



# The Boolarra Link

Volume 33, Edition 2



**JEERALANG BOOLLARRA CRICKET CLUB**

**PANTHERS**



Where to start? How about PREMIERS 2014! Huge congratulations go to the Jeeralang Boolarra Cricket Club on their fantastic win against the Morwell Cricket Club to claim the Premiership Cup for season 2013 - 2014. This is the club's first flag in many years and was celebrated for many days after.

The day started off with the Panthers winning the toss and electing to bat. First two off the rank was Craig Blackberry and Ryan Wilk, who got the boys off to a conservative start with the first wicket falling with the score at 1 for 23. Things then started to look a bit shaky when the second wicket of Tim Laaks fell making the score 2 for 29. It was then not long before the third wicket of Ryan Wilk fell leaving the score at 3 for 44. The tension and stress started to rise amongst the players and crows before a solid partnership of 71 runs between Peter Gilpin and Stan Urbanic, saw the score jump to 3 for 115. Peter Gilpin who ended up on 50 before being caught and bowled made a huge contribution. Two more wickets then fell, with solid efforts of 30 from Stan Urbanic and 16 for Nathan Spark to see the Panthers reach 6 for 199. It was then when the Panthers unleashed, seeing a further 67 runs piled on in very quick succession thanks to some big hitting by Thomas Beamish and Dermott Leys. Thomas Beamish ending up with the highest score of the day of 68 and Dermott Leys hitting 48 runs off around 16 balls. At the end of the innings, the Panthers had posted a solid score of 7 for 266.

Continued page 3

## 'CSG FREE Boolarra' Declaration Day

Following on from the successful event in Mirboo North recently, on 23 March approximately 200 people got together at Railway Park, Boolarra, in a friendly and positive atmosphere for Sustainable Boolarra's 'CSG FREE Boolarra' Declaration Day. Speakers included event organiser Chelsea Stewart, Cam Walker of Friends of the Earth, and Greens Senator Janet Rice. This picture shows the huge chocolate cake baked and beautifully decorated by Tania Brown, local beef farmer and final speaker.

Continued page 2





### **DISCLAIMER**

The views expressed in The Boolarra Link are not necessarily those of the Committee unless acknowledged as such.

No endorsement of products or services is implied by the listing of advertisers or sponsors.

While every effort is taken in printing contributions accurately, the committee takes no responsibility for errors.

### **THE BOOLLARRA LINK COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The committee members are:

Luke Potter - Public Officer - Ph 0418 530 682

Helen Seales - Treasurer

Luke Potter - Advertising Officer

Sylvia Sauppe -Editor - Ph: 5169 6321

Alan Hall - Sub-editor

Tammy Richards - Photographer Ph: 5169 6328

*Feedback, articles, photos & correspondence  
can be provided via email to*

*[BoolarraLink@hotmail.com](mailto:BoolarraLink@hotmail.com) or by letter  
addressed to The Boolarra Link and dropped  
off with Gwenda or Roger at the*



*Boolarra Post Office.  
'The Boolarra Link'*

*Website: [thelink.boolarra.vic.au](http://thelink.boolarra.vic.au)*

### **BOOLLARRA LINK ADVERTISING**

Advertisements are in blocks of 8 cm WIDE  
x 10 cm HIGH

Blocks can be arranged side by side  
or on top of each other

#### **FULL COLOUR**

1 block - \$48.00

2nd block - \$38.00

3rd and subsequent blocks - \$28.00

Additional blocks \$28.00

#### **BLACK & WHITE**

Each block - \$38.00

*All prices less 10% discount if booked for 4  
editions and paid for in advance.*



*Symbolic tree, green leaves of which carry names of all postcode 3870 roads and streets that stated majority opposition to CSG in 2013 survey. at 'CSG FREE Boolarra'.*

From page 1

### **'CSG FREE Boolarra' Declaration Day**

Tania summed up the themes of the day, again expressing her and the group's concerns about the health risks to her children, and the possible contamination of the area's water, land, and stock with toxic chemicals from coal and gas mining industries. Ms Brown said she believed contaminated beef and dairy products would be the end of the 'clean' image of Gippsland farming and destroy their overseas markets: "Clearly there are no guarantees that CSG mining can be conducted without immediate threat to the surrounding environment. It is time the government put the long term future of our communities and agricultural industries ahead of the short term gains and devastating ecological impacts promised by the CSG industry."

Music was provided by the Boolarra Youth Theatre Group, The Nigellas, Boolarra Ukulele Group and Acoustic Kitchen. Phil Piper, Brian Maclure and Wendy Stewart started a great BBQ, and Deb Levi of Tatt's Terrific kindly provided special free 'Lock the Gate' temporary tattoos for the day.



*Chelsea Stewart reads the Declaration Day Charter at 'CSG FREE Boolarra'.*



*'B.U.G', aka Boolarra Ukelele Group, at 'CSG FREE Boolarra'.*



## JEERALANG BOOLARRA CRICKET CLUB PANTHERS

It was then the Panthers turn to bowl, seeing Dermott Leys and Stan Urbanic opening the bowling as seen mostly throughout the year. Without blinking, the Panthers had Morwell at 3 for 21, thanks to some brilliant fielding and tight bowling from Dermott claiming 3 wickets. Morwell then had a solid partnership of 42 runs before losing 5 wickets for only 8 runs. This saw Morwell at 8 for 71. It was at this stage when the crowd of supporters began really cheering, as they knew it was getting closer and closer to victory for the Panthers. However the Panthers had to wait as the tail for Morwell wagged with solid efforts from T. Willis with 35 and S.Gniel with 41, who between the two of them managed to get Morwell to 160. However this was not enough, with Craig Blackberry taking that last wicket to claim victory and the premiership cup for the Panthers. This then lead to celebration for the next few days and nights as they, the Panthers, were premiers. Everyone involved including supporters, players, board members and the community helped celebrate this fantastic achievement. A big thank you to all those who made the journey across to Yallourn North to show your support for the Panthers. It was a fantastic day and a sight to see. Everyone enjoyed themselves and was very supportive towards the players on the field. This made for a wonderful atmosphere and cheers could be heard from all parts

of the ground when the Panthers hit runs or when wickets were taken.

Also a big thank you must go to all our wonderful sponsors for season 2013-2014. This premiership is as much yours as it is ours. For without your wonderful contributions and support throughout the year, the Panthers would not have been in the position we are today.

Thank You to:

Parer Painting, Churchill Hotel, Geishaz Tattooing, Webster's Butchers, Bell Banne, Boolarra Fish Farm, Ebony's Promotional Products. If you want to have a good time, get out of the house relax with a hit of cricket and meet some fantastic people, then you should become a PANTHER. The Jeeralang Boolarra Cricket Club is always searching for new players, supporters and volunteers for upcoming seasons. If you would like to become a part of this fantastic club, please feel free to contact the club on 5169 6428 or come down to training later on in the year. All new members are welcomed with open arms.

The AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held sometime in late June/July. Please come along and help the Panthers continue to grow well into the future with eyes set on back-to-back flags and the possibility of A grade for season 2014-2015.

Regards,

Jack Cleaver,

Secretary

Jeeralang Boolarra Cricket Club.

## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

Most family members were able to attend and celebrate the 90th Birthday of Annie Sauppe. Many friends and relatives spent the time catching up with Annie, her husband Rudi, three children, 10 grandchildren and 13 of her great-grandchildren, along with partners and friends.

In the afternoon, we celebrated at the German Club in Morwell with coffee and cake, and in the evening most guests had a good time with a BBQ and a bonfire at the farm in Boolarra.

Sylvia Sauppe.



Annie at her 90th Birthday celebration at the German Club 'Astoria', Morwell.



## BOOLARRA POST OFFICE



7 Tarwin Street, Boolarra Vic 3870  
Ph: 5169 6209 Fx: 03 5169 6523  
em: [rgp@speedweb.com.au](mailto:rgp@speedweb.com.au)

**Open: Monday to Friday - 9.00 am to 12.00 pm & 12:45 to 5pm**  
**Saturdays - 9.00 am to 11.00 am except long weekends when we will be closed on Saturdays**

Supplying all Australia Post Products including Express, International, and Registered mail, Stamps, Packaging etc. Photocopying & Fax Service. JP on site most days, appointments appreciated to save you a wasted trip in.

Bill Paying by cash, cheque or Eftpos. Money Orders are available here. Ambulance applications and renewals are also available. Travel Money and Travel Insurance can also be purchased here.

Banking services are available for most banks. Need to send money overseas? Then we can help you do a Western Union Money Transfer. Electoral Roll Application forms are available here.

We stock a range of Stationery, Cards, Books, Toys, and Gift ideas, not to mention the extra things like plants, the 5 cent box and produce when available to raise money for the Stompers.

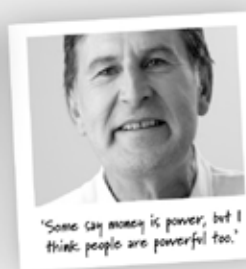
We still have a few Post Office Boxes available and remember, if you live in town then you are entitled to a reduced rate because there isn't a town mail delivery.

Greetings from the Post Office  
Gwenda and Roger



Mirboo North & District  
Community Bank® Branch

## Believe in your bank



Your Community Bank® branch is about giving power to the people. The power to change and make a positive contribution.

So believe in your bank. Drop into your nearest branch at 88 Ridgway, Mirboo North or phone 5668 1231. Find us on Facebook and join us today.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, The Bendigo Centre, Bendigo, VIC 3550.  
ABN 11 068 049 178. AFSL 237879. S43074-2 (181040\_v1) (7/03/2013)

**Bendigo Bank**



# The Poppy Tile



Although Australia achieved Federation in 1901, most of us accept that World War I truly identified us as an independent nation. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the commencement of World War I. Between 1914 and 1918, 112,399 Victorians enlisted to fight in the War.

Those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and did not return home are commemorated by the War Graves Commission, and in virtually every town in Australia are remembered with respect and pride on Anzac Day.

However, those who returned home, often with horrific wounds, are not recognised unless their family had recorded their service in the inscription on their grave. Many men did not wish, or feel capable of discussing what they endured during the War.

Over time, families moved away, sometimes interstate, and the graves of these servicemen have been forgotten and lie neglected. Younger family members may be unaware that their ancestors served at all, unless the family have kept memories alive.

The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust,

together with the Returned Services League of Australia (RSL Victorian Branch), wish to encourage families to renew their links to family members who served in World War I.

A small commemorative tile, with a glazed white background and a red Flanders Poppy, has been prepared in kit form. The kit contains two Poppy Tiles, the Flanders Poem and the Ode of Remembrance. One of the Poppy Tiles will be fixed to the headstones, while the remainder of the kit will be passed to family members. The second tile can be fixed to the front door or letterbox, to signify that this family has links to the First World War.

Boolarra Cemetery Trust believes that this is a wonderful project to strengthen community ties with our past. We have identified the graves of 15 service men in our cemetery, which will be identified by the Poppy Tile. We also propose to compile a book that contains information on these men, and are appealing for assistance to prepare this book, as some of the families no longer live in or around Boolarra.

We are hoping to obtain photos, letters from the Front, records of any medals awarded and information on what direction their lives took when they returned home. All information received will be treated with respect, copied and then returned to the family. The book will be preserved

in the Boolarra Historical Museum. If you know any of the descendants of the men listed below, please contact the Secretary, Glenys Morgan on 03 5169 6721, or write to PO Box 73, Boolarra, 3870.

Once we have contacted as many descendants as possible, we will advise of a date later this year when they will be invited to come to Boolarra to visit the graves of those brave soldiers and celebrate their lives.

