



Leanne Potter with the Autism Educator of Excellence Award presented recently.

## BUDGEREE RESIDENT RECIEVES TOP AUTISM AWARD

Leanne Potter was announced as the '2014 Autism Educator of Excellence' by Amaze (Autism Victoria), at the Victorian Autism Conference. "This is the second time the awards have been presented and we were overwhelmed with the response and caliber of nominees" said Amaze CEO Fiona Sharkie. Ms Jane Evans, Chairperson of the Amaze Board, described Leanne's contribution to the Autism Spectrum Community as outstanding. "Leanne's commitment to ensuring her information was evidence based and best practice meant that no matter where a family was living they always had access to the latest understandings and practices in autism education. Leanne has been travelling across Gippsland to ensure educators in schools and kindergartens in rural and remote areas are able to assess information and strategies that would not otherwise be available to them due to the great distance and expense to travel". In response to winning her award, Ms Potter said, "I am so thrilled to receive this recognition. As a Special Educator, I have been working with children with Autism for over 20 years and my approach has always been to support children by identifying their strengths and embracing who they are. I see autism not as a disability but just a different way of thinking and learning.

Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder in Australia affecting 1% of children. Boys are 4 times more likely to be affected than girls. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a lifelong disorder that impacts on all areas of a child's development, particularly their communication, social interactions, sensory responses and behaviour. Being a spectrum disorder means that every individual with autism has a unique combination of characteristics, so every child with autism is different.

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Members of the Boolarra Fire Brigade being instructed on the use of the newly purchased Defibrillator (AED).

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## **Fathers Day Breakfast**

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Thank you to Robyn and Mick Miller along with their staff for providing us with a hearty breakfast and an opportunity to share breakfast in lovely surrounds.

*Mike and Marg Gleeson, and  
Don and Sheryl Logan.*





# William Henry Johnston (Bill)

Born in Burghill Hereford England 9/8/1933. Bill went to school until the age of 14 and joined the Royal Marines at the age of 16. After special training, Bill entered the Royal Marine Commandos and served his country in theatres of war around the world, including Egypt, Asia, the Mediterranean and the Korean War. After his service, Bill worked as a roof tiler and plasterer and also driving articulated trucks all over England.

As a civilian, Bill received a hand written award presented to him from the Queen of England for saving the life of a young boy that was drowning.

In 1973, Bill decided to immigrate to Australia and wooed his girlfriend Sylvia to immigrate with him and made her his wife. He landed a job in the forest industry, and then in 1978, joined the SEC Morwell and worked his way up to Unit Controller.

If you knew Bill you would know he could be harsh. He called a spade, a spade. His word was his word. If you lent any item from him, best you return it or you would never live it down. He had the soul of a tiger and was never fearful of any man yet he had a heart of gold if someone looked stressed or out of sorts. He would offer a complete stranger on the street to feed them and provide a warm bed. If you were his mate, you were his mate for life.

In 1984, he shifted a house to Boolarra on a truck and made it his home - a home that he worked on and loved. He retired in 1989 because of ill health. With major heart surgery in 2000 he became half the man he used to be. With more heart surgery in 2011 he became even more unwell.

Bill's passing was a shock to us all and a little unexpected. After sitting in his favourite spot in the backyard overlooking his creek, he decided to return in to the house and tripped over on the back step, hitting his head and slipping in to a coma. His firm strict orders were to never let him be on life support. The decision to remove him from this was devastating, but this was Bill's wish.

Bill at 80 years of age left us peacefully in hospital and is survived by his wife Sylvia, step daughter's Susan, Pauline, and grandchildren, son Ian, daughter-in-law Debbie and his four grandchildren Jack, Josh, Kara, and Madison. And by the way, Dad I've got your belt sander and ramps, and I'll give you the receipt for all this next time I see ya!



*John and Jill Parker at their Garage Sale.*

## Farewell to Jill and John Parker

Farewell to John and Jill Parker, and thanks for all your dedication to Upper Morwell River conservation projects and especially for taking the initiative with several years of Clean Up Australia Day working bees and slashing of Apex Park. Enjoy your new and simpler life in NSW, with gratitude from the Friends of the Upper Morwell River and Boolarra.

*Catheryn Thompson,  
President.  
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# News From BandDyTC. Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company



We started off this year by having a look at the production we filmed from 'Jump into Spring in 2013'. The youth were able to see how they look/sound etc, when they are on stage. This can be a valuable tool in learning, for example, projecting your voice so the audience can hear what is being said, making sure you are quiet and paying attention to what is going on, how much better a performance looks when the youth remember their lines, and last of all, enjoying themselves up on stage, and being confident to show what they are capable of in front of others. I

like to call it 'shining on stage'.

The youth then learned some original songs written by myself, which we performed in the park at the CSG free (coal seam gas free) celebration in Boolarra. In addition, one group performed a dance routine for the Boolarra Folk Festival, and a junior group danced and sang to some original songs, using some percussion instruments.



We also finished the screen printing of 'performance' t-shirts.

The screen print is designed by the youth. Some of these workshops were held in 2013 and the shirts were worn at the performance by BandDyTC at the Carols in the Park.

Second term started late to fit in with Dan Clancey's busy schedule, but from mid second term until 5 Sept, the youth have been working on the performance titled 'A Plentiful Life' which was performed in the hall to a very receptive and large audience. It was really great to see so many attending these wonderful performances, and it is fantastic for the youth to see what a lot of support they have for expressing their individual characteristics in front of a live audience. So a very well done to everyone involved. As President of the Youth Theatre Company, I would also like to publicly express my thanks to all the parents who volunteer each week, at the desk and tidying up after each Friday afternoon session. Everything is running very smoothly and we have a few options to explore for fourth term and for 2015. Youth who are interested in finding out more about what we do can come along and have a look. The first session is free, and sessions are very affordable at \$3\* per youth if paid at the start of term, with an extra discount if there are more than three youth attending from the same family. We encourage 'fruit time', so please remember to bring some fruit to be shared.

Stay tuned to our next venture!

Cheers, Garryelle Rose.

\* We are heavily subsidising the costs with successful funding applications.

*There is still a lot to learn and there is always great stuff out there. Even mistakes can be wonderful.*  
Robin Williams





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Jack Richards  
3rd July 1928 – 20th May 2014.

# Jack Richards

July 1928 – May 2014

This article is an updated version from the one printed in the December 2011 edition of the Boolarra Link, in memory of Jack Richards.

Jack Richards was born on 3 July 1928 in Morwell. His family lived in Budgeree and as Jack grew he attended the Budgeree School until war broke out. He then went to Hazelwood Estate School for one year. At the age of 14, he went to Melbourne and worked for the Victorian Railways for five years and during this time he boarded in both Elsternwick and Armadale.

Wages during those years were five pounds a week, board was three pounds, two shillings and sixpence a week and fares to work were seventeen shillings and sixpence a month. The balance of his pay was used to clothe himself. While in Melbourne

he joined the Naval Cadets and also attempted to join the Army, but was rejected, due to his age.

Jack shifted to Boolarra at the age of 19 and was employed by the local Butter Factory. Wages were very good at twelve pounds per week. After a short time he decided that working indoors was not for him, so he left to work for the Country Roads Board and after only nine months was offered a job driving a cream truck for the Boolarra Butter factory. He accepted this position and continued to work at this job even after the factory was sold to Mirboo North. When the bulk milk was started, Jack had the privilege of collecting the first milk tanker from Newcastle and driving it to many farms in the area for 'pick up'. While working at the factory, Jack became a stock and station agent for Gippsland and Northern and started cattle sales in Boolarra. After 20 years with the factory, he drove a bread delivery bus for six months. A full time job was offered with Gippsland & Northern (G&N) in Meenyan and Jack worked there before starting cattle sales in Mirboo North.

Jack chuckled as he shared the following story. One night at the Mirboo North Saleyards, after being "oh so careful" to securely lock all cattle in the yards, ready for next day's sales, Jack and his crew headed home late for their evening meal. Later that night the phone rang and advised him that all the cattle had escaped! Oh no! Back to Mirboo North – where were the cattle? Yes, you guessed it – they were safely grazing in the Cemetery. Jack and crew had to round them up in the dead of night (excuse the pun) and re-pen them!

