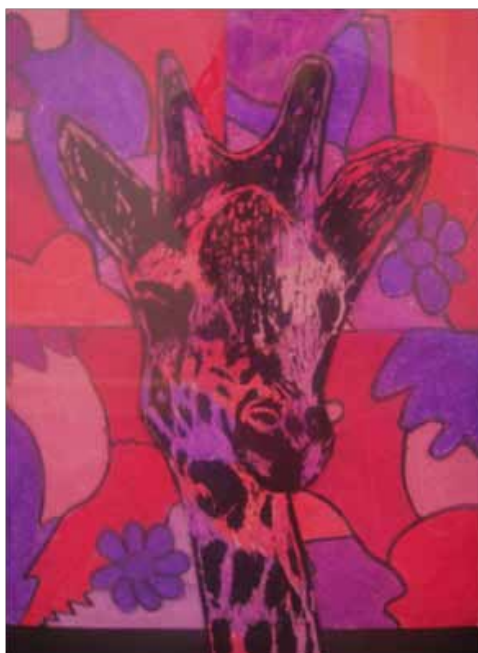


## COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION *at Memorial Hall*



Above - Artwork submitted by Amy Hogton, a Year 9 student

A two-day-event Art Exhibition is to be held at the Memorial Hall from **Friday 17 to Sunday 19 June 2011**. So mark these dates in your diary now and come along to our Exhibition.

Opening Night will be a Wine & Nibbles gathering to be held between 7.00 pm and 10.00 pm on **Friday 17th June**. The Exhibit proper will be open between 11.00 am and 5.00 pm on Saturday 18th and 11.00 am and 4.00 pm on Sunday 19th June.

The aim of the event is to encourage all members of the Boolarra community to unleash their creative spirit and make a unique piece of art to share with others. All humans are creative at some time during their lifetime, whether professionally or as a hobby and Boolarra has more than its fair share of very talented people. Hopefully, this exhibition will dispell the common belief that only artists are creative and will encourage locals to celebrate and share their own creative spirit.

Exhibition opening times should allow everyone the opportunity to come along to view the varied artworks entered by members of our local community – young and old alike!!

So please drop in to view the variety of entries, vote for your favourite exhibit, then enjoy some yummy refreshments supplied by our Boolarra Pony Club Catering team.

**BOOLARRA FOLK FESTIVAL wins again!**

The **BOOLARRA FOLK FESTIVAL** has again been voted “*Most Popular Community Event*” at the Latrobe City Business Tourism Association - People’s Choice Awards 2011 held at Morwell on 27 May 2011.

**Congratulations and well done to everyone involved in the organisation and running of this very popular and important event on the Boolarra calendar.**

The Latrobe City Business Tourism Association (LCBTA) has a 12 member committee with a mission “*To provide positive leadership and marketing of the Latrobe City as Gippsland’s Regional Tourism Centre to maximise the opportunities and benefits of tourism while integrating local business.*”

LCBTA’s focus is to provide support with business development, networking and marketing to regional operators and businesses in order

to increase visitor numbers, visitor expenditure and length of stay; thereby creating increased employment and growth for the regional economy.

In April 2010 LCBTA hosted the inaugural People’s Choice Awards at a Gala Night held at The Traralgon Vineyard. The 2010 awards were a great success with over 208 businesses receiving in excess of 2900 votes cast by their customers. Winner of the “People’s Choice Award 2010” for



from Left - Rick Teychenne, Music Co-ordinator, Russell Northe, & Ray Stewart, President accept the ‘Most Popular Community Event Award’

“Most Popular Community Event” was our own Boolarra Folk Festival.

This year, the Awards incorporated 13 categories covering ‘Excellence in Customer Service’, ‘Most Popular’ and ‘Good Access is Good Business’. Other contenders for the ‘Most Popular Community Event’ included Carols by Candlelight Traralgon, Moe Apex Bonfire, Traralgon Show and Walhalla Wound Up - Traralgon Harriers.

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Contact President, Ray Stewart on 5169 6275 or email [razzmond1@bigpond.com](mailto:razzmond1@bigpond.com)

### ***Does the Folk Festival have a future?***

The annual Boolarra Folk Festival, held on Saturday 5th March in Centenary and Railway Parks, was as usual a very successful event. We estimated that there were more than 6,500 people in attendance throughout the day.

Traffic counters set up on Monash Way and on the Boolarra / Mirboo North road found that approximately 2,600 extra vehicles visited the town on festival day, compared to the Saturday of the previous week. Survey data indicates that on average 2.5 people travelled in each vehicle, therefore the number of people travelling by car via the two main roads was at least 6,488. Others who enter along other roads, locals who leave their cars at home and walk and the 34 people who travelled by bus on the day are extra to that number.

All feedback from the event was extremely positive and people were impressed by the friendly community atmosphere of the day. Survey results and observations of people attending the festival indicate that this is very much a family event and people generally come with their partners or groups of family/friends.

Many people commented on the uniqueness of the festival, how rare it is to have an event that caters for all age groups, where everyone just mingles happily together.

The standard of the music and the quality of the market stalls got a big rap again this year, as did the overall organisation of all things associated with the festival.

Of the 139 people surveyed 135 said they would like to return again and 4 were unsure. 17% of people surveyed were from Melbourne / Metro area, 82% from Gippsland and 1 % from other areas such as Ballarat, Bardwell Park NSW, Queensland and Exeter in South Australia.

Approximately 50% of people learnt of the festival through word of mouth. Local newspapers and radio also got the message out to many people.

Interest in the Boolarra Folk Festival continues to increase. Between 1st January and 6th March 2011, Boolarra Folk Festival website had 1568 visitors, 73% were new visitors to the site.

We know from our economic impact study that the festival generates hundreds of thousands of dollars on the day throughout the region. No other one-day event in Gippsland has attracted such large crowds as consistently as the Bool-

arra folk festival. The challenge for the organising committee has always been to provide a free event.

Although the festival's finances are currently sound we only cover around 25% of the running costs on the day. Selling of festival merchandise, market stall site fees and money from the raffle make up most of that 25%.

The rest of the money needed comes from our sponsors who provide either financial or 'in kind' support. Without them there would be no festival, let alone a free event. Our main sponsors, in particular Latrobe City and International Power have not wavered in their financial support for this community event, their commitment to fund for at least 3 year periods has allowed us to confidently plan ahead each year.

After nine great years the challenge ahead now is 'how do we keep the festival going?' Those of us who have been involved since 2002 have seen the workload increase for some of the committee positions, particularly during the last three years. Unless at least 4-5 people come onto the committee this year at the AGM to be held on 28th July 2011, the festival may not last. We need these new people to replace long term committee members who are standing down next year. I have spoken to some of the current committee members about the festival's future and they are adamant this wonderful event should not be allowed to slowly die, however, it is generally agreed that if new members cannot be found to come onto the committee this year, then they suggest that the 2012 festival should be the last.

An enthusiastic person is needed to work with the current President (Ray Stewart) over the next year to take over that role after the 2012 festival.

The positions of Volunteer Co-ordinator, Treasurer and Minutes Secretary need to be filled while Wendy Stewart is still involved and able to give some guidance. At least one person is needed to assist the current Grants Co-ordinator (Leanne Blake) with funding applications and acquittals. Kristy Mills and Darren Cornell both joined the committee last year and both did a great job in their respective roles this year, however more people are needed if the festival is to survive.

Ray Stewart  
President, Boolarra Folk Festival Committee

**Anyone who would like to get involved in the staging of the festival is asked to contact Ray Stewart on 5169 6275 or take a look at [www.boolarrafolkfestival.com](http://www.boolarrafolkfestival.com) for more information.**



### Apologies from the Editor . . .

On page 1 of the March 2011 edition of the Boolarra Link, a photo of Jenny Biddle was incorrectly identified as being Lauren Taylor. Both artist's performances were very well received at the Festival., and now, to set the record straight, Lauren Taylor and Jenny Biddle are both pictured below.

Jan Thomson, Editor



*Lauren Taylor (above)  
who performed at the launch of  
the 9th Boolarra Folk Festival*



*Jenny Biddle (above) performing at  
the 2011 Boolarra Folk Festival*

## Media Release Darren Chester

Federal Member for Gippsland

The Nationals Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has urged local community and sporting clubs and non-profit organisations to make the most of the opportunity and apply for funding through the Volunteer Grants 2011 program.

Mr Chester said volunteer groups make an invaluable contribution to local communities, providing services and facilities that governments would never be in a position to offer. "Gippsland would definitely be worse off without the efforts and dedication shown by the thousands of volunteers across our region," Mr Chester said. "The Volunteer Grants program is a great opportunity to relieve some of the costs associated with running volunteer groups such as equipment, travel and training. "I en-

## NEW ROUND OF FUNDING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Grants of up to \$5000 to purchase equipment, subsidise petrol costs or provide training courses for volunteers are now available to community groups and organisations across Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley.

courage local volunteer clubs across Gippsland to apply to the program as soon they can - because there is only a month left before applications close."