## World War I Returned Service Men Buried at Boolarra

**Harold Armstrong**  
**Thomas Bunston**  
**George Malcolm Croft**  
**Alan Hall**  
**Lindsey Lee Jacgung**  
**David Henry Jones**  
**Robert Lee**  
**Frederick John Mayer**  
**Oswald Thomas Mills**  
**Edmund Kay Penaluna**  
**Herbert Henry Richards**  
**William Frederick Robbins**  
**Frederick Albert Roberts**  
**Francis McBain Tucker**  
**George Witham**

*Author: Matt Gleeson.*

## Boolarra Book Club



*The Boolarra Book Club has had a great start to the year. We have enjoyed the books so far especially *Water for Elephants* and *Purple Hibiscus*. The meals we share together have been fun: featuring hobo soup, homemade bread and home pickles. Our meeting in June will be *High Tea at the Rose**

*Garden in Rosedale for a high-class change and then next month we will watch a film together.*

*We enjoy reading the books, discussing their plots and ideas and solving the problems of the world. We have a couple of vacancies so if you are interested, please ring Robern on 5169 6494. We meet the first Monday of the month at 4:30pm.*

*With thanks,  
Robern Lubawski.*



## WANT ANSWERS ON THE NBN? JUST ASK A LOCAL.

Visit your Telstra Store Traralgon  
123 Franklin Street  
Phone 5176 5666

Telstra services on the National Broadband Network (NBN) not available to all areas or premises. The spectrum device is a trade mark of Telstra Corporation Limited ABN 53 051 775 966.





## In Memory NOEL FOX

13<sup>th</sup> July 1935 – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2014



Noel Fox  
1979.

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of well known Boolarra identity Noel Fox was held at the Boolarra Memorial Hall on 30 April 2014. The service was conducted by celebrant Bobby Symons. Both of his sons, Ray and Gary, spoke of life on the family farm and Noel's many sporting achievements. We also heard of his golfing skills and work he did for the Mirboo North Golf Club in recent years from his golfing mate Gordon Graham. Noel played 18 holes of golf, off an enviable handicap of 16, on the day before his sudden death. Neil Waack, a close fishing mate of Noel's, also spoke of his generous spirit and love of his boat and fishing. Regularly traveling to Mallacoota or day trips to Corner Inlet were his passion.

Noel was an outstanding and extremely competitive sportsman playing football for many years for Boolarra. He won 5 Best and Fairest Awards. His sons and grandsons went on to also play foot-

ball. They are now the fourth generation of the family to play football for Boolarra. Noel was also an accomplished cricketer who won numerous awards for his batting and his fast bowling. In one year, his batting average was a very impressive 80. Noel excelled in all sports and went on to play badminton for many years. In more recent years he enjoyed his golf at Mirboo North.

Noel was the third generation of the family to farm on the property at Fox and Fankes Road Boolarra. This farm also has about 2 ½ kilometres of the property fronting the Morwell River. He was tireless in his efforts to improve the quality of the Morwell River adjoining his property; he removed willow infestation and planted native vegetation. He maintained and improved a popular swimming spot in the river, which is known as 'Foxes' Hole'. It was widely used by fisherman, swimmers and campers. On Australia Day in 2010 Noel's efforts were acknowledged when he was presented with a plaque by the Morwell Development Group for his work.

Noel was an excellent and progressive farmer. He was well known for his tree farming and many international visitors studied his methods. He initially had dairy cows and then moved to beef farming. He recently topped the market with his beef cattle, and this was a reflection on his meticulous approach to farming.

### Life of Noel Fox

Noel's parents were dairy farmers following in the footsteps of their ancestors who had arrived from England in the late 1880's. Noel's grandfather purchased the Morwell River Farm in 1895.

Noel was the youngest son of Maisie and Frank Fox. He was born at the Morwell Hospital on 13 July 1935. Noel was raised on the family farm at Boolarra with his elder brother Ron and sister Lorna. He attended the Budgeree Primary School and then went to Mirboo North Higher Elementary School. Noel married Val Webster in 1956 and they then settled on the family farm. Over the following years they had four children Yvonne, Ray, Gary and Pauline. Noel was passionate about his tree farming and his property featured a range of perfectly planted wind breaks and pine plantations.

Noel was very proud and deeply loved his family, wife Val, his four children, their partners and his eight grand-children. Noel was well known for helping out anyone that needed support at times providing firewood for elderly friends or helping stranded drivers on the local roads. He was well known for his skill on the chainsaw often clearing trees that had fallen over the River Road. Noel continued to be very active with his hobbies of golf and fishing and also working tirelessly on his property up until his sudden death on Good Friday.

*Yvonne Symons.*



*Fox's Hole, the very popular swimming and recreation spot on the Morwell River maintained and managed for decades by Noel Fox.*





## CHURCHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE COMPUTER CLASSES

**\$5.00 per 2 hr Class**

### You can learn how to:

(Extra for course notes)

- Search on the internet
- Create a free email account
- Send photos to family and friends via email
- Start a Facebook account to connect with family and friends
- Start selling and buying on eBay
- Get more efficient with your Tablet or iPad
- Get your typing up to speed?
- Use a computer and see what it can do
- Use Windows 8



Churchill Neighbourhood  
Centre

9 – 11 Philip Pde Churchill  
Phone 5122 2955

[Email churchillnc@bigpond.com](mailto:churchillnc@bigpond.com)

(Inside the Churchill Community Hub)

If Tuesday doesn't suit call Henry  
(Coordinator) to book in on another day



## Unpaired Words

An unpaired word is one that, according to the usual rules of the English language, would appear to have a related word, but does not - or that word is very rarely used. Such words usually have a prefix or suffix (like 'in' or 'non') that would imply that there is an antonym (i.e. an opposite). Some examples:

disconsolate	impromptu	inscrutable	nonplussed
disdain	inane	intrepid	ruthless
disgruntled	incorrigible	invert	uncouth
dishevelled	ineffable	misgivings	unkempt
dismayed	inept	misnomer	unruly
disrupt	inhibited	nonchalant	unstinting
feckless	insidious	nondescript	unwieldy
impetuous			

...And a quick question from a similar vein: you may be overwhelmed or underwhelmed, but is it possible to be just 'whelmed' ?

Adapted from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonym>  
and reddit.com.



## Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go to the Fox and Richards families on the recent passing of Noel Fox and Jack Richards.

May the memories of all the wonderful things they have done for our community live long with with us all.



## BOOLARRA TRAIL BLAZERS

The Walking Group is going well this year. All of our members are getting fitter and having lots of fun doing it. We have had three special walks so far. We have been to Moe at Edward Hunter Reserve, our own Rail Trail here in Boolarra up as far as Cartwright's Bridge, and a walk at the Morwell National Park for a koala count. It seems to be often wet on Thursdays but we don't let that stop us. As it rains, we walk the Oval and doge the spots. We have also walked at the Landcare Mill Site (our favourite walk) and we are looking forward to the new circular track opening that is going up to the cemetery. If you enjoy walking, talking and want to get fitter, give John a ring on 5169 6494. The Group meets Thursday mornings at 9:00am at Memorial Park Oval.

## PROSPER VALLEY EXCAVATIONS

Call now for a Free Quote M: 0408 696 462 PH: 5169 6780 E: [prospervalleyexcavations@gmail.com](mailto:prospervalleyexcavations@gmail.com)



12 TONNE EXCAVATOR & 5.5 TONNE EXCAVATOR WITH RUBBER TRACKS, TILT BUCKET & DOZER BLADE  
• Landscaping • Drainage • Dams • Tree Removal • House Sites • Shed Sites • Driveways





## Boolarra South Landcare Group

We had the Landcare trailer at the Folk Festival and, thanks to David O'Brien, we had a trailer load of wood which John Lubawski kindly offered to deliver. He was lucky the winner came from Yarram but he had a 4x4 and was happy to go home with the wood piled up all around him. We thought he might be leaving his wife behind. He was so determined to take home every last stick.



The seat going in near the pond- Mick Crowley, Malcolm Thompson (hidden) Tony Minter and Mick Schiller.

We have had two quite productive Saturday working bees and after the last one we were very pleased with our achievements. It all looked great, for a short time anyway. Our friends from DEPI have had a track clearing for us and removed overhanging branches and fallen trees. We have some new signage coming that will help walkers navigate, as it is intended to have maps and dis-

tances specified. The TAFE students have been doing some work in the arboretum, straightening tree guards and tidying up. They have also produced some excellent maps and measured distances on all the tracks. This will be a great help when preparing the new signs. There is a new seat which the Men's Shed made, now installed down by the dam. There is no shortage of work to do.

Our aim is to make a start on a return track from the Cemetery to the car park. The route has been planned and some preliminary work is being undertaken so that the area can be accessed by truck or machine when we get some money to engage them. The DEPI are encouraging us to do this as Geoff Pike (from DEPI) rightly says, people like to walk a circuit. Linda has recently submitted all the necessary paperwork for us to have the Green Army spend some time helping with this and with widening some of the existing tracks. As this is a new Federal Government initiative we will have to wait and see how it works out. It will require commitment on our part, as we will have to have someone on hand to direct them.

Energy Australia is having a tree-planting day on 5 June. Parking is in Toner's Lane, Morwell. They are planting 2000 swampy woodland and plains woodland plants and need volunteers. A BBQ and soft drinks will be provided as will planting equipment. The only advice was to wear sturdy footwear. If you would like to volunteer your time I presume you just turn up.

We have had a report of a feral pig seen near Young St, and we know there is a mangy wombat nearby too. It had to be unceremoniously returned to the bush after an adventure in Kenwood Street where it became very aggressive when cornered by a dog. It would be best not to meet either of these on your walks. We do have treatment available for the wombat but of course we have to locate it or its burrow to help it. There were some ducks released at the dam but they seem to have moved elsewhere. There is still koala monitoring taking place and we are meant to be collecting fresh scats. The koalas are elusive and I don't think Monash University has had any help from the Mill Site! Robyn has managed to provide scats from koalas at her place but they are the only local samples I have heard about.

Boolarra South Landcare Group has three members on the Board of the Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network. Judi Edwards is the Treasurer and Peter Devonshire and Alison Craven also give of their time and talents. The Network encourages community activities that support environmental and farming sustainability as well as strengthening and building capacity in the Latrobe Landcare community. They provide leadership and guidance to our Network and we are proud of their contribution.



Ros at work tidying up.

### Boolarra Store

5169 6452

\* Take-away food \* Milk & Bread  
\* Cigarettes \* Ice-creams  
\* Grocery Items \* fresh Bakery bread \* Ice  
\* Papers & Magazines++

DVD hire  
freshly made sandwiches and  
rolls

Coffee Shop now open!

#### Trading Hours

Mon - Fri - 6am to 8pm  
Sat & Sun - 8am to 8pm  
Public Holidays - Open from 9am



### Certified Organic & Biodynamic Fruit & Vegetables

VIV have been delivering organic produce to homes in the Boolarra district for over 5 years, delivering fresh, certified organic products of the finest quality, each and every Friday.

On line ordering via web page, or you can email or phone for availability list.

Paul Healey

Phone: 5658 1266 Mobile: 0407 568 371

email: [vivalasvegies1@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vivalasvegies1@yahoo.com.au)

[www.vivalasvegies.com.au](http://www.vivalasvegies.com.au)

### JW BOOKKEEPING SERVICES

ABN: 38 295 226 620

Phone Jenny on 0438 261517

or email: [jennwedz@gmail.com](mailto:jennwedz@gmail.com)

- Onsite & Offsite Services
- Bookkeeping
- Payroll services
- BAS Preparation & Lodgement



# News of Yinnar & District Community Garden

Passata Day Saturday 22 March 2014: Thank you to Italian cooking teacher Maria Dogenieri and her mother Rosa for their fantastic workshop on how to make traditional Italian passata (tomato paste). Thirty-six kilos of locally grown tomatoes were pushed through manual passata machines, which removed the seeds and skins. The skins were then processed again to extract the tomatoes' deep red colour, and fresh community-garden-grown basil leaves were placed in the base of each jar. All participants went home well-laden with jars of delicious passata.

## SEED LIBRARY

The Community Garden's Seed Library, housed at the Yinnar Farm & Hardware, has recently used up its first pack of small yellow envelopes! One happy seed-swapper contributed tree onion seeds and four mature peppers in pots and left with perennial spinach, mustard spinach and Greek pumpkin seeds, none of which she had ever tried before. Plenty of other great seed swaps have also been happening! Currently there are potted strawberry plants available at the Seed Library, which are the famous strawberries that featured on Win TV and bore heavy fruit from November to May. We suggest donating a coin to the Community Garden tin if you don't have any seeds or cuttings of your own to contribute.

