valley Village residents for a luncheon at the Mirboo North Hotel. The meal was followed with quizzes and word games (right).



Anne celebrated her birthday with family and residents at the Hostel. Husband Donald Jones Anne in cutting the Cake (right)



Trivia Night and Auction

On the 17th of August Hazelwood House is holding a Trivia Night. The cost is \$10 per head. There is to be eight at a table. B.Y.O. nibbles and drinks. Tea and Coffee will be supplied. Lots of prizes and fun is guaranteed! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please ring Beth to book on 5122 3000.

On 22 August we are holding an auction in the Hostel Lounge Room starting at 1pm. Everyone is again welcome. There will be lots of bargains and an afternoon tea to follow the auction.

Profiling Burglary - Secure your home

It is unrealistic to believe that home owners can physically protect their property 100 percent of the time. Vacations, business trips, shopping trips, or even an evening out will leave homes unattended.

The Neighbourhood Watch program fosters the practice of mutual assistance among neighbours aimed at reducing crime in our communities at the grass roots level. Get to know your neighbours and introduce them to the concept of Neighbourhood Watch. Get involved. A neighbourhood where people are alert to the potential of crime and willing to look out for one another's interests is a neighbourhood where crimes are less likely to occur.

Neighbourhood Watch is an invitation to you to be a good neighbour. If a neighbour is away and you notice an obvious oversight in their home security that might attract a burglar, correct it. The act of closing an open gate or garage door. Collecting mail or daily newspapers might be sufficient to give that home the appearance of not being vacated, and be alert for people lurking or behaving suspiciously around their property. Good neighbours working together through Neighbourhood Watch can prevent crimes in their area the most effective way.

Profiling Burglary

In most cases, residential burglars attempt to avoid confronting victims. They tend to probe carefully and to make covert entry at the side or rear of a residence, using available cover. Burglars generally prefer to work alone, and most target unoccupied dwellings. Most incidents of burglary do not result in violence, even when the burglar is discovered. When violence does occur, it often results from the offender's frantic attempt to escape.

Burglars wear dark clothing and gloves and carry prying tools. In addition, burglars must deal with a multitude of potential threats, such as increasingly sophisticated alarm systems, metal

bars on doors and windows, guard dogs, and Neighbourhood Watch groups. Not knowing the homeowners' whereabouts causes additional anxiety. Burglary is, for the most part, a stealth crime that depends on opportunity.

Tips to target harden your premises

Consider installing an alarm

In 25% of all burglaries there is no sign of forced entry - burglars just walk in!

Burglars look for the easiest target - they want to get in and out quickly. Breaching a lock takes time, so locks deter burglars.

Install deadlocks on all external doors and keyed locks on all windows; lock up when you leave, even if only for a few minutes. (But remember: don't engage the deadlocks while you're in the house - this may be hazardous in the event of a fire.)

Security screens allow you to look out but prevent intruders from seeing in. A good quality screen door can put a locked barrier between you and a stranger.

When you're not at home, make it look like somebody's there. Burglars seek out empty houses because there's less chance they'll get caught.

Some tips to mislead them

Leave a radio on, tuned to a talkback station.

If you're out for the evening, leave some lights on and close the curtains.

If you're going on holiday: cancel your newspaper.

Have a trusted neighbour or relative empty your letterbox and take your bin out (even if it's empty!) and in again

Hang some old clothes on the line, leave old shoes outside the front door

Divert your home phone number to your mobile

Organise a house sitter if you're away for an extended period of time.

Never let people know when your home will

be empty - don't let burglars "book you in"

Avoid giving away information in person, in writing or through your answering machine message.

Avoid leaving invitations or notes about holidays in plain view (stuck on the fridge, next to the phone, up on a whiteboard). This tells when your house will be empty.

On your answering machine say "We can't come to the phone right now" rather than "I'm on holidays and will be back on".

If you live alone, say, "We can't come to the phone right now" rather than "I can't come to the phone right now".

Avoid advertising your expensive purchases. Boxes left on the nature strip let burglars know what's new in your house (DVD player, computer, etc). Cut boxes into pieces before recycling.

Don't let burglars use your spare key. They will always look for hidden keys. So leave keys with a trusted neighbour or friend.