Further information on the Volunteer Grants 2011 program and an online application form can be found at [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer\\_grants2011.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer_grants2011.aspx)

Organisations can also request paper-based application forms by calling 1800 183 374 or by emailing [vg2011@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:vg2011@fahcsia.gov.au)

***Applications to the Volunteer Grants 2011  
program close on June 8, 2011.***

## BOOLARRA MEN'S SHED

The Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG) Sub-Committee appointed to bring the Boolarra Men's Shed plans to fruition has been plugging away with planning considerations, whilst awaiting Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) approval for the proposed site handover.

Recently appointed Community Project Facilitator, Liz Tyler, has been liaising with DSE regarding soil test requirements and the final clean-up at the old Council Depot site.

Meanwhile, quotes have been obtained for the erection

of the shed, which will house Men's Shed activities and storage for community assets.

Our State MP Russell Northe recently confirmed government funding of \$25,000 for the Boolarra Men's Shed, honouring a promise made during the election campaign last November. The BCDG already holds considerable funding for the erection of the shed.

An 'Expression of Interest' flyer circulated in the community produced a very favourable response from people with varied interests and who would use the shed on a regular basis. These flyers are still available at the Post Office, and the Sub-Committee will contact those interested as the proposal progresses.

Val Henderson

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## Community Groups Information Forum

### Community Grants

Wednesday, 22 June 2011

Community Groups and 'not for profit' organisations in Latrobe City are invited to attend a FREE information forum on Community Grants.

**Date:** Wednesday, 22 June 2011  
**Time:** 6.00 pm to 9.30 pm  
**Venue:** The Quality Inn, Latrobe Convention Centre  
5601 Princes Highway, Traralgon.

The session will include:

- An overview of the 2011/2012 Latrobe City Community Grants Program Guidelines.
- Information about State Government funding opportunities with presentations from Regional Development Victoria and Department of Planning and Community Development
- Information for Federal Government funding opportunities from Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- Other Latrobe City grant opportunities

Light refreshments available from 6.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

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Krysten Forte  
Phone 1300 367 700 or email  
Krysten.Forte@latrobe.vic.gov.au

**RSVP by Wednesday,  
15 June 2011.**



## Boolarra Stompers Relay For Life

Calling all participants once again. This year's relay is in November and we need to get a wriggle on with our fundraising. I am asking that interested people come and register with me or do it on line but if you do it on line then please come in and let me know so I can include you on my list and start a roster going.

We had a wonderful result last year with just over \$6,000.00 going to cancer research. The weather wasn't kind to us on the day of the relay but we pushed on and I think we all enjoyed the participation. It was an eye opener for most of us as it was our first relay.

I have spoken to Colby about getting a trivia night on the calendar of our events as well as other things. Any other ideas will be gratefully received. A meeting needs to happen to get everyone to put their ideas on the table and advance from there and to get the enthusiasm moving in the right direction. Let's have some fun things happening.

It's a great cause as most of us have been touched by cancer in one way or another.

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*If you unable to enter details yourself,  
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or phone **0488 055 574** to leave  
details.*



## Message from Russell Northe

Firstly, I hope everyone in the Boolarra and District community had a restful Easter and ANZAC Day holiday break, and I welcome all students and teachers back for a new school term.

Many ANZAC Day services were conducted around the Latrobe Valley on 25 April and it was pleasing to see so many local residents attend dawn and daytime services on this important day. I had the pleasure of attending the early service held in Boolarra on Sunday April 17, conducted by the Morwell Returned and Services League (RSL) sub-branch. I congratulate Roz Carstairs and her team of volunteers for hosting such a wonderful tribute.

ANZAC Day was somewhat of a sombre morning given the news that long serving Morwell RSL President Mal Bugg had just passed away. Mal was a well known identity in the Latrobe Valley and has helped provide extraordinary community service to veterans and their families over a long period of time. Our condolences are with wife Moira and the Bugg family.

The last couple of months have certainly been busy with the planning and release of the 2011/2012 State Budget. As intended, there are a number of projects that will be initiated in the upcoming financial year for the benefit of Latrobe Valley residents.

One such project which has been strongly fought for by the Boolarra community is the implementation of a Men's Shed. I commend those involved with this project for being so active in gaining funding for this, and I'm sure they will see it right through to its completion. I am very pleased that I can say that \$25,000 has been allocated to this great resource, which I am sure will be a great success.

There are also a number of wider budget allocations which I believe will be of great benefit to the Latrobe Valley community. These include, but are not limited to:

- Victorian State Emergency Services
- Agriculture and fisheries
- Bushfire Royal Commission recommendations
- Electricity and sewerage concessions for low-income households
- 1,700 additional frontline Victoria Police; and more.

Should you wish to explore further Budget al-

locations, please visit [www.budget.vic.gov.au/budget.html](http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/budget.html).

With the 2011 winter sporting season well and truly underway, I wish all individuals and teams the very best of success, whether that be football, netball, soccer or any other sport or recreation. It is fantastic to be involved in a team sport and I encourage all and sundry to participate as the benefits are enormous.

I look forward to continuing working with the Boolarra and District community to advance projects that will ultimately be of benefit to residents. I wish you all a very happy and productive next couple of months until we see the next edition of The Boolarra Link.

Russell Northe MP  
Member for Morwell



### BOOLARRA ANZAC SERVICE

On Sunday 17th April 2011 the Boolarra community came together to commemorate ANZAC Day. Under a beautiful clear blue sunny sky Boolarra remembered the contribution and sacrifice of its own men and women. Morwell Returned & Services League (RSL) members supported the organisation of the service and also attended on the day.

Local identity Tom Lawless, who served in the Royal Australian Air Force in World War II, gave the address. He spoke about Boolarra's history throughout both world wars. He then read



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*Roz Carstairs reads the names of Boolarra's 29 fallen from WWI & II and the Korean War*

the ANZAC requiem.

Roz Carstairs read the names of Boolarra's 29 fallen from World War I and II as well as those lost in the Korean War.

For the first time Boolarra saw the New Zealand flag flying and their anthem played as part of the service. This is to recognise our two countries' shared history dating back to that day in 1915 when Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli.

Official guests also included Brian Jeffrey, President of the Morwell RSL, Cr. Ed Vermeulen, Gunyah Ward Councillor and Morwell MLA Russell Northe.

Following the service a delicious morning tea was served in the Memorial Hall with many people chatting with guests who had attended the service and catching up with friends. Many thanks go to the local residents who generously supplied the morning tea.

After a gap of 16 years it was wonderful to see an ANZAC Service again being held at Boolarra and we look forward this once again become an integral part of community life.

Roz Carstairs  
Organiser

*Early morning flags at half-mast & 29 white crosses for the Boolarra fallen*

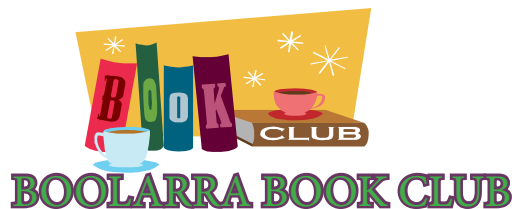




## POLICE REPORT

In late March 2011, a gent's bracelet was found in a Boolarra street and handed in to the police station. If you have lost this item, enquiries should be made at the Boolarra Police Station or by phone on - 5169 6222.

Leading Senior Constable  
Gary Mills



Our Book Club continues to be a great way to spend these damp winter months. If the sun shines, walk and garden - if it rains, read a book.

We have really enjoyed two excellent books lately . . . "Three Cups of Tea", about schools in Tibet and "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brook - a story of a young Australian woman restoring an ancient Hebrew book and learning about the faiths of others. It is set in war-torn Sarajevo and is fascinating with insights into the ancient secrets of the manuscript and the problems which face multi-cultural societies today. An absorbing read.

Our next book is "Under the Sun", the story of Italian migrants coming to Australia and how our cultures conflict and merge. It is a beautifully crafted novel, expressing the sense of loss and dislocation experienced by many migrants.

During these colder months we meet at Robern's place at 4.30 pm for coffee and hello, followed by the book discussion. At 6.30 pm we share a soup and bread supper and continue with the discussion - other things as well as the book. We are usually home again by 8.00 pm on these dark nights.

We have a couple of places available, so if you are interested please ring **Robern** on **5169 6494** for more information.

### USING EGGSHELLS TO DETER THE CABBAGE WHITE BUTTERFLY

If you're planting a crop of Brassicas try placing eggshells around the base of the plant. The white of the eggshells will discourage the cabbage white butterflies. They'll fly in, think that there's another butterfly in residence and they'll move on.