## CALL OUT FOR WINTER SEEDLINGS

The Yinnar & District Community Garden is in need of organic seedlings from the Brassica family - broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, etc. If you have any to give away, pop



them into the greenhouse and we'll plant them out ASAP. Alternately, bring them along to the next garden working bee - held 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, from 1-4pm and plant them with the crew.

## Jim - the garden's new compost master

Thanks to new member Jim for working hard on the compost piles!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Garden membership costs \$10 per year and entitles you to a share of garden produce, distributed at working bees. Membership is up for renewal after the end of the financial year (i.e.

after June 30, 2014). Membership can be renewed at garden events or by contacting the facilitator, Catheryn Thompson, on 0435 048 153.

Our next event in the garden will be a working bee and sausage sizzle on Saturday 14 June. If you're not already on the mailing list, you can sign up to yinnarcg@gmail.com to receive notification of upcoming events.

Thanks Joelle!

Regards,  
Rosemary.



Jim at Community Garden working bee and some of the continuing vegetable harvest.



## Knitting Yarns by Mail

Shop online at [www.knittingyarns.com.au](http://www.knittingyarns.com.au)

*Your one stop shop for the very best yarns,  
knitting patterns, needles & accessories  
Dolls wiggling & mohair for Santas & craft*

### FREE catalogue now available

Yarns include silk, cotton, bamboo, wool, mohair, alpaca, cashmere & sock yarns from leading brands -

**Patons, Cleckheaton, Panda, Noro,  
Debbie Bliss, Heirloom, Eki Riva,  
Lana Gatto, Shepherd, Jo Sharp**

plus our own exclusive range of hand dyed mohair yarn

114 Fox & Fanckes Rd, Boolarra Sth 3870

Open by appointment only

Online orders delivered free to Boolarra street addresses

[stokesay@bigpond.com](mailto:stokesay@bigpond.com)

Ph. Alison - 0408 992 927

## Charlie-Mac Counselling

### Counselling for children

At Charlie-Mac counselling we focus on helping your child identify and embrace their individual strengths.

We specialise in Autism, ADHD, social difficulties, communication, developmental issues, toileting, separation, kinder/school transition, general behavioural issues.

We can help.

**Call today on 0429 111 192** to enquire which of our therapists would be best suited to you and your child.

[leanne@charlie-mac.com](mailto:leanne@charlie-mac.com)

[www.counselling.charlie-mac.com](http://www.counselling.charlie-mac.com)



**Charlie Mac**  
and Associates

## HHC

### HAZELWOOD HEALTH CENTRE

### BULK BILLING

To ALL Medicare Card Holders

*FAMILY MEDICINE*

*MINOR SURGICAL PROCEDURES*

*IMMUNISATIONS, INDUSTRIAL MEDICALS*

*PHYSIOTHERAPY, PSYCHOLOGY*

*VISITING PAEDIATRICIAN, PATHOLOGY*

### CONSULTING HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8am - 5.30 pm

SATURDAY - 8am - 1.30 pm

**5122 2555**

9a GEORGINA PLACE CHURCHILL

*"Caring Family Medicine"*



## AROUND THE TRAPS...

"Hi girls", cried Mrs Wombat as she arrived at the quarterly Link-up tea party held at Apex Park. After receiving her cuppa, Mrs Wombat asked the group had they noticed that there was a new mail delivery person. "Oh no", cried Mrs Possum, "that's the old one returning after treatment and recovering from some weird human sickness."

"Well you would never have known. The relief drivers did a great job, wouldn't you agree?"

"Yes" chorused the others, "he was lucky to have had such good back-up."

Mrs Fox barked, to change the subject, "Hasn't the weather been great lately but we need a little bit of Autumn rain to keep things nice."

Mrs Platypus, who always talks to the delivery drivers at the bridge said, "you know that the Post Office has a lot of trouble with people failing to tell them when they go away or even when they are leaving the area. You know girls, I always tell them because they keep my mail safe until I return. This means I'm not advertising that I'm away, so my place stays safe."

Mrs Kanga piped up, "We all need to hop around and catch up with all the new animals in the area. So many changes happening."

Mrs Rat made the comment that care needs to be taken on Prosper Valley Rd, about 1¼ km from Budgeree Rd, as the road has become unstable on the outside edge.

Well all, it's time we went to get our partners lunch, so see you next quarter.



## BOOLARRA GARDEN CLUB Mount Macedon Trip April 2014

On a wet and cold day in April, a happy group of the Boolarra Garden Club left to explore gardens in the Macedon Ranges.

Aboard the bus were ten fun-loving and talkative ladies and two gentlemen. Our competent, capable and patient bus driver was Ian Hibbins.

Our accommodation at the Black Forest Motel was comfortable and the owner, John, did all he could to make our stay memorable.

We visited many beautiful gardens including Campaspe Country House, Duneira Garden, Frogmore Garden and Nursery in Newberry followed by the Diggers Garden of St Erth in Blackwood.

The largest garden we visited, Forest Glade, covered 14 acres employing 3 full-time gardeners and 2 part-time gardeners. Cyril



Stokes, owner of Forest Glade showed us around his garden.

Forest Glade consisted of many garden rooms as well as vast lawn areas and very old trees. This garden and the original home were destroyed by the Ash Wednesday fires of February 1983.

Cyril is also the owner of the 'Stokes Collec-

tion'. Many antique experts regard this collection as the greatest private collection in the southern hemisphere.

Below is the attractive entrance to the Forest Glade Garden.

Cameron Lodge another large private garden consists of 10 acres. Topiary and hedges are a major feature of this garden which employs several gardeners, including one person for the sole purpose of hedge trimming.

Some of the trees and gardens are now registered with the National Trust.

We were also guests of the Mount Macedon Horticultural Society who provided us with an excellent lunch and arranged for us to visit Stephen Ryan's garden Tugurium and his rare plant nursery, Dicksonia. Stephen welcomed us to his garden and nursery where he answered many questions and provided us with much enthusiasm to seek and find unusual and rare plants.

All enjoyed much plant buying and retail therapy and the bus was very full for the journey home.

Thanks to Jill, Yoka, Sheryl and Carole who planned all details for a fun filled five days and to Ian, who ensured we all travelled safely.

We are all looking forward to the next trip.

*Marg Gleeson.*

### Grand Ridge Computer Services

- \* New & Custom Built Systems
- \* Malware & Virus Removal
- \* Software Sales & Installation
  - \* Advice & Assistance
- \* Upgrades & Configuration
  - \* System Maintenance
- \* Notebooks & Netbooks
  - \* Parts & Peripherals
- \* Printer Consumables

**Ph: 5169 6473**

**Mob: 0429 696 473**

**grcs@internode.on.net**


**P O Box 53, Boolarra Vic 3870**


**Websters  
Butchery Yinnar**



**Ph: 5163 1262**

**64 Main Street YINNAR**



AUTHORISED 

## SERVICE

**Steven Abbey**

**8 Phillip Parade  
Churchill, Vic 3842**

**Ph: 03 5122 1380 Fax: 03 5122 3586**  
Email: ncm8@bigpond.com Web: www.repcoservice.com

**FREE PICKUP & DELIVERY**

## NEW CHURCHILL MOTORS





*Alison Hall inspects the new shelter at the Falls.*

## FRIENDS OF THE UPPER MORWELL RIVER INC.

We had our first picnic at the gate of the entrance to the Falls Reserve, sitting around the structure Paul has made to hold the sign. It served us well, providing a shelter and a comfortable seat. It saved us a walk up to the picnic table as we were actually working on the Frontage Road side where we are tidying up the small pines that HVP felled from along the river bank. For once we had a great day, sunny and still, so we were able to be quite effective. We even managed to avoid the leeches. These had been particularly nasty on our previous visit when we were clearing overhanging branches on the tracks and it was fairly damp. A few more fine days for working bees would be helpful as we have quite a bit of clearing to do. We are getting the sign printed ready to be placed at the entrance to the Falls. Getting consensus on the wording and layout was a challenge but we hope we have it right. It will be informative and make the entrance very obvious. If you have not yet explored the Falls, take a picnic and enjoy the beautiful Morwell River.

On a sad note, also we mourn the passing of Noel Fox and Jack Richards. Noel looked after the Morwell River on his farm and he beautified and maintained the local swimming spot

- Fox's Hole. He will be a big loss to the community. We also pay tribute to Jack Richards. Jack did so much for this community and we are especially mindful of his work in the park that now bears his name. RIP Noel and Jack.

*Denise Schiller, Secretary, Friends of the Upper Morwell River.*



*Trying out the seat at the gate- Kevin, Catheryn, Zorka, Alan, Mick seated, Brian standing.*



*Getting rid of the pines.*



## BOOLARRA STOMPERS

RAISING FUNDS FOR CANCER CENTRE

Half a year almost gone already. Time is flying by at great speed.

We still have the purple box on the counter at the Post Office for those 5 cent coins, and money from the books and plants, etc. They keep on adding up, and the books help as well. The Easter Raffle raised \$217, the horse cart rides at the Folk Festival brought us \$250 and the box on the counter at the Post Office keeps on needing to be emptied. So our funds are slowly but surely growing.

We have all been busy with our own happenings lately but will start concentrating on our cause again with enthusiasm and energy very soon.

We realise that there is a lot of fundraising going on at the moment for different groups and people's pockets are only so deep. This is another reason we haven't been pushing so hard at this time. We don't want to be seen to be greedy, just needy.

*Gwenda Pither,  
Team Captain for the Boolarra Stompers.*

## ELECTRICIAN

**J.H. FOX**

**Licensed R.E.C 3822**  
**Electrical Contractor**

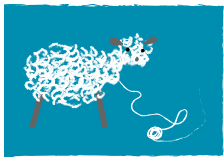
**Stove & Hot Water  
Repairs & Service**

• **Rural & Domestic**  
• **Property Maintenance**



Phone: **5169 6754** Mobile: **0409 356 480**





## WOOL GROUP YARNING

Most weeks there have been 14 or so of us sitting around our table doing our various projects. Once again, socks seem to be to the fore.

Our 'Sock Queen', Lori, has been helping others with their work. As well as teaching Kitchener stitch, she's also completed a jumper for her husband Steve, baby clothes, a child's dress and a tunic with a matching headband, which is her own design.

Instead of knitting socks, Anne L has been busy knitting a scarf out of sock wool, so Kerry and Margaret decided to knit a sock each in the same yarn to match her scarf. After they'd completed the task, Anne was presented with the matching socks. Anne was surprised and delighted to receive her matching socks, and has now moved onto to knitting slippers for her daughter Ruth.

Margaret has also been in sock making mode. It's taken a few years, but she's finally completed a pair of socks for Mike, so he's pretty happy about that at last and just in time for winter.

Mengar has also knitted a scarf in sock wool, as well as a cardigan for her granddaughter.

Carla has crocheted throws for her grandsons, a baby blanket for orphans, socks for friends, a scarf and she's currently spinning an alpaca fleece which is lovely and soft and will be turned into a lovely garment.

Kath and Glenys are working on cross-stitch quilts. Kath's will be for a future grandchild and Glenys' is for her newest granddaughter, Chloe. Glenys has also completed a baby jacket for Poppy Raine.

A 50/50 mix of wool and bamboo yarn was chosen by Kate to complete a jacket for her daughter Louise. She's also begun



*Denise Schiller and Margaret Gleeson admiring some of the tea cosies on display.*



*The remarkable Tea Cosy Festival, some examples.*



For the past few weeks, I've been spinning a bobbin of merino fleece and another of silk in a pretty purple shade which I'll ply together then knit up into an evening wrap and I may even add a few beads for interest.

In May, a small group of us travelled to Fish Creek to take in the Tea Cosy Festival. This is the second year that the Tea Cosy Festival has been held and the various ideas people come up with to knit, felt, sew and crochet their tea cosies is amazing. I'm sure this festival will continue to grow and it's well worth the drive to enjoy these interesting creations. We also enjoyed a lovely lunch at Meeniyan on the way home.