A low fence or one that can be seen through lets your neighbours spot something out of place, like a stranger in your garden. (A high fence that can't be seen through might provide privacy - but once the burglar is behind that, they're hidden from view.)

Keep trees and shrubs trimmed low.

Motion-activated lighting puts a spotlight on burglars. If offenders think they've been seen it's more probable they will leave

Marked property is much harder for burglars to re-sell - and even if a burglar steals a marked item, it's much easier for you to identify what's yours.

Mark your property using an engraving pen (available from hardware and office supply stores) or ultra-violet markers (now available at all Good Guys Stores around Victoria

Put this code on your property: "V" (for Victoria) followed by your licence number.

People without a driver's licence may nomi-

nate another person's number subject to their approval.

People who do not reside permanently in Victoria or any one state might consider using their mobile phone number.

Make a list of your property. Keep a list of your CDs, DVDs, videos and any other collectible items in a safe place Neighbourhood Watch can assist you with a property inventory form.

Make sure you have current and adequate insurance cover.

Lock up your tools and your shed. Don't let a burglar use your tools to break into your own house!

Consider getting a four-legged "burglar alarm". Barking dogs warn people that something is wrong, so burglars avoid homes with dogs. Don't own a dog? A "Beware of Dog" sign may still deter a burglar.

Take photos of expensive items, such as jewellery.

For unique items of jewellery and other collectables, consider a hide away safe, they are portable, concealable and available in many sizes. (this product made from a poly carbonate material now produced by numerous security manufacturers) These units can be hidden within the super structure of a building. Most are fire proof, but check with the supplier before purchasing.

Report all suspicious activity around your home to the police. Record and retain the details of suspect vehicles parked in your neighbourhood. These details may become evidence if a crime is detected later.

To conduct a security assessment of your premises, visit our web site:

<http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.com.au>. Click on the virtual tours button and select the Virtual House.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

WORD SEARCH

This month's word search is about
"The Simpsons"

there are 20 of the characters names, horizontal, vertical, forwards,
and backwards.

Good Luck!!!!

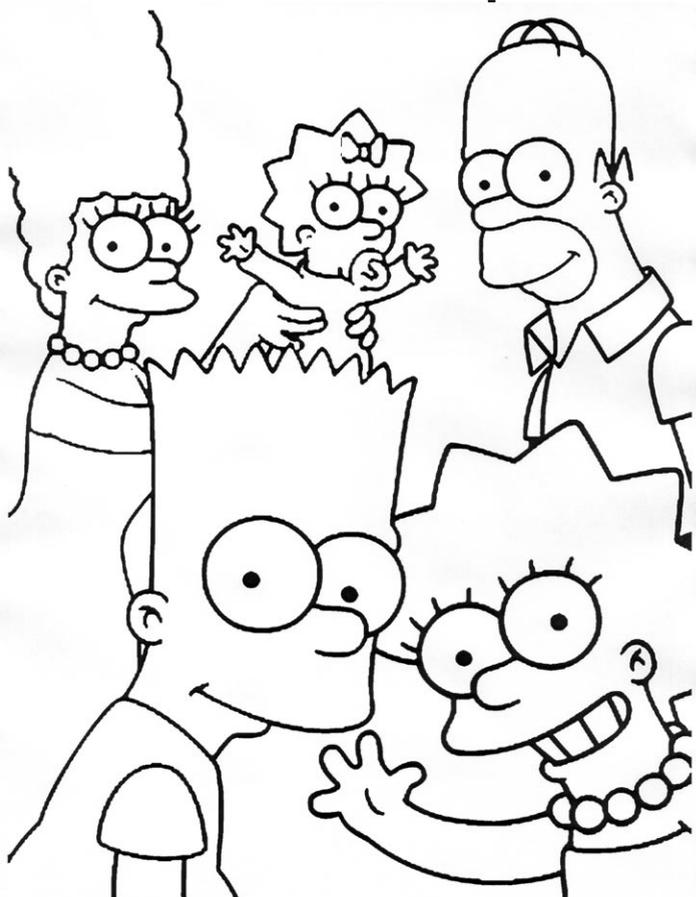
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SIDE SHOWBOB
TODD FLANDERS
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Colour in "The Simpsons"



BIRTHDAYITES!!