### Temperate/Cool Zone - What to Plant Now

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- Garlic - Cabbage - Silverbeet



*Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is held every year in May as a fundraiser for the Cancer Council. Funds raised from the Biggest Morning Tea helps the Cancer Council continue their work in cancer research, prevention, education and support services.*

Sadly, every 20 minutes a Victorian hears the words "You have cancer". By taking part in Morning Teas and donating either your time or funds, everyone can help support these people and their families. Support services including the Cancer Council Helpline and telephone support groups are often the only support available to many rural families.

In 2010, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea raised over \$10 million! This was a fantastic effort and the aim for 2011 is \$11 million.

Boolarra's Biggest Morning Tea was held at the Memorial Hall on 25th May 2011. This was the first for Boolarra and approximately 40 people turned up on a beautiful day.



We were all treated to a wonderful spread of cakes and slices. Herbal teas and black teas served in our beautiful dainty cups, donated by the members of the community all over Australia after the Black Saturday Bushfires.

It was a great social event and a total of \$333.10 was raised. I would like to thank all the wonderful people that helped with the catering and cleaning up, the Hall Committee for donating the venue and everyone for coming along to make this event a success.

Marietta Herni, Organiser

*Below - Organiser, Marietta Herni (centre) enjoys a well deserved cuppa with Abbas and Carla*



*Left - Boolarra's first Biggest Morning Tea was well supported and raised \$333.10 for Cancer Council research*

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## YINNAR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY GARDEN

An exciting community project has been bubbling away at Yinnar since the beginning of this year – the creation of a Community Garden.

The Yinnar & District Community Association (YDCA) have successfully secured funding for the garden through the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust Community Based Garden Project. This project aims to assist communities affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires to rebuild and regenerate through gardening activities. The Yinnar community are working closely with Sustainable Gardening Australia (SGA), the project managers, to establish this garden, not just for Yinnar but for all residents of the wider district.

The garden location is planned for the area of land at the rear of Art Resource Collective (ARC) Yinnar who are very supportive of the project. They hope that an area for growing pigment plants for artists and a small performing arts space will be incorporated into the final garden design.

Latrobe City Council (LCC) has also lent their support to the project and is assisting the community to obtain a licence for the land from Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE).

Sustainable Gardening Australia's Project Manager, Elaine Shallue says, "This project is unique in that from the very beginning we are working to deliver on the community's vision for the garden. We have held a number of community forums over the past few months so that we can get a real sense of what this garden should be.

Whilst it will have a strong focus on produce gardening, it will also reflect the strong artistic nature of the community and their love of the indigenous flora and fauna of the area." The ultimate garden design will reflect these values.

Four community gardens will be created under the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust Community Garden Project. In addition to Yinnar, other gardens will be established in Jindivick, near Neerim South, Toolangi in the Kinglake Ranges and Beechworth in north eastern Victoria.

Whilst the project budget covers all of the infrastructure requirements for the garden, the community is expected to provide volunteers to help with building the garden. Catheryn Thompson has been appointed the local garden facilitator to ensure that the garden is supported through its first stages.

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## BOOLARRA BLAZERS The Walk & Talk Club

We have approx 20 members who enjoy the walk/talk sessions. It seems the fitter we get, the easier it is to solve the world's problems.

Our walks are always enjoyable and are followed by a nice morning tea.

So far this year we have walked the oval and explored other local areas. We have walked the Mill Site, Billy's Creek, the Rail Trail, Lake Hyland at Churchill, Morwell National Park and a Boolarra street walk.

Feel free to join us in our adventures. We meet on Thursdays at the oval at 9.00 am or near the Post Office if we are venturing further afield. For more information contact John Lubawski - 5169 6494

## BOOLARRA DISTRICT GARDEN GROUP

### OPEN GARDEN BONANZA 2011

We will be holding the Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza again this year on 6th November. We have a few gardens already, however we need more. So, if you know of a hidden treasure out there (in or out of town), or if you are interested in opening your own garden, please contact Jill Simmonds on 5169 6516 for more information.

This event has been a great success for the town in past years, with visitors and locals enjoying the labours of local gardeners who are happy to share their gardens with others.

The proceeds support many local groups and for this event to again be successful, we really need the help of the community.

Any enquires please contact **Jill Simmonds, Open Gardens Coordinator 2011 on 5169 6516.**

### MORWELL STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

The Morwell Stroke Support Group is a community organization where those attending can learn more about stroke, share their experiences, and become inspired to move forward. We are a happy band of people and you would be most welcome to pop in some time. Come and see for yourself if this is a group that suits you.

We usually meet on the **first Tuesday of each month at Nicholson Rehabilitation Ward meeting room, Latrobe Regional Hospital, at 1.30 p.m.** Occasionally we have an outing, so it would be wise to contact one of the below mentioned people if you are intending to come.

All enquiries can be made to:  
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## BOOLARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Come As You Like Day

On the last day of term 1 our Junior School Council arranged an out of uniform day where students could dress however they liked. Students came in pyjamas, dressed as spiders, fairies, movie characters and the like. The teachers all got into the spirit of the day and came in Boolarra school uniform. Everyone gave donations to go towards helping the victims of the floods in Queensland; \$100 was raised in total. The Junior School Councillors also sold fruit juice icy-poles and hotdogs and raised an additional \$100 to donate to the victims of the earthquake in Japan.

### Easter Activities

As is our tradition, we staged an egg roll down our play-ground hill just before the Easter break. Competition was fierce with duck eggs proving to be very tough! Everyone enjoyed a chocolate egg for competing and some students got to eat their boiled egg, if it wasn't too battered. Following a request to our Junior School Council (JSC), we also ran a Box Decorating competition and a Box Race down the hill. There were some amazing boxes which made the judging job very hard for our JSC. Our Easter activities provided an enjoyable finish a very productive term 1.

### Our School Cross Country

We commenced term 2 with our cross country run along the scenic Boolarra Rail Trail. Everyone did a great job. We were particularly impressed with the effort of our grade 2 runners who competed in our cross country for the first time this year. They all completed the 2km run with no complaints and posted some really impressive times!

### Yinnar & District Cross Country

Congratulations to the 16 students selected to compete at the Yinnar & District Cross Country in Churchill: Kayla Napier, Lauren Alexander, Alannah Green, Eden Hassett, Samuel Birkbeck, Rory Peter, Bella Papa, Daina Howard, Airtrea Cupples, James Potter, Adam Pickett, Tyson Cameron (Grade 2!), Ella O'Kane, Lydia Reiske, Isabelle Reiske and Tilly Chalmers. They all performed brilliantly and were clearly up for the challenge of running against the best runners from the other schools in our district. Extra congratulations to Kayla who came 2nd in the 12/13 year girls' age group, Ella who placed 3rd and Lydia 4th in the 9/10 girls' age group. These three girls qualified to represent the Yinnar & District schools in the Regional Cross Country at Birmingham Park on Friday 3rd June. Special mention must also be made of Bella who placed 7th, narrowly missing out on going through to the next race, (and improving markedly on her 18th placing last year! James (placing 10th) and Tyson (17th) might have been the smallest boys in their race but they definitely were not the slowest!



Rory & Samuel at the Yinnar & District Cross Country

### Milo Meeting

Each term our principal Leanne likes to meet with senior students to get their thoughts on how our school could improve. To help lubricate their voice boxes they have a Milo during the meeting. The students make lots of great suggestions which we try to act upon. At the most recent meeting they alerted us to some hazards (tree stumps, ant nests and very slippery ground). They certainly earned their Milo!

### Lollies in the Jar Competition:

Prep student Paige and her Mum, Tracy participated in a Walkathon to race money for Breast Cancer research. Rather than bother us to sponsor them, they set up a competition to raise money. Jude, Carlene, Tyson and Annabel guessed closest to the tally of 500 and therefore got equal shares in the lollies. In total over \$40 was raised through this venture. Paige and her Mum raised an impressive \$222 overall!

### Mothers' Day Stall

We had an amazing range of gifts at our school stall thanks to the canny shopping of Anna Hall and Kristy Mills. It was lovely to see how excited our students were with their purchases for their Mums and other special ladies in their lives.

### New Building

After a very long wait our new building was finally handed over to us on Thursday 12th May, just in time for our scheduled moving working bee on Friday 13th. The new building looks great and will comfortably house our grade 2-6s, our Library and Computer Lab. Unfortunately, there is insufficient electrical cabling provision to fully heat the new building as we are operating on partial power; this will be rectified as soon as possible. The grade prep / ones will occupy a spacious double classroom in the main building and the

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### Yinnar & District Community Garden

An important element of this garden is that the garden plots will be communal and that other community groups will be encouraged to come and participate in the garden and grow what they want. You don't have to be an expert gardener to participate.

The garden will also provide regular **FREE** workshops on the first Sunday of every month, starting with a Sustainable Gardening Design workshop on June 5th, World Environment Day. This workshop covers all elements of sustainable design for the home garden and will be run by Wendy Clarke of Dirtscape Dreaming. Wendy is an award winning designer who loves sharing her extensive knowledge and experience of design with others in a practical and positive way. Wendy specialises in inspiring others to create 'special places for people to dream'.

