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Baseball Come and Try



On Wednesday, March 20 and 27, the Churchill Braves, with support from Churchill and District News, hosted a 'Baseball Come and Try' Day at their home ground, Andrews Park.

Starting at 5pm and ending at 6, juniors enjoyed a skills training session, and a t-ball game on the second day, and the barbeque afterwards.

All juniors who came received a participation certificate.

Although the main goal was to help boost the numbers of junior players, a number of new senior faces were seen.

With a 12-batter rule introduced into the C-Grade competition this year, the extra players are good for the club.

Churchill Baseball Club trains on Wednesdays at 5pm at Andrews Park and play games on Sundays across the Latrobe Valley.

People are always welcome to come down and watch or join in. For more information on the Churchill Baseball Club, contact Shane Gill on 0409 564 533.

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Art Work Begins On Skate Park



By Mike Answerth

Work has begun on the "Skate of the Art" project to develop the Churchill skate park into a work of art as part of the Churchill Art and Culture Pathway.

During March, artists John Vukovic and Ian Mitchell, conducted workshops for art students at Kurnai Junior campus, as part of learning the artistic skills to enable the students to take part in the project. Under the guidance of the artists, students learnt the techniques of producing three dimensional lettering as well as hearing about John's career and seeing examples of his work which have been placed in locations, not only through Gippsland, but also Melbourne and Canberra.

Further workshops were conducted after Easter at which students will paint metal panels which will become part of the art work at the park. VCAL art students from the GEP campus of Kurnai were involved in these workshops.

Following the March workshops, the artists met with non student users of the skate park and discussed some ideas about what they would like to see in the art at the park, and also on the adjoining shop retaining wall which will be developed into a large mural with the support of the Churchill Shopping Centre.

Artist, John Vukovic, also conducted a demonstration for the

young park users by producing a small example of public art on one of the structures which previously was covered in graffiti

"By giving these young people some creative artistic skills we believe that they can produce a bright, attractive work of art which reflects their interest while being something all the community can enjoy", John Vukovic said.

According to Ian Mitchell, who has worked with students on public art projects in Latrobe City, "if young people have ownership of this art work they not only ensure that it is not vandalised, but they are left with a sense of pride and achievement."

Project Manager of the Art and Cultural Pathway project, Mike Answerth said that "Skate of the Art" project was off to a good start with students and other users embracing the concept warmly, and showing a keen interest in learning artistic skills to enable them to produce a quality work.

The project is being funded by a grant from the Victorian Magistrate's Court Fund and being auspiced by Gippsland Education Precinct and Latrobe City.

Photo above shows a panel at the skate park- before John Vukovic's art demonstration.

Further info: Mike Answerth 0438 048 150.

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club

At the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club meeting on Friday, May 24, Dr Deb Archer will give a presentation on the "Ecological Restoration in the Kruger National Park".

Deb obtained a PhD in restoration ecology research on captive breeding programs in South Africa. She currently works as an Environmental Scientist managing Gippsland Water's biodiversity programs.

The meeting at 7.30pm is at our new venue, the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

On Saturday there will be an excursion to Lyrebird Walk near Mirboo North.

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Rotary Club of Hazelwood Volunteers return from Tasmania



By Leo Billington

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood continues to be very busy becoming involved in a wide range of activities.

A large container stocked full of donated goods has arrived in Tasmania and the goods have been distributed throughout the Dunalley area on the Tasman Peninsula.

A team of 10 local volunteers has just returned from a week in Tasmania helping victims of the vicious January bushfires on the Peninsula.

The team comprised three members of the Rotary Club of Morwell, two from the Rotary of Hazelwood, four Traralgon South residents (who had been burnt

have returned to the Tasman Peninsula to complete more volunteer work.

A successful community social dance and auction was held in conjunction with the Traralgon South and District Association to raise more funds for the Tasmanian Bushfire Relief project.

Also, a generous donation from the Jeeralang North Hall Committee was made to the same project. Over 60 people attended an old time dance at the hall to help raise this money.

Both these local efforts have been much appreciated and have shown how Rotary works within this local community.

Many club members recently attended a dinner



out in 2009) and one from Woori Yallock.

Traralgon South resident, Peter Ollerenshaw, co-ordinated their work program while on-site in the heavily impacted area around Dunalley.

Their presence coincided with the arrival of the large container from Traralgon South delivered on-site at Murdunna, south of Dunalley.

Full of donated items distributed to needy families, the container was a welcome sight for everyone in the bushfire area.

The composite team built a large hayshed and erected an orchard protective timber framework, then painted it, all complete with shade-mesh pinned around it.

They also made a start on covering it with bird netting overhead

Hazelwood Rotary member, Ken Peake, explained that the team also cleared the debris of another orchard area and did some landscaping with rocks, sleepers and tan bark and built new garden steps.

The whole site was cleaned up by having it moved up a priority list, so by the end of the week the site looked pretty good.

Another team member, Morwell Rotary Club member, Gregg Trevorrow's engineering expertise was very handy when erecting a new pre-fabricated shed on-site.

Gregg and fellow Rotarian, David Swainsbury,

held in Traralgon at which Australian born Gemma Sisia spoke.

Gemma Rice, as she was known before her marriage to Richard Sisia, has made her home in Arusha, Tanzania where she founded the School of St Jude in 2002.

Now the school offers free education to over 1500 students from primary to secondary school. Students are selected for intelligence and poverty level – as Gemma's objective is to fight poverty through education. To provide these under-privileged students with two well equipped campuses, Gemma has spoken to many Rotary clubs and Rotary conferences to spread the word of her charity.

Hazelwood Rotary has been assisting with a regular donation for several years now.

The club catered for a group of international students who have just arrived at Monash University Gippsland to commence their studies, many in the Schools of Science and Business and Economics.

Mainly from Jiangsu Province in China, the students thoroughly enjoyed the barbeque and an opportunity to be entertained with Australian inspired music.

For anyone interested to learn more about Rotary and its work across all facets of the wider community, please contact President, Margaret Palmer on 0413 847 446.



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package to help students who are falling behind in literacy and numeracy. The funding builds on the investment of over \$740 million over four years the Government has directed towards literacy and numeracy support.

Kurnai College will receive \$293,819 in funding for students who require additional support in literacy and numeracy, whilst Churchill Primary School is the beneficiary of \$38,613 in funding, which I'm sure will be most welcomed by students, parents and teachers. Lumen Christi School in Churchill will also receive support through the National Partnership Program that seeks to further improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for our local students.

Speaking about education, young readers are being encouraged to take part in the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students to read a minimum number of books between now and September 12, 2013, including many from a recommended reading list. The

minimum number of books for each grade level is:

Pre-school children are challenged to read 40 books

Prep to Grade 2 students are challenged to read 30 books; and

Readers in grades 3 to 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

Books can also be read in languages other than English. Students who accept and meet the challenge will get a signed certificate of achievement from the Premier of Victoria. For more information and to register for the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

I also recently had the pleasure of officially opening a new myki service in Churchill at the Churchill Newsagency. Public Transport Victoria has appointed Churchill Newsagency as a myki agent and is now selling and topping up myki cards.

A number of Churchill residents had raised with me the need for Churchill to have myki services available and after advocating strongly on behalf of Churchill

residents, I am pleased that such a service is now available at the Churchill Newsagency.

Myki is the smart card ticketing system that has replaced Metcard in Metropolitan Melbourne and paper tickets on buses in regional towns. Myki is a reusable smart card that stores value to pay your public transport fare.

Passengers can currently purchase myki cards from a number of retail locations across the Latrobe City, as well as online at www.myki.com.au or by calling 1800 800 007.

Small business information, support and mentoring visited our region when the Victorian Government's Mobile Business Centre visited Morwell on Monday April 8, and Traralgon on Tuesday April 9.

The Mobile Business Centre delivers free business mentoring and advice about Small Business Victoria's low-cost programs and support services for small business.

For more information on the Mobile Business Centre or to book for mentoring assistance, visit

business.vic.gov.au/mbc or call Small Business Victoria on 13 22 15.

In closing, please remember that April 25 is ANZAC Day, and a number of local services will be conducted around Latrobe City. These services are always well attended, and I encourage families to go along and pay tribute to those courageous men and women who have served our country.



I trust that all community members have had a safe and relaxing Easter break, and hope that you managed to catch up with family and friends, or even had the opportunity to visit and experience some of Gippsland's wonderful attractions.

We have terrific news for some of our Churchill schools, who are the recipients of funding as part of a \$41 million Victorian Government

New program to support local business growth

Support and advice is available to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in the Latrobe Valley who are repositioning themselves to expand or grow their business. Latrobe City Council is offering local enterprises the opportunity to participate in an Accelerated Business Growth and Small and Medium Enterprise Support Program.

The program, outlined in the Victorian Government's Latrobe Valley Industry and Employment Roadmap, and funded through the \$15 million Latrobe Valley Industry and Infrastructure Fund, will be conducted over the next 12 months, and is targeted toward businesses who are exploring further investment in order to grow sustainably.

Funding is available to assist in the development of marketing and business plans, if identified by Council as a priority for the business.

The service aims to help businesses connect with professional advice, and access the services of a range of government agencies.

Latrobe City Council is committed to guiding local businesses forward. The Program offers opportunities for businesses to access independent advice, build networking activities, engage with industry consultants and explore potential funding opportunities.

For further information on the program contact Lisa Simpson on 5128 5460 or 0428 150 089. Alternatively, email enquiries can be directed to lisa.simpson@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Latrobe Regional Airport – Serviced allotments

Latrobe City Council is in the process of opening a commercial-industrial precinct with 40 serviced allotments with direct taxiway access to the main runway. Lots can be tailored to suit individual requirements of new businesses looking for a regional operation close to Melbourne.

The continued development and growth of Latrobe Regional Airport will create further opportunities for aviation-related businesses to establish and expand.

Darrell White



The \$2 million dollar works currently underway include a \$1.25 million prototyping hangar, offices and amenities; and \$750,000 of civil works upgrades including runway and taxiway repairs and extensions, a new helipad and engine run-up bay.

Latrobe Regional Airport on show at Avalon

Latrobe Regional Airport Board and Latrobe City Council joined with

Mahindra Aerospace /GippsAero and the Victorian Government to promote Latrobe City and the Latrobe Regional Airport during the trade days of the Australian International Airshow at Avalon recently.

This premier event provided exposure to industry participants, both large and small – from international military aircraft manufacturers, to flying schools and aircraft cable makers who were represented at the Airshow trade days.

Several Latrobe City Councillors, members of the Airport Board and other Latrobe City staff members were able to actively promote Latrobe City and the Airport to the thousands of industry leaders that attended the event.

Latrobe City was able to host an afternoon event at the Aviation Summit at Avalon, organised by Aviation/Aerospace Australia.

The Summit was attended by industry leaders from the Asia/Pacific region including selected Australian companies. This provided

a vital opportunity to network within the industry to promote the facilities we have in our region.

Churchill town hall plaza

The first coat of render on the brick walls has been applied.

The second coat will be applied as soon as possible, when weather conditions are dry.

The bluestone paving and capping has been prepared and cleaned, prior to sealing.

Planting will be carried out following the completion of other works. The Filmer Group, who has carried out the concreting and brick works to date, is the successful tenderer for the landscape works.

Marina Drive

Initial asphaltting has been applied to Marina Drive.

This will be followed by a spray seal and asphalt overlay, to be applied before mid-April.

The upgrade of the street surface will be followed by the replacement of older street lighting in Marina Drive.



Dear Members of the Churchill Community.

While I am sure a lot of thought and work has gone towards developing the concept plan for Eel Hole Creek monument, I am concerned that as a result of it, attention and resources may be diverted from the more pressing needs of this community.

Apart from our road to nowhere which has been an eye sore and embarrassment for nearly two years, there are more pressing and urgent public infra-structure projects which will require the same resources that are being earmarked for use in yet another monument.

At this stage it is probably worth reminding people that the pioneer families in Churchill have already been honoured in many different monuments over time. There is a memorial wall with the names of the first residents, adjacent to the big cigar, as well as several other rocks and blocks built over time as memorials and then lost, including a fountain that was the centre piece of the old shopping centre and now lies derelict in the Council depot in Switchback Road.

Churchill is becoming synonymous for not finishing things. Evidence of this is everywhere, roads that go nowhere are not new;

the end of Phillip Parade buries itself into a hillside at the end of the roundabout at Northway's Road. The new road from Phillip Parade goes into a fence. The dirt mound at the bottom of Canterbury Way was supposed to be part of bridge over Monash Way. Recently we have the hockey field, which is used by clubs from across Latrobe City, which has everything other than a change room and toilet facilities.

The idea of providing a "link between the Gippsland Education Precinct, Monash University Campus and the township of Churchill" is not mentioned in the recent Churchill Town Centre Plan and is surely not the highest priority of the town at the moment? Surely toilets and change rooms for a facility such as Latrobe City's premier hockey ground should be prioritised for Regional Funding. But we have no way of knowing what the priorities are, because even when the community has agreed to a concept plan such as the Churchill Town Centre Plan of 2010, someone gets it into their head to go off in an entirely different direction and things don't get finished or plans are not realised.

Clearly if the person who is driving this concept wanted to change the Town Centre Plan it should only occur AFTER the initial plan is completed. It is about time Churchill becomes a town that finishes things, rather than allowing oxygen to those projects that come from left wing and serve no purpose or worse duplicate something that already exists.

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Chester marks passing of Disability Scheme Legislation

Federal Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester, has welcomed the passage of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) legislation through Parliament.

Mr Chester took the opportunity to reflect on the efforts of those who had supported the process to see an NDIS implemented.

"Can I congratulate the Minister on behalf of The Nationals," Mr Chester told Parliament.

"I also recognise, with his presence in the Chamber, the former Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services (Bill Shorten)... who I believe has been an outstanding advocate in this place for people with disabilities and their carers, and who I believe contributed significantly to moving this debate forward at a time when it was possible it may have stalled.

I congratulate the government for the steps it has taken today."

Mr Chester said that while its passage was a significant milestone, there was still a long way to go in terms of the full implementation and delivery of the scheme.

Churchill Gardening Group

That was a long, hot, dry summer!!! The bit of rain in March was most welcome. Now in April it is a pleasure to work in the garden; mostly sunny days and cool nights. It is a good time to get all the weeds out, so that they don't set seed. Almost anything planted now will get off to a good start as the soil is still warm.