After the closure of the Boolarra Saleyards, Jack became an auctioneer at Traralgon yards, before deciding to form his own business with his wife Lorna, called Richards Livestock, retiring at the age of 70.

In 1964, Jack was appointed Justice of the Peace and over many years has continued to serve the public in numerous ways.

He played football, firstly with a Morwell church team, and then with Boolarra. He and Ray Robbins formed the Boolarra seconds team. He played tennis with Boolarra, cricket with Budgeree and lawn bowls with Boolarra.

He has conducted numerous charity auctions for Mirboo North, Boolarra and Budgeree communities and also was a member of Boolarra Fire Brigade and Hall committees.

At the age of 27, Jack married Lorna. They had two sons who are now married. He has six grand children and one great grandchild.

Adorning the walls in Jack's study is a multitude of certificates and awards for his community involvement. Listed below are just a few:

20 years service award with Boolarra Water Board plus a certificate of appreciation for the same.

Two certificates from the Boolarra Fire Brigade.

Year of the Volunteer thank you.

Outstanding service with Boolarra Cemetery Trust.

Certificate of thanks – Boolarra Primary School.

*"I believe in destiny. There must be a reason that I am as I am. There must be."*

*-Robin Williams*

3 Nomination Certificates for Senior Citizen of the Year.

These awards and many more speak volumes for Jack's willingness and generosity toward the many charities and community committees.

Jack derives great pleasure from his fishing trips with his mates to the Bemm River and has a fishermen's prayer hanging on his wall.

*"Lord give me strength to catch a fish,  
So big, that even I,  
When speaking of it to my friends,  
May never need to lie".*

On Jack's 80th birthday in 2008, he was presented with a Community Excellence Award with the following words on it:

*"An all round great fella,  
Friend to many, enemy of none,  
Supporter of many local clubs and organisations over many years,  
A cheerful, salt-of-the-earth bloke,  
'Auctioneer Extraordinaire'".*

Jack says he has had a great life with no regrets, has enjoyed excellent health until recently, requiring heart surgery last November. His recovery has been complete and he now has his health back.

On summing up this story, my thoughts are:

A wonderful man! A wonderful life!

A man to be admired! Thanks mate!

*Joy Swain.*

In the years since this article Jack continued to travel and attend auctions across the country. On one trip to Harvey Bay, he met with a mishap resulting in severe muscle damage to both legs requiring surgery and a lengthy partial recovery period. This was something that did curb some of his more physical activities, however he still managed to attend Boolarra Happy Campers outings, fishing trips with his family and becoming a regular at Monday barbecues at the Boolarra Men's Shed, doing what he enjoyed the most in his life, socialising with the people of the Boolarra community. It was on the morning of Tuesday 20 May of this year that Jack suddenly passed away at his home and much loved farm on outskirts of Boolarra.

*Barry Richards.*

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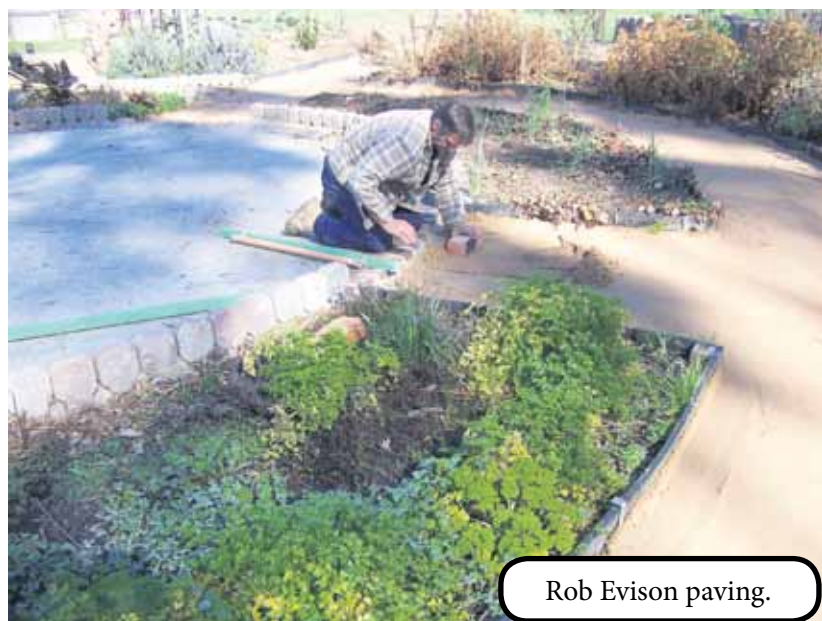


# News of Yinnar & District Community Garden

The Yinnar & District Community Garden has been happily buzzing along with regular working bees on the 2nd and 4th Saturday afternoons of each month, from 1-4pm. We have fun pitching in and sharing ideas on gardening. At the end of each Bee we have arvo tea with produce brought along by the Bizzy Bees. It's the beginning of a 'swap and share' process that enables the produce from the community garden and home gardens to be swapped and shared with the community.

The compost piles are finally taking shape with Jim taking a leading hand in managing them. Rosemary established the Seed Library at the Yinnar Farm & Hardware and it's been a great hit and now sports a new shelf thanks to the Boolarra Men's shed. A wonderful bench built and donated by the Friends of the Lyrebird Walk frames the garden on one edge and has now been named 'the download bench' and is big enough to seat a family!

The recent paving day saw the laying of the brick cot-



Rob Evison paving.

tage garden paths under the supervision of Rob Evison from Mirboo North with bricks purchased from a 1930's Yinnar homestead. Rob also laid the concrete centre circle.

Sari Anderson will be hosting a series of workshops to install a mosaic design on the circle. The Roman tiled design, developed by Sari, will form the central motif of our garden design and represents a pool of water reflecting the cosmos, ringed by a clock of seasons, months, days and astrological symbols.

As well as that, we have held a grafting workshop, established seeds, purchased some nut trees and bush-tucker plants for the new area and continued to embrace the educational aspects of garden involvement. With many more events on the go for this year and member discounts growing, we hope to see you buzzing around the garden soon. As member Anthea Merson says, "I love coming along to the Community Garden because there is always something new to learn".

Catheryn Thompson.

## Grafting Day

On Saturday 23 August 2014, the Yinnar & District Community Garden was privileged to have Neil Barraclough and Neville Burley of the Heritage and Rare Fruit Network come and speak to us about grafting. This workshop was so popular there was even a waiting list! Twenty lucky participants were able to have a one-on-one hands-on lesson in grafting their own fruit trees that they could then purchase and take home. Neil explained that whereas most nurseries only sell you a couple of types of fruit trees such as pears, so all the pears are ripe at the same time and you either have none at all or way too many, it is possible to multi-graft many varieties with different ripening times onto the same tree so that one branch might fruit at Christmas, one in Autumn and one in winter, for example. Similarly while a nursery will usually only offer dwarfing or full-size rootstock, it is possible to choose a rootstock that grows well in sandy soil or a different rootstock that is good for heavy clay. A variety of rootstocks and scions were available at our Grafting Day.

Some very keen participants continued to graft and chat until they had to be kicked out at the end of the day so we could lock up! We are hoping to hold another Grafting Day next year. If you are interested in finding out more information about these topics, go to the Heritage and Rare Fruit Network's website: <http://heritageandrarefruits.weebly.com> (this also has a link to their Facebook page).

Rosemary Abetz-Rouse.



Pam and Cath relaxing on bench after barrowing sand.

## Upcoming workshops at the Yinnar & District Community Garden

### Mosaic Design Workshops

Remaining: Saturday 20 September, 4 October and 18 October. Cost \$20 per session non-members/\$10 members - RSVP essential. Under the guidance of Artist Sari Anderson, co-create the central motif for the garden on the concrete slab. To book and enquire contact Rosemary, [YinnarCG@gmail.com](mailto:YinnarCG@gmail.com)

### Paving

Saturday 13 September from 9:00am. Free to all and a great learning experience. Refreshments provided. Under the guidance of Rob Evison, we will be completing the cottage garden paths by concreting the keystone pavers into place to create the attractive edge design.