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

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Hi Kids,

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

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB
PO BOX 110
CHURCHILL 3842



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

The lucky "Birthdayites" last month were
ASHLEE FLANIGAN and JARYD DOWNES-SMITH.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR AUGUST

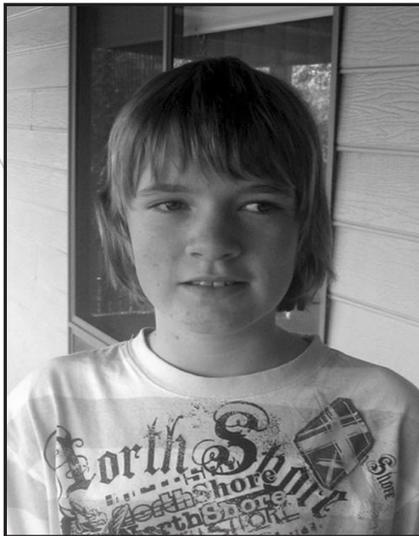
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Meg HUTCHINSON	5 years
Katelyn LUGTON	11 years
Zachary McLURE	11 years
Kerry MISSINGHAM	4 years
Noah MUDGE	3 years
Shyanne POST	5 years
Jayden WILKINS	12 years
Jazmyn WILKINS	9 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" this month are
KERRY MISSINGHAM and JAYDEN WILKINS.

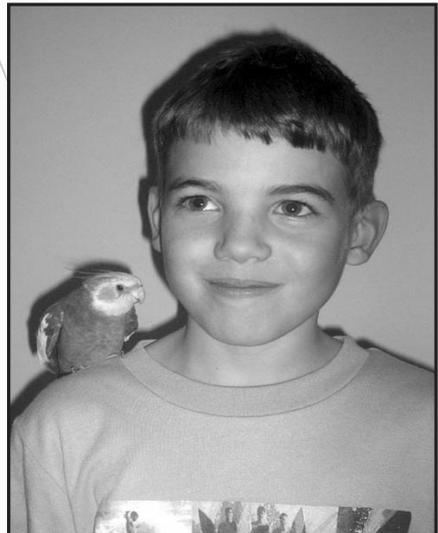
Congratulations, you have each won a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency. We will contact you soon.

John Barker

Publicity



Left: Ashlee FLANIGAN
12 years
on the 18th July



Right: Jaryd DOWNES-SMITH
8 years
on the 29th July

These July "Birthdayites" were all smiles as they were each presented with \$15 vouchers for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District.

They were chosen at random from the July list. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".

IN THE EVENT OF NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD, ANOTHER WILL BE SELECTED IN THEIR PLACE.



The players from both Churchill teams at the Round Robin in Moe on the 24th of June

Churchill Indoor Netball Squad

By Katie Duncan

The Churchill Indoor Netball Association's under 13 and under 15 squad teams have been busily preparing for their up and coming squad games. Training for an hour and a half every Saturday, as well as playing their usual games has ensured a huge improvement in both teams.

The arrival of new uniforms, which were kindly sponsored by Sandvik and Sage Technology, has also ensured their overall appearance improve.

The under thirteen squad team has been playing exceedingly well, and at this stage are looking to make the finals. Unfortunately the under 15's team has not

been doing as well, but have been having quite a lot of fun anyway. All Squad games and practices have seen huge smiles appearing on all participants faces.

Both teams wish to thank their coaches, Sharron Middlemiss (under 13's) and Kathy Quinn (under 15's), for their tireless efforts to ensure the teams improvements. Also parents of participating girls need to be thanked for support and driving all of the girls to the venues for training and games.

All round a great season has been had by all of the players, coaches and parents.

Boolarra Bowls 50th Anniversary

Boolarra Bowls and Recreation Club are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of our club on Sunday 16th September (Seasons Opening Day) at 1.30 pm.

All past and present members are invited to attend. Come along and play mixed bowls or just a friendly chat sharing your memories, followed by afternoon tea.

We hope you can join us for our special day of celebration.