Autumn colours are starting to show on trees, shrubs and climbers. The autumn leaves used as mulch are a wonderful bonus for the garden. Gather them up and place them in a strong garbag with a bit of blood and bone, tie the top, prick a few small holes in the bag and leave. In a few months you will have beautiful black mulch. In my case I heap them up and run the mower through them and place around the garden for instant mulch.

If you want autumn colour in your garden, now is a good time to look around in other gardens or nurseries and select something you like that will fit in your space. Crab apples are a good choice, as you have spring blossom, autumn leaves and the fruit that can hang on after the leaves have fallen. However there are many other choices. Crepe myrtle, Japanese maples, Chinese pistachio, lipstick maple, and some beautiful colour changing creepers like ornamental grape, and Virginia creeper are but just a few to name.

Now is a good time to plant a new lawn or lightly fertilize your lawn, to carry it through winter. Don't forget to water in the fertilizer and lightly water a new lawn daily until established.

Clean up the veggie beds and if not planting a winter crop, it is a good idea to sow a green manure crop, e. g wheat, oats etc to be dug in later. Broad beans, lettuce, spring onions, radish, shallots, and spinach can all be planted now. Spring onions planted on the edge of garden beds make an edible border. Pumpkins

will keep longer if allowed to dry and wither on the vine. It is said a frost on the pumpkins makes them keep better.



This month is almost the last chance to plant spring flowering bulbs/ corms, e.g. tulips, hyacinths, Dutch iris, daffodil, anemone, ranunculus, and ixia to name just a few. If your dahlias and gladioli have finished flowering and withered, dig them up and store in a dry airy place for next seasons planting.

If you have agapanthus growing, (didn't they flower beautifully in our hot dry summer!!!!), it is a good idea to cut off and dispose of their old flower heads, as they can become an invasive weed.

Well that's all for this month. Enjoy the cooler weather and maybe find a mushroom or two.

CDCA

Future of Gippsland Campus

By Margaret Guthrie

Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Monash University Gippsland Campus, Professor Robin Pollard, was the guest speaker at CDCA's March General Meeting and Community Forum.

About twenty local residents listened to the outline of plans to create a regionally-focussed university, with a new name. Attendees were able to ask questions, which ranged from curriculum and staff issues, to entry and administration matters.

The announcement, by Monash University and the University of Ballarat, made in late February of a proposition to 'transition' the Gippsland (Churchill) campus of Monash University to University of Ballarat (under a new name, which is yet to be chosen) has generated considerable interest, discussion and some concern amongst stakeholders and residents.

A webpage has been set up to provide information: monash.edu/gippslandfuture and anyone can email submissions, comments or questions to: gippslandfuture@monash.edu

Professor Pollard stressed the importance of the community 'positively embracing' the proposition for change, in order for plans to progress. If there is little community support then further uncertainty will be generated (impacting on enrolments) and some form of 'Plan B' might have to be considered. Options such as to create a 'Gippsland Faculty' of Monash (replacing the 'Monash Gippsland Campus') or a 'stand alone' entity were mentioned.

Regionally-focussed universities, such as Ballarat or Armidale in NSW (where Professor Pollard was



employed some years past) have a different focus to the metropolitan-based 'Group of Eight' universities like Monash. They offer greater flexibility in entry requirements, more integration of online and on-campus learning and better connections with regional TAFE providers.

Closing date for submissions to the Gippsland Future website was April 17, in order for submissions to be considered by the University Councils. By mid-May, if the proposal is to proceed, legislative change will be sought from the Victorian Government (amending the University of Ballarat Act) and Commonwealth approval requested. Further information about the process and 'key dates' is available on the webpage.

CDCA will be making submission to the webpage, emphasising the importance of the relationships that have developed between the Monash Gippsland campus and the local community and the multitude of joint projects, both on-going and proposed, which benefit both the campus and local communities.

Our next meeting is a Committee meeting and will be held at 7pm on Wednesday April 24, in Studio 1 (lower floor of Town Hall) in Philip Parade. Observers are welcome.

CDCA can be contacted at any time by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing mgcdca@hotmail.com or phoning 5122 2997.

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Church News

Co-Operating Church Snippets

World Day of Prayer

'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' was the theme of this year's World day of Prayer service shared with our Lumen Christi friends, and held this year at our church.



The service had been composed by the women of France. It included comments from women living in France who felt unwelcome due to inhospitable actions, and some who felt welcomed because of the love and care they had received from people, especially in the church and the government's policies. Three ladies from both churches gave us their comments on how they found settling in Australia, which contained many positives but few negatives.

A retiring offering was given to the French Bible Society for a project they are running using printed word, videos, Facebook, Youtube and other social media, with the aim of engaging young people with the Bible.

Lenten Study Groups

Our Lenten Study groups went well. In all, 30 people attended across two groups. The study we followed was The Faith Effect (put out by World Vision). The last week of the study asked us to consider a practical way that our group could respond to poverty and suffering in the world, and show God's action in love and truth. Across the two groups the major areas of action we have chosen are concerned with making fair trade decisions as consumers; supporting asylum seekers and refugees; raising awareness of global needs and teaching others about

them. A couple of people are looking at what fair trade items are available in our local supermarkets as well as researching ethically friendly items. People were keen to have a Fair Trade Morning Tea (not selling goods but offering them to taste) in May during Fair Trade Fortnight (May 4- 19). Guest speakers such as Tim Costello, Margaret Docking, Kathy Dalton (a local Aboriginal Pastor), Greg Jones from Bush Church Aid, someone from Amnesty International to speak about refugees and asylum seekers, and others, will be invited to raise our awareness and understanding.

Easter Club

Easter Club saw children from Churchill Primary School visiting for two weeks, to learn why God sent Jesus to bring light, hope, joy, peace and love into our world, and to

be a bridge by which we can span the gap between God and us, as Jesus died for our sins, which produces that gap. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities, singing and DVD presentation of the Easter Story. Our church volunteers, with those from Lumen Christi, who help prior to, and on the day, are a marvellous group, turning their hand to anything asked of them. They deserve a HUGE thank you.

Easter Services

For the beginning of

Holy Week we celebrated Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This was done by beginning our service at the bottom of the church driveway and then walking inside to hear the Passion of Jesus- the story of his last days before his death. The Bible sections were read with great reverence and feeling. A table was positioned in front of the altar, and as the readings occurred appropriate items like a hammer and nails, a sword, a purple cloth, a cross, a rooster and bread and wine, were added.

Further into Holy week leading up to and including Good Friday, saw Lumen Christi and our congregation join together in the Tenebrae (service of shadows) and Good Friday service and witness walk.

We are so blessed to have such an enduring relationship with Lumen Christi and we thank them for that.

Easter Sunday saw Reverend Brenda walking into church with a rabbit tail and ears. Rabbits are notorious for producing new life- new life is a theme of Easter.

Hence we talk about the produce of eggs and seeds. Passing of the peace was done by passing around balloons with the words "Christ has Risen" on them.

The joy and celebration of Jesus' resurrection was evident in the service with joyful singing, a thought-provoking sermon, and appropriate prayers. Sharon helped the children search for Jesus who died but who had risen- hence the empty tomb, by pretending they were detectives.

The children also had a lot of fun with Easter activities while the service proceeded. Ruth Curtis made beautiful Easter eggs with small Easter egg surprises inside for the children. They looked yummy. Brenda handed out Easter eggs to all as they left the body of the church for a cuppa and chat.



Church Times

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
Tel: 5122 226

Father Hugh Brown/Father Otobo

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Brenda Burney
Willams Avenue,
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Tel: 5122 1480

Glenda and Ian Combridge

Tel: 5166 1819

Sunday Service: 9.00am

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

Week 1 - 11am at Boolarra U C A

Week 2 - 11am at Boolarra U C A

Week 3 - 11am at Yinnar U C A H C

Week 4 - 11am at Yinnar U C A H C

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Saturday Breakfast

By Olivia Jackson

At the Saturday Breakfast on March 23, eleven people sat down to Keith's porridge and toast and a cup of tea.

Our visiting speaker this time was Margaret Guthrie, who is the President of the Churchill and District Community Association. Margaret has lived in the Churchill area for eleven years and is well aware of needs in the town. The CDCA was formed in 1995. In earlier years the Churchill Citizens Association spoke for the residents. This association went into recess and later the CDCA was formed.

At present the Association is making approaches to the Lawn Bowls Association and to the Council in the hope of providing Lawn Bowling facilities for those interested.

The CDCA also supported Rob De Souza Daw with his book of research on Churchill street names.

Margaret was also able to give us some insight into the alterations taking place around the town shopping centres. There are many plans but they are delayed

by the fact that there are 28 different parcels of land belonging to different groups or individuals, such as Monash University and the Latrobe Council, and all need to work together. There are plans for a war memorial.

The CDCA is concerned that some student visitors from overseas have been made to feel unwelcome by a few people in the shopping centre. An afternoon tea is planned for April 18, so that residents and students can come together over a cup of coffee.

Margaret Guthrie spoke of many other needs and activities in the town, but space does not permit the reporting of all of this.

Thank you Margaret for a most interesting talk.

The next Breakfast will be held on Saturday April 27, at 7.45am at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Avenue.

The guest Speaker will be Anna Larkin from the State Emergency Service, and people interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday April 25, on 5122 1148 or at ken.15967@bigpond.com

Chaplain's Reflections

Said the curious disciple, "Give us a sign to know when one is enlightened."

The Master replied, "Here's one; when you find yourself asking if it is you who is crazy or is it everyone else?"

The Christian Scriptures tell us that; "...the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God." 1 Corinthians 3:19.

Religious faith is often regarded as something quite crazy in our rationalistic, materialistic world. The Easter story is a crazy one.

It's about the Mother/Father/Creator God who loves us enough to die for us. Most parents would be willing to die for their children, but not for a stranger or an enemy; for the liar and the slanderer; for that

murderer or terrorist; for the paedophile and the abuser; for those who do not care!?!

God does not condone such behaviour but neither does God reject the person. God's love, expressed most fully in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, calls us all to a new way of living and being; knowing that we are deeply loved and that we are called to live out that love in our interactions with our partners, families, communities, the strangers we meet, those who annoy us or disturb us, those we consider unlovable.

This is the Easter story: God loves and therefore we love; God forgives and therefore we forgive; God shows mercy and therefore we show mercy. It's a wonderfully difficult, freeing, crazy way to live. It's the craziness of life in God.

Lumen Christi Snippets

Lumen Christi Playgroup

Lumen Christi Playgroup meets on Thursdays at 9.30-11.30am during the school terms.

Contact Catherine Campbell on 5122 2231.

Catholic Women's League cake stall and raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake stall and raffle - \$909.00 was raised.

The winner of the raffle was Vicky Trueman.

Churchill cuppa

Morning tea after 9.00am Mass - last Sunday of the month.

St Vincent de Paul meeting

Please note change - now every second Tuesday of the month, 7pm in the Green Shed.



Wilson's Prom's Loo-Ern Boardwalk flood recovery works completed

The second anniversary of the major storm at Wilson's Promontory National Park was marked by the completion of a \$596,000 recovery works program at the Loo-Ern Boardwalk.

Deputy Premier and Member for Gippsland South, Peter Ryan, said the works included widening the boardwalk to current disability standards and elevating sections in flood prone areas to allow for year-long access.

Mr Ryan said the thousands of people who visited the park each year would welcome the completion of the works, including those visiting during the Easter period.

"Wilson's Promontory National Park has been revived by the flood recovery program," Mr Ryan said.

"I'd like to join with the campers, beach lovers and bush walkers in congratulating everyone involved in the \$596,000 program to repair the

Loo-Ern Boardwalk.

Parks Victoria staff have delivered a brilliant flood recovery program in Wilson's Promontory on behalf of the Victorian Government."

Mr Ryan said Wilson's Promontory was subjected to a major storm event in 2011 which damaged infrastructure throughout the park.

"A river surge associated with the storm event resulted in the collapse of a large section of the existing Tidal River embankment, including the boardwalk and fishing platforms," Mr Ryan said.

"The cultural and environment values of the area were considered in the works.

The redesigned boardwalk has minimal disturbance and impact on the visual appeal of the river."

For more information on Wilson's Promontory National Park, visit Parks Victoria at www.parks.vic.gov.au or call 13 1963.

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Friends of Morwell National Park

Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

Summer is now over and autumn has begun.

DSE has planned to conduct a controlled burn in the National Park, during the period from February 2013 to April 2013. The size of the planned burn is about 56 hectares and will be the area between Fosters' Gully track and Jumbuk Rd.

Over the last month Ken has completed a moth survey on the Grand Strzelecki Track near the Park boundary. Ken, with three others, transported a trolley full of gear to complete the overnight survey. They located 103 different moths with some being recorded for the first time in the Park.

March Activity Report

Sunday March 17

At this month's activity we had Ken, Beryl, John, Margaret, Wendy, Mike, Cathy, Andrew, Darren, and Craig. Andrew was along for his first activity. The group met in the car park to catch up on the news from the last month and plan the day ahead.

The summer crews have again been in the park over the last month cleaning up around the Park and completing more slashing of the grass. The Park at the moment looks very good with short grass on and adjacent to the tracks and a low cover of undergrowth. As the autumn rains start the undergrowth and grasses will thicken up again.

With ten travellers, we could fit ourselves into two vehicles and the groups drove to the Grand Strzelecki Track. We drove in beyond the fourth creek crossing to the same location as last month.

The creek crossings remain difficult since the grade into each creek crossing is steep. At each of the creek crossings and along the tracks there was much evidence of a herd of cows

that have spent a period of time in the Park.

Although it had been wet the previous day, the creek level had not risen yet, so most of us were able to work in the creek in gumboots. Beryl donned a pair of waders, so this resulted in her and John being sent into the deeper parts of the creek. Craig used a drill and large needle to put poison into the remaining willows in the creek.

We completed two creek crossings up to lunch removing teasel, tutsan, thistle and foxgloves.

When the group broke for lunch, the creek was the selected location. Last month this location was selected to ease the heat, this time it was selected because it was the most comfortable place around. During lunch we listened to sounds of lyrebirds from up a gully. Ken and Craig returned at the end of the lunch session. During the morning Ken had been adding to his plant and animal survey along the track. Craig had been removing weeds along the track and tracking the cows. Both had walked to the Park boundary.

After lunch the group entered the creek again and completed two and a half creek crossings. Between the last two creek crossings there was a group of trees down blocking further access up the creek. While most of the group was in the creek, Craig worked along the track improving the access at the creek crossings.