### Members' Screen Printing Workshop

Sunday 5 October, 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
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from previous page Under the guidance of Artist Sharon Anderson we will be printing the com

munity garden design on to blank calico bags and blank tea towels.

There will be no cost for the workshop, but if you wish to take home a printed bag or tea towel you will need to purchase these. To book or enquire, contact Catheryn 0435 048 153 or YinnarCG@telstra.com

### Pyrography Workshop, AGM and BBQ

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 1:30pm onwards. Free to all participants - please RSVP for catering. Pyrography is the art of engraving wood with a heated implement - we will be creating plant ID signs for the community garden using this technique. Additionally, participants will be able to engrave their own design and take this home. The workshop will be followed by a short meeting to vote on incorporation of the garden and AGM to elect office-bearers, then BBQ dinner using produce from the garden.

### Feast Day

Sunday 7 December. Free to all - please RSVP for catering. There will be a pig-on-the-spit and a bush tucker cook-up along with produce from the garden. Live music. All welcome.

Membership costs \$10 per person per financial year, falling due on 1 July each year. Membership can be paid at any garden event, working bee on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, or subcommittee meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm in the garden (or Arc foyer if wet).

The bench in the Pam and Cath pic was kindly made and donated by the Friends of the Lyre Bird Walk.



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(Coordinator) to book in on another day

## BOOLARRA CEMETRY TRUST

Boolarra Cemetery Trust

Our Annual general meeting was held on Wednesday 20 August. Gwenda Pither kindly attended to conduct the election of office bearers.

The positions were filled as follows:

- President - Ian Blake
- Vice-President - Michael Gleeson
- Secretary/Treasurer - Glenys Morgan
- Grounds Secretary - Bill Armstrong
- Historical Records - Matt Gleeson

We are in a sound financial position and the grounds are looking beautiful thanks to the hard work of Merilyn and Kenny Williams, and the other trust members at working bees.

The Trust are still investigating finance to bitumen seal the driveway and we will be seeking a grant from the Department of Health to cover the cost.

*Glenys Morgan, Secretary.*

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## Boolarra South Landcare Group

The Boolarra South Landcare Group is pleased to be one of the successful applicants for the major new Federal Government initiative, 'The Green Army'. The Green Army is intended to support environmental and heritage outcomes and provide young Australians with opportunities to develop skills, undertake training and gain experience in the delivery of conservation projects. The Green Army will help support our efforts in regenerating and developing the Old Mill Site in Boolarra.

We have about 5 km of walking tracks completed at the Old Mill Site, and plan to work on another main track and a couple of smaller ones next. They will construct a bridge and shelter and walkways, where needed, and do some more planting and track maintenance. They will also help us conserve an old boiler that we have located in the bush.

We have had invaluable assistance from Geoff Pike from DEPI. He helped us plan the new walking tracks and develop an overall plan for the site. He also



*Landcare members and Darren Chester surveying the new project area; from left James Twining, Linda Minter, Judi Edwards (obscured), Alison Craven, Darren Chester, Tony Minter and Mick Schiller.*

backs do the work the oldies cannot. We have also appreciated the work of students from Federation Training, and the GETT Centre in Morwell who have spread mulch and weeded the arboretum. Working with the Green Army will be interesting and challenging. The Victorian Conservation Volunteers will be our service provider and supervisor. We will have to be the guides and teachers of the young workers so that the aims of the initiative are fulfilled. Darren Chester, MLA for Gippsland, has been very supportive of our work at the mill site and he recently paid another visit to see just what we were planning to do. He is helping launch The Green Army in Gippsland on behalf of the Minister for the Environment, Greg Hunt. We are meeting with the Project Co-ordinators this week to plan a schedule of work and determine our responsibility for the volunteers. We have high hopes and lots of enthusiasm.

*D. Schiller.*





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*Tony Minter and Motley and Darren Chester.*

provided signage at different access points to assist walkers. The new signs are coming soon! Crews from DEPI regularly monitor the tracks for unsafe trees and keep them clear. Someone in town recently accused us of cutting down trees in the bush. Boolarra South Landcare members are into planting trees, not cutting them down! At no stage have we cut any trees down. The only time a chain saw comes out is to remove a fallen tree from the track. This is State Forest and no tree removal is permitted. The forest management is done by DEPI so any large tree felled will be because it is unsafe. Remember this forest was burnt, so there are a number of damaged trees. It is being managed so that the community can have safe access to it.

DEPI has also erected gates at strategic points to restrict access to the bush. Geoff was also able to give us some recycled timber from a walkway that was dismantled and we will re-use this in our Green Army project. Malcolm Grant and the TAFE students from Morwell regularly lend assistance and their young

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## AROUND THE TRAPS...

"Welcome ladies. I now call the 100th Annual Meeting of the Bush Cross to order", called the President, Mrs Wombat.

"Firstly isn't it great that the Red Cross has reached such a milestone and thank goodness for their good work? Did you know we have a Red Cross driver in Boolarra? Keep up the good work John."

"Our second item of business is a rather serious one and one that really needs to be looked at by the whole community."

"Get on with it", cried Ms Rabbit. "I've got to hop it in a little while."

"All right", said Mrs Wombat. "Are you aware of the fact that the humans with their noisy vehicles are not only careless with their driving but security of said machines is awful, to quote a discussion my husband overheard at the Men's Shed. Some vehicles in Boolarra are not only left unlocked, but with the keys left in them. But what's worse is some of their homes are left unlocked as well. Don't they care about their possessions?"

Not a good idea in these times."

"My husband was talking to Mr Plod said Mrs Kanga, who said that the crime pattern is moving from Morwell to Churchill to Yinnar and who knows where to next. Mr Plod says more care needs to be taken and quickly.

"Mr Possum told me", said Mrs Possum, "that the Demons are doing well at the end of the round season. Well done and good luck for the finals."



## BOOLARRA GARDEN CLUB



*Decorative planting seen on our travels.*

Winter has not been conducive to visiting gardens so the group has organised other activities to keep us entertained. A trip to Garden World in Keyborough was a good excuse to find something new to plant. In July, the group had another shopping trip: this time closer to home - the Traralgon West

Nursery.

In August, we went to the Gallery in Sale to see the 'In Bloom' exhibition. Encompassing almost 200 years of Australian floral art, the exhibition showed the precise scientific accuracy of botanical drawings, as well as more passionate responses to the beauty of flowers. Karen Richards 'Invisible Botanical' was a selection of elusive Victorian plants delicately woven into fabric. The life size panels were embroidered and represented the fragile nature of plants. Lunch at The Irish Pub made the day even more enjoyable.

A return to better weather will get us all back outside to prune the perennial shrubs and prepare beds for summer vegetables. It is also time to feed the roses and fruit trees as they put on their new growth. We will be out visiting gardens again so if you would like to join us, contact Jill Simmonds.

*Denise Schiller, Garden Club.*



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We have had the sign installed at the entrance to the Falls Reserve on the Morwell River Road. This is the first interpretive sign on the shelter that Paul Jesse made and we are planning to put another educative sign on the back. The tracks are in good condition; at least they were before the big winds recently! Even before that, Phil and Alan had to clear Frontage Road because a big pine had come down. There was a bit of rubbish to remove, but we hope the sign might encourage people to have more respect for the environment.

We raised the issue of Apex Park at the last



Alan Hall, Phil Piper and Mick Schiller clearing the road.

take responsibility for the park then the drainage issue might be addressed. The water is causing quite a lot of damage and making access difficult. Vehicles avoiding the puddle cut up the grassy area and a much bigger area is affected. Jane will report progress at the next NEIP meeting and we will see if we can move our plans forward. We hold working bees at the Falls on the last Sunday of each month, weather permitting! If you would like to join us, bring your lunch and meet us at 12:00 pm. All are welcome.