We're still enjoying our shared lunches each week. A few weeks ago the majority of us bought salads, so we had a very healthy meal that day.

If you think Wool Group is something you might enjoy, please contact me, Lois, on 0400 722 716. We have an annual fee of \$10 and its \$2.50 per week to cover rent and housekeeping costs.

*Lois Thornton, Member.*

a Happy Hen sweater for her granddaughter Saskia from her left over stash.

Kerry has lots of socks on the go, thanks to Lori for teaching her Kitchener stitch. She's also nearly finished the front of a vest.

Anne T has been working on bright throws for her couch and has also recently started a very large poncho type garment.

Robyn is enjoying her sock making, but often she has to hop in the queue to wait for a little help from Lori.

At the moment Natalie is crocheting baby shawls for babies for the future.

Knitting and tatting (lace making) has kept Lorna busy. She's also been helping Mary with her tatting.







James and Grace laying wreath for Anzac Day memorial.

#### ANZAC DAY:

Our Prep/Grade 1/Grade 2 students made very impressive wreaths and placed these at the town cenotaph. This year our Junior School Council voted for us to support the Boolarra Service so our School Captains, James and Grace placed a wreath on our behalf at this service.

#### ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS DAY:

Sixteen of our Grade 3 to 6 event champions competed against the best athletes from the other schools in our district. Congratulations to the following students who will represent the Yinnar & District Schools at the Zone Athletic Finals later in the year: Grace of Grade 6 in the 100m, long jump and discus events, Jemma (also Grade 6) in the high jump and long jump, Eve of Grade 4 in shot-put and discus, Sasha and Emre both of Grade 5 in discus.

#### PIE DRIVE:

Our next fundraising venture will be a pie drive that Helen Seales will coordinate. Please hold off stocking up on pies and encourage your extended family and friends to do likewise, so we can raise as much money as possible from this. We are raising money for murals in the students' toilets and a set of iPads for the classroom.



Cross-Country Running Team.

#### CROSS COUNTRY RUN:

Our Grade 3-6 students did a great job at our school run through Railway Park. The following students went on to represent our school at the Yinnar & District Cross Country in Churchill: Jemma, James, Tyson, Eve, Caterina and Quinn O'. Jemma placed third in her age group at this event, despite stopping to help a student from another school who had collapsed! Jemma will now represent our district schools in the Division Cross Country run.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS:

Last term \$100 was raised, through icy-pole sales and donations collected on our BPS (? Meaning) themed out-of-uniform day; for drought relief. This

term we are fundraising for our local Wildlife Warrior, Jean Quick. If anyone has any surplus toy food (plastic fruit etc.) that could be used in our cubby-house or old toy trucks, etc. that our students could play with in our sandpit, we would be very grateful to receive these.

#### MOTHER'S DAY:

Bella's Mum, Lisa and Lana's Mum, Joy took on the big job of shopping for and setting up the Mothers' Day stall. We are also grateful to Lexi's Nan, Rita who made earrings and butterfly magnets and stickers and Brooke's Nan, Yvonne who knitted some lovely scarves and made scented drawer sachets. The students were very excited by the range and quality of gifts that were available for them to purchase.

#### WINTER SPORTS:

Students from Grade 3-6 recently competed in a cluster schools' soccer



Girls Soccer Team.

tournament in Traralgon. This proved to be a lot of exercise and fun. We will also form a football team, by combining with Thorpdale Primary School students, which will compete in a forthcoming competition in Yinnar. We will form a netball team that will also compete in a competition on the same day.



Boys Soccer Team.

#### WARRAGUL THE-ATRE EXCURSION:

Each year our P/1/2 classes undertake a major excursion. This year they are travelled to Warragul to enjoy a theatrical performance of the popular picture story book 'Mr McGee and the Biting Flea'.

#### GRADE 5/6 URBAN CAMP:

Our Grade 5/6's will head to Melbourne with their counterparts from Thorpdale and Narracan. During this visit they will access educational tours behind the scenes at the MCG, the Shrine of Remembrance, the Victoria Market, the Old Melbourne Gaol and Parliament House that the general public don't get to experience. Our students will have a marvellous time socialising, building independence and broadening their knowledge to complement and enhance the work they are doing in the classroom.

Leanne Emond.





## BOOLARRA JUNIOR BRIGADE AT LICOLA



On the weekend of 28 March, the Boolarra Fire Brigade Juniors went for an adventure camp to the Lions Club Wilderness Village in Licola. On Saturday, the group of 11 Juniors and four leaders took part in a full day of a variety of activities ranging from climbing the rock wall, flying fox, high ropes, giant swing and what is known as the 'Leap of Faith' with the guidance of a qualified instructor. The activities were at times quite challenging but through group encouragement all the Juniors and leaders had a go and achieved more than they thought they could. At night, the kids and the immature leaders played spot light, and went for a swim in the river and then the pool. On the Sunday, they enjoyed all of the activities the park had to offer and everyone ate heaps! Being the first camp the Brigade has organised for the Juniors, we have to say it went extremely well. This group of Juniors are amazing and showed that they will give anything a go and help each other out at the same time. I have to admit that it was not only the kids but also the leaders who had an awesome time and can't wait until the next one.



*One of the juniors tackling the wall.*



*The group getting ready to do the rock climbing.*



*The juniors and three leaders at the Devil's Elbow Lookout just before Licola.*



*The group posing on the Licola Lion's Village Lion.*



### Weddings, Parties, Anything?



Have you been part of a special event in the local area recently? Have you walked up the aisle, blown out candles, or simply enjoyed the company of friends over a cup of tea? Have you got a story to tell? The Boolarra Link is looking for stories from people like you on special events that happen in your life. Big or small, we want them all. Send your story now to Sylvia at [editorofthelink@gmail.com](mailto:editorofthelink@gmail.com). All stories will be considered for publishing in upcoming editions of the Link.

Go on. Help us share the special events that happen across our local area. And by doing this, help us preserve the history of this special place.

**Need photos with your story?**

**Call Tammy Richards on 0429 857151.**





# BOOLARRA'S BURNING ISSUES

## BOOLARRA CFA NEWS



### BIENNIAL ELECTIONS SEE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS

#### TODD STEPS DOWN

After six years of leading our Brigade, Todd Birkbeck has decided that it is time for a well-earned rest from the rigours of captaincy and has accepted the secretarial role within the Brigade.

Shortly after taking over the captaincy role, Todd was confronted with our 2009 Bushfires. In that very trying period, Todd was able to lead our Brigade through what was no doubt the most difficult period in our Brigade's history. His leadership spread beyond the fire ground and with the money donated by the public after the fires, was able to oversee the massive extension and improvements to our Fire Station that was officially opened in 2012. He also oversaw the construction of our new satellite station next to the Boolarra South Hall that replaced the Mirboo East fire shed.

Thanks to Todd's efforts, his enthusiasm and commitment. Boolarra Fire Brigade is now looked on as one of the best brigades in the Morwell Group and in fact, District 10.

The Brigade is truly indebted to Todd for his leadership over the past 6 years.

#### DI MAKES HISTORY IN BECOMING THE BRIGADE'S FIRST FEMALE CAPTAIN

Congratulations goes to Di Billingsley who will become Captain of our Brigade from 1 July following elections that were held on 19 May. Di, who has had almost 15 years' experience with the Brigade, moves from the First Lieutenant's position into the captaincy to begin a new chapter for the Brigade.

#### NEW BRIGADE LEADERSHIP LINE UP

Captain – Di Billingsley

First Lieutenant – Michelle Birkbeck (Support for Captain)

Second Lieutenant – Simon Pickett (Brigade Training Officer)

Third Lieutenant – Dave O'Brien (Community Liaison Officer)

Fourth Lieutenant - Steven Plath (Brigade Assets)

Fifth Lieutenant – James Orr (Trainee Lieutenant)

Communications Officer – Mark Petty

Secretary – Todd Birkbeck

Treasurer – Miriam Pickett

#### BACKYARD BURN OFFS IN BOOLARRA'S TOWNSHIP ARE ILLEGAL

The Brigade has been called out to several backyard burns within the town since the fire restrictions have been lifted. On one occasion, six local tankers were turned out to a reported house fire in Penaluna St that turned out to be a backyard burn off. It is obvious that there is some confusion over the legality of burning off in town. To clarify Latrobe City's bylaws relating to burning off, I will quote the relevant information: "For the township area of Boolarra (and all other townships in Latrobe City) all burning off is banned". This relates to all times of the year and not just within the prescribed Fire Danger Period.



*Making history – Our first female Captain. Pictured after the elections - Michelle Birkbeck (1st Lieutenant), Di Billingsley (Captain), Arthur Haynes (Visiting Operations Officer) and Miriam Pickett (Secretary).*



*Sure Constructions sealing the brigade's driveway.*

#### STATION DRIVEWAY ASHPHELTED

People would have noticed recently that Austin St has finally been sealed. In the process of this being done, the Boolarra Fire Brigade took the opportunity to get their driveway done also. The brigade would like to thank Sure Constructions for helping the brigade financially with this, as they covered the cost for the labour and the Brigade paid for materials only. The Brigade would also like to thank local earth moving contractor and Driffeld captain Tony Lawless for his help in this project as he made sure that the Brigade was looked after with other aspects. This has made a huge improvement to our station and is something we have wanted to do since the station was built. Now all we have to do is try and raise some funds to get the rest done.

continued next page





The CFA Weather Trailer set up at Peter Morrison's property on Grand Ridge Rd to record weather conditions that may have impacted the Mine Fire.

CFA WEATHER TRAILER

The Morwell Group of Brigades has its own Weather Trailer that is housed at the Hazelwood North Station. It measures temperature, humidity, wind speed, wind direction and dew point. This information is transmitted to the BOM every 10 seconds. It also has the capacity to send up balloons to measure wind speed and direction at various altitudes. During the recent mine fires it was positioned at Peter Morrison's farm on Grand Ridge Rd to alert fire fighters to any wind changes in direction and speed that may impact the fire. There are five weather trailers with two weather stations positioned across the state.

**Mirboo North & District  
Community Bank Branch®**

**Bendigo Bank**

**Community Grants Program 2014  
Applications for grants will open  
in late June 2014.**

**For information please contact :  
Peter Gardener - Executive Officer  
Strzelecki Ranges  
Community Enterprises Ltd**

**Ph 0448 478381  
Email : srcel1@bigpond.com**

**PROSPER VALLEY  
GRAVEL**

Bedding Sand, Gravel, Crushed Rock, Salamander,  
Domestic Water

Contact Dave for Free Quotes  
Phone: 51 696 462 Mobile: 0428 696 462 Email: pvg@speedweb.com.au

Prosper Valley Gravel Proudly Supports the Printing of our Local Newspaper

BOOLARRA FRIENDS OF THE



March is 'Red Cross Calling' month, and once again the Yinnar Scouts door-knocked the towns of Boolarra and Yinnar on our behalf. A very big "Thank you" to all the scouts and their parents, and of course, to all who so generously donated! The amounts raised were as follows:

Boolarra \$480.00

Yinnar \$616.00

We also had collections tins at various shops in Boolarra, Yinnar and Churchill, and these totalled \$122.35. Altogether, the grand total was \$1,218.35 - an excellent result!

Monday, 5 May was Bev's Fashion Parade, which was held at the Multi-Purpose Building. We were happy to welcome some newcomers, as well as the regulars, to a great afternoon's entertainment. Our models, Gary, Jean and Sue, looked very glamorous as they 'strutted their stuff' on the catwalk! Special thanks to Marg Halliday, who presided over the afternoon tea. The 'Mystery' Raffle was a huge success. We had seven gifts, all wrapped, so you didn't know what goodies you were getting! It was a wonderful afternoon and we raised \$402.00 to help needy families in Australia.

Our next fundraiser is the 'Big Cake Bake', to be held on Monday, 5 August at 10:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Building. This will be the fourth year we have hosted this, and this year will be 'extra special', as we will be celebrating the 100th Birthday of the Australian Red Cross. Come along and join the party - you may be one of the lucky ones to receive a birthday gift from the Red Cross! As well as the delicious morning tea, there will be slices and cakes for sale, and a special raffle with a cooking theme.