April Activity

Sunday April 21

The group will meet at 10.00am at the Junction Road car park to continue work upon the Grand Strzelecki Track to remove weeds from the creek. You will need to bring your lunch and suitable clothing for the weather conditions on the day.




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Dortmans family celebrates 60 years in Australia



Reminiscing was the order of the day at a Dortmans family reunion on March 17 to celebrate 60 years of the family's settlement in Australia.

More than 100 relatives attended the lunch function at the Jeeralang North Hall to celebrate this milestone.

In 1953, Johannes (John) and Maria Dortmans made the bold move to migrate with their family to Australia, following the devastation of World War II in the Netherlands. John, who had lost his wife Adriana Van Heyden and three of his children in a bomb attack on his home during the war, had married Maria in the Netherlands in 1945. She took over the care of his surviving four children: Jo, Hans, Petronella (Nelly) and Hank.

They had five more children (Sjany, Tony, Renus, Keith and Jo [Annie]) before moving to Australia. They knew little of the country and had very limited

Netherlands was often mixed business).

Maria recalls a funny story after the family had not long moved to town. There was a social gathering at the Jeeralang North Hall and guests were asked to 'bring a plate' as was the Australian custom. "I had no idea what this meant and luckily had some neighbours I could ask; what was going to happen with all the plates?" Maria said. The neighbour told her to fill the plate with cake, biscuits or sandwiches to share. "It was obvious once it was explained to me. Luckily I asked as my first social outing in our new town could have been quite embarrassing."

A few years after settling in Jeeralang North, the Dortmans residence took over the big, time-consuming job of running the local telephone exchange. Although they were paid, the money was miniscule.

They had one phone line entering the house, connecting to the exchange, which split into 11 lines. Locals would call the exchange requesting a person, family or phone number and they would plug in and connect them. The Dortmans residence ran the exchange right up until every household received its own automatic telephone.

Settling in Australia involved some hard manual labour for many members of the Dortmans family, but Maria speaks fondly of how welcoming Australians were, and how quickly they felt accepted into their new country.

A love for the local area still rings true for many members of the family, with son Fred taking over the Jeeralang North farm in the 1980s, following the passing of his father John. Fred still owns the property which has been run as a beef farm since last year. Other family members still reside locally in areas such as Glengarry, Traralgon, Melbourne, Churchill, Leongatha, Garfield, Mirboo North, Marynong and further abroad at Eden, Bega, Tathra, Hobart, Coff's Harbour, Gold Coast, Hervey Bay, Mackay, Perth, Onslow and Karratha; locations from which many relatives travelled to attend the event last weekend.

Maria Dortmans now lives in Traralgon, and on the last count her extended family consisted of 15 sons and daughters (one son, Renus passed away in 2006), their respective partners, almost 60 grandchildren, more than 60 great grandchildren and five great, great grandchildren.

English, but were looking for a new start and brighter future.

Upon arrival in Australia, the Dortmans family relocated to farms in Beaconsfield and Narre Warren before buying a large dairy property in Jeeralang North in 1957. Here, John and Maria had more children, with their family eventually ballooning to 16 sons and daughters.

In the early days of the farm, six of the Dortmans children attended school at Jeeralang North Hall, with another local family. They then moved to Sacred Heart Catholic primary school in Morwell. In their teens, most of the Dortmans children attended Kildare or St Pauls in Traralgon.

There were many differences between farming in the Netherlands and farming in Australia, with lots for the family to learn about soil quality, building techniques and single-purpose farming (farming in the

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Churchill and District Lions Club

Past member Peter Tait rejoins Churchill Lions

New Lion Peter Tait first joined Lions in 1996, and was very active in the community and a committed Club member. He served the Club in a number of Board positions, before ceasing Lions for family and growing work commitments.

During his time away from Lions though, Peter still put into the community through his strong involvement with Scouts, of which he is still a very active member. The Club is very pleased to have Peter back.

The Lions Club elected its new Board for the 2013 / 2014 year to take effect from July 1, 2013

In-coming will be
 President: Lion Reg Grisotto
 Secretary: Lion Bob Lowick
 Treasurer: Lion Peter North
 Membership Chairman: Lion Bill Hurenkamp

First Vice President: Lion Peter McShane

Second Vice President: Lion Geoff Brick

Third Vice President: Lion Kevin Hogan

First Year Directors: Lions Robin King and Ray Medew

Second Year Directors: Lions Peter Tait and Merv Gore

Tail Twister: Lion Ross Norman

Lion Tamer: Lion Carl Hood

Ride for Sight

Churchill Lions Club will again assist with the Lions Ride for Sight, which is a bike ride to raise urgently needed funds to support Eye Health programs. The Club will be supporting former Churchill Lion, Norm Hall, who now lives on Phillip Island and who is riding in the event.

The Ride for Sight commenced as a Lion's project 20 years ago, with a ride from Mallacoota to Melbourne, and has had a variety of routes within the District over the years. It is normally a four-day event, covering 350 - 400 kms. It is not a race but a social



/ recreational / fun event. Riders are asked to obtain sponsorship to raise funds, which are then donated to organisations such as the Centre for Eye Research, Australia and Vision Australia.

This money is used for research and treatment of eye health problems as well as public education.

This year's Ride for Sight is its 20th Anniversary and will be held from April 17 to 21, starting in Orbost and finishing around 450 kms later at Crib Point near Hastings.

Last year this event raised \$43,000, and it is hoped this year to better this, so if anyone can help with a donation, please contact the Club.

The Club cooked a sausage sizzle in support of the local primary schools' sports day at Yinnar recently.

The Club also supported and catered at the recently held Multi Cultural Festival held at Emigration Park in Morwell.

Oranges for sale



Following our last Churchill and District News inclusion, many oranges have been bought.

Brian and Kath want to say thank you for your support.

They report that since they started selling oranges, 3 tonnes of oranges have been sold which has helped to save

two farms from financial disaster.

For more information into this serious state of affairs they suggest you Google Rivertrobe which is a combination of Riverina and Latrobe. When the web sites come up it is the top one. Or you can talk to Brian and Kath when you come to buy some oranges.

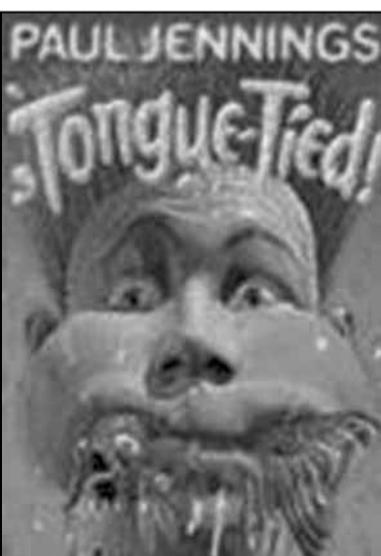
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Book Review Paul Jennings' 'TongueTied'



Originally published in 2002, "Tongue-Tied" is a collection of short stories written by English-born, Australian author, Paul Jennings.

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The eight stories in the collection are a fine example of how Jennings knows what his young readership wants, as he appeals to them through this book.



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Don di Fabrizio - part 3

A New Horizon Beckons for Don

"I told him I was good at climbing trees."

By Leo Billington

The end of warfare also meant the end of Don's studies. He left school in June 1945 at age 12. Money was not available to allow him to continue. He returned at this time to full-time work on the farm. Don "did what had to be done."

Around this time, Don's brother, Giuseppe, working alongside their father, successfully built a new home. There was little cost involved with the family home, being built using stones and mortar. The stones and roofing tiles came from the rubble remaining after Don's grandmother's house was destroyed during the war. Interior stone walls were plastered; extra stones were placed as weights on the tiles to prevent them blowing off. While a small house, it was comfortable with a ground floor kitchen and storeroom and two bedrooms upstairs.

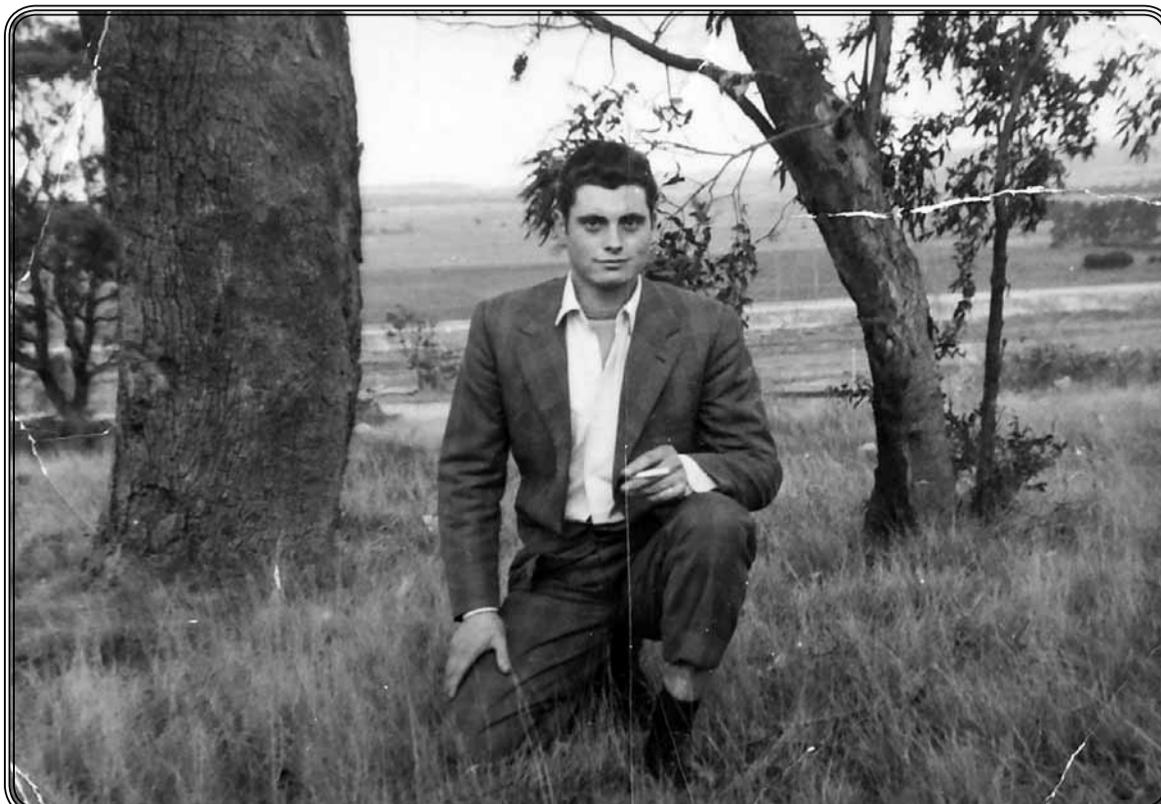
Don recalls the new house was completed and ready for occupancy one month before his new sister, Miranda was born – on April 21, 1946, exactly two years after his other sister, Maria.

"As the house was being built, Mama could not do much due to her advancing pregnancy and looking after Maria. Nevertheless, our new house was a bright light in our lives. We had a kitchen with an open fire for cooking. There was electricity but unfortunately no running water, toilet or bathroom. Water for bathing was heated in a large cauldron hanging over the fire, then put into a tin bathtub in front of the fire where we would have our bath one after the other.

Mother went to a local fountain each day to draw water for drinking and cooking. She carried the water in a large copper container with its two handles, which she would carry home on her head. While sometimes us kids would go instead of Mamma, it was usually me as I wasn't quick enough to keep out of her way when we knew water was required."

Clothes were hand washed (in cold water) at a communal fountain using a washing board. These were social occasions, being very special for everyone. As families battled to establish themselves after the war, camaraderie underpinned everyone's spirits.

After leaving school the following eight years reflected many changes in Don's thinking about his future. In the short term, he worked on the land tending to animals and ploughing fields while working long hours. There were occasions when he would pause, reflect and think about what was his destiny. He used to hope that "all the hard work on the farm would stop one day." Don was intuitive enough



to believe there was more to life than subsistence farming.

"In summer, I worked hard because we had to grow lots of vegetables. They required constant watering, so I was up at 3.00 am to do the watering. Then I had to weed, fertilise, and stake the taller plants. It was constant work besides feeding our animals. Lunch was always welcomed – generally frittata with onions, goat's cheese and bread. After a rest, we would be back at work by 3.00 pm finishing perhaps four hours later.

There were plenty of community activities at weekends. Dancing was popular with someone playing a piano accordion, or records played on an old gramophone. When the music finished, the girls would sit on one side of the room, the boys on the other side. The parents were always present as chaperones.

Sunday was special as we always attended Mass after doing our early morning chores. Mama was very strict in ensuring we all went to Mass.

In summer after attending Mass, my friends and I would go walking up in the mountains. We would follow the shepherd's tracks to various vantage points to admire the surrounding scenery.

On a clear day, using good binoculars, we could see Rome to the north and the Adriatic Sea to the south. A picnic lunch sitting and chatting with friends punctuated these precious times in my teenage years."

Don recalls commemorating the anniversary of Gesu Bambino (Baby Jesus), the patron saint of Lama Dei Peligini. Townsfolk from neighbouring areas would converge on the town to partake in the festivities.

"The town square was decorated with flowers, plants and banners. There were plenty of food and drink stalls as well as an ice-cream stall (very, very popular). Loud music from bands accompanying lots of dancing made these festivals most memorable. It was always an excellent opportunity to meet others, including the girls. Festivals always concluded with a wonderful fireworks display. This festival is still held today in honour of Gesu Bambino."

The changing seasons meant changes in Don's farm work routine. Autumn required less watering of vegetables albeit ploughing was important for late autumn sowing of wheat. Walnuts were plentiful and wood had to be cut and stored in readiness for winter.

The winter days were short and

snow-covered ground meant animals were fed indoors. Cleaning and maintenance were ever present. At night, card playing and weekend dancing remained popular. Don regrets not being able to have proper skis, although home made skis using plain wood sufficed, and ensured hours and hours of extended fun in the snow.

At 16, Don yearned to become an apprentice but as money was tight, young tradespeople were considered to be just labourers. However, his father required Don to remain on the land. With assistance from a local bricklayer with whom Don did some work experience, he managed "a crash – course in bricklaying."

"I basically carried stones and mixed mortar. I didn't receive any money and I soon realised my father was correct – an apprentice was only a labourer. At another attempt

to learn bricklaying from some-one

else, I lasted a week because I fell off a ladder breaking my left wrist, which meant the end of that job for me."