## Save the date!

Friday 12 December at 8:00pm

The Budgeree Christmas Tree

Budgeree Hall, Roys Rd Budgeree

### All welcome

Santa arrives at 9pm

Music by Ken and Alice Ray

Games for the Children

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If you are new to the Budgeree Christmas Tree and are bringing kids along, please contact Gladys Hall on 5169 1613 to discuss Santa arrangements



Brian McLure, Zorka Krcova, Phil Piper, Catheryn Thompson, Mick Schiller, Alan Hall, Malcolm Thompson, Robyn Thompson and Weenie at the new sign.

Neighbourhood Environmental Improvement Plan meeting and Councillor Darrell White asked Jane Lloyd from Latrobe City to cost the maintenance of the park in the hope that the City Council might undertake this. The park is an amenity for the local area and attracts visitors, especially campers. If Latrobe City would



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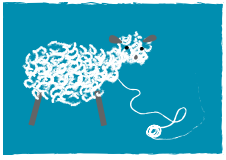
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## WOOL GROUP YARNING

Our numbers have been a little lower in recent months due to some members heading up north to escape our chilly weather, but for most weeks we have about 10 in attendance. When the sun is shining we tend to sit near the windows so the warmth of the sun keeps us warm and cosy. Many of our group are busy with socks; always a welcome gift for friends and family during the winter months. Sue has recently finished an endless scarf (mobius strip) for herself and granddaughter Ruth, but in recent weeks she's been back to spinning some old fibre she found in her stash and is spinning it up into very nice hanks of a lovely warm brown colour yarn. Meryl has just returned from Bali. She took over some baby blankets, which were very well received and is now knitting socks. Robyn as usual is knitting socks and more socks. It's a wonder she hasn't socked herself out. Anne L is using sock wool to knit her daughter Ruth a scarf, which she assures us, will take some time. Apart from socks, Lori has knitted an Aran jumper and is currently working on a blanket for the Mornington Children's Hospital Fund Raising Committee, plus a jumper for Steve in locally grown Alpaca fleece.

Rugs for her niece's babies have been keeping Denise busy, as well as socks.

Lorna has knitted a jacket and scarves and is learning to knit socks for the first time.

Margaret has completed a 12-ply jacket with a matching hat for her granddaughter plus a scarf and socks for presents. Kerryn has just completed

her first garment, a vest in 12-ply wool, as well as, you guessed it - socks.

I've been working on a project for the 'Scarf Exchange' which is an annual event where you send off about 200 grams of fibre to the organising group, who then send it on to someone else to spin and then knit it up into a garment. At the completion of the event the garment is then returned to the person who originally submitted the fibre. I had a lovely shade of purple alpaca and silk fibre sent to me that I've turned into an evening wrap embellished with a few beads for interest. I sent off 200g of champagne alpaca, which was given to me by Bruce Craddock quite a few years ago, so I'm very eager to see what I get in return.

Lori and I also entered a few items in the Wool and Wood exhibition that was recently held at Arc Yinnar. This exhibition may become an annual event, if so maybe more of our members will take the opportunity to show their handy work. Denise, Ros and Lori have been involved in a very unusual project. They've been knitting uteri as a teaching tool for nurses in Uganda to educate young girls in birth control. I can't recall anyone knitting body parts before. Perhaps in the future they can learn to knit knees and hips, just in case anyone needs a replacement.

Apart from knitting a triangular scarf for herself, Glenys is also making felt Christmas stockings for Kristian and Alyssa and the cross-stitch cot quilt for Chloe she started a while ago, now only needs to have the backing attached.



Colorful example of recent Wool Group creations.

Ann has just finished a jumper, which is too big for her, so it will be for her tall daughter. Ann has also knitted three scarves (one of these for her nephew in Queensland). Now she's onto a jumper for her husband who hasn't worn the last one she knitted for him. Perhaps he's saving it for a very special occasion.

For some time, Carla has been working on a beautiful rug, but it was well worth the wait. Wool Group meets every Thursday at the Multi-Purpose Building from 11:30am to about 3:00pm, or you can contact me, Lois on 0400 722 716.



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Brooke, Holly and Caitie showcasing the mosaics created during Art classes for the students' toilets.

### More Family Murals

During term 4, some of our families will work together, with Kirrilee Enders' artistic support, to paint their reflections of 'Life and times in Boolarra'. Kirra is volunteering her services and the school will fund the materials for this project.

### Junior School Council News

Our JSC fundraised for the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre (CPEC) throughout term 3. Ms Tina Larrad and her sons Cooper and Callan attended an assembly and told us all about the fabulous support CPEC have provided for their family. The 'Boolarra's Got Talent' and 'No Talent' competition ran again and as usual, a lot of talent was unearthed.

### We are the LV Bike Ed Champions

Congratulations to our riders: Grace, Rivan and James P of grade 6, Holly, Tyson and Jorja O of grade 5, and Madison J and James S of grade 4 on winning this title. It's wonderful to have this recognition that our Bike Ed program is effective but



L.V. Bike Ed Champions!

### The Great Book Swap

the best outcome will be our students remembering and putting into practice what they have learnt and keeping safe on the roads.

### The Great Book Swap

We received some wonderful donations of pre-loved books from our students. We then provided the opportunity for all our students to take a donated book for a gold coin donation. The money raised from this venture was sent to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

### Boolarra Primary School Facebook Page

This is proving to be a great way to communicate. The whole school lunch and prior notice to parents of Student of the Week recipients (when possible) are ideas that arose on Facebook.

### Life Skill Kitchen

Following a request from our JSC, each fortnight one of our grades creates their own lunch. So far 'Stuffed Aussie Spuds', burgers and pizza have been enjoyed. The standard of the meals that have been produced is especially high and the students undertake lots of literacy and numeracy work as they take orders and cook.

### Ye Olden Days/Op Shop Formal

Our term three fundraiser to help us purchase a class set of iPads was another great team effort. Lots of our parents actively solicited local businesses and obtained some amazing items that were included in the raffle and other prizes presented on the night. Gabrielle Francis did a super job coordinating this venture with great support provided by Lisa and Jamie Hamilton, Linda Coney and Tracy Anderson. We are very grateful to the Boolarra Football/Netball Club for allowing us to use their Social Rooms, Darren Napier for managing the



bar and Graeme Colbert for MC-ing.

### Mosaics

Our JSC asked that our newly painted and refurbished student toilets be decorated. During the first half of this year, our Fundraising Team raised the funds for this to happen. Our sensational Art teacher, Ms Karen Twomey worked with the students during Art classes to develop the designs for mosaics to go up in both the Boys' and Girls' toilets. Students from prep to grade 6 have been working hard to create some magnificent mosaics, with regular updates of their progress provided on our Facebook page. We're looking forward to having an unveiling ceremony in term 4.

### Fathers' Day Stall

Our students enjoyed shopping for their Dads and hopefully their Dads enjoyed what they chose. Thanks to Tracy Anderson for organising this for us and to Joy Barnes, Lisa Hamilton and Brooke Bridle for assisting with the stall.

Leanne Emond,  
Principal, Boolarra PS.



Hamburger production.



## Boolarra Post Office Natters

Winter is over though we will see cool days from time to time. It won't be long and a lot of us will growl about the heat. But at the moment, the temperature is nice. Doesn't the Boolarra Store look good with its face-lift? Well done Mick and Robyn. You are trying some new things for the town and that's great. 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. Thank you to everyone who bring in the goodies. We have a lot to do in our garden now that we have started to get back to normal. We just need the time and that will happen. I wish the weeds would disappear as easily as they arrive. This would save us a lot of time. I do want to give our thanks to everyone who has supported us during a very trying time over the last 12 months. It would have been a much harder road to travel without your much appreciated help. **I'm getting in early with a message for our Christmas closing and opening times. Please note: The Post Office will be closed at Christmas on these dates - 25, 26, 27, 28 Dec.**

**And then 1, 2, 3 and 4 Jan.**

**Opening on 29, 30 and 31 Dec.**

**And then reopening on Jan 5.**

We ask that you please come in before Christmas Day for your parcels and mail to avoid disappointment. One more request. There are a couple of people who don't collect their mail from their boxes for months at a time. This is against the lease agreement. Please collect your mail more often to help us with our sorting and stop clogging up the system. If you are going away, please let us know so we can hold the mail elsewhere. Remember, if parcels need to be signed for and haven't been collected within one week, we are obliged to return them to sender. This is a policy of Australia Post and it is shown on the parcel collect cards. Let's make for a happy work environment.