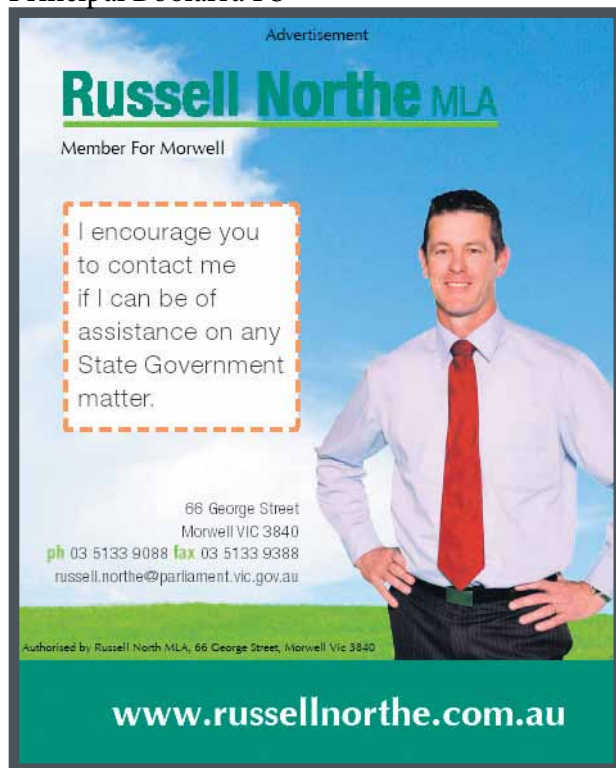
All workshops will be held in the SwitchRoom at

### Boolarra Primary School

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Art Room will be in the other double classroom opposite the P/1s. The remaining single classroom (formerly our grade 3/4 room) will become a resource room. It is intended that the Budgerie Building (our former Art Room) will become a Community Resource Room at some point in the future. We are very grateful to all the senior students and parents who helped with moving day. Special thanks to community members Roz Carstairs, John Lubawski, Val Henderson and Neil Waack, along with our fabulous cleaner, Warwick Patience who also put in lots of time helping us to set up.

Leanne Emond  
Principal Boolarra PS



ARC Yinnar and will run from 1.30 – 3.30pm.

### Other workshops for 2011 are:

*Sun, Jul 3rd – Fruit Tree Selection & Care*  
*Sun, Aug 7th – Organic Pest Control*  
*Sun, Sept 4th – Growing Summer Vegetables*  
*Sun, Oct 2nd – Composting & Worm Farms*  
*Sun, Nov 6th – Effective Garden Irrigation*  
*Sun, Dec 4th – Backyard Biodiversity*

For further information on the Yinnar & District Community Garden, please contact Catheryn Thompson, Yinnar & District Community Garden Facilitator on 0435 048 153 or by email.

Recently, a "Community Garden Tour" was conducted to visit 3 community gardens that have been established at Ringwood, Nunawading and the Ashburton Permaculture Garden where we met up with members of the Jindivick community garden. Each garden had its own style, however the Permaculture garden, although the newest, was the group favourite.

Catheryn Thompson, Facilitator  
0435 048 153 or email  
[YinnarCG@telstra.com](mailto:YinnarCG@telstra.com)

## **BOOLARRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

In one of the most exciting developments for the BCDG in recent times, a facilitator has been appointed to assist the group and the community to progress a number of projects. This appointment germinated from discussions with Heather Farley from Latrobe City Council, when she advised there was still \$9,900.00 that had been made available for bushfire recovery through the Community Building Initiative (CBI) program.

After advertising the position and going through an interview process, Liz Tyler has been appointed to the position of Facilitator. The priority projects identified for Liz are the Bushfire Memorial Gazebo, the Men's shed, the multi-purpose building, a community website and the wildlife shelter funding project. A workshop was held with representatives from each of these projects to clarify the goals and processes and to identify how the facilitator position can assist and Liz has been doing good work following up on these projects.

Jared Mills has been co-ordinating use of the Community Bus for a while now. He has reported some serious concerns to the BCDG on the general condition of the bus and specifically on repairs required to the air conditioning.

As a general principle the Development Group aims to have the bus in tip-top condition for all hirings. However, the air conditioner will cost >\$3,000.00 to repair and needs parts from Japan that will take over six months to arrive. In addition to this problem, other major repairs will be required within two years. In the light of this the Development Group needs to consider options for repair, replacement or loss of the community service, taking into account the costs involved and the general level of usage and community demand.

The Development Group continues to be involved in a range of projects, some of which are covered in more depth in other reports.

We continue to work with the Multi-purpose Building Committee of Management and Latrobe City on the redevelopment of the facility. Currently we are awaiting revised plans for consideration.

Plans for the Bushfire Memorial Gazebo to be located in Railway Park have been drawn up by Chris Langridge and we are currently seeking the necessary permits and approvals prior to undertaking the erection.

Jill Simmonds has the planning for the Open Garden Day in November well in hand, with six gardens organised at this stage. The wet weather has had a significant impact on a number of local gardens, but Jill is confident they'll all be blooming marvelous by November.

The Development Group is supporting a proposal from the Top Shop and local artist Abbas Mehran, for a mural to go on the wall of the shop. Abbas has prepared drafts of the design and has put in a great deal of time and thought and consulted with many locals, including the Historical Society, to develop an appropriate design.

Abbas has also initiated a "community" art show, which the BCDG is supporting. We would love to make this an annual event that will attract people into the town, as it would provide Boolarra three promotional attractions, along with the Folk Festival and the Open Garden Day that are well spaced and catering to a diverse audience.

The other promotional opportunity we are looking into (in conjunction with the Churchill News) is the development of post cards incorporating images of Boolarra, which we hope to have available in the near future.

Colin Brick  
Boolarra Community Development Group

## **POST OFFICE Natters**

Here we are already almost halfway through another year, but isn't it amazing that we have seen the longest winter and it hasn't changed much at all as we are seeing almost a snow season now. I trust we all have our thermals to keep us as warm as we can possibly be this year. I know our heating went on earlier than usual. The warm coats and hats are the go for most.

Isn't it lovely seeing all the babies and toddlers around town with their parents. We seem to have a lot of newcomers in Boolarra this year. Properties in the area have been changing hands bringing different ideas and skills to make this a better place to live, not that there was anything wrong with it but new thoughts can make a difference. Just seeing the park used as much as it has been is a wonderful thing, and doesn't it look great. I'm sure we have the best outlook from our windows that you can find anywhere. It won't be long and the trees will be bare. We are also looking forward to the re-opening of the Rail Trail.

I didn't think we could do any more changes at the Post Office, but little ideas come to the fore and bingo something else has changed. Changes in the way postage has been assessed has slowed things down a little but with your patience and our knowledge, we will be on top of those changes in no time at all.

As you people on the mail-run will have noticed, we are trying to deliver as many parcels as we can to save you the trouble of coming into town to collect them. But there are still the ones that need signatures for collection that we cannot take out. Also, some of the boxes out there are quite inappropriate for some of the mail but we do our best.

For the people in town, we still have a few private post boxes available. Come in and have a chat about what is available if you think a box could be the answer for you. It does make for convenience, as if the necessity arises we can arrange for you to pick up parcels after hours at a time to suit. It only takes a phone call from you. Our phone number is 5169 6209

Our opening hours are: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday and 9.00 am to 11.00 am on Saturdays, but if it's a long weekend then we are closed on those Saturdays.

That's it for now. I just wish the rain would stop for a little while and let the ground dry out some.

***Cheers from us at the Post Office***

## ***Friends of Lyrebird Forest Walk***

I'm pleased to report the Warriors have been busy in spite of the constant rain. The shed got a major tidy-up and makeover, more park bench timbers were dressed in readiness for assembly and installation, more firewood was cut and delivered, plus many other jobs which I've failed to notice. Our ranger Bronwyn has also been busy on Parks Victoria's behalf, providing more 'volunteer' jackets and organising the desperately needed repairs to the severely damaged tracks up in the back hills of the Forest, not to mention the ongoing on-site fox eradication program. Phew!

I'm also pleased to note we have added an ex Army Troop Carrier to our equipment inventory (thanks to hawk-eye Bill Morton). Unlike what I imagined (a huge ten ton truck), this Troop Carrier turned out to be a really good second hand 4x4 Toyota of modest dimensions. Last Wednesday I enjoyed my first ride as a passenger. Sadly the original military camouflage had been repainted a less than exciting darkish blue grey; probably a good thing as the Warriors might easily lose a camouflaged vehicle in the Forest. If you spotted the Warriors heading down to the Walk recently, you'd be excused for thinking you observed an Army Reserve Convoy out on manoeuvres. Bristling with happy Warriors, both vehicles were towing trailers laden with all manner of gear. We also had a hefty load of sandy gravel, bags of cement and a bundle of hessian bags (generously donated by a Thorpdale Potato farmer).