Don smiles as he recounts another attempt to learn about a wider world of working for someone else. A 14 hour effort toiling and sweating under a very hot sun cutting 20 centimetre high wheat stalks with a hand scythe, apparently did not encourage Don and a friend to hang around that farm. On another occasion, three months of building stonewalls did at least pay some money; enough for him to buy his first suit.

However, Don's family was still struggling to make ends meet. At 18, Don now realised "the farm gave us enough to eat but we couldn't make any progress. We were not going backwards but we were not going forwards either. It was stalemate, so my brothers and I decided to look elsewhere."

Giuseppe (Joseph) was earning a meagre income and now at 20 years of age, lodged an application to emigrate. In December 1951, he was accepted as an assisted emigrant by the Australian government.

In 1952, he and 12 other local young men from Lama Dei Peligini left town via bus, boarded the ship Castel Felice (the same day) and spent 40 days en route to Australia. On arrival, Joseph travelled by train to a migrant camp at Bonegilla, where he remained for about three months, attending English classes and learning about his newly adopted home.

Don was also "looking further afield" and maintained contact with Joseph who had managed to secure work in New South Wales with the company, Electric Power Transmission (EPT). Joseph started work as a scaffolding rigger with EPT who had a contract to build a power station at Wangi Wangi near Newcastle.

Joseph lived in a camp where the main language was Italian; about 95% of the workforce was in fact Italian.

After his elder brother, Joseph, successfully moved to Australia, Don gave serious consideration to his future.

He contacted Joseph asking if someone would sponsor him to come to Australia. A month later EPT agreed to sponsor him but Don "had to be patient because it took up to four months for applications to be approved."

For almost nine years, until he was 20 years old, Don had worked to help his family survive; at 18, he was working in tunnels (being carved out for road and rail networks) learning bricklaying along with a range of other jobs.

Photos:

Top centre. Don when he first arrived in Morwell
Bottom left. Don's trunk still in use, brought with him from Italy





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Don Di Fabrizio - Continued

Meanwhile, work still had to be found, even to help his family survive. Don (against his father's wishes) with three friends, Giovanni, Francesco and Porfirio, travelled to Naples in search of employment. Staying with relatives, their search for work was unsuccessful. It was suggested they travel further south to Rutino.

Don takes up the story of this period in his young life as he begins his life journey away from home, taking with him all its' memories of family, fun, friends, playing practical jokes, walking across the fields, all combined with long working hours on the land.

"On arrival in Rutino, we went to the main office on a railway construction site. We said we were bricklayers or labourers. We just wanted work – a big man looked at me. He knew my father; luck was eventually on our side and he gave us work as bricklayers for a short time to see how good we were. If we proved to be satisfactory, he would give us accommodation in the company camp and we could then eat in the company mess room. We were told to start at 7.00 pm the following night for the night shift.

We were very happy to have a job. The foreman watched us work through the night and he was surprised how much work we did. He told us to report to the main office; there we filled in some forms and were told to go to the (company) camp and find a bed. We had made it – we had jobs. We continued with night shifts, working in a tunnel being built, for about a month.

In the tunnel, the brickwork was at least one metre thick forming an arch. Scaffolding and heavy wooden beams were required and my main job was to close the top of the tunnel. This required working in a difficult, cramped position with about one metre square of space for an entire 10 – hour shift. I was the smallest and skinniest of all the bricklayers, hence I was quickly selected to do this job. If anybody complained about the working conditions, they were sacked on the spot.

After several months I was transferred to another job to repair broken brickwork in another tunnel – while the trains were still running. At least I had more space but the trains did present an element of danger. Here I worked 10 hours a day and was only paid for eight hours.

Early in April 1954, I received a telegram from my mother saying that I had to go for a medical check-up in Bologna, northern Italy. This was the result of my application to emigrate to Australia. I also had to attend an interview with the parent company of EPT. I took leave to return home."

Once at the company office in Bologna, Don was told that he had to pay the ship's passage but he would be sponsored if he passed the medical. It was explained he would be required to work in power line construction and steel erection – at times working at heights. If he was unable to cope, the company would not guarantee further work. Don told them he was "good at climbing tall trees and not afraid of heights."

Notwithstanding some minor hurdles, the medical examination was successfully passed, money to pay the ship's passage (361,000 lire) was borrowed, a passport was obtained and on June 8, 1954, Don left Italy aboard the Oceania bound for Melbourne.

Before leaving Don did return to Rutino only to find he had been sacked; he had been away from work longer than the two weeks leave previously granted. He collected his back pay and packed his few belongings.

As this was the last time he would spend with his good friends, Giovanni, Francesco and Porfirio, they decided to hire a row boat and spent the whole day fishing, rowing and just talking. They were "young men together just starting their independent lives with no idea where their destinies would lead them."



Don still maintains contact with Giovanni. He was happy to spend time with Francesco while they were both in Italy on holiday one year, but he has never seen Porifrio since.

"As sad as I was, to be leaving my family behind and having no idea of when I would see my parents, brother and sisters again, I knew a better life beckoned me. Starting a new life in a new country with the hope of building a better, more secure future for myself was my dream," Don recalled.

Don boarded the Oceania on June 8, 1954 in Genoa bound for Sydney; or so he thought.

"As I stepped on board, I felt alone even though there were about 1500 other passengers going my way under the Australian government assistance program. These included about 600 women from Trieste, aged between 18 and 30 going to Australia– or Down Under – as we come to know it, to find a husband because there was a shortage of Italian born men in Italy."

Don soon made friends with others during his journey, enjoying learning to dance and some English. There was a swimming pool onboard, a picture theatre and plenty of games to wile away the long hours at sea. Their first port of call in Australia was Fremantle and some passengers disembarked here. As the ship began its departure, Don received a message from his sponsor, EPT.

"EPT did not have any work for me in Sydney but if I wanted to stop at Melbourne, there was work for me. Late in the evening of Thursday, July 8, 1954, we docked at Melbourne's Station Pier. We had been at sea for exactly one month. With a friend, I headed straight to a kiosk and enjoyed my first milkshake. We cleared customs the following morning," Don recounts.

"We were met by EPT's General Manager, who had an ex-army jeep, telling us there was labouring work immediately available in Geelong. The pay was 13 pounds a week but if we were not up to standard, we would last only two weeks. On Friday afternoon, at a temporary construction campsite on the north shore of Geelong, we were introduced to the EPT project manager, Mr Linossi. We were to report for work on Monday and were reminded about our two weeks probation."

There were about 100 workers on-site, mostly Italians also staying in the camp. The food was good and plentiful although Don's tent was only 1.5 metres high.

The Oceania also carried freight being tonnes of steel, manufactured in Naples, for us to construct a large wheat silo and storage facilities for the Port of Geelong.

As Don recalls his early days in Geelong, where he first arrived as a 20 year old eager to work, he remembers, with clarity, the cold tent from which condensation dripped making him feel colder.

"Geelong was home for about six months and that first winter was cold. I could just stand up in my tent and there was just enough space for a small bed, two blankets, my trunk and other personal belongings," Don said.

After three months, Don had saved enough to repay debts back home and was able to open his own personal bank account. Dancing was becoming his passion, with him being a regular at Geelong's Crystal Palace nightspot. In November, Don's brother, Joseph, was transferred by EPT to their Geelong construction site. The brothers were re-united.

Don's employer, Electric Power Transmission (EPT) was then successful in winning a large contract to erect and fix steel for the new Morwell power station and briquette factory. It was a four year contract therefore giving Don the break he so dearly craved. With an offer of more work, he arrived in Morwell on January 10, 1955.

"I lived in another tent only for a few weeks before moving into a purpose built camp accommodating about 100 men. I worked as a riveter, rigger and boiler maker, quickly earning a reputation as a good worker. Joseph was also in Morwell and I began attending English classes at night. I loved to go to the local cinema as well as to the RSL dances each Saturday night," Don says as he smiles.





Gippsland Wide
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Caring for the Aged



The Aged Care Assessment Service (ACAS) can help older people and their carers work out what kind of care will best meet their needs when they are no longer able to manage at home without assistance.

Latrobe Community Health Service Manager Gateway, Kate Graham said the ACAS team can provide support and advice for those looking for care options. "They can help people gain access to the most appropriate type of care."
"A health professional such as a nurse or social worker will visit the person either at home, in hospital or other place of residence. They will recommend appropriate care for the person, such as help around the home, personal care or respite for a carer to allow them to take a break.
"They may also identify when a person needs more care than is available at home. They are

then able to provide a referral to residential aged care" said Ms Graham.
In order to be offered a nursing home or hostel placement the person must have an up to date ACAS assessment.
"However you can have an ACAS any time and do not need to be ready to go into care or to have made a booking for accommodation" said Ms Graham. In Gippsland, the ACAS is run by Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) with staff located in a number of offices across the region. A visit will be arranged and the timing of the appointment will depend on the person's needs. For more information or to arrange an aged care assessment please contact the Gippsland ACAS on 1800 242 696 or visit your local LCHS office.
More information can also be found on the LCHS website at www.lchs.com.au.

After Hours Diabetes Service

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) is offering an After Hours Diabetes Service.
LCHS Manager Primary Intervention, Petra Boverly-Spencer said, the After Hours Diabetes Service is staffed by a team of health professionals. They provide initial and ongoing services for people with diabetes who are unable to access community services during business hours.
"The After Hours Diabetes Service has been established to help people with diabetes and their family or carers self-manage diabetes so they can achieve their best possible outcomes" said Ms Boverly-Spencer.
The clinic runs on the second Wednesday of the month from 4pm to 7pm and will alternate between Morwell, Moe and Traralgon sites.
The next After Hours Clinic will be held on Wednesday 10 April at LCHS 81-87 Buckley Street, Morwell.
For further information contact Primary Intervention on 1800 242 696 or visit www.lchs.com.au

Heart Foundation walking groups

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) is running a number of Heart Foundation walking groups across the Latrobe Valley.
LCHS health promotion officer Bonnie Dawson said these groups were a fun and easy way to get active.
The Heart Foundation Walking groups are free community based groups that give people an easy and fun way to look after their health, Ms Dawson said.

"They are a perfect opportunity to become more active, stay motivated and meet new friends."
Walking group details:
HOP Walking Group
Sunday's 10am Meet at Hubert Osborn Park Traralgon
Traralgon Walkers
Tuesday and Friday 9.30am.
Alternates between Stockland Shopping Centre & Traralgon Railway Reserve.

Newborough Walkers
Wednesday's 9am Meet at Stamford Street Ollerton Reserve
Morwell Walkers
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am. Meet at Kernot Hall Lake.
Churchill Walkers
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8.30am.
Alternates between Churchill Leisure Centre and Lake Hyland Car Park.



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CFA Churchill



As the weather has cooled off and severe fire conditions are easing, the Churchill Fire Brigade will be doing some planned burns in the Ikara Way area in Glendonald, and behind the Scout Hall in Manning Drive.

Burns will be undertaken as conditions allow in April and May.

These two areas are sites managed by Latrobe City Council and the burning works are part of Latrobe City Council's Management Plans for the land parcels.

The Churchill Fire Brigade works in conjunction with Latrobe City Council to ensure that areas are maintained as fire safe places, in accordance with the time frames indicated in the plans.

Residents in nearby areas will be letterbox dropped to give them fair notice of the planned burns.

For further information on the fuel reduction planning process, or for any general matters, please contact Steven Barling, Churchill Captain, on 0407 828 625.

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Fire Restrictions ended Monday, April 15, 1.00 am

Soroptimists to make a difference in Gippsland



At a recent meeting, a group of Latrobe Valley women were thrilled to receive the news that their application to charter their new club had been approved by Soroptimist International. Soroptimist International is the largest women's service club in the world, and it works to improve the status of women and girls, both locally and globally.

Club spokesperson, Helen McAdam, said that the chartering of the club had taken years of hard work. "The Soroptimists first came to Gippsland following the Black Saturday fires", said Helen. "They raised money for the local community and worked hard to help re-establish local habitat and support those who needed some extra assistance. From that time, local women came to join the group, and now we are going to establish our very own group so that we can continue our work," she added.

The local group has received a great deal of support from Melbourne and Berwick Soroptimists to get this far, but Helen said that "It is now it up to

us to get more members so that we can do more work for the community, both locally and internationally."

Soroptimists meet once per month, to meet with other women to make new friends at home and abroad. The fledgling group has already made donations to local groups including Fitted for Work; the indigenous refuge; and Women's Health in the South East.

"We also support international programs that increase the opportunities for women, particularly in relation to health and education", Helen said. "Last November we held a very successful dinner at Monash Gippsland to raise money for the Birthing in the Pacific project, that helps women to give birth in safe and hygienic conditions. It was wonderful to have over 50 women guests at this event".

New members are very welcome. The group meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. Anyone who is interested in joining can contact Helen McAdam on 0448 876 516.



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LIFE AS A STUDENT AT MONASH GIPPSLAND

BY JASON O'DEA - MUGSU OFF CAMPUS VICE PRESIDENT

My name is Jason O'Dea and I am a student at Monash Gippsland. I am studying a Bachelor of Information Technology and Systems and am currently in my final semester. During my time here I have participated in many activities including becoming a Residential Advisor at Monash Gippsland on-campus student accommodation and most recently Off-campus Vice President of MUGSU.

It saddens me to think that this beautiful regional university will no longer be a part of the Monash family and that the future youth or mature age students of Gippsland will not be able to obtain a globally recognised prestigious degree without having to relocate or commute to metropolitan campuses.

I fear the outcome for staff and students alike could be detrimental to the region. Even more concerning is the fact that there is a possibility that MUGSU, an organisation of more than 40 years of rich history, may not have a future in the newly created entity.

MUGSU's mission statement is "The voice behind your student experience," and this is represented by our commitment to represent students' needs, most importantly student advocacy which supports students if they feel they are being unfairly disadvantaged in their academic endeavours. This is a vital service the university cannot provide on their own due to a conflict of interests.

Unfortunately the University of Ballarat does not have nor supports an independent student association and therefore to my knowledge does not provide student advocacy or student legal representation. It would be a shame to see future students of this new entity miss out on the valuable student experience that MUGSU provides.

Any further queries please contact MUGSU on 03 51226248.

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Mathison Park



It is amazing how many people use Mathison Park for a ride, run or walk, at all hours of the day. It is very popular.

However there are many people in Churchill who do not even know the park exists, or if they do, have not taken the time to make a visit.

Travel down Tramway Road towards Morwell and turn right at Mackeys Road.