**Please note also:** Owing to the number of parcels that are coming in now, we are ceasing the writing into the signature book of tracking numbers. Because of that, you must now bring in the cards to collect your parcels. A lot of you always bring in the card but there are some that don't. Another way around this is if you get a photo of the card on your phone showing name and the number for verification. There will be a tracking number on your cards, which will also help us locate that parcel. If you are collecting a parcel for someone else, the back of the card also needs to be authorised by the addressee for you to collect the article. This is a requirement of Australia Post as you will read on the top of the cards and it will be enforced by all staff. These changes also mean that we will no longer be able to check up whether a parcel has been here and picked up, or not. All queries will need to be done through Australia Post Customer Service Centre - phone number 131318. As you can see the cards are vital.

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Gwenda and Roger.

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# BOOLARRA'S BURNING ISSUES

## BOOLARRA CFA NEWS



Steve Barling (Morwell Group Officer) being presented with a cheque from Federation University's Collin Marshall and Den Lim while others including our own Bruce Billingsley look on.

### BUSY WINTER PERIOD FOR BRIGADE

The Boolarra Fire Brigade have responded to six turnouts since May making this winter one of the busiest winter periods in the Brigade's history. Turnouts were to two house fires, an illegal burn-off, a burn-off that spread to a row of Cyprus trees, a truck fire and a fire in the open cut mine at Hazelwood. Let's hope that the spokesman for HDF SUEZ who stated that there will be no fires at Hazelwood this summer is correct.

### BOOLARRA HOUSE FIRE

Mirboo North, Morwell, Yinnar, Yinnar South and Boolarra tankers attended a house fire in Darlimurla Road on 24 July when a log rolled out of an open fireplace, igniting a fire which spread quickly destroying much of the house.

### BRIGADE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS FOR DAYTIME CALLOUTS

A lack of available volunteers created a delay in responding to the Boolarra house fire on 24 July. Pagers were activated to alert members of a house fire in Darlimurla Road but unfortunately at that time there were no members who were in close proximity who could respond immediately. It took some time for six members to travel from their work places to attend the fire.

This situation highlights the need to recruit members who are in town and available to respond to callouts during the day.

### CFA TRAINING MODULE

Recently members participated in gas fire training when the CFA Small Industry Training Mobile Prop was set up in Churchill for a three week period. The mobile prop is a shipping container fitted out as a small workshop containing gas and electrical equipment that can be activated to simulate gas and electrical fires. Seventy-five fire fighters from the Morwell Group participated in training sessions. Two other props are set up as a kitchen/lounge room prop and a car fire prop and are available for future training

### FIRST TWO JUNIORS MOVE INTO SENIOR RANKS

Our brigade welcomes to our senior ranks Billy

Mazou and Gus Peters who are the first two members to graduate from our junior brigade and join the senior ranks.

### NEW FORWARD CONTROL VEHICLE FOR THE MORWELL GROUP

With the assistance of grants and donations, the Morwell Group has been successful in upgrading the former Morwell Group Support (a 2WD Ford Territory), to a new 4WD Nissan Patrol. This vehicle will now be used as a Forward Control Vehicle (FCV) in future incidents. Our brigade was able to donate towards the upgrade by using money raised through the scrap metal bin.

### LOCAL COMMAND FACILITY UPGRADE

Thanks to a donation of \$4,500 from the proceeds of a special 'Christmas in July' fundraiser recently conducted by the new Federation University, the Local Command Facility at the Churchill Fire Station is being upgraded. The LCF is the initial control centre for any large incidents in our area. During last summer's Driffield Fires, the LCF was activated and was instrumental in supporting the successful fire fight.

### VISIT FROM BOMB AND ARSON SQUAD

Seventy-six local fire fighters crowded into the Boolarra Fire Station recently to hear Acting Sergeant Michael Walsh from the Victorian Bomb and Arson Squad deliver a lecture on the specialised roles and functions of the squad. During his captivating talk, firefighters were told about the investigation techniques used and how they should protect the point of origin and not damage crucial pieces of evidence. An update on the progress of local ongoing arson investigations was also shared with the group.

### NOW IS THE TIME TO COMMENCE PREPARING

Now is the time to start thinking about what you need to do to prepare your property for the fire season. Make a list of all things that should be done and start work-

[continued next page.](#)



New Morwell Group Forward Control Vehicle (FCV) arrives at Boolarra. It will have radios, sirens and lights fitted soon.



LPG training, part of safely extinguishing car fires.

ing through your list. Cleaning your spouting, cutting back the trees from close to your house, removing the wood pile stacked up against your house, burning the pile of sticks that has built up and keeping the grass short would be things you could consider.

### HYBRID CAR FIRES

Recently our members participated in a training session with other Group Brigades to learn how to safely extinguish a hybrid car fire. Firefighters are now faced with a variety of cars that operate with different fuels – petrol, diesel, LPG, compressed LPG and hybrid – and each has to be approached and extinguished differently. Ongoing training is essential for our members' well-being.

### SCRAP METAL BIN

It is important to thank those many residents who support our brigade by donating their unwanted scrap metal in the bin. However, recently some people have been 'donating' goods such as tyres, general household rubbish and plastics that cost the brigade money to dispose of.

### EMERGENCY ALERTING SIREN – REMINDER

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### BOOLARRA CFA's NEW FACEBOOK SITE

Our Communications Officer, Mark Petty, has set up a facebook page for our brigade. Follow us.

Boolarra Fire Brigade's facebook site – [www.facebook.com/groups/314001925600](http://www.facebook.com/groups/314001925600) or just search Boolarra Fire Brigade

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Boolarra, Mirboo North, Morwell, Yinnar and Yinnar South tankers line up to fight the Darlimurla Road house fire recently.

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spectacular, I know  
I did."*  
- Robin Williams

## Drapery, Ironmongery, Pumps, Soles and Welts: The Auctioneer



Seventy-six members from local brigades listen intently to Mick Walsh from the Bomb and Arson Squad.

Reproduced here, courtesy of material loaned from Boolarra Historical Society, are two pages from 'The Auctioneer', the early predecessor of The Boolarra Link. Taken from the very first edition, almost exactly 82 years ago, they convey a distinct feeling of a vibrant town and district, keen to move forward from the shadow of the Great Depression.

Although times have changed a lot, what stands out as far as community news is concerned is the page one paragraph from their editors: "Our interests are your interests; our columns are for your benefit. We will be glad to publish any information you may have which will help or benefit others". Eighty-two years on, we acknowledge the history and spirit of 'The Auctioneer' and share their enthusiasm for "...in general supplying such items of interest as are keenly read by a rural population". This remains, even if the ironmongery, leatherwork, pumps, soles and welts etc. are strictly historical.

Two pages from the first edition of the Auctioneer printed on the next pages.

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We will spare no effort to see that this desire is carried into effect. Our aim is to render these columns indispensable to the people, and with support our paper will grow to a size equal to any country newspaper.

"The Auctioneer" becomes an established fact during a period known as the 'depression.' We have gone to great expense in making this publication possible because we believe that better times are not far distant, and we hope with our readers to share in the prosperity shortly to come.

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The competition is divided into two sections as follows:-

- (A) For children up to 14,
- (B) For children up to 10.

For Section A the subject for the essay is:-

*Why is Boolarra an excellent Tourist Resort?*

The essay must not contain more than 200 words, and must be written on one side of the paper only.

Only one essay is allowed from each child, and full name together with date and year of birth must be shown at foot of paper.

First Prize 5/- Second Prize 2/6.

For Section B the subject for the essay is:-

*Why I go to School.*

The same conditions apply as for Section A with the exception that the essay must not exceed 100 words.

First Prize 5/- Second Prize 2/6.

1st and 2nd prize essays in each section will be published in *The Auctioneer*.