Our 'Mission' was to recover and restore part of the river walk that was seriously eroded when our lovely babbling brook became a torrent and broke its banks. We made short work of filling and placing lots of Thorpdale Potato Sandbags, making a new bank to retain a few cubic meters of gravel to restore the track back to its former glory. It is rewarding to see this spontaneous type of repair work being achieved - just for the fun of it.

We were even pleased to greet our mate Bruce who showed up to help, although he was on light duties. I'm sure we all appreciate this sort of major repair work being done almost instantly and for free. The Warriors were so eager to get on with the job, John Murray forgot to load our 'Gourmet Morning Tea'. In disgrace he was dispatched back to the shed to retrieve it. Yes the day certainly carried all the hall-marks of a carefully planned precision military operation.

Speaking of free: Brent Hillman and his wife

Linda run a small contracting business - Total Property Maintenance. Unasked, Brent turned up one Friday at 8 am with a mini excavating machine and put in a full day free of charge clearing out some clogged run-off gutters along the walk that were blocked and prone to flooding. His time and equipment saved us a lot of money and many hours of hard work which otherwise would not have been done for years, if ever. Brent Hillman is already a valuable community volunteer. Thanks Brent for the 'Friday Freebie' we certainly classify you as a Wednesday Warrior, even if you turned up on a Friday and out on our famous Wednesday Gourmet Morning Tea and Gossip. I guess to be politically correct, you should call yourself a 'Friday Warrior'.

Digby Watson. News Facilitator  
Friends of Lyrebird Forest Walk



*Above - Men at Work*

*Below - Brent Hillman's 'Friday Freebie'*



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## Cemetery Trust Report

The Cemetery grounds are looking particularly lovely at present, and thanks go to all the hard-working Trust members who have attended recent working bees.

The Cemetery Trust has a responsibility to maintain the grounds in good condition and to reserve funds for future projects. Our current project is the replacement of the old flower containers in the Lawn Section. We had sufficient funds available to complete Row 1, however there are two more rows to be done before we finish the job. We are planning to apply for a grant from the Department of Health (DH) to enable us to complete this project.

Our income from funerals is limited, however we do receive an annual grant from Latrobe City, which covers the cost of mowing the large grassed areas. A sub-committee was set up earlier this year to review our fees, comparing them to five other Cemeteries - Hazelwood, Trafalgar, Toongabbie, Willow Grove and Yarragon. The majority of fees charged by cemeteries in Victoria were standardised 4 years ago by DH and are increased in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) on July 1st each year. Any price increases must be submitted to DH for approval.

Our sub-committee recommended a price increase of 30% for all plots, and this was approved by a regular meeting of the Trust in April.

Boolarra Cemetery will still be cheaper for burials than any of the above cemeteries, but the price rise, if approved by DH, will provide us with a sound economic base for the future.

Plots can be pre-purchased in all sections of the Cemetery. Current prices are displayed in the Gazebo at the Cemetery, or you can call the Secretary on 5169 6721 for further information.

Glenys Morgan  
Secretary

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### Community Bank at Work Supporting Community Activities

The establishment of the **Mirboo North and District Bendigo Community Bank Branch (MN&DBCB)** has promised to return money to our towns of Mirboo North, Boolarra and Yinnar.

Although the returning of dividends to the shareholders and grants to community groups is a little way off yet, the Bendigo Bank Branch has been able to provide sponsorship to several groups throughout the district already, with several more organisations currently involved in negotiations with the marketing commit-

tee of Strzelecki Ranges Community Enterprises (SRCE).

***If your community group requires sponsorship please see Branch Manager, Alan Bannister for more information.***

Groups receiving sponsorship recently include the Mirboo North Pool Committee for their Mirboo North Idol event. This was a great fund raiser for the pool committee and a great night for the young people of our town.

The MN&DBCB has also been involved with sponsoring the Yinnar Bowling Club's Invitation Mixed Bowls Day held in January 2011 and saw competitors from many Gippsland towns entering. The Community Bank was the main sponsor on the day offering \$150 in prize money. Other sponsors included Keith Williams Real Estate in Morwell.

The winners on the day were the team from Foster with Branch Manager, Alan Bannister, himself a keen bowler and competitor on the day, presenting the Foster team with their prize. Second place went to the team from Mirboo North.

In his presentation speech Alan highlighted that this event was just one way that the Community Bank supported the wider Community, and he encouraged all present to remember that their support of the Community Bank could contribute to an increased level of sponsorship for such events in the future.

It was a great day of bowls and the sponsorship from the bank was really appreciated by the Yinnar Bowling Club as well as the participants on the day.

Alan Bannister, Branch Manager

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## Boolarra Bowls & Recreation Club

### MEMORIUM

#### **MICHAEL (MICK) TAYLOR**

It is always a solemn occasion when someone passes on and bowling clubs seem to see a higher proportion of this than probably any other sporting club.

If you walked into the area of the green on any given day, you would probably see Mick busily working on the green; mowing, rolling, weeding, spraying, watering. If not working on the green, he would be in the Club House tending to the bar and stocking the fridges, occasionally he was seen bowling.

Mick also helped with the school children's bowling program on Friday afternoons and supplied fresh watermelon for the kids as they walked back to school after a hot afternoon on the green. The children showed their appreciation to Mick and each child wrote him a thank you card saying how much they loved the watermelon.

In recognition of his service he received an award on Australia Day, just 3 months ago, for his service to the bowling club.

He spoke lovingly of his daughters and grandchildren and was well known for being a thorough gentleman, speaking to one and all with respect.

As he requested, Mick's ashes were spread at Natimuk near Horsham, where he grew up.

However, he will be best remembered for the valuable years he spent among us. We are all so thankful to him for the camaraderie, help, willingness, friendship and respect that Mick gave to us all over the years.

So from us all at the club, REST IN PEACE, and thanks for everything.

#### **Members of the Boolarra Bowling Club**

I first met Mick when he joined the Boolarra Bowling Club and I soon realised, that Mick was someone who would do almost anything that was asked of him. If you were a player short, or you wanted someone to stand in for you, Mick was the guy I turned to. He was always willing to help out anywhere at the club and I am sure a lot of the club members knew this.

**REST IN PEACE MICK.**

**Tony Snell**

### Ladies' Section

The ladies have held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the officer bearers for the coming season are:

|           |   |            |
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| President | - | Val McLean |
| Secretary | - | Betty Fox  |
| Treasurer | - | Joy Prior  |

An enjoyable presentation night was held on Friday 29th April.

Results of ladies' club events:

#### **Championship Singles**

Winner – Joy Prior  
Runner Up – Janice Whelan

#### **100 Up**

Winner – Jenny Medew  
Runner Up – Natalie Roy

#### **2 Bowls Singles Handicap**

Winner – Betty Fox  
Runner Up – Glenda Thompson

#### **President's Handicap**

Winner - Joy Prior  
Runner Up – Glenda Thompson

#### **Championship Pairs**

Natalie Roy & Glenda Thompson

#### **Drawn Pairs**

Janice Whelan & Val McLean

A big thank you to all markers and the greenkeepers for their tireless work.

Thanks also to our valued sponsors for the season: Italian & Australian Sporting & Social Club, Bendigo Bank, Baker & Gordon, Latrobe Valley Funeral Services and The Boolarra Club Hotel.

The ladies conducted a very successful tournament on March 22nd and at the Invitation Day on April 1st. Together with the Folk Festival catering we raised valuable funds of approximately \$2,700. Well done ladies, it could not be done without your help and donations.

The green is now closed and undergoing Winter renovations. We anticipate the 11-12 season opening mid September.

For the past couple of years the Victorian State Bowls executives have been working towards an efficient mens' and ladies' unified body with 16 regions. As a result, the Royal Victorian Bowls Association (RVBA) and the Victorian Ladies' Bowling Association (VLBA) have successfully amalgamated to form a new entity called Bowls Victoria (BV).

Following on from this, the ladies and men of our Associations, the Gippsland District Ladies

Bowling Association (GDLBA) and the Mid Gippsland Bowls Association (MGBA) respectively, have also amalgamated. From July 1st we will become West Gippsland Division in the region of Strzelecki.

We wait with interest to see the results of these changes.

Enjoy your winter break bowlers. Come back refreshed and energized for next season's bowling. Our active bowling members have been diminishing over recent years, so we would like to see some new faces on the green so come along and give bowls a try.

Betty Fox  
Secretary

### Mens Section

Season 2010-2011 has finished and season 2011-2012 is fast approaching. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 26th May at our Club Rooms, with our Board AGM scheduled for 2nd June 2011.

This Pennant Season, Division Four won their way to the semi final at Yallourn Bowls Club against Morwell Recreation Club, unfortunately we were defeated.