Glenys Morgan,  
Treasurer.

**BUILDING &  
MAINTENANCE  
SERVICE**

Boolarra & District  
registered builder

**Call Rod: 0409181823**



# Anzac Day Speech at Boolarra 2014



Ray Stewart's presenting his memorable Anzac Day address.

The year 1914 is considered to be the end of the pioneer period. Towns such as Boolarra had existed for over 30 years and were well established and thriving. Dairying was the main industry in the area and this also provided work in areas such as fencing and clearing. There was work in the bush and lots of employment here in the town itself where there were over 30 separate places of employment.

Apart from the first rabbits starting to appear in the area, 1914 was also the year Britain declared war on Germany, marking the beginning of the First World War.

The Australian Government pledged full support for Britain and offered to initially send a force of 20,000 men. The outbreak of war was greeted in Australia with great public enthusiasm.

Up until late 1915, volunteers exceeded the numbers required to form the initial units with many men being turned away. By the end of 1915, how-

ever military authorities became concerned that monthly enlistment numbers had dropped. Here in the Morwell Shire, 91% of those that enlisted had done so by the end of 1916.

The reason for the drop was thought to be a result of high number of casualties from Gallipoli during 1915 where the ANZACS suffered huge losses. Australia lost over 8,000 men in less than 9 months of fighting. New Zealand also lost 2,700 in the same period. Also, people back home here were seeing once fit men return with horrific injuries.

The authorities believed the answer was to organise campaigns to stimulate recruiting. Posters and newspaper advertisements began to appear seeking recruits, claiming 80 recruits per day were required from Victoria alone to replace soldiers killed or wounded in the fighting. Quite often during these recruitment drives the names of locals that had already enlisted would be put on display. Young men would then be encouraged to find a name of a mate on the list. The message would then be to enlist and give your mate a spell.

Any fit man in his 20's to 30's that had not enlisted was probably under a certain amount of pressure to do so. One response to the slow call to arms appeared in the Morwell Advertiser. The writer from Boolarra, wrote, that "men who are not prepared to go are becoming conspicuous".

After the evacuation of the ANZACS from Gallipoli, the AIF (Australian Imperial Force) was reorganised and expanded from two to five infantry divisions, all of which were progressively transferred to France beginning in March 1916.

It's at this point I want turn our attention to one man, Fredrick Norris Hanks.

Fred was born at Elmore here in Victoria on the last day of March 1878; he was one of thirteen children. It had been less than 50 years before that both his Grandparents had been transported to Tasmania for crimes committed back in England

- his Grandfather for stealing a donkey and his Grandmother for stealing silver spoons.

During October 1900, Fred aged 22, married 17 year old Victoria Hutchinson at Trentham. Their first child was born the following year and was to be the first of 12. Around 1907, Fred moved the family to Gippsland where for some time they lived in a tent.

On the 29th March 1916 during a recruitment campaign in Leongatha, Fred signed up to join



Fred Hanks, WWI Serviceman.

the Army, he was nearly 38 years old. He left Victoria in a small farm house at Nerrena, between Leongatha and Dumbalk, with their six surviving children. Two children had died only weeks apart during 1910.

Fred immediately started his 12 week basic training at Royal Park. In less than three months from enlisting, Fred was on board a troop ship for the six week voyage to England.

**SUPPLIES OF FINE STEEL BUILDINGS**

GARAGES & SHEDS  
CARPORTS  
PERGOLAS & PATIOS  
BARNES  
FARM SHEDS  
HORSE SHELTERS  
STABLES  
BIRD AVIARIES  
CHOOK SHEDS

**ASPIRE GARAGES- 5133 6911**

**513 PRINCES DRIVE MORWELL**

**Gippsland Solar**  
Making Gippsland More Sustainable

**\*Solar Power \* Solar Hot Water**

Gippsland Solar are the experts in Solar Power and Solar Hot Water. We specialise in premium quality systems, backed up by old-fashioned Customer Service.

**LOCAL COMPANY, BASED IN MIRBOO NORTH**

Why install Solar Power or Hot Water on your home?

- Add value to your home
- Save \$\$\$ by feeding power into the grid
- Protect yourself from rising electricity costs
- Minimise your impact on the Environment
- Take advantage of Government rebates while they last

Call Andy now for a FREE in-home quotation  
**Phone: 0405 139 169**  
andrew@gippslandsolar.com.au  
**www.gippslandsolar.com.au**

**BOOLLARRA PLANTS**

Good quality ferns, elks, stags and tree ferns available at very competitive prices.

For enquiries, please phone 51696355

**Thermomix**  
**The Smallest, Smartest Kitchen**

For a fun day with friends, have a home demonstration.

Please call Marietta on: 0427 548 554



Fred was sent to France during November 1916 and within three months had already been hospitalised suffering from trench feet. This was to be the first of several stints in hospital during the remainder of his time overseas.

On 29 September 1918, Lieutenant General Monash's Australian troops broke through the heavily fortified German Hindenburg Line - the last and strongest of their defences. The fighting lasted several days and resulted in heavy losses.

On 3 October, Fred's battalion encountered heavy enemy resistance near Beaurevoir. With his platoon pinned down, Fred rushed forward with his Lewis machine gun and engaged the enemy gun position with accurate and sustained fire, allowing his platoon to rush the position from the front and kill the occupants.

Then on the following day, as though Fred had a death wish, his platoon's advancement was held up by intense enemy fire from the ruins of a building. Fred again with his Lewis gun rushed across open ground and placed it on a bank only 100 yards from the enemy position. From here, Fred poured bursts of accurate fire onto the enemy gun position knocking it out of action and disabling its crew. It was reported that Fred's conspicuous gallantry avoided many casualties and allowed the Australians to secure the position.

The following day, 5 October, Fred's 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion were to be the last Australians to take part in the last action fought by the AIF on the Western Front. With enemy lines now completely broken, the Australians exhausted and depleted after 6 months of fighting without a break, were pulled back and rested.

As a result of Fred's acts of bravery his name appeared in the London Gazette on 3 July 1919 and His Majesty the King of England approved the awarding of the Military Medal to Fred during October the same year.

Fred departed from England during July 1919 and returned home to Australia to be re-united with

Victoria and his six kids at Nerrena.

Fred and Victoria continued to add to their family with another four children born after the war - making 10 surviving. The youngest of their children died last year.

One of those children born after the war was my Mum. You see Fred was my Grandad.

The last house they lived in together was the little fibro cement house that still stands today behind the Tarwin Vets building at Mirboo North. As a boy, I remember we often visited them and Grandad would usually sit alone in one of the back rooms or be out in the garden by himself. I used to think he walked funny. I now know why.

Fred and Victoria celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary at Leongatha in 1960, which was the last time I saw Grandad as he died 6 weeks later aged 82.

Grandma lived until 1972 and passed away when I was overseas in the Army.

Unlike the first troops that headed off overseas in 1914, Fred would have been fully aware of what he was getting himself into. Why would he do this? Was he just trying to get away from the missus and kids or maybe it was the money?

Like many who volunteered for service in this area, Fred was a farm labourer and the casual nature of rural employment at the time possibly did not measure up against the high wages being paid for service in the AIF. A married man like Fred could receive up to 8 shillings a day most of which could be sent back home to his wife.

It also has to be remembered that the relationship between Australia and Britain was much stronger then. A high percentage of Australians 100 years ago had parents or Grandparents that had emigrated from the British Isles and felt compelled to fight to save the mother country.

During 2009, when my wife Wendy and I were in France, we caught a train from Paris and travelled north to the town of Amiens where we started



*Anzac Day wreaths, placed by those who attended the Boolarra service.*

a battlefield tour. This took in many of the areas where the Australians fought and we were lucky enough to visit the area around Beaurevoir where Granddad was.

To this day, the French people in that area have not forgotten the huge sacrifice that the Australians had made. It is generally accepted that the breaching of the Hindenberg Line by the Australians was the significant turning point in the Allies' eventual victory.

We visited the French village of Villers - Bretonneux that was almost destroyed by the Germans during the War. During the 1920's, Victorian school children donated money towards the rebuilding of the school, which is named Victoria School. Wendy and I visited the school where there is huge sign erected in the playground with the words "Let us never forget Australia".

When the children heard about the Victorian Black Saturday bushfires in 2009, they wanted to help. The village raised \$21,000 to donate to the bushfire appeal.

If any of you have plans to take a trip to France in the future, I encourage you to spend a day doing the battlefield tour of the Somme.

For Australia, the First World War remains the most costly conflict in terms of deaths and casualties. From a population of fewer than 5 million, 416,809 men and women enlisted, of which over 61,000 were killed and over 156,000 were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner.


At the battle at Fromelles, the Australians incurred over 5,500 casualties in one night of which over 2,000 men were killed.

Today we live in one of the best counties in the world. I wonder how different life would have been if those men and women who gave so much had not stopped the Germans in their quest to gain world domination?

Even many of those who survived, such as my Grandad, were clearly affected for the rest of their lives.

*Ray Stewart.*

**LKJ CARRIERS**  
&  
**JAMES TRANSPORT**  
LIVESTOCK & GENERAL CARRIERS  
**KEVIN & LEON**



**PHONE:**  
0428537684  
OR  
0429682218  
**FAX:**  
03 56682219

PO BOX: MIRBOO NORTH  
VIC 3871  
e-mail: [asj.101@bigpond.com](mailto:asj.101@bigpond.com)

**HAZELWOOD  
PROPERTY  
MAINTENANCE**

*Small or Large Lawns  
Gutters / Window Cleaning  
Pruning / Weed Eradication*

**Mark & Sandra Maynard**

**PH / FAX: 03 5163 1782**  
**MOBILE: 0412 549 376**  
**[hazelpm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hazelpm@optusnet.com.au)**



## Boolarra Post Office Natters

Football is well under way for this year. And aren't the guys and the netball girls doing so well this year so far? Let's all get behind the Boolarra Demons in the football as well as in netball. We want to see them up near the top of the ladder this year again, don't we? And then go on to win the flag.

We lost a legend recently in Jack Richards. Boy, could he tell you a thing or two about our town and its history. He will be sorely missed. We also lost another well known local in Noel Fox in April. These men were great to listen to and learn from. They will be missed in this community.

We have gained a few new faces around town. It's always nice to welcome new people to Boolarra. We hope they stay a while and get involved in the community - exchange some ideas and make suggestions if they think the town can improve by it.

Doesn't the shop look good with its face-lift? Well done Mick and Robyn.

We have had a few fresh vegies to give away again which is always a nice feeling. Fresh is always nicer don't you agree?

We have a lot to do in our garden now that we have started to get back to normal. Just need the time and that will happen.

I do want to give our thanks to everyone who has supported us during a very trying time the last few months. It would have been a much harder road to travel without your much appreciated help.

*Gwenda and Roger.*

## BOOLARRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

We arrived at the History Trivia Night last Tuesday only to find that our long-term mentor and member Jack Richards had passed away that morning. We pressed on with the meeting formalities as long as we had to but then fell to recalling stories and events from Jack's long involvement with the town and its people. There are few people in Boolarra who have not been touched by Jack's helpful advice and initiatives. He was the 'go-to' man when problems arose in the town. His humorous take on life and can-do attitude made him a stimulating presence on any committee he joined (and there were many). He drew people around him and inspired them to work hard. He didn't spare himself either. Of course, to get things done, he had to have a bit of the enforcer about him but working with him was a lively experience as we heard from Edgar Owen who trucked much of the local stock to Jack's cattle sales.

Jack was born in 1928 and lived and went to school at Budgeree and Hazelwood. After a rather unhappy stint working in Melbourne (who can forget his story of the peanut butter sandwiches?) he returned to work at the Boolarra Butter Factory until it closed. He then got into his stride as a cream truck driver around the district, bringing bread and provisions to outlying farms and taking back their cream cans to the factory in Mirboo North. This is how he got his intimate knowledge of road networks and (no less important) of the family connections of the Boolarra and Mirboo North districts. Jack's stories of the cream run were hilarious. He began work then with Ray Robbins for Gippsland and Northern at the cattle sales and became a very effective salesman and auctioneer. Watching him work the crowds and onlookers at the monthly sales was a joy. He was as much at home with Smorgan sharpies as he was with local cockies.