For more information or registration of names of past members attending please telephone Betty Fox on 5169 6291 by 28th August

Churchill Junior Basketball



Churchill Junior Basketball Team

Churchill Junior Basketball Club Winter season is coming up to finals at the end of August. The semi-finals will be on 27/8/2007, preliminary finals on 7/9/2007 and the Grand final on 14/9/2007.

There will be a short break for school holidays after which basketball will resume. Now is the time to get your friends together and form a team for next season.

There are special skills training for Under 8's and competition for the 10's, 12's and 14's.

For further information please call Jenny Webb on 51222884.

Churchill Junior Basketball would like to thank Loy Yang Power for their sponsorship.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

Saturday Mens Comp Monthly Medal 30/06/07 CCR: 69.

Scratch: T Sterrick. Medal Winner: G Miller (18) 69. DTL: T Sterrick 71, P Shields 72, W Judkins 73, T Collins 73. NTP: 3rd P Shields, 5th B Kilday, 14th W Judkins. Birdies: 3rd P Shields. Eagle: 9th P Ludlow. Putts: P Ludlow.

Tuesday Ladies Comp Monthly Medal 03/07/07 CCR: 70.

Scratch: D Scurlock 93. A-Grade: D Scurlock (15) 78 c.b./Medal Winner. DTL: M McDonald (34) 78 c.b. J Leslie (22) 80. NTP: 36-45 5/14th A Hibbert. Putts: M McDonald (34) 25 putts.

Tuesday Ladies Comp 4BBB 10/07/07

Winners: Y Wotton (25), V Verheyen (30) 37 pts c.b. DTL: E D'Alterio (21), L Reake (45) 37 pts, J Blizzard (23), D Scurlock (15) 35 pts. NTP: 5/14th 33-45 M McDonald.

Saturday Mens Comp Pairs Championships 14/07/07 CCR: 71

Winners: C Lesiw, C Johnson 65. Runners Up: S Wotton, W Judkins 61. DTL: P Kearns, C Flanigan 57. C Barnes, V Monument 54. NTP: 3rd P Kearns, 5th W Judkins, 12th C Johnson, 14th P Shields.

Sunday Mens Comp Stableford 15/07/07

M Brereton (12) 38 pts.

Sunday Ladies Comp 15/07/07
Winner: K Moroney (21) 35 pts.

Tuesday Ladies Comp 4BBB Championship Round 2 17/07/07 CCR: 70

Winners: Y Wotton (25), V Verheyen (30) 38 pts, c.b. DTL: H Croft (32), L Casey (32) 38 pts. C Barnes (29), M McDonald (34) 37 pts. NTP: 5/14th 0-32 D Scurlock, 33-45 S Cooke.

Saturday Mens Comp Final Pairs Championships 21/07/07 CCR: 70

Winner: P Kearns, C Flanigan 73 pts. Runner Up C Lesiw, C Johnson 67 pts c.b. DTL: P Shields, D Shields 67 pts. C Barnes, V Monument 66 pts. NTP: 3rd C Flanigan, 5th D Byers, 12th B Baldock, 14th B Baldock. Birdies: 5th D Byers. Championship Winners: C Lesiw, C Johnson 132 pts.

Sunday Mens Comp Stableford

22/07/07. Winner: J White (15) 35 pts. DTL: A Auld (22) 29 pts. NTP: 5th A Percy.

Sunday Ladies Comp Stableford 22/07/07

Winner: K Moroney (21) 28 pts.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 4BBB. Date: 24/07/07. Winner: A Hibbert (43), B Beebe (28) 42pts. DTL: J Blizzard (23), D Scurlock (15) 38 pts. NTP: 12th J Blizzard, 5/14th 33-45 M McDonald. Championships: Y Wotton (25), V Verheyen (30) 75 pts.

Churchill Tennis Club Summer Competition

If you would like to play Saturday competition tennis commencing in early October, please contact Carol Scott 5122 1464.

Beginners welcome. Racquets available. Phone Carol 5122 1464 for more information.

Ladies Social Tennis

Monday afternoons at 1pm, \$2.

Keep fit - play tennis!

Elaine Andrijczak

Secretary

Latrobe Valley Sporting Clubs Benefit From Uniform Grants

Member for Morwell Russell Northe has congratulated the 28 Latrobe Valley sports clubs and associations that received funding through Sport & Recreation Victoria today.