All Club games have been completed and the victors have had their awards presented at our Annual Presentation Night at the Club Rooms. A great night was had by all, a big thanks to all who organised the event.

The champs are:

**Club Champion** - Terry Parker

Runner up - David Caldwell

**Presidents Handicap** - Bob Allen

Runner up - Bill Brown

**2 Bowl Singles** - David Caldwell

Runner up - Brendan Dudek

**5 and Under** - Brendan Dudek

Runner Up - Maz Hagley

**100 Up** - Brendan Dudek

Runner Up - David Caldwell

**Pairs** - Bob Allen & Cliff Prior

Runners Up - Russ Peters & Stan Williams

Congratulations to all.

The Greens at our Club are undergoing some major changes at the moment. The shape of our Green will be an 8 x 7 (Rink) size, meaning that games can be played from either side. The south-west side of the green will be built up and seats and shade shelters will be erected, as will the opposite end, near the car park. The existing

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## FRIENDS OF THE UPPER MORWELL RIVER INC

### *New Table and Benches for Morwell River Falls*

The April Working Bee at the Morwell River Falls had many challenges, however, with the able help of all, we overcame them and by the end of a long day, we had a wonderful picnic setting in place.

A big thank-you to all the hardworking Friends of the Upper Morwell River - Paul Jesse, Alan Hall, Phil Piper, John Parker, Brian McLune, Zorka Krcova, Mick Schiller, Denise Schiller, Sue Webster and Catheryn Thompson at this working bee.

With a small grant from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) we paid Paul Jesse to make the table and chairs out of rein-

### **Bowls Club - Mens Section continued**

grass will be replaced with new grass and two new ditches excavated.

This is a major renovation and when finished Boolarra Bowls Club will have a championship quality green.

Well done to Bob and Howard in co-ordinating this massive job.

Boolarra Bowls and Recreation Club welcomes all to view our family friendly club and new members, social and full memberships available, see any member of our club for details.

Tony Snell, Secretary

forced concrete and steel, and they are now well secured in place. Some may remember that there was a picnic setting here in the past.

You can access the Picnic Setting via the Old Morwell River Falls entrance off Morwell River Road and the placement, in an amphitheatre of forest, is very beautiful. The picnic setting marks the spot where the two main tracks leading down to the Falls begin. As well as the picnic setting, there is a bench seat under the old notice board with a little table and another bench called the 'Catholic Bench'. I'll leave it up to you to discover the clue to that name.

These benches and the signs (which were also funded through this grant) have all been crafted by Mick Schiller, largely through recycled materials. With all this hard work completed we are hopeful that the Falls will be officially re-opened very soon.

While several of the Friends worked hard to install the new picnic setting, the others put in place a new gate to enable easy access to the tracks so that materials don't have to be hauled in buckets. The gate is designed so walkers can easily get past, but vehicles cannot, thus ensuring the area remains protected from wanton damage by vehicles and the serenity of the area remains.

For those who have trouble walking down steep tracks we advise accessing the Falls from the Frontage Road side (however this is a dry weather track or a four wheel drive track in the wet) and is off Olsen's Road.



*Happy, hardworking friends installing new facilities at the Old Morwell River Falls entrance off Morwell River Road*

As the Link goes to press we have just had a Working Bee at the new picnic table and this included some gentle landscaping and a meeting. Stay tuned for the telling of an exciting discovery in the next Friend's instalment. In the meantime, the colder weather signals the emergence of fungi and there is a diversity of these interesting growths up at the Morwell River Falls Reserve, popping out of the ground, tabling out of trees and fluttering along damp logs. Remember to always wear sturdy boots and to be extra careful when tracks are slippery.

Catheryn Thompson  
President, Friends of Upper Morwell River Inc

*New Picnic Setting in place and ready to be enjoyed*



### **MULCHING TIP**

**DON'T ADD** wood chip mulch straight from the tree lopper or chipper as it can draw nitrogen from the soil and cause plants to yellow and weaken.

Any mulch obtained directly from a chipper should be put it in a big heap in the corner of the garden, leave it there to compost down for about 2 months and then you can use it as a mulch. If you have already spread uncomposted mulch, simply add blood and bone or some liquid fertiliser that's high in nitrogen to the soil to rectify the nitrogen draw-down.

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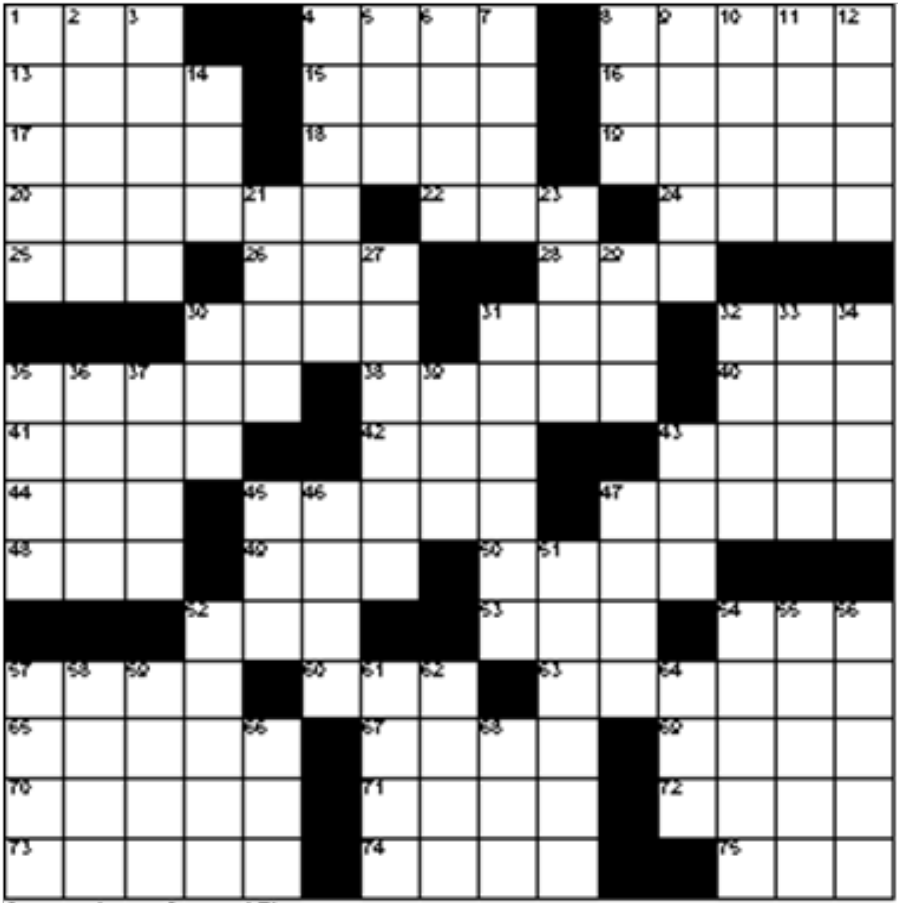
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58 Console  
59 Baseball glove  
61 Smoke duct  
62 Locate  
64 Jewel  
66 Anger  
68 Zag's partner

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
HAPPENINGS

Boolarra Christian Church on Tarwin Street is next door to the Primary School. Next monthly meetings are on Sunday 19th June and Sunday 10th July at 10 am for service followed by lunch. Anyone is welcome to join us.

COMBINED GARAGE SALE/OPEN DAY FOR  
CHRISTIAN SATELLITE TELEVISION

We are having a garage sale and introducing our satellite television with 12 channels on Saturday 9th July from 9 am until 3 pm.

We will have a variety of stuff for sale from 3 families' homes and a church clean out. Items include chairs, fold out couch, futon, television, household goods, unwanted gifts, clothes, books, an exercise bike and heaps more. Browse and make a reasonable offer for goods, watch the satellite television, listen to music, have a cuppa, mingle and chat. All are most welcome to come.

Money raised is to cover costs and as a fundraiser for Life FM radio (103.9FM).

Christian satellite television viewing will be regularly open every Tuesday night 7pm until 9pm from 7th June.

A small donation would be appreciated to cover costs. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are also available. Church hall and facilities are also available for private hire.

We also have a small Christian band and if you would like to be a part of it please contact Bruce on 0427 696 640 or Carol 0488 055 574.

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## BUSH DANCING, MAGIC SHOW & DINNER



Above - Kids dance up a storm at the Bush Dance

Community events were thick on the ground on a recent weekend in Boolarra. Latrobe City Council (LCC) Bushfire Events funding provided Bush Dancing for students at Boolarra Primary School and a community Bush Dance at the Hall with great music by the Briagalong Bush Band.

The next day, there was an entertaining show for around 60 local children in Railway Park with balloon art, bubbles, clowns, bikes and other activities. The entertainers were extremely complimentary about the behaviour of our lovely children – take a bow kids!

As if all that wasn't enough for one weekend, many of us fronted up again on the Saturday night for a funny and puzzling time with Nigel the Magician, again at our Memorial Hall which had morphed from a Country Bush Dance setting into formal dining. Great work by the Hall decorators and cleaners!