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What is an Optomist?

This question was asked of several local people and these are some of the replies:-

An optomist is a butcher who thinks he will be paid for all the meat he sells.

An optomist is a man who orders a pint of beer from a publican and thinks the pot he receives contains the quantity he ordered.

An optomist is a man who thinks he can carry on two separate love affairs without dividing his joys or multiplying his cares.

### Turkey Breeders

Turkeys going to City markets must be 20lbs or more. Crooked breasts also help to reduce their value.





*This is Steaphen Paton launching the canoe he built under the tutelage of his grandfather, Albert Mullet*

#### BOOLARRA TENNIS CLUB

Well, it's that time of the year again. Spring is in the air and we have to start nominating players for our Summer Saturday competition inclusion with the local Tennis Associations. To date, we expect to field a Senior Team and 3 Junior Teams. There is always room for more kids and adults alike though, so if you would like to play competition tennis and have lots of fun whilst doing it please contact: for Juniors, Sharyn Giles 5169 6204 or 0427 619 650 and for Seniors, Barb Webb 5176 5228 or 0467 696 144.

Interested in tennis but don't know where to start? We have practice/social sessions at our courts every Wednesday. All members and non members are welcome.

Being a member of the Boolarra Tennis Club is very affordable compared to many sports. With your membership you get special offers and discounts by Tennis Victoria, full insurance while playing and three months of weekly fun for the same cost as a family visit to the cinema.

Hope to see some new faces join the Club this year.

*Barb Webb,  
President BTC Inc.*

## BOOLARRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Perhaps one of the most interesting talks and presentations we have had recently was given last month by Doris Paton outlining the Gippsland Borun Canoe project. Doris and her extended family, the Mullets, are members of the Gunai/Kurnai group of Aborigines in Gippsland. The story of Borun's canoe is one of the Aboriginal creation myths of the Gippsland Lakes district. The story is as follows:

Borun, the pelican, walked for a long way from the mountains carrying his canoe on his head and while journeying he heard a tapping sound in the canoe. He set his canoe down in an inlet and noticed that there was a beautiful woman in it. This was Tuk, the musk duck. These two were the begetters of the Gunai/Kurnai people.

The canoe project was established to build a Lakes canoe to conserve invaluable Aboriginal tribal skills and to involve young Aboriginal men in their cultural heritage. Led by the late Albert Mullet, a respected elder in the East Gippsland region, who had made canoes in his youth, and his artist grandson Stephen Paton, the group selected a suitable tree at the right time of the year, cut the canoe shape from the bark, treated it and fashioned a sea-worthy vessel like those which would have been used on the Gippsland Lakes, inlets and seas from time immemorial. A splendid video has been made of the project, and the canoe with an accompanying photographic exhibition by Cameron Cope, has been on show at various museums and art galleries in Victoria. The Borun Canoe is now part of a permanent exhibition in the Bunjilaka Cultural Centre at the Melbourne Museum.

Doris Paton also gave us a marvellous insight into Gunai/Kurnai culture and practice, pointing out the various meeting places for tribal ceremonies, Bogong Moth feastings and fishing venues. She showed us a range of tools, weapons and artefacts that were in daily use. Her list of trees, fruit and berries in use was astonishing. Doris explained there were originally five Gippsland languages but these gradually died

out because of the Mission experience at Lake Tyers where people from different parts of Victoria with their specific local languages were placed together in the Mission so that English was the only common language between them all. The canoe project has gone some way to retrieve the Gunai/Kurnai heritage. Doris herself has been instrumental in reconstructing with the help of linguists the languages of the area. It is a great tribute to her father, Albert Mullet, who gave so much to preserve his community. Despite the chilly winter nights monthly gatherings have been well attended. At our AGM, held at the Boolarra Football & Netball Club social rooms in July, members enjoyed a hearty roast prepared by the football club's catering group. Some changes to the executive committee were made due to the forthcoming departure of Jill and John Parker to a warmer NSW climate. John has been our tireless president for the past few years and will be greatly missed. Jill's lively presence at meetings and working bees has kept us well informed and constantly amused. We wish them a happy retirement and thank them for their wonderful contribution. We have elected a new president - Robin Thompson of Budgerie. We congratulate her and look forward to her guidance.

*Ann Morgan.*

**The Boolarra Historical Museum is open on the 1st Sunday of each month from 2:00-4:00 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.**

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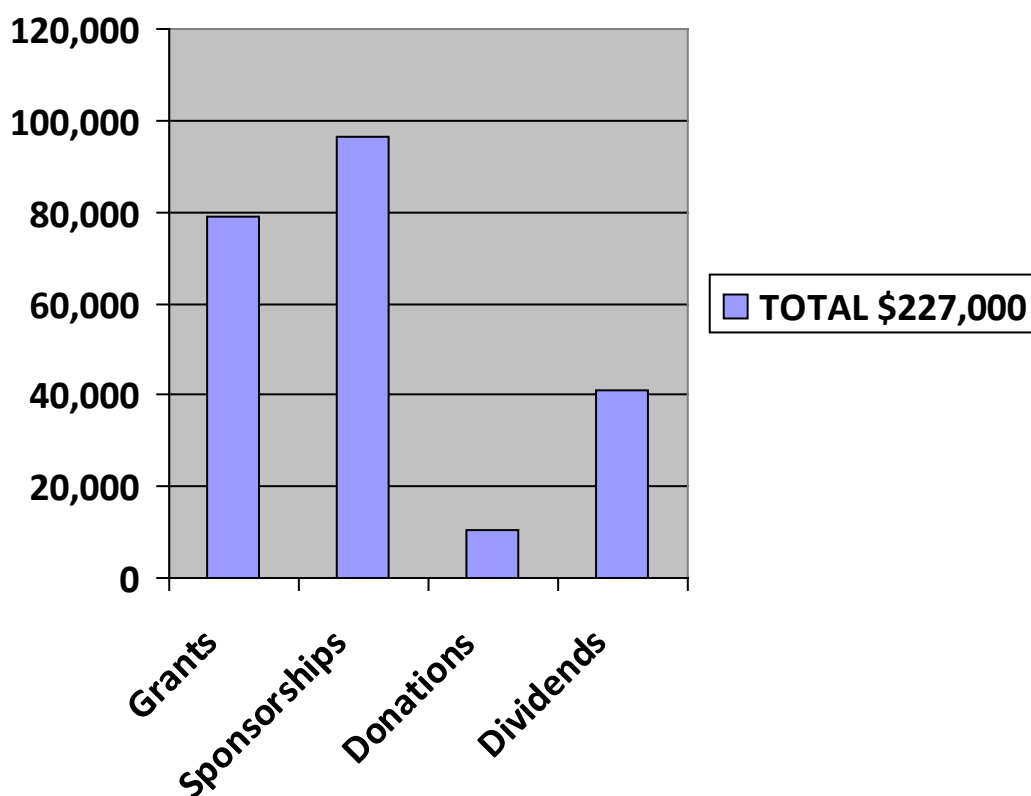
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The total amount of money distributed by the Mirboo North & District Community Bank® Branch to the Mirboo North, Boolarra and Yinnar Districts has now exceeded \$227,000 during the past 4 years.

Sponsorships to more than 60 clubs and organisations now total \$96,600 and have been used to support specific projects as well as general club costs. A total of \$79,000 has been distributed as grants for larger projects to a wide variety of groups across the local area. Along with dividends to shareholders of \$41,000 and donations for special purposes of \$10,500, the overall total stands at \$227,100 since the Branch opened in July 2010. As business grows and with increasing community and individual support for banking locally, these amounts will continue to grow and assist local projects.