The Our Club Our Future Sporting Uniform Grant program will deliver almost \$27,000 to successful applicants in the Valley to assist with the purchase of sports uniforms Mr Northe said following this afternoon's announcement at Traralgon Sports Stadium.

The Nationals' Spokesman for Sport and Recreation, Mr Northe said the grants would encourage locals to keep active by subsidising the costs involved with participating in team sports.

"The disciplines and responsibilities required to compete as part of a team assist in the development of positive characteristics in participants, particularly young people," Mr Northe said.

He said costs associated with playing sport including uniforms, equipment, travel, memberships and registration quickly added up, especially for families.

"The Nationals support initiatives that make it easier for people to participate in team sports and I encourage the Victorian Government to continue to invest in community sporting clubs."

Mr Northe congratulated local recipients, including: Traralgon Police Boys, Tedas and Yallourn North Junior Football Clubs & the Central Gippsland Junior Football League; Boolarra and Moe Football Netball Clubs & Traralgon Netball Association; Churchill Amateur and Traralgon Swimming Clubs & the Latrobe Valley Waterpolo Association; St Michaels and Rams Basketball Clubs & Morwell and Traralgon Amateur Basketball Associations; Gormandale, Cats, Traralgon Imperials, Ex Students and Morwell Cricket Clubs; Moe Hockey Club & the Latrobe Junior Hockey Association; Boolarra Tennis Club, Traralgon Umpires Association; Fortuna 60 Soccer Club; Traralgon Croquet Club; Latrobe Valley Volleyball Association, and; Moe/Newborough Baseball Club.

Applications for the second round of grants are due on September 3, 2007. Clubs can contact Mr Northe's office at 66 George St on 5133 9088 for guidelines and application forms or visit www.dvc.vic.gov.au.

"the Cougars"

Churchill Football / Netball Club



Vice president Mark Answerth, John Elliot and President Rob Jenkins at the Presidents luncheon on the 14th of July (above)
The under 12s in a tussle for the ball during the game against Glengarry (below)



Around Football, the season so far

By Tony Martin

The senior football team is going along nicely, having fourteen wins from fifteen games as of round 15 on the 28th of July. They are in first place on the ladder by one game with Heyfield next on thirteen. Nathan McDonald has jumped Dean Jenkins in the goal kicking and is in 4th place with 42 and Dean in 5th with 40. The loss to Heyfield was a close fought encounter. It was a reality check for the boys and will be a benefit in the long run.

The Reserves are also top of the ladder having fifteen wins from fifteen starts with Heyfield next on 10 wins and 5 losses. In the goal kicking Josh Cahill is on top with 38, 2 in front of second place.

The Under 18s are not having the most successful season to date with one win from fifteen games and are in bottom place on the ladder.

Shaun McNamara played his 200th game with the club on the 21st of July in the game against Heyfield.

Around Netball, the season so far

By Amanda Barling

The last two weeks have seen each team have a win and a loss. A Grade played a good full court game against Heyfield last weekend to take the points with an 11 goal win. The week earlier they were outplayed by the undefeated TTU side going down by 10. Unfortunately B Grade's run of 9 consecutive wins was stopped by TTU a fortnight ago, however they bounced back well to record a 38 goal win over Heyfield last weekend. C Grade put in a good showing against TTU, unfortunately going down by a handful goals - however they pushed Heyfield all the way and managed a 4 goal win there. It was good to see D Grade flying the flag against TTU - congratulations to the girls who are all working really hard at getting results on the board at the business end of the season. The girls always play with a smile on their faces and look to be enjoying every minute they are out on the court together.

As we get towards the end of the year please get behind the netballers and come along to support them in as many matches as you can - the girls definitely appreciate the extra encouragement from

the sidelines. Keep

your eyes out for the AFL Grand Final day tickets (29th September) - they will be available from the 11th August - ticket cost will include lunch and drinks from 1pm...

Good luck to all teams for the next 4 games.