Nigel entertained us with jokes and various tricks and the involvement of several community members, the starring role ably filled by Keith Robertson. Nigel couldn't have chosen a better participant – Keith was in fine form. There were rope, card and memory tricks, as well as the inevitable disappearing/reappearing \$20 note and watch tricks.

We were also entertained throughout the night by Lighthouse – another wonderfully talented musical group comprising members of the McGrath and Den Toom families.

The delicious meal we enjoyed was partially prepared and served from our great new Hall kitchen – another terrific asset to our community.

**Who says nothing ever happens in Boolarra!!**

Val Henderson

Right - Great music from the Briagalong Bush Band



## KID'S CORNER

### Riddle me this . . . . .

Q: What sport do Elephants play with ants?

A: Squash

Q: How did the farmer fix his jeans ?

A: With a cabbage patch!

Q: What do you call a fish with no eye?

A: Fsh

Q: What is a sailor's favourite fruit?

A: Naval oranges.

Q: What did the fish say when he hit a concrete wall?

A: "Damn."

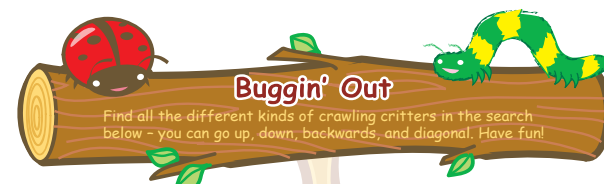
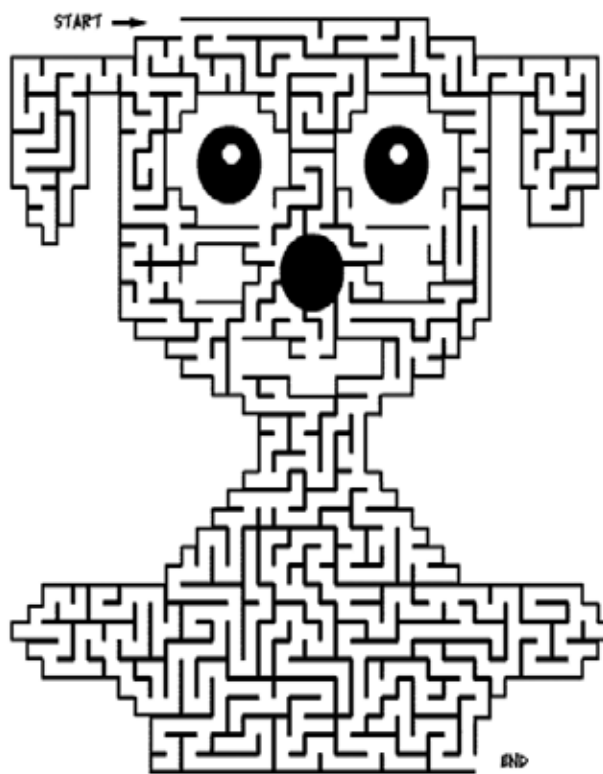
Q: What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long?

A: Polaroids.

Q: What do you call four bullfighters in quicksand?

A: Quatro sinko.

### PUPPY MAZE



Find all the different kinds of crawling critters in the search below – you can go up, down, backwards, and diagonal. Have fun!

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TIGER MOSQUITO

### VEGEMITE SCROLLS

- 3 cups Self Raising flour
- Pinch of salt
- 50g butter
- 375ml milk
- 1 - 2 tablespoons VEGEMITE
- 200g grated tasty cheese



SIFT flour and salt into a bowl then rub through butter. Stir in enough milk to make soft dough. Knead gently on a lightly floured surface.

ROLL out to form a 40 cm x 25 cm rectangle.

SPREAD the Vegemite over the dough then sprinkle over 3/4 of the cheese. Roll up along the long side to enclose the cheese.

CUT into 10 x 4cm pieces from the roll and place close together, cut side up on a greased baking tray.

SPRINKLE with the remaining cheese and bake in a hot oven 220°C for 15-20 minutes or until cooked and golden.

## Boolarra Wool Group



In early April a group of us enjoyed a most pleasant and relaxing day out at the Nickleby at Darnum Alpaca Farm. It was decided unanimously to stop off at Yarragon on the way, to peruse our favourite shops. We spent a couple of hours trying on 'this and that' in various stores and some of us made some interesting purchases. Next stop was the Black Stump Café at Darnum for a lovely lunch, then it was only a short drive on to the Alpaca Farm.

There were so many beautiful items available for purchase at the farm shop – socks, jumpers, hats, gloves, jackets and beautiful warm blankets. I was pleased I'd kept my purse closed at Yarragon, so I enjoyed a little splurge and purchased a pair of bright red, very fine knit socks and a beautiful blanket which now has pride of place on my bed (no need for the electric blanket since). Quite a few of us took home some beautiful alpaca products.

We then wandered out to the paddock to feed and get up close and personal with the beautiful animals, who welcomed our attention and the food of course.

Before we headed for home we enjoyed a beautiful home-made afternoon tea. All in all a very pleasant day was had by all.

We've recently had the pleasure of welcoming new members, Kate and Rosalind. We hope you have many happy days with us in the years to come.

Denise has made a very wise decision to knit a beautiful magic square blanket. Not only does it look great because of the colours she's chosen,



Wool Group ladies visit the Nickleby at Darnum Alpaca Farm

but it keeps her warm as she knits.

Jan's mum, Noreen has returned home to 'not so sunny' Queensland after spending 5 months in beautiful Boolarra.

We are all working on many and varied projects at the moment, from socks to scarves, to teddy bears and dolls, to jumpers, and some spinning usually happens as well.

We'd like to say a special thank you to the Bowling Club for making us so welcome at their premises when the Multi-Purpose Building was unavailable.

As usual we've been enjoying a lovely shared lunch.

If you have any queries regarding Wool Group, or are thinking of joining us for a visit, we meet at the Multi-Purpose Building every Thursday from 11.30 am until approximately 3.30 pm, or phone Lois on 5169 6618 for more details.

Lois Thornton

## BOOLARRA, YINNAR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY EXERCISE GROUP

A 7th Birthday celebration was held on Monday 9th May at Yinnar Memorial Hall. The exercise session commenced at 10.30 am, followed by a casserole luncheon with any profit from the event being donated to Legacy. Members old and new from Morwell and Traralgon as well as the Boolarra and Yinnar regulars enjoyed the occasion, which was topped off with the wicked birthday cake baked by Glenis. We felt we deserved it after the fairly vigorous work-out. Thanks to all who contributed.

This gregarious group usually meet at 9.30 am on Mondays at Boolarra Memorial Hall and 10.30 am on Fridays at Yinnar Memorial Hall and we always welcome new members.

Our nationally registered and accredited instructor has more than 20 years' experience and specialises in postural correction and pain management.

So if you are keen to be more active and you are interested in maintaining or improving your fitness in a friendly and supportive environment please come along. For further information phone: Kathleen 5122 2591 or Kate 5169 6592

Kate Cartwright



Members of the exercise group at their 7th birthday celebrations

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**BARGAINS - RED LIGHT RIDE MERCHANDISE BEING SOLD AT BELOW COST** – As the brigade has been left with considerable “Red Light Ride” merchandise,

it has been decided to sell this at below cost to locals. The bargains include: Hoodies for \$15, T-Shirts - \$5, Caps - \$5, Stubby Holders - \$3 and Key Rings - \$1. Items may be purchased from the fire station on Sunday mornings between 9.00 am and 10.00 am.

#### **CAR/TRUCK/TRACTOR BATTERY COLLECTION**

– As an extension to our fund-raising scrap metal bin we are also encouraging people to drop off any car, truck and tractor batteries that they no longer need. These should be placed at the side of the scrap metal bin – NOT IN THE BIN please. Thanks to all those people who are continuing to deposit unwanted steel items in the bin – the total raised is now nearing \$10,000.

**NEW STORAGE SHED** – The brigade has decided to move ahead quickly with the building of a new storage shed to house its four trailers and other equipment. Originally the shed was planned to be an extension of the existing shed and run in a north – south direction but after consultation with neighbours who were concerned about losing their view, the brigade has decided to build it as an east – west stand alone shed at the rear of the original building.

**WOOD FIRE / HEATER SAFETY** – With the onset of the colder weather, we would like to remind residents of the need to check and clean their chimneys and flues for build up, thus minimizing the risk of them catching on fire.

**IS YOUR HOUSE NUMBER CLEARLY VISIBLE?** – A local survey indicates that many houses

in Boolarra do not have their house numbers clearly visible from the road. In an emergency, whether it be for the ambulance, police or the fire brigade, emergency services personnel can react to your urgent need much faster if your house number is clearly visible. Reflective numbers can be purchased from hardware stores at a reasonably cheap price.