On Monday 4 August, we held our annual 'Big Cake Bake' in the Multi-purpose Building. The weather was crisp and sunny (unlike last year when it rained "cats and dogs"), and the attendance was great. There were lots of cakes, scones and slices to tempt everyone and some were for sale. Kerryyn made a magnificent chocolate mud cake as a birthday cake to celebrate 100 years of the Red Cross in Australia. There were lucky door prizes and a raffle with seven prizes available. We raised a total amount of \$376, which will help needy families in Australia. People often ask "Where does the money go." Sadly, there is always someone in need. Here are a few statistics of how the money raised was spent in Australia during 2013:

- 56,000 Natural disaster victims assisted in Australia.
- 2,217 Families helped to locate missing loved ones.
- 140 Aboriginal and Torres straight island communities have been made stronger.
- 7,464 Phone calls made every day made to those living alone.
- 19,000 Visits to 1,209 isolated elderly people.
- 2,300 Homeless people given support.
- 773,079 Breakfasts served to 4,617 school children that would have gone to school hungry.
- 93 Specialised aid workers sent overseas to help conflict/disaster zones.
- 128 Australian volunteers deployed to aid communities in developing nations and a further 431 volunteers trained.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the ongoing fund raising. We are still collecting used postage stamps and the re-sale of these stamps from all over Australia raises over \$10,000 per annum. Our next fund raiser will be held on Monday 6 October at the multi-purpose building, and will be a 'Bev's Fashion Parade' and afternoon tea commencing at 2:00pm. Admission is \$5 and there will be a mystery raffle, which proved very popular in May. Winter stock will be reduced in price and the spring/summer fashions will be available. Please mark 6 October on your calendar, as it will be our last fund raiser for the year.

*Glenys Morgan,  
Treasurer.*

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## Boolarra locals are setting their sights at Twin City Archers Gippsland

Indoor National Championships with over 200 entrants taking part. Club members enjoyed success in this and other recent competitions. Club members broke four records, the youngest being five year old Shaylen Lowe.

The six year old Boolarra resident Alex Richards has won many awards and competitions at Twin City and also won indoor and outdoor state titles for the Australian Bowhunters Association (ABA) at Twin City's sister club Boola Valley Archers (also located in Morwell).

His younger brother, Brendan Richards, who is four years old is currently attending beginner's sessions and is thoroughly enjoying himself. Alex and Brendan's mum, Tammy Richards,

the nearest archery club. From the moment I set that first arrow to a bow, I had fallen in love and I wanted more. Which is what lead me to Twin City Archers in Morwell.

I was nervous and not entirely sure what I was stepping into as I entered the club, having had bad experiences with other sport groups in the past. But that day at the fun club was still haunting me and I wanted another taste of the sport. Within ten minutes, I'd forgotten my nerves and had been welcomed like an old friend. By the end of the first night, I knew I'd found not only a sport I was in love with, but a great group of people who were only too happy to share their experience and advice with a newcomer.

Nearly a year later and I still have a lot to learn as an archer, but I'm proud to be a member of Twin City Archers and to count the other members

of the club as friends. If someone is looking for both great exercise and a fantastic weekly social event, then I would recommend they come along to one of Twin City's beginner's nights and give it a try. They won't regret it."

Twin City Archers Gippsland is an Archery club based in Morwell; it has been active for approximately thirty years. Due to the incredible hard

work and determination of our members, we have managed to produce one of the best clubs in Victoria

We believe in the challenge of competition but we also believe in fun. As well as shooting arrows on the line, we also have a tendency to tell ridiculous jokes, joke around with each other and most importantly we come together as one big archery family. It is a relaxed, fun and happy place. Fun competitions with prizes are run on a monthly basis. We boast good clubrooms, good gear, good food and good friends.

If there are no tournaments scheduled, the club facilities can be hired out for functions, birthday



parties, scout groups etc. We have a full kitchen with hot plates, deep fryers, bain-maries, fridges, freezers and comfortable couch seating. We have a rather large outdoor target venue with 40 targets, clout venue where we can shoot up to 180m, a huge field 24 target course, a number of rubber 3D animal targets and 18 indoor targets that cater for archers of all shapes, sizes and physical abilities. The club is disability friendly and we can even have blind people shooting as we have a special bow holder/guider for the sight impaired.

If you're in the area come and want to check us out, or if you are new to archery, we hold beginners courses Monday nights from 6:00pm until 9:00pm and Wednesday nights from 5:00pm until 8:00pm.

Club members can shoot Tuesday 6:00pm - 9:00pm, Thursday 5:00pm - 8:00pm or Saturday 9:00am - 2:00pm.

*For any further information please contact us on:*

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recently won National and State gold medals for women's crossbow, state silver for clout in women's compound, Indoor and Outdoor state titles for ABA, a monthly Gippstar award, gold in the 3DAAA field shoot and many other medals. Tammy is representing the Twin City Archery Club at the upcoming 4-day outdoor target, field and clout nationals held at Geelong in October. Boolarra resident and Twin City Archers club member Ann Leslie is relatively new to the sport and is looking forward to recovering from a current shoulder injury as she has enjoyed her involvement so far and was starting to shoot very well. Anne has written her own account of her archery involvement:

"I was an adult when I first held a bow, for what I thought would likely be the one and only time. Not being a particularly athletic woman, I expected to just indulge a childhood fantasy for half an hour at a fun park and then continue on my drive home from a job interview. I ended up eaten alive by mosquitoes and sunburnt after spending the entire afternoon on the field. And, when I finally reached home, I went looking for



*Brens first go.*





*Pam Allen, Abbas Mehran, Russell Peters, Bob Allen and Stan Williams with their awards on Presentation Night. Unfortunately Terry Parker, the club champion, was unable to attend.*

## BOOLARRA BOWLING CLUB

### Folk Festival

The Club participated in the Boolarra Folk Festival providing food and drink to the masses, and believe me it was masses.

### Stony Creek Cup

Maryanne Peters organised a bus to take members and friends to the Stony Creek Cup. It was a great day enjoyed by all who attended. Arriving early, we were able to get a shady spot near the bookies and the bar.

It will be done again in 2015, so watch out for flyers and posters advertising dates.

### Olney Cup

During the 2014 season, the Boolarra Bowling Club hosted the Olney Cup, an annual event between South Gippsland and West Gippsland Bowling Associations. We were congratulated by the members of other clubs for the quality of the green, and the way the Boolarra Bowling club members hosted the event, especially the catering.



## Time to Bring the Taboo Subject of Suicide Out of the Shadows

Coinciding with World Suicide Prevention Day in September, Australians will gather around the country to participate in Lifeline's 'Out of the Shadows' walk.

Lifeline Gippsland is calling on people from the community to help spread the word that suicide can be prevented and that help is available 24/7 through Lifeline.

Tragically, six Australians are lost to suicide every day, underlining the importance of seeking help.

The Out of the Shadows walk will reinforce the key themes surrounding Lifeline's national response to suicide - hope, recovery, reflection and prevention.

Lifeline Gippsland supports people who are at risk by being available on the 13 11 14 service and providing the Suicide Prevention and Support Program. The campaign also aims to remember those lost, and those bereaved by suicide.

**If you or someone you know is experiencing a personal crisis, call Lifeline on 13 11 14.**

To celebrate the completion of building repair works at our Fleming St premises after damage caused by the earth tremor in 2012, the Morwell Op Shop is having a Grand Re-Opening event on Friday 5 September.

Russell Northe, MLA for Morwell, and a number of long standing volunteers will officiate the opening.

Lifeline Gippsland CEO, Ms Claire Davis said, "It is so exciting to finally have our Op Shop back in action to full capacity. We are now able to totally stock all areas within the shop.

"Lifeline Gippsland's Op Shops bring in 50% of our total income and this income enables us to continue to provide very important mental health services across the region. We rely on our wonderful customers and our incredible volunteer base to make this possible", said Ms Davis.

All proceeds raised by Lifeline Gippsland's Op Shops support our 24 hour 13 11 14 Crisis Support Line and assist with running other vital programs that help our Gippsland community each year.