Jack's big event was the Boolarra Centenary Celebrations in 1984. He and the committee worked non-stop for many months. All arrangements seemed to be on track. But as Ian Hibbins remembers: "A few days before the Centenary, Jack announced that the town didn't have a disabled toilet and there were some people coming that would require one. He insisted it should be added to the existing toilet opposite the post office. The exhausted committee blanched at the thought of the red tape and stonewalling to face from the various bureaucracies. It couldn't possibly be done in time. The next morning Jack went doorknocking and fist thumping to the authorities in the Valley. That night a phone call came from Jack saying "It's a goer!" With the help of Ian, his brother, and the rest of the committee the toilet was finished and christened the day before the Centenary. It was always known as 'Dingo's Dunny'. Jack's nickname from his footy days". Boolarra will miss Jack Richards. The Boolarra Historical Society offers its condolences to his family.

The Boolarra Historical Museum is open on the 1st Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 pm, or by appointment with the Secretary, Mengar Hibbins (5169 6216). The Boolarra and District Historical Society meets at the Boolarra Museum on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome, and information on our activities can be obtained from Mengar Hibbins (5169 6216), Judy Webster (5169 6351) or Beth Price (5169 6241).

WARM UP WITH  
FANTASTIC FIREWOOD

Generous Ute Load  
Unsplit  
but ready-to-burn

\$75

Phone Alan for  
FAST DELIVERY

5169 1573

Phone: 0498 600 777

**JAG CLEANING &  
MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

- FULLY INSURED
- POLICE CHECK
- CLEANING
- HANDYMAN
- CARPET CLEANING
- DEODORISING

**Gift Vouchers Available  
for Christmas**

ABN 84 341 891 261 JAG7770001

Email: [jag\\_services@bigpond.com](mailto:jag_services@bigpond.com)  
JAG - Cleaning & Maintenance



**Homemade Mediterranean Cuisine**

**Escargot and Non-escargot meals**

*Homemade cakes & desserts with a difference*

*Now also serving High Tea*

**Open 7 days a week**

**10:00 am to 8:30 pm**

**Licensed**

**10 Old Nichols Road  
2.5 km out of Mirboo North  
off the Grand Ridge Road**

**Phone - 5668 1589**





Autumn is here and that means the cold weather will be with us very shortly, so now is the time to have a look at the family wardrobes to see what will fit and what will not, and what needs to be bought to keep everyone warm.

Our Lifeline Shop in Churchill will have lots of good quality used winter clothing for all the family, so why not pop in and see what we have, you will be able to pick up some terrific bargains? As well as clothing for the family, we also have bedding for your much-loved pets.

We also stock books, crockery, linen, footwear, craft, and especially on Monday morning, whilst they last, we have plants for your garden.

If you are new to the area why not call in and check out what we have on offer? If you can't find what you want, just ask one of our friendly shop volunteers and they will endeavour to help you. Our aim is to get you to leave our shop as a very satisfied customer.

We are very proud that eleven of our twenty-seven volunteers at the shop have been awarded the 'Lifeline National Golden Wattle Award' in appreciation of over 15 years of ongoing support to Lifeline.

Just recently Betty Shore, Joan Sikkema, Barb Blackburne, Emma Pooley, Bernice Van Rossum, Ray Sharman and Eric Deppeler were all presented with the award by the then acting CEO of Lifeline Gippsland, Patricia Nalder. These wonderful volunteers now join Janet Fyfe, Janel Lee, Jackie McLure and Annette Deppeler whom have already been with our Lifeline Churchill shop for over 15 years.

The Churchill Shop is located in the Churchill Hazelwood Village Complex of shops, next door to the Medical Centre, and is open each weekday from 9:30am until 3:45pm.

## **CHURCHILL HOT BREAD**

*For ALL your  
BREAD & PASTRY  
requirements*

**HOT PIES**

*Take-away Cappuccinos  
& Lattes*

*Now available*

**CATERING AVAILABLE**

**Monday to Friday - 7am - 5.30pm**

**Saturday & Sunday - 7am - 2pm**

**5122 3255**

# Trivia Night

After years of losing loved ones (including the death of my mother at only 49 years old) and watching family and friends suffer with this debilitating disease, my partner Rob Franssen and I have decided to participate in a two day, 200km major cycling event called the Ride to Conquer Cancer that benefits the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

On 25 and 26 October this year we will be cycling over 200 km on our tandem bicycle throughout scenic Victoria starting at Albert Park in the city through to Hastings on the Mornington Peninsula with thousands of other riders.

In order to participate in this event, we need to raise a total of \$5000, with every dollar raised going directly to the Peter Mac Cancer Centre. While we have gained some corporate sponsorship for this event, we still have quite a way to go.

We kicked off our major fundraising efforts with a Trivia Night at the Boolarra Football Club rooms. This event saw us raise \$463 with a total of \$800 raised so far.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their fantastic support of this event donating prizes, time and venue:

*Gippsland Solar  
Craig Young's Butcher  
Abingdon Market IGA  
Boolarra Store and Newsagency  
Deirdre Toi Lereve Consultant  
Ridgeway Discounts  
96 on the Ridge  
Brava Hair  
The Wrens Nest Bookstore  
Commercial Hotel Mirboo North  
Grand ridge Brewery  
Boolarra Football/Netball club*

First prize was a rechargeable drill kit courtesy of Ridgeway Country Store; second Prize a meat hamper from Craig Young's Butcher and third prize was a meal voucher from Commercial Hotel Mirboo North. Raffles, a coin toss, and lucky numbers were also a few of the games played on the night. Rob Franssen did a wonderful job as MC and quizmaster dressed in full cycling regalia from his efforts in last years Epic Ride.

We would like to say very special thank you to all those that came along for the night and supported our cause, especially those that travelled long distances. Our next Trivia Night will be held at the same venue, Boolarra Football Club rooms, 7.30 pm on 12 July. Entry is \$10, BYO supper and drinks available at the bar. Bookings are now being taken for this event by phone on 0438 562 113.

*Thank you,  
Dale Stephenson.*

## **About Lifeline Gippsland**

Lifeline Gippsland is a Gippsland based not for profit community organisation dedicated to providing suicide prevention services to the Gippsland area and beyond through a 24 hour telephone counselling service.

*Media Contact: CEO, Claire Davis 5136 3500.*

## **Craig Young Butchery Gourmet Meats**

**Specialising in bulk meats**

**Fresh Fish Friday**

*Have your stock slaughtered, cut-up,  
packed & frozen to your requirements*

**Phone Orders Taken**

**90 Ridgway, Mirboo North**

**Ph: 5668 1632**

*Superb Spit Roasts*

*& Catering Available*

**Proprietors: Fiona & Craig Young**

## **KEN GRAEME MOTORS**

**24 Hour Towing &**

**Breakdown Service**

**42 Burchell Lane, Mirboo North 3871**

**ALL Mechanical Repairs**

**Tyres & Batteries**

**Free vehicle pick-up**

**& drop-off in Boolarra**

**Phone/Fax: 5668 1360**

**After Hours:**



**RACV**

**0408 681 360**

**We're there for you**

**Licenced Vehicle Tester  
& Service Centre**



# GTK NEWS



## WORK AT HALL

You may have noticed that there has been some work happening at our hall, with new signs and some landscaping around the oak tree. Thanks go to Latrobe City, who provided the grant for this, Boolarra Community Development Group who approved our application for the grant, Strzelecki Scouts who gave the tick of approval, and Boolarra Men's Shed members who did the work ... and to Val Henderson who donned her 'bloke' hat and pitched in with the planting.

## RELATIONSHIPS SEMINAR

We will be holding a Building Better Relationships Seminar on Saturday 28 June at 2pm. This seminar is not aimed specifically at Christians, and looks at ways that you can improve your relationships with your life partner, family and friends. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be taken.

## GLORY AID

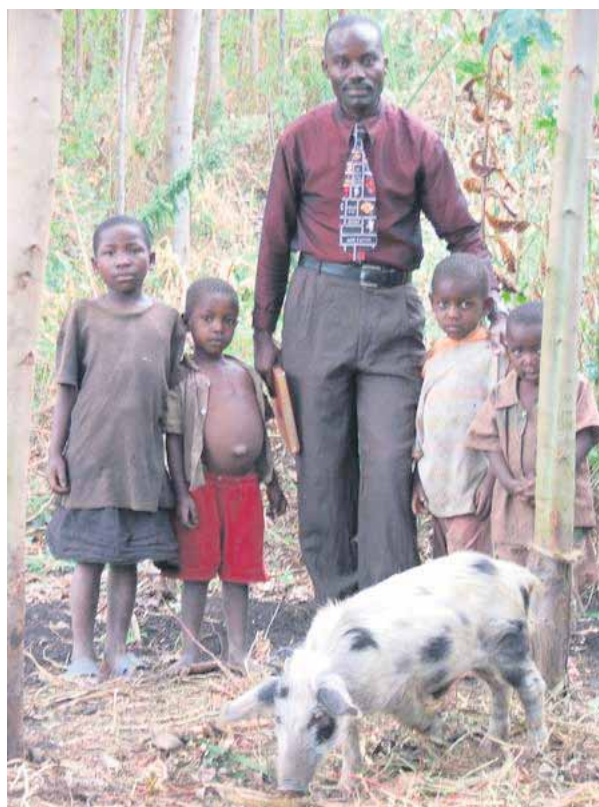
So far this year our humanitarian arm, Glory Aid, has been able to send donations to two projects in Africa: one in Uganda and one in Kenya, both of which are breeding pigs as a means of raising funds to support their orphanages. In the Kenya project, the children are given a piglet to care for until it is old enough to go to market, thus teaching them responsibility at the same time as raising much needed income.

We have also been able to help a program in the Philippines that provides meals for children who live on a dumpsite. The van used to transport the meals had broken down, meaning that the program would not be able to continue. Our donation has enabled them to repair the van and continue the program.

Here in Australia we have been raising funds for our Kids Sleep Warm Project, to provide sleeping bags for homeless kids. In May, we were able to

buy 70 good quality sleeping bags (plus one that was donated) which we have passed on to the Latrobe Valley Aboriginal Health Service, who have distributed them to needy kids. This will be an ongoing project throughout the year.

We can only do these things because of the generosity of the wonderful people who drop their coins into our collection tins when we have appeal days. A big thank you to you all.



*Pastor Patrick Kagenda Job from Uganda with some of the children and one of the pigs.*

## SPONSORS NEEDED

We desperately need sponsors for 25 children who live on the dumpsite in the Philippines. Some of these children are orphans, some have one or both parents, but for various reasons they are not able to support the family. They spend their days foraging the dumpsite for food and any items that they might be able to sell to earn a little money. For \$40 a month, sponsorship can

provide a child with food, clothing, health care, and most importantly education which will allow them to break out of the poverty cycle. To sponsor a child, please contact us at PO Box 432, Churchill 3842.

## YOUR CHANCE TO WIN \$10,000

PayPal Australia is currently running a competition in which you have the opportunity to win \$10,000. Simply go to either of our web sites, glorytotheking.net (our main ministry site) or gloryaid.gtkmi.com (the Glory Aid site) and make a donation using the PayPal button and paying from your PayPal account. You can donate without a PayPal account, but to enter the competition you must have one. If you don't have one already, it is easy and free to sign up at PayPal.com. You can nominate whether you want your donation to be used for ministry work or Glory Aid. The competition closes 30 June.



## BOOLARRA CEMETRY TRUST

The Trust is happy to welcome two new members, Marilyn Williams and Ron Armstrong. They will each serve a five year term, along with Les Hunt and Scott Price, who have both been re-appointed for a second five year term.

The grounds are looking beautiful at present, with new plants, trees and bushes pruned and lots of mulching. We have had many positive comments from visitors on how attractive the Cemetery is looking, due to the sterling efforts of Marilyn and her husband Ken. Thanks must also go to Bill and Ron Armstrong.