About one hundred metres up the road on the right is the car park for the Park.

It is also the place where you will find a BBQ shelter, playground equipment for the children, fishing platforms, some disability access, a toilet, and the beginning of a walk which can circumnavigate the lake, or continue further up the pathway until you reach the concrete path to Kurnai. You can turn right and go over the creek and up the path, veering right through the trees, or waiting until higher up the path to go right, and continue north down through the trees until you do a circle and arrive back near the toilet.

If you are bird lover, there are many species of birds to observe. New seating near the lake will allow you to sit and watch as they go about their business of finding food.

These seats have been provided through a Latrobe City Council Community Grant with installation costs through the park committee. The Committee thanks Latrobe City Council for the grant which has allowed the addition of these two covered seats.

There are seats where you can enjoy a picnic, and places to catch fish. It is a peaceful place in which to escape the hustle of a busy life.

There are a small but dedicated few who strive to keep the Park looking attractive, by attending the monthly working bees.



Last month 4 people turned up, but between them they did an amazing amount of work, weeding, cleaning up fallen branches, tidying up around the burnt pile and brushcutting an area for the mowing team.

A check of the newly planted trees on the Tramway Road section revealed that about two-thirds had survived the heat of summer.

The next working bee will be April 20, from 9am-1pm with morning tea provided.

For further information or to know where to meet, please ring Ruth 5122 961.



Gippsland Acoustic Music Club



The Gippsland Acoustic Music Club's ukulele group, known as "Ukelicious", performed by invitation recently at the Melbourne Ukulele Festival. The group comprises beginner and experienced musicians, but each member has only been playing the ukulele for 12 months or less! The group performed songs such as

"Brown Eyed Girl", "Deep in the Heart of Gippsland," and "Ring of Fire," and had the audience up dancing in the aisles to "Twist and Shout." The Gippsland Acoustic Music Club is providing ukulele lessons each month in Traralgon and Yinnar. For more details about lessons visit www.musicclub.org.au

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Morwell Fire Brigade Memorabilia Wanted



By Leo Billington
As the Morwell Fire Brigade prepares to celebrate their 100th birthday, the search continues for material to be used in a book to commemorate the occasion.

As a central part of a range of activities being planned for January 2015, the book will detail the life of the brigade from when it was first formed, after a meeting of concerned residents was held in August, 1914. There are also plans to hold a dinner dance, an open day at the fire station in McDonald Street as well as hosting the Eastern districts running competition.

According to Terry Ainsworth, Morwell Fire Brigade centenary committee chairperson, the Brigade was first formed following a public meeting convened by the then Morwell Shire President, Councillor Edney in 1914.

"On January 1, 1915, the brigade was officially affiliated with the then Country Fire Brigade Board (CFBB), which, many years later, became the Country Fire Authority (CFA).

The following names feature throughout the brigade's history since day one:

- Morwell Fire Brigade Captains before 1953:
- Richard Noy - 1915 - 1933
- G Matson - 1934 - 1935

George (Rob) Watson - January 1935 - December 1935

Leo Noy - 1935 - 1936

William Budge - 1936 - 1938

W Loblely - December 1938 - 1941

George (Rob) Watson - 1941 - 1946

Harry Huguenin - 1946 - 1950

Bob Lester - 1951 - August 1953

Officers in Charge after 1953

Harold McDonald - September 1953 - 1978

Terry Mckeegan - 1978 - 1984

Geoff Norley - 1984 - 1987

Graham Smith - 1987 - 1991

Bob Langridge - 1991 - 1998

A Haynes - 1998 - 1999

M Jones - 1999 - 2000

Phil Glover - 2001 - 2006

K Pettit - 2006 - 2010

Shane Mynard - 2010 -

"Any material available can be left at the fire station in McDonald street.

If people wish to have the material returned, please label with ownership details and it will be under the committee's strict care and attention.

The centenary committee guarantees that all material will be recorded and returned immediately after use. Alternatively, any enquiries can be emailed to mufb@wideband.net.au for our immediate attention and action," Terry added.

Trivia Night

Boolarra Football Club Rooms

Friday, May 31
7.00 pm

Boolarra Pre School Trivia Night

Sausage sizzle at 6pm, if you'd like to buy a sausage for tea.
Trivia night starts at 7pm: \$10 per person, tables of 10 people. If you don't have enough for a full table, don't worry we'll team you up with another table that is short on players.
Tickets available from: Boolarra Post Office or Boolarra Milk Bar or Tammy **0429 857 151, 03 5169 6328, Rachael Maxwell 0438 497486** or Lisa Hamilton **0429 999 937**.
Please purchase your tickets before the night so we know how many people we have, and to guarantee a seat.
Bring some extra cash for raffles, games, auctions, etc that will be run in between trivia rounds.
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Jeeralang North Hall Dance Success

By Leo Billington

For all old time dance enthusiasts, keep an eye open for the highly popular dances conducted by the Jeeralang North Hall Committee.

The committee is really proud of their newly renovated hall following its restoration after extensive damage caused by bushfires four years ago.

Their pride is such that there are now a wide range of users taking advantage of the salubrious surroundings, the hall and its calm environment. On Friday, March 22, the committee conducted a dance to raise funds for the Tasmanian Bushfire Relief Appeal.

Jeeralang North resident, Judy Mele, said after the horrific event of the Black Saturday bushfires, the area's residents were "dreadfully impacted" through loss of houses, property infrastructure and the surrounding bush as well as their hall.

"But through the wonderful community spirit, and the generosity of people, hope was restored and the area's residents given a chance of hope and revival." Ms Mele said.

"Our committee heard with sadness the news of the devastating Tasmanian fires. We decided to return the favour to those people who had so very generously supported us in our time of need."

Friday night's dancers were treated to a fine array of dances – Foxtrot, Five Step Waltz, Old Time Waltz, the Quickstep and the Lancers just to name a few. With Alice and Ken Rae providing great music and with a "good floor" (a highly technical dancing term), the night was a huge success raising over \$800 for the appeal. This money will be immediately transferred to the Tasmanian Rotary District through the Rotary Club of Hazelwood.

Judy, a long term Jeeralang North local resident, said the re-

building of the hall and the help given to them for that purpose gave the residents hope and the will to move forward and on. They hope their effort to raise funds through the dance will help the Tassie folks to have hope and through the support given, it will help to lift their spirits.

The hall is an important asset for the local community and has been rebuilt to incorporate modifications which should reduce the risk from possible future bushfires. The rebuilt hall includes a new kitchen and toilet facilities, a meeting room and storage space for records kept by the local historical society, concrete water tanks with a mains pressure pump system and children's play area.

It's not the first time the hall has battled bushfires. During the 1940's, fires swept through the area taking both the hall and the primary school which was "attached" to its side wall. After being destroyed in one fire, a decision was taken by the residents to proceed with plans for building a new hall on a block of Crown Land opposite the Mele's property in July 1952. Their tenacity and resolve is to be admired.

Ironically, it was reported in the Morwell Advertiser on Thursday, November 29, 1934, that at the Jeeralang North hall, "a very successful concert and dance was held, in aid of the Jeeralang North School funds, on Wednesday November 21. The weather being fine there was a large attendance, taxing the seating accommodation of the hall to its full capacity. A varied program of songs and recitations under the tutorage of the head teacher, Mr Weir, was very creditably rendered. One of the main features of the evening

was the "Mock breach of promise case," staged by the Jeeralang West Dramatic Club, under the guidance of Mr Ken Silcock, which greatly amused the audience and was ably and creditably carried out by the performers.

Another item staged by the same company "True love will out," caused a lot of amusement and was greatly appreciated. After the concert, supper was served by the ladies, and after full justice was done to the good things served out, the hall was cleared for dancing, which was kept up 'till the wee hours of the morning.

The success of the evening was largely due to the friendly co-operation of the Jeeralang West folk, in assisting by their attendance and other means, and special thanks is due to Mr Tom Bullock for gratuitously giving the services of his motor truck in conveying patrons to the concert.

After a stagnation of many years, Jeeralang North is once again coming back to prosperity, judging by the number of new settlers of the right type coming into the district, who with axe, fernhook and plough are making good by up to date methods, and with good roads made by the C.R.B. and a pleasant social life, Jeeralang North has hopes of being a prosperous district in the near future."

Keep an eye and ear out for those dances at the hall. As the intrepid reporter wrote in 1934, Jeeralang North is "coming back to prosperity" and the supper the other Friday night was huge.



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at Lumen Christi School Eco Centre
Williams Avenue, Churchill

We will be singing Sea Shanties on Saturday May 11.

Remember it's a 2 pm start and a 5 pm finish.

The cost is \$3 for all adults and school students are free.

Please bring something to share with a cuppa.

Another date to remember - Sat. June 18 - Aboriginal Songs

We are beginning the preparation for the A Capella Festival in August.

The first practice will be Saturday April 27.

Contact Yvonne for times. There is no cost for this session.

Information: Yvonne 5122 2573 or Michelle 5122 2635

Email: my.matthyssen@gmail.com

Remember to invite friends and family members to join in the fun and
power of community singing.

Bargain Books, CD's and Magazines for Sale

Don't miss out on the Friends of Latrobe City Libraries next Book Sale on Saturday April 20, at Kernot Hall in Morwell. The doors will open at 9 am. First people there get the most choice.

Surplus book stock, used Hear-a-Book tapes, CD's and magazines from the Latrobe City Library service, as well as donations will be available at \$1 each or sold by the bag \$10, \$15 or more depending on the size of the fabric bag. Customers are advised to bring their own environmentally friendly bags.

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries are a group of volunteers who run the sale, and use the proceeds to purchase items requested by the Latrobe City Library Service, to enhance the library stock or the running of library programs. Since 2003 the Friends have raised over \$28,000 mainly from the public who donate and/or purchase items.

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

Churchill Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Community Group

Crime Report March 1 to 31.

Robbery

1 for the month (Nil previous month)

The victim was approached by two males on March 13 in Monash Way. A male, described as wearing jeans and runners, approached the victim threatening him and stealing a wallet that contained cash and identification documents.

Assaults

10 for the month (4 previous month)

Eight offenders have been charged with assault related offences during March. Two drivers were victims on March 17 in Monash Way, when unknown offenders have thrown rocks from a nearby embankment onto vehicles. Police are patrolling this area on a regular basis before these types of activity result in a serious accident.

Arson

2 for the month (Nil previous month)

One offender has been charged with criminal damage by fire during March, while police are investigating a deliberately lit fire in Mathieson Park which caused damage to an open grass area and part of a building.

Property Damage

12 for the month (9 previous month)

Three offenders have been charged with property damage offences during March. Police are investigating the spate of damages to vehicles by offenders throwing rocks. A number of the damages have been on residential premises where a window has been smashed by rocks or similar, with no attempt made to enter the premises.

Burglary

5 for the month (4 previous month)

Freedom Fuels Service Station and the Churchill Cricket Club were both burgled twice during March. Freedom Fuels was broken into via smashed glass doors on March 2 and 31. On both occasions soft drink was stolen whilst the Cricket Club was burgled on March 3 and 18, where windows were the point of entry with alcohol stolen.

Theft from Motor Vehicle

5 for the month (3 previous month)

One offender has been charged with two counts of theft from a motor vehicle and one count of attempted theft from a motor vehicle during March. Coins and a vehicle manual were stolen from a vehicle with windows left partially down in Blackwood Crescent overnight March 19.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

1 for the month (1 previous month)

The only vehicle stolen during March has been recovered.

Theft

3 for the month (3 previous month)

One offender has been charged with theft during March whilst police are following up a suspect in relation to a theft in Dunbar Grove on March 4. A mobile phone was stolen from a residence on March 14, from Switchback Rd.

Police remind the community if they see something suspicious they should ring 000 or if they have information in relation to an offence contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or www.crimestoppers.com.au.

Churchill & District Lions Club

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1st and 3rd Wednesday
of each Month



Contact

Bill Hurenkamp

Phone:

5174 4221

New Volunteers for the Churchill & District News

Bethany Leak

Bethany Leak has been writing since she was six years old and is currently studying Year 12 VCE at Kurnai College, Gippsland Educational Precinct. Her hobbies include reading, writing and drawing. She is also interested in exploring the history and background of the Gippsland area. Bethany lives in Gormandale with her younger sister and three younger brothers.



Cassandra Hooimeyer

Cassandra is a Year 12 student studying at the Gippsland Educational Precinct. She enjoys hockey, study and travel, and plans to pursue a career in literature. She has joined the Churchill and District News team as a volunteer because of an interest in local news in support of the community.



Myki Services now available in Churchill

Member for Morwell Russell Northe is pleased to announce that Churchill residents will now have access to myki services.

Mr Northe said Public Transport Victoria has appointed Churchill Newsagency as a myki agent and is now selling and topping up myki cards.

"The myki system was introduced by the previous Government and after an extensive review and major improvements, the current Government decided to retain the myki system. The Government is committed to helping consumers and businesses with a smooth transition to myki.

Myki is the smart card ticketing system that has replaced Metcard in metropolitan Melbourne and paper tickets on buses in regional towns.

In future, myki will be valid for travel on V/Line trains between major regional towns and Melbourne."

Mr Northe said "Myki is a reusable smart card that stores value to pay your public transport fare.

Myki users enjoy an integrated ticketing system that works across the state on trains, trams and buses.

Customers will know their local retail outlet has converted to myki by looking for the myki poster in the window.

Short term tickets will be phased out on regional buses where myki is operating, at which point the bus driver will begin to sell myki cards to those passengers who do not have one."

Myki Latrobe City locations include:

- Morwell Newpaper Newsagency, 174-176 Commercial Road, Morwell
- Morwell Post Office (Australia Post), 209 Princes Highway, Morwell*
- The Morwell Business Centre (Australia Post) 8-20 Bridle Road, Morwell*
- Seymour Street Newsagency, 70 Seymour Street, Traralgon
- Traralgon Business Centre (Australia Post) 17 Church Street, Traralgon*
- Traralgon Post Office (Australia Post) 161-169 Franklin Street, Traralgon*

Passengers can currently purchase myki cards from a number of retail locations across the Latrobe Valley, as well as online at www.myki.com.au or by calling 1800 800 007.

Challenge on for Latrobe City's Young Readers

Young readers in Latrobe City can this month join a challenge being taken on by thousands of young people across Victoria during the 2013 Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, said the Victorian Government is providing \$13,584 so that the Latrobe City Council could buy hundreds of books to help local people meet the challenge.