*Lifeline Gippsland CEO, Claire Davis,  
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## Best & Fairests for season 2014:



2014 Boolarra Senior Best and Fairest Darryl Mayman  
2014 Runner Up Best and Fairest Ken Towt  
2014 Reserves Best and Fairest Thomas Beamish  
2014 Reserves Runner Up Best and Fairest Josh Wilson



*Best and Fairest Darryl Mayman*



*Runner Up Best and Fairest Ken Towt*

Sadly, season 2014 has finished with our Seniors and Reserves bowing out of the finals. Our Senior team had an agonising 78 point loss to eventual Premiers, Mirboo North, in the Preliminary Final at Morwell East after a successful finals campaign defeating Yinnar by 15 points in the first Semi Final and defeating Trafalgar by 11 points in the Elimination Final. The scorecard for the Elimination Final was Boolarra 9.5.59 to Trafalgar 6.12.48. Played in very damp and windy conditions at Yarragon, coming from 29 points down at quarter time, this win was massive after being down for the majority of the day. Best players being Sam Mazou, Ken Towt, Nick Hider, Justin Emery and Courtney Sherriff. Major goal kickers being Scott Boddy and Bevan Charlton-White, 2 each.

After that win, better was still to come with the match up in the first Semi-Final against Yinnar at Mirboo North with another great come from behind victory after being 43 points down during the second quarter, the boys got up to win with a great display of goal kicking by full forward Chris Stasinowsky kicking 7 goals. The scorecard read Boolarra 14.6.90 to Yinnar 11.9.75. Best players on the day being Chris Stasinowsky, Matt Buglisi, Courtney Sherriff, Justin Emery, Daniel Metcalf and Bevan Charlton-White.

The Preliminary Final was where our season ended with a disappointing loss to Mirboo North. After trailing all day the score line was Mirboo North 18.13.121 to Boolarra 6.7.43. Best players for Boolarra were Daniel Metcalf, Matt Buglisi, Steven Fox, Jack Battersby, Andrew Thorpe and Troy Tobin with Chris Stasinowsky kicking two goals. Even though the Senior team went out in the Preliminary Final it was a very successful season for our senior squad finishing third after the finals.

Our Reserves team also had a successful season playing Mirboo North in the Elimination Final, coming home with a big win in hard conditions at Yarragon. After toughing out a hard first quarter, the boys ran away with the game the score line being Boolarra 11.13.79 to Mirboo North 3.10.28. Boolarra's best players being Josh Wilson, Thomas Beamish, Shane Colbert, Troy Tobin, Hayden Kite and Jacob Vuillermin and major goal kickers being Dwayne Brand three and Troy Tobin two each.

The Reserves went on to play Trafalgar in the first Semi Final at Mirboo North and put up a creditable effort, but went down to a better Trafalgar team on the day. The score line being Trafalgar

7.12.54 to Boolarra 5.5.35. Best players were Jacob Vuillermin, Barry Ellis, Michael Dunn, Shane Colbert, Tim Dowe and Kieran Foley (3 goals). The Boolarra Football Netball Club hosted the 2014 Qualifying Final at Boolarra Memorial Park on Saturday August 16 and would like to thank all the helpers who helped during the week and on the game day to make this day such a great day in town. Thank you!

The club would also like to make the announcement that 2011 Senior Premiership Coach Tony Giardina will be staying on as coach for a club record breaking seventh season at the helm of the club. Tony will be actively involved with talking to all players new and old on the off-season. Great job Tony!

Adding to this appointment 2011 Senior Captain Simon Buglisi has been re-appointed as Reserves coach for season 2014, this being his second year as coach. Junior coaches for next season have not been announced as yet but are due to be announced very soon and will be put on the noticeboard at the Post Office and Facebook for all to see.

The club held its Best and Fairest Count on the Sunday after the MGFL Grand Final and would like to congratulate their Best & Fairest.

The club would like to thank the community of Boolarra and surrounding towns who bought raffle tickets in the Mid Gippsland Football League raffle in which all the proceeds of tickets our club sold went back to our club. The Volkswagen Polo 4 door raffle prize was drawn at half time of the MGFL Grand Final and was won by Kathleen Kent of Moe.

On 27 July, the Annual duck race/reverse draw raffle day was held at the club social rooms and close by at the local creek with the winner of the reverse draw raffle being Paige Emmett and the duck race being Emma Lewis.

The club's Mid-Year Ball was held on 28 June at the Boolarra Memorial Hall and was attended by approximately 160 very formal ladies and gentlemen who sat down to a three course meal and then danced the night away to live music from The Rhythm Junkies.



*Reserves Best and Fairest Thomas Beamish*



*Reserves Runner Up Best and Fairest Josh Wilson*



## Best and Fairest for all teams 2014

15&under – Katrina-Lea McMillian

R/up - Rachel Owen,

Coaches Award - Mia Cornell

17&under – Taylah Van Tilburg

R/up – Danielle Dowe,

Coaches Award – Amy Jenkins

D Grade – Maddie Banks

R/up – Emily Evison

C Grade – Abbey Taylor

R/up – Monique Beamish

B Grade – Sue Mills

R/up – Cindy Dawson

A Grade – Carly Jennings

R/up – Caitlan Ponton



### CINA (Churchill Indoor Netball Association)

Boolarra has two teams that play in the Churchill Saturday morning competition; 13 and Unders coached by Gabrielle Francis and 11 and Unders coached by Cherry Prior. Our girls continue to improve with each season and the club is very lucky to have quality coaches that are committed to shaping these young girls into future gun netballers.

We have some eager Net-set-go girls that have not only been training on a Thursday afternoon throughout the year but have also participated in a number of netball development training sessions in Churchill. The girls are full of enthusiasm which is amazing as they, along with the rest of the juniors, are the future of this club. We are keen to have as many junior girls and boys play for Boolarra to help our town show their colours and to give the young ones the opportunity to participate in a team sport which is an important part of an individual's development growing up.

**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.**

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2014 has been an amazing season for the Boolarra Netball Club. Although our 15 and Under and 17 and Under teams struggled to win games, both junior teams were very committed and full of enthusiasm who along with their coaches (15 and Under - Monique Beamish and Darren Cornell, 17 and Under - Jess Middlemiss and Cassie Hill) have done the club proud. Well done to both teams, a sterling effort. Hopefully next year, with a solid pre-season and some hard training, we can win a few more games.

Both D and B grade have had solid seasons with some convincing wins. Unfortunately both just missed out on finals.

C Grade had a great year, finishing off the season in top position. Their tough training regime demanded total commitment from both coach and players alike, with extra help from their strength and conditioning coach, Sam Fenton. The C Grade girls were game fit and strong by the time finals rolled around, winning their second Semi Final and the Preliminary Final confidently. Although they had won themselves a week off before the Grand Final, it was always going to be a challenge coming up against last year's premiers Morwell East. With a bit of a shaky start, the teams were even at first quarter time, however once the nerves settled in the second quarter, we were up by five. Morwell East battled on in the third quarter reducing our lead to two goals at third quarter time. However, in the last quarter when Morwell East started to wear out our girls, they took advantage and powered-on feeling their confidence increasing as the game went on. They took control of the final minutes, settling the play and comfortably winning by 4 goals.

A Grade was another ripper game. There was a slow start to the season with barely enough players to field a team. Fortunately as the season progressed, more of the players returned from injury and having babies (our valuable future players). By the end of the season they had a full side and worked their way up the ladder to finish in second place. Finals were another tough few games with some quality sides to compete with but the girls smashed their way through gaining their well-deserved spot in the Grand Final. After a fierce rivalry with Mirboo North throughout the season, losing to the Tigers each time they had played them, they knew it would be a hard game. The Grand Final was an exceptional spectacle of quality netball with the lead changing many times throughout the game and the margin at each break being only one goal, and finally the game ended in a draw. As a result, time-on was played, this ended in another close finish, and unfortunately the girls lost by one goal. An unlucky result for our A Grade girls, but with another solid effort, hopefully next year will be our year. GO BOOLARRA!!

Jackie McGlade

Special congratulations to Abbey Taylor for winning the MGNA C Grade Best and Fairest for 2014 and BOC in the Grand Final game and also BOC in the Second Semi Final. That was an awesome effort.

Also Carly Jennings was awarded MGNA A Grade Runner Up Best and Fairest for 2014 and also was picked in the MGNA A Grade Team of the Year along with Nicole Jennings And Caitlan Ponton. We feel very proud of our girls and what they have achieved this season.