The Monumental Lawn Section is currently being extended with an extra three rows. Many thanks to Bill and Ron Armstrong together with Mike and Matt Gleeson who have done a wonderful job and in the process saved the Trust a substantial amount of money.

We are currently investigating funding to bitumen seal the driveway. This is a much needed project as we are currently re-surfacing the driveway with rock every 6-12 months. As the cost of the bitumen works will be extensive, we are hoping for a grant to assist with the project.

We are also currently very busy in researching the 15 names of returned servicemen who are eligible for the 'Poppy Tile' (see separate article for details). We would like to have this completed by August for the 100th anniversary of the commencement of World War I – more information to come in the next issue.

*Glenys Morgan,  
Secretary.*



*Rev. Dr. Lynn Fowler hands over sleeping bags to Sam Lawless from Latrobe Aboriginal Health Service.*





## BOOLARRA AND DISTRICT HORSE AND TRAIL RIDING CLUB

When we first started this Club, many members requested a safe area to ride, and to undertake Horsemanship Clinics. An enclosed, safe area helps build the confidence they need to be able to hit the trails and offers others an area to ride when the bush trails become too wet. It also provides a place to undertake Horsemanship Clinics.

After a couple of brief meetings with Yinnar South Pony Club, we are very pleased to announce that we have now achieved this very important goal.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful relationship with the Committee and Members of the Pony Club and both parties are sure that our alliance will prove to be beneficial to all concerned.



Cooling off at the spectacular Blue Pools near Briagalong.

Our Blue Pools Ride on 23 March was held in unfamiliar grounds and attracted 24 riders and 7 support crew with 14 members/families choosing to arrive on Saturday and camp over.

In the words of

one of our riders: "On arriving at 'The Quarries' my mouth dropped open, wow, what a beautiful place. I couldn't believe how inviting and friendly the area appeared. There were plenty of camping areas and plenty of open areas. We pulled up at our camping spot and with the help of our better halves, set up paddocks for our four-legged friends and got them settled."

"After our Horseless Muster, with rules and regulations out of the way, everyone mounted their trusty steeds and headed off across the rocky creek, then straight up a hill that took the wind and itchininess out of most horses."

"We finally arrived at the 'Blue Pools' and what a magical place this was. I can't wait to come back to this area. It was so sheltered and very beautiful to look at."

Snake Island Ride ... I'll leave this one up to Jenny: "All I can say, as a first timer to Snake Island, is WOW! We weren't in the water long, my nerves had settled and my horse just started to steam ahead. I started to feel not only excited but so privileged to be able to experience the crossing over to the Island. Steve led us to each marker and we just followed like sheep through water that was up to my horses' belly. We chatted all the way across about the ride and the anticipation of getting over to the Island. Feeling relaxed and chatting away, I didn't realise that there was a channel coming up. In mid sentence to a fellow rider, my horse started swimming across the first channel. Laughing, we gathered up our reins and just hung on. Before we knew it, we arrived at Little Snake Island and an hour later we were at our home-away-from-home. A little drizzle on arrival couldn't dampen our spirits. After the horses were fed and watered, we settled down and chatted around the fire into the night. A huge thank you to the Cattlemen who organise and lead these rides. They do a fantastic job."

April, and back in familiar grounds, at Martin Walker Park and riding Colley's Road with a small number of riders. I think the weather turning cool put quite a few off, however, we still had a great day. For one of our youngest riders it was her first time out on such a long ride. Well done Rosie! Back at camp, we were greeted by the sizzle of the BBQ and the boiling of the billy. Steve, Jenny and Thomas had everything under control, thanks guys you did a wonderful job.

We have many great rides planned and we will share these with you as they happen. Until then, happy riding!

Di Sharman,  
Treasurer.



Participants gather on the Blue Pools ride, led by cattlemen on this occasion.

Advertisement

**Russell Northe** MLA  
Member For Morwell

I encourage you to contact me if I can be of assistance on any State Government matter.

66 George Street  
Morwell VIC 3840  
ph 03 5133 9088 fax 03 5133 9388  
russell.northe@parliament.vic.gov.au

Authorised by Russell North MLA, 66 George Street, Morwell Vic 3840

[www.russellnorthe.com.au](http://www.russellnorthe.com.au)

**Yinnar Fuel & Farm Supplies**  
**David & Jan Holt**  
**"Farmers Dealing With Farmers"**

**GREAT RANGE - GREAT SERVICE**

... we pride ourselves on being an independently owned & operated Fuel & Farm Supplies Store offering old fashioned, friendly driveway service & free produce delivery too! ...

**"ONE STOP SHOPPING AT ITS BEST"**

**(03) 5163 1240**  
52 Main Street  
Yinnar Vic 3869

### Easy Peasy...

We help people across Gippsland design and build their own websites. We can help you build, or we can build a website completely for you.

Global experience, local people.  
Reasonable rates.



#### Contact Luke now

0418 530 682

[luke@charlie-mac.com](mailto:luke@charlie-mac.com)

[web.charlie-mac.com](http://web.charlie-mac.com)

**Charlie Mac**  
and Associates



# BOOLARRA FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDATION CLUB M.G.F.L. 1935  
WEB SITE: [www.boolarrafc.vcfl.com.au](http://www.boolarrafc.vcfl.com.au)

The Boolarra Football Netball Club was recently very saddened on the loss of past players Noel Fox and Jack Richards. Both played many seasons of football with the club with Noel playing in the 1955 and 1958 Senior Premierships and winning five Senior Best & Fairest awards. Condolences go out to the Fox and Richards families and friends on their very sad losses.

On a happier note with the season just completing Round 7 of the MGFL Season, the club now has a week off for the Mid Gippsland Interleague Carnival where the league plays the Ellinbank Football League at Warragul on 24 May. Boolarra footballers selected in this team were Daniel Metcalf, Ken Towt, Andrew Thorpe, Darryl Mayman and Jesse Giardina.

The Senior and Reserves team have had a good start to the season with coach Tony Giardina at the helm again with new Reserves Coach being ex Senior Captain Simon Buglisi. Captain of the Senior team is Daniel Metcalf, and for the Reserves is Thomas Beamish.

**Round 1** started off with a loss to Yinnar at home in good conditions. Yinnar 15.17.107 to Boolarra 7.7.49 with a 6 goal to 1 goal third quarter being very costly in the outcome of the game. Best Players were M. Buglisi, D. Wilson, K. Towt, J. Emery, C. Riseley & D. Mayman. K. Towt kicked 2 goals. The Reserves also started the season with a 9.12.66 to 3.9.27 loss to Yinnar. Best Players were T. Beamish, R. Beamish, J. Wilson, and L. Lewis & T. Tobin.

**Round 2** was played against Trafalgar with the Seniors having a great 21 point win muchly due to a great 4 goal to 0 goal first quarter. Boolarra 11.8.74 to Trafalgar 7.11.53. Best Players: A. Thorpe, J. Emery, K. Towt, M. Buglisi, T. Auld & S. Mazou. S. Mazou and J. Emery kicked 3 goals each. The Reserves went down by 15 points in a hard fought out encounter. Scores being: Trafalgar 11.10.76 to Boolarra 9.7.61. Best players J. Wilson, M. Dunn, J. Dudek, M. Windsor, R. Beamish and T. Beamish. J. Dudek kicked 4 goals with S. Cooper & T. Tobin 2 each.

**Round 3** was another hard fought game against Newborough with the latter being just 4 points up at 3 quarter time but running out 21 point winners. Newborough 9.7.61 to Boolarra 5.10.40. Best Players were A. Thorpe, K. Towt, M. Buglisi, J. Battersby, D. Mayman & C. Riseley. Goalkickers S. Tobin kicked 2 goals. The Reserves also went down but never gave in, outscoring Newborough in the second half by 4 goals. Best Players T. Beamish, J. Wilson, T. Tobin, K. Foley, B. Ellis & J. Rasmus. Goalkickers were J. Rasmus 4, G. Smith, D. Loprese & T. Tobin 2 each.

**Round 4** was played against Mir-



boo North with the Seniors going down to a better team on the day. Mirboo North 13.14.92 to Boolarra 7.8.50. Best players were J. Holmes, S. Fox, T. Auld, J. Emery, J. Giardina & D. Wilson. J. Giardina kicked 4 goals. Reserves broke through for thier first win of the season with a solid performance all game. Boolarra 10.7.67 to Mirboo North 4.13.37. Best players T. Tobin, L. Lewis, M. Dunn, G. Smith, J. Wilson & H. Grima. Goalkickers were T. Tobin and J. Rasmus 3 each, G. Smith 2 goals.

**Round 5** saw Boolarra Seniors bounce back with vengeance at home again to record a big win against Hill End 15.2.92 to 4.3.27. Best Players were D. Mayman, J. Giardina, K. Towt, J. Battersby, D. Metcalf & A. Thorpe. Goalkickers were J. Giardina 6 and M. Van Dyke 4, S. Mazou 2 each. The Reserves also scored their second win in a row with a solid 28 point win against Hill End. Boolarra 9.14.68 to Hill End 6.4.40. Best players were S. Cooper, C. Noy, D. Brand, L. Lewis, E. Stanton & P. Gilpin. Goalkickers were J. Rasmus, S. Cooper, D. Brand and P. Gilpin 2 goals each.

**Round 6** was a great come from behind victory against a much improved Thorpdale outfit with Sam Mazou scoring a goal with minimal time left to win by a goal. Boolarra 9.16.70 to Thorpdale 9.10.64. Best players were M. Van Dyke, N. Hider, T. Dowe, D. Wilson, D. Mayman and J. Giardina. Goalkickers J. Giardina 3 goals, D. Wilson and M. Van Dyke 2 each. The Reserves won their third game on the trot with a big win against Thorpdale. Boolarra 15.15.105 to Thorpdale 5.3.33. Best Players were D. Brand, G. Smith, M. Dunn, C. Noy, L. Lewis and P. Gilpin. Goalkickers were P. Gilpin 4, S. Cooper 3 and D. Brand 2.

**Round 7** saw Boolarra travel to Yarragon for a good consistent game of football to win their fourth game of the season. Boolarra 20.14.134 to Yarragon 12.11.83. Best Players were S. Mazou, A. Thorpe, J. Giardina, J. Battersby, and D. Wilson and M. Windsor. Goalkickers were S. Mazou and J. Giardina 7 each, D. Metcalf 3. The Reserves won their fourth game on the trot with a hard fought out struggle against Yarragon. Boolarra 8.15.63 to Yarragon 7.9.51. Best players were J. Vuillermin, P. Gilpin, T. Holley, L. Lewis, T. Beamish and G. Smith. Goalkickers were P. Gilpin 3 and J. Rasmus 2 each.

May 31 brings the much awaited T- Rex Night to the Boolarra FNC Social Rooms.

June 28 brings the Annual Mid Year Ball, which will be held at the Boolarra Memorial Hall. Tickets will need to be pre-booked.

The Mid Gippsland Football League is raffling a car (Volkswagen Polo 4 door hatch, valued at \$20,000 and supported by Massaro Motors) on behalf of all the clubs. Tickets are on sale for \$5 each and all the money goes to Boolarra FNC. So if you want a ticket, please contact a committee member.

The Boolarra Football Netball Club would like to thank their valuable sponsors for their ongoing support during Season 2014 and ask that you get behind these businesses as they support our community club.



Boolarra forward Jesse Giardina at Mid Gippsland Interleague.



Boolarra defender Ken Towt at Mid Gippsland Interleague.