Around the Club

By Tony Martin

The cool room is up and running with only a paint job and rack installation to go before it becomes fully functional. The BBQ area is in stall mode with problems being encountered in obtaining the required steel components but with a bit of luck will be completed in time. Cougars Café continues to draw a good crowd of a Friday night and Paula Auger and her crew are to be congratulated on continuously presenting a great menu accompanied by great service.

Thursday Nights with the past players chook raffle also continues to do well and that old stalwart Bingo of a Wednesday night continues to draw good crowds. All the teams are doing well in one way or another with some being quite successful and others obtaining great experience on their way to becoming competitive units. As Rob said earlier on, it's not all about winning. So overall, it appears it could be said we are a successful club.

Junior Football, the future of the game

By Cheryl Mason

Five of the under 14s players celebrated playing their 50th game when they played in our home game against West End on the 21st of July. Congratulations to Mathew Harvey, Ryan Harvey, Zac Mundell, Justin Adams and Harley Lowrie on this great achievement. If these guys keep on playing Aussie rules they should be good for 500 or so games by the time they have to give it away. Last week the under 10s and the under 12s lost in their games against South Side which was disappointing but still fun. The under 14s had a win in their game against City/Police which was great.

Churchill Juniors had a busy school holidays with Football played all through it.

The first weekend we had Combined Saints at home with the Under 14's coming away with a win and under 10's and u/12's unsuccessful in a gallant attempt in gaining four points.

We had a break in the middle week where the Club went on a bus trip down to the Collingwood v St Kilda game at the M.C.G. Some children saw their first A.F.L

Game. All had fun.

On our first training session back we had Chris Hyde from Richmond Football Club come and have fun and give some tips to the players and answer their questions after that with pizza and chips.

Then the Traralgon and District League held the Interleague Competition where Damien Yates was named emergency for the Under 12's and Dale Skinner and J.R. Nuguid played for the Under 14's squad. In this competition the children played against the best in other leagues from Sale, Bairnsdale, Central Gippsland and Warragul.

Games were held on the Tuesday and Wednesday, with the Grand Final being on the Sunday.

The Under 12's made the Grand Final but unfortunately lost by 5 points in a tight match all game.

Under 14's defeated Sale easily with some great team effort and persistence.

Well done to those who represented

Churchill so well on and off the field.

We also hosted another home game on the Saturday before the end of school holidays.

The Under 10's and Under 12's playing Glengarry. Churchill Under 10's 2-2-14 (Goal Kickers Tyson Key and Zac Mudge) were defeated by Glengarry 14-10-94

Under 12's had win 6-9-45 (Goal kickers J.Allan 2, B. Henshaw, R.Smee, N.Cook, J.Thompson 1.) d Glengarry 3-1-19.

Under 14's played Pax Hill Churchill winning 16-18-114 Goal Kickers(D.Weir 5, J. Connell 2, D. McCarthy, B.Kearns, M. Bradford, Z. Mundell, R.Pither, S.Koslowski,D.Skinner 1.) Pax Hill 5-4-34.

Half time at the senior game found one of Under 10's players (Ellis) parents Ken and Janine skydive onto the senior ground it was perfect weather to see what great skill they have to do what they did. And a big Thank you as they also kindly donated funds raised back to the Junior Club and Auskick.

It was a great day for Churchill Football all round. Any enquiries as to Junior footy please phone Cheryl on 51661797.

From the Social Committee

The Club Social Calendar for the rest of the year is as follows.

12th August, Annual Golf Day; Sumo Wrestling Competition and band, to be announced; 15th September, Grand Final Night; 16th September, Vote Count Day;

29th September, Netballers AFL Grand Final Party.

On the social front July was a terrific month with the Bizarre Gazzard Stage Hypnotist show one of the funniest nights had for a long time. The President's lunch with John Elliott as guest speaker was a huge success and Aerial Skydives demonstration jump at half time of the seniors game was a highlight of the day. The "funny money" night was very successful and great fun according to the participants. The big one for August will be the Sumo wrestling/band night. Further details when a date is locked in.

Past Players Thursday Night Chook Raffle

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



J R Nuguid and the boys getting instructions from the coach



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Sports News



Kylie O'Brien sets up for a shot on goal whilst GS Amanda Quail protects and Eunice Thorburn looks on hopefully during the TTU match

Milestones: - 200 Games for Shaun McNamara

On Saturday the 21st of July Shaun McNamara played in his 200th game of footy with the club.