In total, more than \$415,000 in funding and tens of thousands of books will flow from the Premiers' Reading Challenge to councils and library corporations in rural and regional Victoria.

"Last year over 220,000 Victorian students read more than 4 million books," Mr Northe said.

"The Challenge promotes the importance of reading among students in Victorian schools, and also encourages parents and families to support their children's reading in and beyond school.

It is a fantastic initiative and I encourage students who haven't participated before to sign up, and join

their classmates in reading as many books as possible."

The Premiers' Reading Challenge encourages students to read a minimum number of books from between now and September 12, 2013, including many from a recommended reading list. Books can also be read in languages other than English.

Minister for Local Government, Jeanette Powell, said the Premiers' Reading Challenge encourages young people to enjoy reading and to make it a daily habit.

"Get along to the local library during the school holidays and get a head start on the 2013 Premiers' Reading Challenge," Mrs Powell said.

"Students who accept and meet the challenge will get a signed certificate of achievement from the Premier of Victoria and hopefully have some fun while they're reading."

For more information and to register for the 2013 Premiers' Reading Challenge, please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/prc.

Jeeralang North Hall Family Day

A family community fun day will be held at the Jeeralang North Hall on Saturday 27 April from 12pm. with fun activities, stalls and a sausage sizzle.

The sausage sizzle is available with sales from 12 pm, with activities starting at 1pm. plus stalls including cakes, other homemade produce and fresh produce. If anyone wants to run a stall there, they are more than welcome. Ring Judy 0402 923 897, to reserve a space free of charge.

The free children's activities will include face painting, henna hand painting balloon character making

and other activities.

One of the latest Disney movies 'Zambezia' will be shown free of charge for the families at 5pm.

The aim of the day is to bring the community together for fun, a chit chat and for the kids to enjoy the activities.

All are welcome to come and share the fun time.

Grateful thanks go to the Salvation Army from the hall committee for their funding of this event from bushfire money given by fellow Australians .

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Churchill North Primary School

New Teacher for 2013

Churchill North Primary School would like to welcome our new teacher, Mr Mark DiCorleto. Mr "D" is teaching Grade 5/6 and so far is having a wonderful time. Each morning we have been running 2 laps of the basketball courts and Mr D has taught us some new games called Farmer Sam and "Which one is Bigger".

By Tahlia B.

The Veggie Garden with Josh

At C.N.P.S grade 4P have been planting snow peas, carrots, spring onions, radish, silverbeet, garlic, rosemary, pineapple, sage, elephant garlic and oregano and we can't wait to eat it, to have our own fresh produce made entirely by the students at CNPS!!

We have been doing this with Josh from Woorabinda who we have been lucky enough to have in our classroom on a Monday.

In Term 2, Josh will work with Grade 2/3 and they will plant winter vegetables, we hope. We look forward to all the yummy food we'll be able to eat when our fresh produce is ready.

By Courtney B and Hayley D in 4P.



Safety Club Conference for Representatives

Today we went to the Safety Club Conference in Morwell. We learnt about hazards in the school playground, and we saw a part of the senior playground and had to find the hazard, which was rust.

After that we filled in some sheets and learned about our Safety Club Mascot, Seemore. We had a really fun day!

By Leah H and Ethan D 1/2O

Pet Responsibility

On Monday March 25, Berry and her dog named Pip came out to our school to teach P/1 D and 1/2 O how to take care of their pets. Berry also told us how to keep our cats and dogs safe on our own property. You have to get an animal enclosure to keep them in. It is a cage and you put food, water, toys and litter in it.

The next thing she taught us was if a dog was angry you would have to stay away from it, and if a dog was scared you can't go near it either, unless it was your dog and it trusted you.

Berry showed us a red and yellow collar which stands for a dangerous dog collar, when you see one you must be extra careful around it and not go near it. Berry told us not to go near a dog that doesn't have a collar or lead and you can't touch the dog unless you have the owner's permission.



From Tahlia B, 5/6D

Here are some responses from 1/2 O about what they learnt .

I went to pet responsibility and I learnt how to treat dogs and I learnt that dogs can bite you when you annoy them, Abbie T.

At pet responsibility today I learnt about when you see an angry dog what you do is stand very still, put your hands down by your side, be very quiet and to look down and not at the dog, Gabrielle B.

At pet responsibility today, I learnt to not ride a bike near a dog, Takiyah L.

At pet responsibility today we learnt how to treat dogs nicely, Cameron D.

What I liked about today was when I got to pat the dog and when I learnt about dogs, Sophie M.

Today we went to pet responsibility I learnt how to treat a dog nicely and not to be near an angry dog, Bailey C.

Today we learnt about the animals in our environment and I learnt about how to treat other animals in our country, Joel T.

Today we went to pet responsibility, I learnt to walk slowly up to dogs, Riley U.

Today we went to pet responsibility I learnt how to treat dogs, Robert S.

At pet responsibility I learnt about how we treat dogs, cats and other animals too, not just cats and dogs, even our own pets. We need to treat our pets the best we can, Ali F.

At pets responsibility I learnt about how to treat dogs nicely, Khy E.

At pet responsibility today I learnt about an angry dog, Tyrone A.

Today we went to pet responsibility I learnt how to pat a dog, Emmalee B.

Our Culture of Challenge

At Churchill North, our philosophy is to provide a stimulating and caring environment that allows students to achieve their full potential. Teachers do this by promoting an education of real value within an active school community, producing proud, engaged students who are skilled, flexible, responsible and creative. We are currently on a journey where a strong Culture of Challenge is evident.

All teachers are providing students with the



opportunity to understand the importance of questioning, and include questioning as a whole-class-focus to develop students higher order thinking. Students are presented with the learning intention or the goal and success criteria of every lesson. It is important that students know what they are trying to achieve, where they are in the process of learning, how they know they are successful and what their next steps should be. Teachers are working towards providing immediate, high-level feedback to students in relation to performance and progress. "The most powerful single modification that enhances achievement is feedback." (John Hattie 1992).

In May this year, teachers will attend Professional Development with other cluster schools, on the subject of Challenging Learning with presenter James Nottingham. Staff and the school community are very passionate about the direction in which Education is heading right now, and we love seeing the change in students' engagement and motivation when they understand and embrace their learning journey.

Junior School Council Report

At Churchill North Primary School, Junior School Council ran a Disco at lunchtime on Tuesday March 19, to raise money for our school to buy new sandpit toys, basketball rings, to fix the asphalt and to raise money for our Swimming Carnival.

In total we raised \$120, which came from entry cost and the purchase of glow sticks. From where I was sitting, it was clear that everybody's favourite song was Gangnam Style! Everybody loved the disco and we raised a lot of money for our school. Junior School Council would like to thank everyone who attended the disco. We are looking forward to our next Disco in term 2.

By Emma D Grade 5/6 H



Gippsland Education Precinct

School Captains/Student Representative Council (SRC) Reps

Year 11 Captains/SRC Reps are Meg Van Rooy and Hayden Stephen.

Both these students did their primary education at Hazelwood North Primary School, and have continued their education at Kurnai Junior Campus and now at the GEP.

Meg said she was surprised at being chosen and also surprised at what the principal expected of their involvement.

But she is excited at the prospect of being able to make a difference, by listening to the other students and their opinions, ideas and concerns.

Hayden was very excited to be chosen. He says he has come to the job with confidence having been Kurnai Junior Campus School Captain and Deputy Mayor of the Latrobe City Council Youth Council. He accepted the idea of being School Captain as an opportunity.

Hayden sees his role on the SRC as a chance to change the negativity of perception

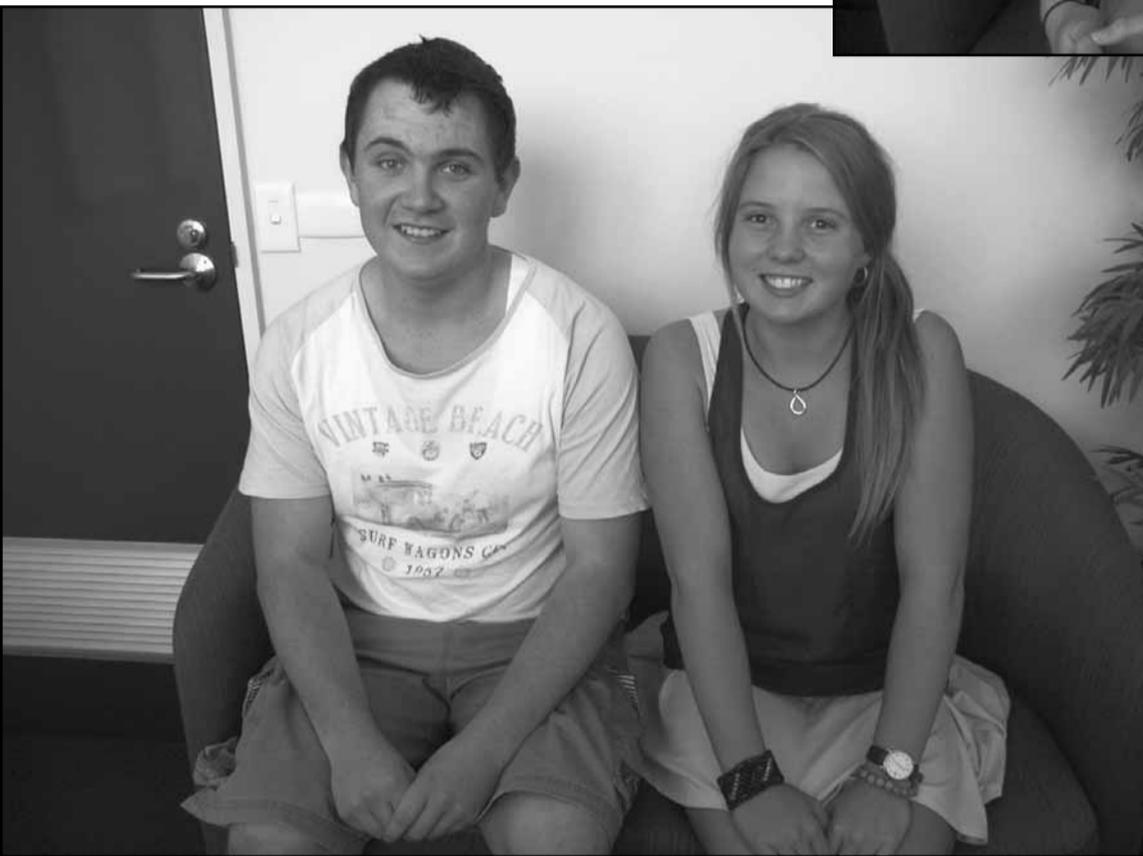
of the college to a positive one, through a positive presence outside the school in the community and Morwell.

He feels there is no need to have this negative perception and he will try to address this issue.

He also wants the SRC to be not only a fundraiser but an opportunity to change the culture of the school and influence school policy.

The SRC reps have already had some meetings and have identified a few issues and devised some ideas which they believe will improve the policy and culture.

They are up and running! Year 12 Captains/SRC Reps are Shannon van Sambeek and Dylan



Campbell. Both these students started their secondary education at Kurnai.

Shannon said she felt honoured and proud to be elected and that it felt good. "It is a nice feeling that people would choose me as their captain," she said.

Shannon would like to improve things for the students, so they feel relaxed, but motivated and will enjoy being at school while they are learning.

She would like all the students to take their Year 11 and 12 studies seriously. She emphasised that it is an important part of their life. Social activities can be picked up later, but it is important to make the most of your school

year opportunities.

For Dylan it means a lot to be elected, but is also a chance to bring more fundraising activity into the school as a motivation to be community minded. He would like to see the school engage with Relay for Life.

A Smooth Start

Joint Principals at the GEP are Geoff Block and Nello Carbone. The year has started well with four hundred students enrolled. Both principals are looking to see how the campus is running, and give credit to those who have run it before them. They are also looking forward to the challenges the year will bring.

The School Captains/SRC Reps have been chosen and they see a good successful year will follow.

They are confident of building on the good results of the past.

They are also learning about their partners (GippsTAFE, AGA and Monash University) and how they will operate with, and work together, for the best student outcomes.

Kurnai College Junior Campus

Year 8 Medieval Project

The Year 8 students have been involved with a three week cross curriculum project studying medieval times. Talking with two of the participating students, Annabelle Linton and Ryan Carlson, they explained that the aspects covered included torture, castles, knights, religion, beliefs, clothing, jobs and battles.

Tasks were set in areas of English, Maths, Science and Humanities.

In English the students were allowed to choose a topic then write a review, do a feature article and present a speech about their work.

Maths requirements were to make a booklet about the Holy Grail, including measurement of area and perimeter and graphs.

A combined English and Humanities task was to create a Venn diagram and a poster or brochure about what a job involved. For Humanities students could choose a person of significance from the era and research

their life, their importance to the age and their impact upon it.

Looking at machines of the times (spinning wheel, trebuchet, catapult etc), one could be chosen and researched to see how it worked, how it was used and its modern equivalent.

As well as these set tasks students were required to choose two topics from a grid and devise a way of representing it. For example Annabelle chose to stage and film with some props, a medieval wedding. Ryan did a drawing of a Viking ship.

For those who worked very well, extension activities were available such as making a model of a castle.

The two students found this was a fun way to learn. Both Annabelle and Ryan appreciated the time and effort put in by the teachers who organised the project and wanted to thank them.

To round off the theme, a medieval banquet or feast was held with roast meats potatoes etc.

This was also very much appreciated by the students.

Student Representative Council Fundraiser

The students have been elected to represent their year levels at SRC.

Teacher Sarah Cohen is co-ordinating the SRC this year. She reports that the SRC ran a Casual Clothes/Sausage sizzle and raised the amazing amount of \$730. Half of this amount raised will be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The rest will go into SRC funds for future use. Ms Cohen was very happy with the result deeming it a great success. She thanked everyone for getting behind the activity.

Music at Kurnai 2013

Joseph Bonnici, music co-ordinator, with Ian Hopkins, reports that music at Kurnai for 2013 is going to be wonderful with 100 students having chosen to do music at Churchill. Both teachers are thrilled.

There are plans for larger groups which are

theme based. That means their repertoire will have a specific focus for example, materials from the VCE music syllabus, or learning songs with four chords.

The teachers and the students have decided these themes together. A thirty voice choir is already rehearsing.

KP Noisemakers (KP stands for Kurnai Percussion) are practising a percussion marching ensemble. To march in step and play at the same time is challenging. This is the aim so that the bands can participate in parades.