**The Boolarra Football Netball Club would like to thank their valuable sponsors for Season 2013 and welcome them back for Season 2014 we ask that you get behind these businesses as they support our community club.**

Prorent, Tony Antonelli Accounting, Lincon Hire & Services, Boolarra Pub, Anish Parekh The Good Guys, Mirboo North & District Community Bank, Slater & Gordon, Boolarra Fish Farm, Gibson Groundspread, Latrobe City, Owen Transport, Yinnar Community Hotel, Morwell Club, Boolarra Post Office, Trafalgar Mens & Boyswear, Tradeweld, Valley Trophy Centre, Soroptimist International, Strzelecki Plumbing, J Smith Motors, Monacellers Wine & Spirits, Palms Apartments, Prosper Valley Excavations, Valleywide Tree Services, Windmill Ag, Riviera Display Kitchens, Mirboo North Golf Club, Kennedy Haulage/ Driffield Quarries, Prosper Valley Gravel, G & C Plasters, Out of Dough, Willaton Transport, BJ Bennett & Co Real Estate, Onsite Welding Services, Benson Timber & Hardware, Latrobe Valley Funeral Services, Bellebanne, Gatts Panel Works, Willys Bobcat hire, Homepak, Norm Oliver Butchers, GM Conveyancing, Young Signs, Pazzaz Printing, Latrobe Eyecare, Samantha Brick Health & Massage, Russell Northe, McDonalds, Morwell Tenpins, KFC Churchill, Future Flicks, Massaro Motors, Alfresh 2 Go



# BOOLARRA NETBALL CLUB

FOUNDATION CLUB M.G.F.L. 1935  
WEB SITE: [www.boolarrafc.vcfl.com.au](http://www.boolarrafc.vcfl.com.au)



Well, it's almost halfway through the season and so far we have played five home games. It's been a busy first half, so there will be quite a few away games in the second half.

Our teams are doing well, with C Grade leading the Club, sitting in top position on the ladder having had only one loss so far. Their coach has had them doing a lot of strength and conditioning training and is really pleased with their progress. C Grade will definitely be a strong chance come finals this season.

The A grade girls are doing OK, hoping to have a stronger run home in the second half of the season with the return of a couple of new mums and the near return of an injured player from last year. The Club is quietly confident that girls will give the other teams a bit more work when they meet in the second round.

B Grade and D Grade have had a slow start to the season, both sitting in sixth position and hoping for a better second half and a few more wins.

The 17&Unders are yet to have a win but the girls are showing some promise and will improve as the season continues. 15& Unders have had two wins so far, over Yarragon and Thorpdale, to place them in eighth position, which is very encouraging.

Then we have our 13&Under team and 11&Under team that play in Churchill at the indoor Stadium. The girls are very lucky to be able to play in such fantastic facilities.

Both teams are doing really well and their skills are improving each week. Five of the 11&Under girls represented the Churchill Indoor Netball Association at a recent tournament in Traralgon. Thank you to their parents for helping support the girls on the day. The five players were Lexi Redpath, Caterina Reiske, Brooke Herbert, Eve Cornell and Jorja Oddy, Well done for representing your Association.

For the 9&Under age group or younger girls, we have the Net-Set-Go Program being run at Churchill which some of the girls have been attending. Last week they received their special pack containing a netball and a tee shirt from Netball Victoria.

Junior training is at the courts on Thursday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Congratulations go to Tessa Anderson. She is our Captains' Camp nominee for 2014. Thank you for making the commitment. We hope you enjoy the experience and represent your club well.

At the Club there has been a huge baby boom over the past few months so congratulations to all the families - almost too many to mention: Rebecca Crick, Nicole Donelan and Nicole Jennings from A Grade, and Lanika Dyer, Bec Smith and Bec Oddy (Club members). It's good to hope that all the little ones might play football or netball in future years just like their Mums and Dads.

Finally, the Boolarra Football Netball Club would like to say a HUGE thank-you to all the wonderful ladies of our community that have willingly put their hand up to bake for the recent spate of funerals in town. It is great to be able to offer the goodness of home-made cakes and treats. It's good to know that when we need a hand, you are all just a phone call away.

The Social Clubrooms can be booked for private functions throughout the year. Just call the number in the Directory at the back of the Boolarra Link.

*Jackie McGlade.*

# BOOLARRA PONY CLUB



*At Boolarra Ponyclub Gymkhana  
2014.*

I'm happy to report that our Gymkhana, which was postponed back in February because of the extreme heat conditions at the time, went ahead on Easter Sunday 20 April. According to the feedback we have had from some of the competitors who attended, a great day was enjoyed by everyone.

The Boolarra Pony Club would like to thank their valuable sponsors, because without their support, this event would not be possible:

Horseland Traralgon, Alpine Country Tackle World Morwell, Rennicks Conveyancing Morwell, Traralgon Veterinary Centre, Boolarra Fish Farm, Hazelwood Hydraulics, Latrobe City, Zaniti Hair Studio Churchill, Affinage Colour, Optec, Richard Horseman Solicitor Morwell, Paint Place Morwell, Ashmark Pony Stud, Strzelecki Engineering Mirboo North, Equiluxe Horse Floats, JW & HL O'Connor Pty Ltd, Morwell Bowling Club, Boolarra Post Office, Dale Williamson Horse Rugs Traralgon, Ken Graeme Motors Mirboo North, Progressive Felling Service Ltd, Moe Veterinary Centre, McRoberts & Sons Pty Ltd Morwell, Jack Scotts & Sons Traralgon, ProRent Morwell, Mirboo North & District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank), Shaky Spear Takeaway Traralgon, Gippsland Treated Pine Morwell, F & J Metal Fabrications Aust P/L, Pizza Boys Morwell, Churchill Post Office.

We ask that you get behind these businesses, as they support our community Club.

Our Club recently held its annual AGM, and our congratulations go to Cheryl Howard and Keisha Mills, both of whom received Life Membership of the Club. The two girls have been members of our Club for the best part of 20 years as riding members, and have now moved into the area of coaching and mentoring the younger riders within the Club.

At the AGM, as president, I spoke about our past, reminding the membership that in less than 3 years our Club will turn 50. On 24 February 1967, our Club commenced as the 'Mirboo Pony Club' and rallies were originally held at the Mirboo Recreational Reserve. It took up permanent residence at the Boolarra Memorial Park in 1975, and underwent an official name change to the 'Boolarra Pony Club' in May 1982. The planning will commence soon on how we as a Club should celebrate this historical event.

*Gary Mills,  
President, Boolarra Pony Club.*



## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Organisation	Contact Name	Phone	Organisation	Contact Name	Phone
Alcoholics Anonymous	Bert	0408 598 215	Bushfire Recovery Memorial	Rob & Marietta Herni	5169 6355
Boolarra Book Club & Blazers Walking Group	Robert Lubawski		Catholic Church	Fr Hugh Brown	5122 2226
Boolarra Bowling Club	John Lubawski	5169 6494	Cooperating Church	Brenda Burney	5122 1480
Boolarra Cemetery Trust	Tony Snell	5169 6762	Cricket Club	Jack Cleaver	5169 6428
Boolarra & District Horse and Trail Riding Club	Glenys Morgan	5169 6721	Folk Festival	Ray Stewart	5169 6275
Boolarra CFA	Di Sharman	0412 896 684	Friends of the Morwell River	Catheryn Thompson	0435 048 153
Boolarra Community Development Group	Dave O'Brien	5169 6462	Glory to the King Christian Community	Rev Lynn Fowler	5169 6788
Boolarra Netball / Football Club	Colin Brick	5163 1212	Grand Ridge Rail Trail	Rev Fran Marston	5169 6263
Scial Rooms	Jackie McGlade	5169 6507	Justice of the Peace	Neil Trease	5668 1580
Change Rooms	Russell McGlade	5169 6507		Matt Gleeson	0427 696 461
Boolarra Historical Society		5169 6448		Gwenda Pither	5169 6209
Boolarra Multi-Purpose Building		51696 793		Jack Richards	5169 6283
Boolarra Play Group	Mengar Hibbins	5169 6210	Latrobe CC Fire Recovery	Heather Farley	5128 5648
Boolarra Pre-school	Sue Warren	5169 6395	Local Emergency Action Plan	John Harris	0431 972 672
Boolarra Primary School	Lauren Brownscombe	51696505	Memorial Hall	Roz Carstairs	5169 6445
Boolarra Quilting Group	Joy Barnes	0423096391	Memorial Park	Colin Brick	5163 1212
Boolarra Red Cross	Leanne Emond	5169 6471	Men's Shed	Jeff Henderson	0411 319 326
Boolarra South Land Care	Linda Minter	5169 6702	Open Garden Day	Jill Simmons	5169 6516
Boolarra Tennis Club	Glenys Morgan	5169 6721	Police Report	Gary Mills	5169 6222
Boolarra Wool & Spinning Group	Linda Minter	5169 6702	Pony Club	Gary Mills	5169 6222
Boolarra & Yinnar Community Recovery Committee	Samantha Brick	5163 1212	Relay For Life	Gwenda Pither	5169 6209
Boolarra Youth Theatre Group	Lois Thornton	0400 722 716	Russell Northe	Russell Northe	5133 9088
Budgerie Hall	Colin Brick	5163 1212	Scouts	Sylvia Sauppe	5169 6321
	Garryelle Rose	5116 5163	Stroke Support Group	Paul Howells	5623 5598
	Bruce Hall	5169 1573	Wildlife Assistance	Jean Quick	5169 6606
			Yinnar Community Garden	Catheryn Thompson	0435 048 153

**PLEASE NOTE:-** If there are changes to the Community Directory information, please notify the Boolarra Link Editor:  
**Sylvia Sauppe on 5169 6321 or [editorthelink@gmail.com](mailto:editorthelink@gmail.com)**

### Church Services in Boolarra & Yinnar

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tarwin Street, Boolarra.

**Mass** at 10:30am on 2nd & 4th Sunday in Boolarra &

10:30am on 1st & 3rd Sunday in Yinnar.

**Liturgy** at 10:30am on 2nd Tuesday of the month

Contact - Pam Crowley 5169 6465 or  
Denise Schiller 5169 6425

#### ANGLICAN & UNITING CHURCHES

##### IN CO-OPERATION

Tarwin Street, Boolarra

1st Sunday 11:00am & 2nd Sunday 10:00am  
in Boolarra

3rd Sunday 11:00am & 4th Sunday 10:00am  
in Yinnar

Contact Robert Lubawski 5169 6494

#### GLORY TO THE KING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Church service 4pm every Sunday  
(Healing service 1st Sunday of each month)  
Mid-week worship 7:30pm every Thursday  
(in private home for winter months)

The Quiet Place

Open for prayer or reading

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
(Except public holidays)

### GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS MEETING TIMES

**Boolarra Community Development Group** - Monthly - 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm - Memorial Hall

**Boolarra Historical Society** - Monthly - 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm - Museum

**Cemetery Trust** - Contact Glenys Morgan - 5169 6721

**Red Cross** - Monthly - 1st Monday at 1:00 pm - Top Shop

**Boolarra Memorial Hall** - Monthly - 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm - Memorial Hall

#### What's on . . . . .

##### MONDAY

**EXERCISE CLASS** - All ages 9:30 am - Boolarra Memorial Hall - Kathleen Millett 5122 2591 or  
Kate 5169 6592

**BOOK CLUB** - 1st Monday of the month - 8:00 pm - Contact Robert Lubawski 5169 6494

**MEN'S SHED** - between 10:00am and 4:00pm - Contact Jeff Henderson 0411 319 326

##### TUESDAY

**YOGA** - Gentle Class - 6:00 - 7:15 pm **OR** Advanced Class - 7:30 - 8:45 pm - Primary School Multi Purpose Room - Contact Kristy Mills 5169 6226.

##### WEDNESDAY

**MEN'S SHED** - between 10:00am and 4:00pm - Contact Jeff Henderson 0411 319 326

##### THURSDAY

**PLAYGROUP** - 9:30-11:30 Multi Purpose building. - Contact Lauren Brownscombe 51696505

**WOOL GROUP** - 11:30 am - 3:30 pm - Multi Purpose Building - Contact Lois Thornton 0400 722 716

**WALKING GROUP** - Meet 9:00 am at Boolarra Recreation Reserve - Contact John Lubawski 5169 6494

##### FRIDAY

**EXERCISE CLASS** - All ages 10:00 am - YINNAR Memorial Hall - Kathleen Millett 5122 2591 or  
Kate 5169 6592

##### SUNDAY

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - 2:00 - 4:00 pm - 1st Sunday of the month - Old School House (Museum)

**PONY CLUB RALLY** - 2nd Sunday of the month - Recreation Reserve