Shaun (Macca) is thirty-three years old and currently lives in Morwell. He was born in Churchill and has lived all his life in the area with brief sojourns around the country in his role as a subcontractor boilermaker. He currently works as a nurse at the Latrobe Regional Hospital. He originally trained and qualified as a boilermaker and spent ten years working in that field around the country in a subcontracting role.

Having always had an interest in the Ambulance service and what they did he developed his "35 year" plan whereby he would be in that field by the time he was 35. At some stage his sister in law suggested that the best way to get there would be if he took up nursing. So that was what he did, in 2002 he went back to school full time doing a bridging course that after qualifying enabled him to enter University in 2003 and study and qualify as a nurse and commence working at LRH in 2006.

Along the way he became intrigued with the satisfaction he got from his profession and that's where he's at to date. According to Dad Len, Shaun first got involved playing Australian Rules at the tender age of eight years playing with the Churchill Junior footy club. He graduated to playing senior grade footy with the Cougars fourteen years ago. He has played with the seniors and reserves during that time and currently plays for the reserves in the centre, which is his preferred position. There was a 12 month break with Churchill when he played for Eaglehawk in the Bendigo league whilst working there when he was 19. Asked what he gets out of the game and the club he said he greatly enjoyed the competitiveness of the game, he likes to win, and the mateship and camaraderie he enjoys as a member of a great club. Asked as to his best times in the game he vividly recalled the first time he ran out with the seniors and on the warm up being congratulated on his first senior's game over the PA system. He also recalls the feeling of elation when after many lean years without success in the Latrobe Football League, in 1996 the reserves, with which he was playing, won the North Gippsland League grand final. As to his worst moment in the game he strongly recalls the absolute devastation of playing in and losing the grand final in the clubs first year in the North Gippsland League after so many lean years with the LVFL and getting so close to the ultimate prize.

As to his funniest moment he recalled the time one of

his team-mates got KO'd but somehow carried on up to when an opponent grabbed him, let go, and ran on at which point the guy fell down. Shaun spent some time remonstrating with the umpire as to the availability of a free against the innocent party who was totally confused as to what had happened. His pet hate is the team meetings held on the ground after training on a cold winters night. A highlight of his career was 2005 when he captained the reserves and won the clubs best and fairest and also the League best and fairest. He has played in six grand finals, winning three of them. He would like to continue his involvement in the game after he retires from playing, possibly in a coaching role. As a two hundred game player Shaun will become a life member of the club along with the privileges that involves and well deserves it.

By the way, his hobbies are golf golf golf.

Annual Golf Day; It's on it's way

The club's annual golf day is on the horizon. It will be held on the 12th of August this year and golfers are asked to keep it in mind as they arrange their forward planning. Don't forget to put your names on the sheets in the member's bar for the Annual Club Golf Day on the 12th of August. It's a three player Ambrose event. Details are available from Gary Welsh on 0407 327 512.

Bingo every Wednesday!

Bingo is on every Wednesday evening. The program starts at 7.30 PM and it's eyes down at 8.00PM. There are three sets of 10 games with a considerable jackpot on the last game. The bar is open during breaks and drinks and eats are available. There are various competitions included. All in all it's a great night, so round up your friends who like a punt and come along. The boys who run it, Brian, Fred, Robbie, Chips and Jeff, say "the more who play, the more we pay."

Cougars Café,

For that end of the week eating out experience for all the family, come along and enjoy a meal every Friday night from 6.00pm at the clubrooms at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive, Churchill. Paula Auger and her crew are providing great meals at a great price. We are running a blackboard menu and it can be viewed in the clubrooms foyer during the week. Table format is round, seating up to 10 people, rectangular seating up to 6 people, and square seating up to 4 people. If you wish to book a table bookings can be made by calling Julie Larkin on 51221762, otherwise just turn up and enjoy the experience.



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Janine Hayes, Chief Instructor of Aerial Skydives and junior footy mum coming into land after a demonstration jump at half time during the Cougars match (above)
Members of the club at the selection process find subjects for stage hypnotist Bizarre Gazzard to hypnotise (left)



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