A concert band, guitar ensemble, two vocal and rhythm section ensembles are included.

An after college Big Band made up of students from the three campuses is going great guns. It has welcomed some of the Chinese and German students to its ranks.

The popular Kurnai College Idol contest, which has become part of the ethos of the college, will again be on the agenda for term three.

Russell Northe proudly supports
Churchill and District Schools.



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Boolarra Primary School

Winning the Fight against Headlice!

Recent school-wide hair checks showed no cases of lice or eggs. This is a fabulous effort!

Boolarra Folk Festival

Staff and students were glowing in their praise of the Folk Festival in general, as well as our drumming to open the music program. Long term participants such as Grade 6 Ella, said it was the best ever. Some of the things the students appreciated were the addition of the dance steps and the extra responsibility and focus given to the grade 6s. We are extremely grateful to the team of volunteers who work hard to make the Folk Festival such a brilliant event.

Art Show

We are currently reviewing this contribution to the Folk Festival. The talent and skill evident in our students' artwork was extremely impressive. However, presenting work for display this early in the school year makes for a very hectic start to Ms Karen Twomey's Art program. We are exploring other possibilities for showcasing our students' artistic talents.

Life Education Van

Our students enjoyed their time in the van during its recent visit to our school. They also obtained some valuable reinforcement of healthy lifestyle choices in the process. Harold, the Life Ed giraffe, is always a hit with the younger students but even some of our 3/4s were clearly fans!

Fundraising

This year we plan to improve our students' toilet facilities. Events scheduled to raise the necessary money, include a cake stall at Morwell Bunnings on the Mothers' Day weekend, a pie drive in term 3, a sausage sizzle at the Boolarra Memorial Hall on state election day, and a social extravaganza evening early in term 4 centring on the "Spring Carnival" theme.

Yinnar and District Athletics Sports

The skill building work undertaken by Mr John Duck during P.E. was evident on this day as our students demonstrated the correct technique to maximize their performance. Placing third overall was a fitting reflection of this great effort. Congratulations are extended to Yinnar Primary School on placing first and Yinnar South Primary School on coming in second place.

Thanks!

The Mirboo North District Foundation recently gave us some vouchers for back to school clothing and supplies. This support was greatly appreciated.

Welcome

Ms Taryn Sands now has a gorgeous baby boy by the name of Beau William. Ms Jess Penney has taken over as the 3/4 class teacher during Taryn's maternity leave. Jess has settled in magnificently and she and Taryn both worked hard to ensure a smooth transition.

Peer Mediation

We were undecided as to whether to train our senior students in this conflict resolution practice. This is because in previous years, as our students play together so well, they have not had to undertake many Peer Mediation sessions. Nevertheless we decided to continue with the program as it's a valued aspect of our school operation. The grade 3-6s shared what they know about Peer Mediation. Some of their reflections included: you need to say if there's something wrong; if you keep things bottled up inside you it could lead to depression; people sometimes try to hide their problems but they should be sorted out before they get bigger; keep an eye out for people that look like they're in trouble, someone might be smiling with their mouth but not their eyes and heart; if someone has a different opinion to another person THAT'S OK; listening to others helps to get a better outcome.

Ride to School Day

Despite the less than fabulous weather, we had 24 students ride bikes or scooters to school on this day, which is almost 1/3 of our student population.

This included 2 preps who (in accordance with our school policy for students in P/1/2/3) were accompanied by an adult. This was a superb effort! It was pleasing to see our new bike and helmet racks being put to good use.

P/1/2's Melbourne Zoo Trip

P/1 teacher, Ms Finley Smith, successfully applied for funding to cover all the costs associated with this end of term major excursion.

This saved our parents a considerable amount of money. As well as gathering information to support next term's unit exploring animals and their habitats, the zoo trip is an important part of our Outdoor Education program. A major aspect of this experience is to build our younger students' independence and self-reliance.

Our Cross Country Run

No sooner were the Athletic Sports over than we had our Cross Country run representatives to organize for the Yinnar and District run early next term. Our Sports Co-ordinator, Ms Tammy Estcourt is doing a magnificent job fitting

everything in and is very grateful for all the support and assistance she is receiving from our parents and students.

Easter Activities

The last day of term was an out of uniform day. Junior School Council collected donations from all our students to go towards former student, Matt McKendry, to support him in his battle against cancer, and to raise awareness about organ and bone marrow donation. We commenced the day with an Easter Bonnet Parade.

Later in the morning we had our Egg Roll competition. It is a long standing tradition at our school to stage this competition on the last day of term 1. The students competed in their grade levels to see which of their decorated hard boiled eggs came closest to the targets.....



Lumen Christi Primary School

Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School again joined with the other local schools for the combined Athletics Day held at the Yinnar Sporting Complex.

The weather was absolutely beautiful, and it was terrific to see so many families (and flies!) join us.

It was so pleasing to see our students participating with such enthusiasm and the way they encouraged others was just wonderful.

Special thanks to Mrs. Glowacki for her efforts to coordinate the day, Mr. Hamilton for his help with transporting equipment and Marg Cras for taking our official photos.

On the last day of term Lumen Christi presented their annual Easter Pageant, which tells the story of Holy Week through drama and song.

The students spent time in the weeks leading up practising their parts as well as learning more about each of the significant events that are so very important to our Catholic faith.

The junior students welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Middle school presented Jesus praying in the Garden and his betrayal by Judas while the Senior students had the powerful scene of the Last Supper and his dramatic death.

Congratulations to all the students on the way they prepared for the presentation and, importantly, how they took advantage to learn more about the history of Easter and how it is more than just chocolate.

Lumen Christi would like to wish our families and the broader Churchill community a blessed and safe Easter.

Happy Stitchers

The old adage A Stitch in Time Saves Nine encourages us to mend a little rip to prevent a wardrobe malfunction and embarrassment, so it makes perfect sense to learn how to sew on a button, mend a tear and take up a hem.

The students in Grade 5/6 W at Lumen Christi are experts at threading a needle.

Not for them such mundane mending tasks, but the more creative area of cross stitch.

During term one the students browsed through craft magazines, admired completed items, designed patterns on graph paper and viewed a huge variety of cross stitch items on the computer.

Armed with this knowledge and awareness of the skills required term two will see the students cross stitch their own designs onto a scatter cushion.

Pictured are Baylen, Tom, Nick and Jade concentrating on their threading skills.



Churchill Primary School

We wish all of our families and the Churchill Community a happy Easter. We hope the Easter break is restful and safe. Congratulations to the winners of our Easter Raffle. The first prize winner, Nina Flake, took home an enormous chocolate fix! There were 20 prizes drawn on the last day of school. Thank you to all the families who contributed both to the prizes and in selling the raffle tickets. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for organising the raffle

It was very pleasing to see the students participating in events this month to raise awareness and money for worthy causes in the wider community.



1st prize winners Nina and Mrs Lehrner

Tour de Cure

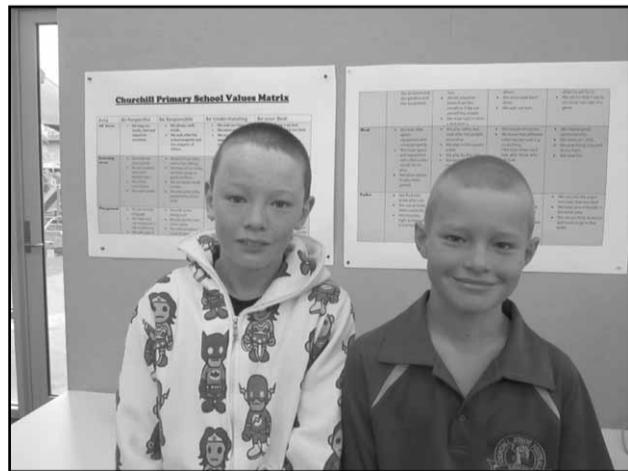
Early on the morning of March 8, we were visited by the Tour de Cure. This is a group of bicycle riders who are riding around to raise money for a cure for cancer. They joined the students at Breakfast Club and then talked to the school community about their ride and the cause.



Some of the Group addressing the school community

Shave for a Cure

Two of our pupils, Blade Dunn and Thomas Severson, shaved their hair this month and raised money for leukaemia research. It is terrific to see two young people who are committed enough to take this action.



Blade and Tom

Royal Children's Hospital Appeal

The J.S.C organised a casual clothes day on the last day of the term and the proceeds will go to the RCH.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We were visited this month by the pupils and teachers from Loch Sport. They came to see how our school has implemented SWPBS. There were lots of questions to answer, as they were interested in all aspects of SWPBS. The students really enjoyed looking at our "Beehive". The Beehive opens on Friday afternoon and students cash in their "Bee tickets" for prizes. These may be consumables such as toys or stationery, but they may also be 30 minutes computer time, take a lesson or other desirable prizes, such as for 100 tickets you can be taken to lunch by Mrs Gilmore. The students get the Bee tickets for exhibiting behaviours consistent with our Values. Our Bee Keepers, Eros Zapulla, Cain Iorangi and Megan Fyfe are doing a great job running the Beehive this year. Our SWPBS team had our first training day for 2013 at Moe Regional Office,

which is always informative and energising. Louise O'Kelly is our facilitator and it is great to share ideas and experiences with other schools implementing School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. The Churchill Primary School Values are Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Understanding and Be Your Best.

Harmony Day

For Harmony Day, the students were involved in Art activities to make a banner for their classroom which depicted animals, the Koori name for the animals and the hands of class members. The students learned the names for the animals and some stories from Aboriginal culture.

Yinnar and District Sports

Congratulations for their win on March 14. Students did their best against very stiff competition from 6 other schools. There were some standout performances by some of our

support of CPS.

Footy Day

The grades 3 -6 students travelled into the Morwell Football Club for a footy clinic. We started by jogging around the oval and after that the schools present got into groups. Some of the activities were bumping, tackling, hand passing, shooting goals and throwing the ball high into the air and clapping before it came down. The St Kilda football team came but they arrived really late because of the traffic. They told us about what they want to achieve as a team in the AFL. They told us about their positions. Each one told us how long they had been playing. One of the activities was to kick the ball from the boundary into the goals. Ryan Lowrie achieved that feat and one of the players interviewed him and the interview is on the St. Kilda website. By Cain Iorangi, Grade 6.



Some junior school students and their teachers, Mrs Reidy, Miss Huang and the Koori Education Support Officers, Rex and Anne Marie.

students, of whom 31 will now go on to represent Yinnar and District at the Zone Level. It was an amazing day, even the weather cooled down after the record breaking heat. Our hard working fundraising team and the Churchill Lions' Club did a great job cooking and selling sausages and drinks on the day. Thank you to them, and to the customers on the day, for your



12/13 y.o. Boys' Relay team

Churchill Preschools

Preschools at Churchill Hub and Glendonald Park were busy as Easter approached.

Churchill Hub preschoolers learnt about various celebrations and made some scones.

Glendonald Park prepared by making and decorating Easter bunnies.

Glendonald Park students also decorated their preschool with their artwork, and it can be seen in the window as you

pass by.

They also had a visit from Berry, who brought along her dog, Pip, to teach the children about dog education. Children learnt of the differences between a happy, angry and scared dog.



Hazelwood North Primary School

Yinnar and District Sports

On Thursday six schools went to the Yinnar and Districts Sports Day to play sports and have fun.

One of the sports was long distance running. It was very hard to pace yourself when starting out to not go too fast at the start.

Another of the sports was sprints, it is difficult to run because you are running really hard to keep up.

Also at the sports we did high jump. In high jump it is pretty hard to get over the rope. You need to think about what side you need to take off from.

The Yinnar and District Sports Day was a fun day of sports.
By Mitchell and Jorja

The Book Fair

In the second last week of term 1 at Hazelwood North Primary School, we held an annual book fair. The book fair was for six days and was fun.

Some students were selected as book fair helpers. We were serving the customers. The helpers were Genevieve, Sarah, Cary, Riley, Ryan and Dylan - we had a lot of customers.

The Book Fair raises money for our school so we can buy more books. The books are going to the school library for us to read.

There was a great selection of books. The books that were there are comedy, pets, mystery, cooking, hand books, sticker books and adventure.

By Gen and Dylan

Polymers Goo

During Term 1, 4/5/6A and 4/5/6B from Hazelwood North Primary School have been learning about Polymers. We do experiments on Fridays.

We had the ingredients to make goo. We made a lot of gooey stuff.

We have been experimenting with polymers for science. Polymers are made up from mini molecules. Polymers are in roller skates, cd's, fabric, plastic, toys, furniture, rubber, trees and nappies. Polymers are used in a lot of things.

Glitter slime was gooey, sticky, slimy, shiny, and messy. We pretended that the slime was mucus in our bodies and the glitter was dust and pollen. The mucus stops the dust and pollen from going into your lungs. You may get sick if you breathe pollens and dust in.

We learnt that it is fun to make science experiments. We learnt how we may get sick and polymers are used in a lot of things.

By Emmerson and Gavin.

Chinese at Hazelwood North

The Preps and Grade 1 students at Hazelwood North Primary School are very lucky to be learning to speak Chinese. The Grade 1's have been learning since half way through their Prep year in 2012. They have quite a repertoire of known words and are learning to string simple sentences together. The Grade 1's are wonderful coaches for the Preps who can already count to five, name some colours and respond appropriately to basic greetings and instructions.

The children look forward to their Chinese lessons every week and especially meeting up with their teacher, York. The Preps have an hour lesson once a week and the Grade 1's have two separate hours each week.

The children participate in a variety of curriculum based activities that are delivered in a mixture of English and Chinese. As the children's vocabulary develops, more of the lessons are directed in Chinese. Recently it has been great fun for the children to participate in P.E games and basic motor skills sessions with Chinese instruction from York.

Having the opportunity to learn Chinese is greatly valued by

not only the students, but the staff and families of Hazelwood North. Many thanks to Kurnai Secondary College for generously allowing York to kick start our LOTE programme in Chinese Mandarin. Further negotiations and liaising with Kurnai will hopefully enable York to spend more time at our school.

ZHEN BANG ! (VERY WONDERFUL)

Buddies

For the last two weeks we have been doing buddies. The grade threes got the preps, the grade fours got the grade ones, the grade fives got the grade twos and the grade sixes ran the buddies.

For the first week every buddy drew pictures of what they liked so we knew what each other liked.