**AUSTIN HILL'S CFA REPEATER IS UP AND RUNNING** – The problem experienced with CFA Radio Communication “Black Spots” in the hills around Boolarra and Budgeree have been minimized due to the installation of a CFA Repeater on Austin Hill's Telecommunication Tower. After extensive lobbying by the Boolarra CFA the repeater has finally been given the all clear for use in emergency situations. This will have a hugely positive impact on fire fighter safety in our area.

**MIRBOO EAST SATELLITE STATION TO BE REPLACED** - The CFA has advised us that our satellite Mirboo East Fire Station is due for replacement within the next 2 years. Given the changed demographics of the area and the size of the present site, our brigade is currently investigating whether the present site, on Shellcotts Road, is in fact the most suitable site for the rebuild. One other site location that is being proposed is on the land adjoining the Boolarra South Hall. The benefit of this site is that the tanker can be more easily crewed by our members, the site allows for the proposed larger shed, there is ample parking space and that it gives easy access to a larger number of roads. The brigade would welcome your thoughts on this issue during the community consultation process.

**THANK YOU LES AND MERYL HUNT**– We are saddened to hear that Les and Meryl Hunt

will soon be leaving Boolarra to live in Traralgon. Les has long been a keen supporter of our brigade having held the position of 1st Lieutenant and Captain for over 20 years and in recent times has lobbied for the brigade at many levels.

Les was recently awarded an “Exemplary Service Award” by the brigade. Meryl held the position of Comms. Officer for 10 years and in the early eighties, when most of our members worked out of town during the day, it was Meryl's task to drive the tanker to the incident where our members would meet up with her and fight the fire.

***Our sincere gratitude and best wishes are extended to both Les and Meryl.***

Dave O'Brien

#### ***Round the Traps with You Know Who***

Skipping around the area these days has become extremely hazardous. What with our homes sliding down the hills, through land slips, caused by the ever falling moisture and even the edges of the man made roads are falling away making it difficult for my animal friends to get around safely.

Unfortunately humans have added to this problem with timber felling, again causing land slips over the roads.

The biggest danger of course is the vehicles moving around but, unfortunately not travelling at a speed to warrant safety.

On a happy note, while hopping around we have been able to assist humans who have caught themselves out with tyre trouble and flat batteries. Have a happy and safe winter and be careful when you see us hopping around.



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## Boolarra South Landcare Group

### PROGRESS AT THE MILL SITE

On March 27th this year, Judi Edwards, President of the Boolarra South Landcare Group, welcomed the community to the Mill Site. Our first sign was unveiled by Rob Herni representing the Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG). The \$6,000 from the BCDG enabled the project to proceed and we wanted to acknowledge this contribution and support. The BBQ was an enjoyable way to celebrate the making of the sign and progress so far. Funding for the BBQ and sign came from the Community Events Fund, administered by Latrobe City Council for the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority (VBRRA).

Development of the tracks is continuing thanks to John Lubawski's skill with a wheelbarrow. He has spread many loads of crushed rock so if you would like to get fit you could offer to help him!



March was 'Red Cross Calling' month, and as in past years, members of the Yinnar Scouts door-knocked in the towns of Boolarra and Yinnar. The amounts raised (including tins in shops, Post Office and Boolarra Pub) were: Boolarra \$504.65 and Yinnar \$522.80 – a grand total of \$1,027.45. A very big "thank you" to the Scouts, and to all those who contributed.

Unfortunately, we were unable to conduct our Mothers' Day Raffle, as the order for the tickets went astray in the postal system. Prizes are being retained, and will be raffled next Mothers' Day, 2012.

On May 31st, Boolarra hosted the Conference of Region 9 Units. Members from Warragul, Erica/Rawson, Morwell and Traralgon attended.

Our next fundraiser will be the ever-popular "Bev's Fashions" Parade, to be held in the Christian Fellowship Hall on Monday, June 20th at 2.00pm. Admission has been reduced this year to \$5.00, which covers lucky door prizes of three Gift Vouchers and a scrumptious afternoon tea. A raffle will also be held.

On Monday, July 4th, our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Boolarra Multi-Purpose Building, when the Office Bearers for the next 12 months will be appointed.

Glenys Morgan  
Treasurer

The recent heavy rains showed us exactly where water runoff was happening, not always where we had predicted. We have been putting in some larger pipes to cope with the run off.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) has been removing more dangerous trees, and we are very appreciative of their work. However, we were far from happy with the person who drove his tractor in to get the firewood. He got bogged on the way and caused quite a lot of damage to the track, which took two men a good few hours to repair. It is disappointing to work so hard to build something, only to have thoughtless people damage it and we have to do it all again. Motorbikes have also done some damage and generally young people on unregistered bikes seem to be the problem. It would be great if parents could encourage responsible riding and explain that those particular tracks are walking tracks for the community to enjoy. We are beginning to erect a fence and a gate on Foster Road and have put some bollards around the car park.

The walking tracks that have been mapped out so far are almost complete. There is a map box at the car park and maps are also available at the shop to help you navigate your way around. We are planning a return track to the cemetery so that there is a good circular walk, however at the moment we are still trying to determine the best route. Mick Crowley has been busy with his compass and thinks he has found a good way through.

We had a lovely surprise with a visit from Carol Sanders (nee Thorburn) who now lives in Beulah. Her grandfather began milling on the site and she is very interested in the development of the area and the preservation of the history. She provided



Rob Herni unveils the new sign for The Old Mill Site

us with some beautiful quilted pieces, including a quilt, for a raffle to raise some funds for the project.

The next stage of development will be the picnic area with benches, seats and gazebo. There are a couple of seats along the tracks but it would be good to have some more and we will also have proper DSE signage. We are still looking for more funding and if any becomes available we will certainly find ways to spend the money. It is pleasing to see walkers using the tracks and enjoying this lovely environment.

Denise Schiller  
Boolarra South Landcare Group.



John Lubawski still working hard at the BBQ

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## Boolarra Football/ Netball Club

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### FOOTY NEWS

We are at the halfway point of the Mid Gippsland season and the Boolarra Football/Netball Club has been travelling very well so far. All teams have improved out of sight since last year.

On the football side of things the 4ths have been winning plenty of games and the future looks bright with some of the good young players we have coming through the ranks. Coach Rob Hussey is moulding the young lads into a formidable outfit.

The reserves football team currently sits on top of the ladder with a massive percentage and are taking all before them. This is in great contrast to last year where the team fought tooth and nail to just scrape into the finals. 2nd year coach Marcus Carnes has his troops firing and the team just keeps on improving out of sight.

The seniors are the biggest success story of the year so far. After last year's disappointing 9th place out of 10 when we lost many close games, the seniors now find themselves pushing for a top 3 position at the halfway point of the season.

With a leaner and fitter team and some handy new recruits they are fast becoming one of the biggest improvers in the league. Backman turned forward Kenneth Towt has been a revelation down forward and our new speedy and tough midfield has added greatly to our already strong back and forward lines.

The hard work over the past few years by coach Tony Giardina and his support staff is really starting to pay dividends. With good numbers at training each night (up to 40 senior and reserves players each night) and a desire to succeed the team is going from strength to strength. The team cannot rest on their laurels, however and all players understand that it's how they perform at the pointy end of the season that really counts. If the boys keep up their current work-rate there is no doubt that the team can get to and perform well in the finals series.



*Boolarra Demons in action against Mirboo North*

### NETBALL NEWS

The netballers have also improved out of sight in all grades. Although the A & B Grade scores haven't shown their massive improvement it is quite evident when watching them play that the girls have a new-found fire and passion for playing netball for Boolarra. With a very young list of senior netballers, Boolarra will continue to improve and will be winning many games in no time.

The D & C Grade teams are currently jostling for a finals berth with both teams teetering on the verge of the top 5. Both grades have played in some massive games this year and have won some very tight contests. These are the games that build character and their ability to win the tight ones will prove very handy by the end of the season.

The junior netballers have also been playing some good netball in patches and look like they are having a ball playing for the club. This is what

we want out of our junior teams and we look forward to these girls developing into good senior netballers over the next couple of years.

### CLUB FACILITIES

Recently, the club was fortunate enough to have the netball/tennis courts resurfaced and new lights installed. The courts now look fantastic and the girls will benefit greatly from their new improved playing surface.

The recreation reserve also has a new toilet block being installed between the cricket club rooms and football change rooms. These new facilities are a much needed addition to the recreation reserve's amenities.

The club is still fundraising to build the new deck out the front of the clubrooms. The committee is working tirelessly to get the deck project up and running and the whole club looks forward to when the project is finally financed and built.

Anyone who can help out with our funding for the new deck is encouraged to contact Darren Napier at the club. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

All in all, season 2011 has been a good one for the club so far. There is still a lot of hard work needed to be done in the second half of the year to ensure that it becomes a great year.

**GO DEES!!**

James Kelly, Publicity Officer