On the second week of buddies the grade one/ four buddies worked together to perform a song. The grade fours were getting frustrated because the grade ones didn't understand what their grade four buddies wanted. The preps played lots of games like circus skills, throw and catch and tepee's and Indians.

The grade fives and twos played some games like the balloon game where you have to keep the balloon off the ground. Then we played spot the difference where one person turns around and the other changes three things about them and when they turn around again they have to guess what the person changed.

We also played musical statues. Buddies has been so much fun.

by Liam and Lily

Bake Sale

Recently Hazelwood North Primary School had a bake sale to raise money for people who have food allergies. People were selling food for others to buy.

People were selling food like, chocolate cupcakes, lollipops, freddo frogs, meringue, popcorn, rocky road and honeydews.

The food was so yummy and delicious!!

Hopefully we raised a lot of money.



Churchill Monash Golf Club Round Up

Hole in One



By Jill Beck

Churchill and Monash Ladies Committee.

On Tuesday March 5, there was great excitement when Ann Hibbert, Lady President of Churchill and

Monash Golf Club achieved a Hole-in-One on the 14th hole at Churchill. Ann received an Eagle Badge and the Eagle's Nest collection of balls. The Golf Club will be presenting her with a gold putter.

Golf Results

23/2/2013 Mens' Monthly Medal Stroke Winner A. Grade R. Scurlock (5) 70 c/b Medal, B. Grade W. Judkins (19) 70, C. Grade A. Casey (23) 73 DTL M. Bren 74, D. Byers 75, S. Wotton 76, N. Hutchinson 76, M. Brereton 76, P. Coad 77, T. Collins 77 NTP 3rd P. Williams, 5th J. Thornby, R. Madigan, 14th P. Coad Count Putts R. Scurlock 23, Scratch R. Scurlock 75

23/2/2013 Ladies' Winner M. Dear (18) 85

24/2/2013 Stableford GreenKeeper's Revenge Winner G. Blizzard (23) 31 pts, DTL D. Ellwood (15) 29 pts

26/2/2013 Womens' Stableford Winner J. Beck (29) 42 pts, DTL H. Croft (35) 36 pts, K. Raber (28) 35 pts NTP 12th A. Chapman

2/3/2013 Mens' Foursomes Championship Winner Handicap Championships A. Auld (13) and D. Ellwood (15) 110, Handicap Runner Up K. Hills (7) and E. Hayes-Hill (11) 110 1/2,

Scratch Champion K. Hills and E. Hayes-Hills 124, DTL P. Ludlow and T. Gabbett 112 3/4, D. Beyers and G. Beyers 114, R. Scurlock and P. Williams 114 1/2 NTP 3rd G. Walsh, 12th M. Bren, 14th G. Beyer

5/3/2013 Ladies' Monthly Medal Stroke Scratch M. Dear (17) 93, Monthly Medal J. Beck (28) 69, DTL A. Hibbert (30) 71, H. Croft (34) 73 Count Putts H. Croft 30 putts NTP 14th A. Hibbert - Hole In One

9/3/2013 Mens' Stableford A. Grade H. Martin (13) 38 pts, B. Grade P. Junker (18) 39 pts c/b, C. Grade L. Oates (30) 39 pts, DTL G. Walsh 39, M. Bren 38, P. Williams 37, A. Casey 37, P. Kearns 36, B. Kilday 35 NTP 3rd T. O'Rielly, 5th D. Ellwood, 12th T. O'Rielly, 14th P. Williams Birdies P. Junker

10/3/2013 Stableford Winner J. Thornby (14) 37 pts, DTL L. Stein (7) 33 pts, NTP 3rd L. Stein, 5th P. Junker, 12th L. Stein, 14th P. Smart Birdie L. Stein 3rd

12/3/2013 Ladies' Stableford Winner A. Hibbert (29) 39 pts, DTL L. Casey (34) 35 pts 3rd V. Verheyen, 5th M. Dear Birdies H. Croft.

23/3/2013 Mens' Stableford Winners A. Grade L. Stein (7) 37 pts, B. Grade A. Casey (22) 42 pts, C. Grade M. Bren (28) 40 pts DTL P. Shields 38 pts, G. Spowart 38 pts, R. Scurlock 36 pts, J. Jeffery 35 pts, S. Wotton 34 pts, T. Collins 34 pts c/b NTP 3rd J. Jeffery, 12th P. Coad, 5th P. Shields, 14th H. Martin Birdies P. Smart 3rd, P. Coad 12th

24/3/2013 Churchill Monash Toongabbie Challenge Winners Toongabbie Ladies H. Daniels (33) 36 pts, Toongabbie Men D. Daniels (10) 34 pts

Winners Churchill Monash Ladies J. Beck (26) 31 pts, Men's G. Beyer (5) 35 pts DTL D. Beyer 33, B. Barnes 32, B. McPherson 31, L. Wallace 31, W. Judkins 31 NTP Ladies L. Casey 3rd, Men's 3rd G. Beyer, 12th A. Casey, 14th D. Daniels Birdies N. Hutchinson 12th, B. Barnes 12th, M. McConville 3rd Straightest Drive Ladies M. McConville, Men L. Stein

Challenge Winner - Churchill

26/3/2013 Mary Mitchell Day - Stableford Winner C. Barnes (28) 33 pts, DTL M. Munckton (31) 30 pts, A. Chapman (25) 29 pts NTP 3rd A. Chapman, 12th A. Chapman.

29/3/2013 Good Friday Mens Stableford Winner R. Welsh (20) 33 pts, DTL J. Banfield (19) 31 pts, B. Barnes (26) 31 pts NTP 3rd J. Thornby, 5th S. Wotton, 12th P. Smart, 14th P. Smart Birdies L. Stein 3rd, S. Wotton 5th

Ladies Winner J. Blizzard (23) 30 pts

30/3/2013 Mens Monthly Medal Winner A. Grade J. Thornby (13) 71 (Medal), B. Grade A. Sharrock (14) 73, C. Grade T. Collins (23) 75, DTL P. Smart 73, G. Spowart 74, R. Scurlock 75, B. Barnes 76, V. Monument 76 c/b NTP 3rd H. Martin, 5th A. Auld, 12th J. Thornby, 14th P. Smart Birdies P. Smart 14th Scratch Winner P. Smart 77 net Count Putts L. Stein 27 c/b

2/4/2013 Ladies Monthly Medal Scratch E. D'Alterio 100, Monthly Medal S. Jeffery (33) 74, DTL D. Thomas (27) 75, L. Peake (32) 76 Count Putts S. Jeffery 29.

Soccer Stalwart receives Football Federation Victoria Life Membership



By Stephen Breheny

Football Federation Victoria was delighted to award Gippsland and Churchill soccer stalwart, Ken Steel, with FFV Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting in March.

Ken has been involved in soccer in the Gippsland region and state-wide for over 50 years as a player, coach, referee, and administrator.

After starting at Monash Soccer Club in Newborough as a junior, at the age of 16, Ken also took up refereeing and enjoyed this role for the next 14 years. He was the President of the Gippsland Referees Branch for several years.

Ken became a junior coach at Churchill for 7 years before becoming the GSL Squad Co-ordinator. In

1987, Ken was nominated to be the Chairman of the Victorian Country Leagues Association and is still in this role 26 years on.

He joined the Victorian Soccer Federation Junior League Management Committee in the mid 1990's.

In recent times, Ken served as Chairman of the Gippsland Soccer League for 6 years and had a 5 year stint as a Commissioner with the newly renamed Football Federation Victoria (Country Representative).

The last 6 years has seen Ken in the role of Zone Representative for Gippsland to the Football Federation Victoria and he still holds this position.

Golf News

Recently two golfers from Churchill and Monash Golf Club achieved the enviable milestone of a hole-in-one on the par 3 14th.

Gary Blizzard was successful on 10/02/2013 and Ann Hibbert on 5/03/2013.

The photo shows Ann and Gary receiving their gold putters.

Sunday March 24 saw a good roll up of golfers, ladies and men from Toongabbie Golf Club, to contest the annual Churchill and Monash/Toongabbie Challenge.

It was a fine, hot and then very windy day. Results of the Challenge were Toongabbie 27.27 points and victors Churchill and Monash with 27.6 points. Individual winners for Toongabbie -ladies H. Daniels(33) 36 pts; men D.Daniels(10) 34pts. Churchill and Monash winners -ladies J. Beck(26) 31pts; men G.Beyer(5) 35pts.

The challenge was followed by a great BBQ lunch with salads and cakes. All players are now looking forward to the 2014 return Challenge which will be hosted by Toongabbie.

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Vixens visit

On Wednesday March 20, several of our associations players were privileged to have a special training session run by Vixens team members, Geva Mentor and Shannon Eagland.

Players were given several training drills to participate in which all involved enjoyed immensely.

Following training everyone was given the opportunity to have photos taken with the girls

and to get autographs.

Our season commences Saturday April 20, 2013. Age groups 17U/15U, 13U, 11U and 9U.

Start up competition: This year we will

be running a start up competition for ages 7-10yrs who have never played, or just started playing netball.

Anyone interested in playing or entering a team contact Donna Turpin on 0408 221 012.

Churchill Football and Netball Club News

The CFNC kicked off its 19th season in the North Gippsland Football/Netball League on April 13, with a home game against Cowwarr. Round 2 will see Churchill away to Traralgon Tyers United and all are encouraged to go along to support the football and netball teams.

The club is quietly confident that season 2013 will be another successful one for the club. The A Grade netball side are reigning 2012 premiers, and the netballers have been fortunate to retain the majority of the 2012 squad. The football department is also in good shape.

Football

In the football department Churchill has appointed co-coaches for 2013. Ongoing coach Tim Darby is joined by Leigh McDonald who makes a welcome return to Gaskin Park. Tim and Leigh bring a wealth of experience to the club and it will be the young players at Churchill who will most benefit from the co-coach arrangement.

Late in March I spoke to co-coach Tim Darby who was kind enough to share his views on the football department prospects for season 2013. Tim said "From a footy perspective we are travelling along nicely. Whilst we lost a couple of key players from last season (Alex Tatterson, Scott Kelly and Cory Thomson) we have recruited well and believe we should improve on last year's results. Daniel Hawking has returned after a stint coaching TTU, Brett Harvey has signed after being a regular in the Morwell Seniors line-up, Nathan Osbourne and Luke Forsyth return after a year off football and Brad Knowles (former Yinnar Premiership player and State cricketer) has signed on after retiring from First Class Cricket in 2012.

We also believe that we will realise significant improvement from our younger players who were exposed to senior football last season. Nick Celima, Michael DiDio and Tyson Webb have all completed a full pre-season and have shown great form in trial games; also Ryan Harvey has been very impressive over the last month, Dean De Groot has returned to the Valley with a renewed vigour and enthusiasm for the game and Christopher (Squiddy) Williams, last year's best and fairest winner, has been elected by his peers as Senior Captain". Tim said "All of these young guys are under 20 years of age and given their impact last season, I think we have the opportunity for a successful and exciting 2013".

Two great servants of the club, Bob Jellis and Joseph Whykes will again coach the Reserves and Thirds football sides and their commitment to the overall club strategy and

the encouragement of young players will also greatly assist in season 2013.

Netball

A Grade – Coach Rachael Paterson said " ' A' grade are looking at a pretty much unchanged side from 2012. The side is looking to continue its form from last year and has gained experience from recently playing in the Eastern Region State League Friday night competition. Kylie O'Brien will captain the side again in 2013.

B Grade – Coach in 2013 is Lee Hornbrook. We welcome Lee to the coaching ranks, Lee has years of experience which B grade will benefit from. B grade welcome back Belinda Thompson who has returned from Canada. Abby Buckley is a valuable asset to the B grade side as well as Bec Hawking who will assist Stacey Spence and Shannon Van Sam Beek in defence. Mel DePellegrini will again be a key player in attack for B grade.

C Grade – Coach in 2013 is Roxy Whitechurch. A grade premiership player Roxy will take on C grade and welcomes new players Justine Nicholson and Kayla Wojciechowski to the team, as well as some old faces. Roxy has returned from her honeymoon to finalise team preparation for the start of the season.

D Grade – Coach in 2013 is Katrina Hutchinson, another 'A' grade premiership player taking on a coaching role in season 2013. Kat has been working the girls hard and sharing her knowledge and experience. D grade welcomes back Asha McDonald in defence with Tammy De Souza Daw, Kate Kerslake to the goal circle, who will work with Ashlee Kearns who has stepped up from 17's, along with Elisha Price, and new to the team is Kate Darby.

17 and Under – Coach in 2013 is Emily Walker. This is Emily's first year as coach for the club, Emily will be looking to bring the girls together and build on an encouraging 2012 season. Rachel Mckenzie and Maddy Young are new to the Cougars and Shannon Van Sam Beek has recruited her talented twin sister Stacey for season 2013.

15 and Under – Coach in 2013 is the hard working Rachael Paterson. The club is welcoming the 15's back to the club. Rachael is looking to develop these young girls into the senior club players of the future. The girls have put in a solid pre-season and are training hard and the weekend game against TTU will be their first after a Round 1 bye.

Games commence from 9.00am

Junior Football at Churchill

The CFNC competes in the very competitive Traralgon and District Junior Football League. CFNC fields teams in the U10, U12, U14 and U16 age groups.

All young kids keen on a game of footy are most welcome. The juniors train adjacent to Gaskin Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights with 10's, 12's, and 14's training from 4:30 to 5:30pm and U16's from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

For any details on getting involved in the Junior Football please contact either David Fyfe (President) 03 5122 2645

Rob Turpin (Vice President) 0407 873 844

Social Club News

Once again the CFNC has an active Social Calendar with Maddison Burney coordinating numerous social events. All are reminded to place the date May 11 in their diaries This is the night of the Annual CFNC Ball. It is always a good night; the details are as follows:-

CFNC Annual Ball

May 11, 2013

Churchill Football Netball Club (Gaskin Park)

Tickets \$30; doors open at 6:45pm

Theme: Oscars, dress to impress

Supper provided and Live Music- drinks at bar prizes

Contact Maddison Burney (0429 909 993) for tickets.

Player Sponsorships

Supporters are encouraged to become a player sponsor in season 2013. The sponsorship package includes a photo of the sponsored player and your name/company name in the social rooms. Sponsor name on scrolling DVD display at home games, acknowledgment of player sponsorship on CFNC website, invitation to Sponsor's lunch during the season. Your own signed and framed photo and an advertising tax invoice for your business if desired. All this for \$150 and the pleasure of knowing you are supporting a family friendly local club.

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