

# The Boolarra Link

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## *Boolarra Demons WIN Premiership & the League's 'Best and Fairest' Award*

*The Boolarra Demons staged a major upset in the Mid Gippsland Football League (MGFL) grand final on 10 September 2011 when they triumphed over a well-rested and undefeated Trafalgar 'Bloods'. Boolarra's 29 point win ended Trafalgar's 31 game winning streak and their bid for a third consecutive premiership.*

As perennial underdogs, the seniors were given little chance of winning many games during the 2011 season. Nevertheless the team defied the critics, coming from 9th place last season to finishing 3rd on the ladder this year to seal a double chance in the finals. During a hard-played season the Demons had 14 wins and Coach Tony Giardina said his team was relishing its status as premiership 'dark horses' going into the finals.

In terrible conditions Trafalgar managed to score early in the first quarter and when Demons player Tyson Leys was sent off for striking, things were looking pretty grim. We played hard to prevent the Bloods scoring in the second quarter while we added 2, then in the third quarter we added 3 more goals to their 1. By the final quarter we were on a roll and added 4 more goals.

With minutes to go, Boolarra players scored again and celebrated so enthusiastically supporters started running onto the ground thinking it was full-time and we had won the premiership. The umpires were quick to break up the celebrations and supporters returned to the side-lines to allow the remaining minutes of the game to be played.

By that stage though it was a done deal and minutes later Boolarra supporters again flooded onto the grounds to join with the team to celebrate their win.

*Double congratulations go to Matt Dyer, voted this year's Elder Berwick Medal 'Best and Fairest' player in the Mid Gippsland Football League and also named 'Best on Ground' in the Demons 29-point victory. Well done Matt!*

*Boolarra's  
Immortals!!*



*Boolarra Demons celebrate their Grand Final win*

**Scorers:** Andrew Thorpe and Michael Cleaver booted 3 each, Robert Fox 2, while Scott Boddy, Kenneth Towt, Blake Appleby, Daniel Metcalf and Daniel Wilson booted 1 each.

**Best Players:** Co-captain Michael Cleaver was named among the Demons' best players alongside Andrew Thorpe, Matt Dyer, Tyson Leys, Scott Boddy and Chris Risely. *More on Page 3*

## LOCAL RESIDENT RECEIVES ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL

*Congratulations go to local resident, Colin Brick, who was honoured in the 2011 Queens Birthday awards with the Order of Australia Medal for his extensive community activities.*

Colin has lived in Boolarra since 1987 and has been involved in a wide range of community activities. Since the early 1990's he has been Secretary/Treasurer of the Boolarra Memorial Park committee of management. He was a foundation member of the Mirboo North-Boolarra Rail Trail Committee, now the Grand Ridge Rail Trail. For the past six years he has been on the Primary School finance committee.

In 2001-2002 he was instrumental in the establishment of the Boolarra Community Development Group, and he has been a member of the

executive ever since, serving in the roles of Treasurer, Chair and Secretary during this period. In 2007 he coordinated the community submission that resulted in Boolarra being awarded the Best Victorian Small Town under 5,000 people.

After the 2009 bushfires he took on the role of Chair of the Boolarra-Yinnar Community Recovery Committee as the group identified the recovery needs of the two communities, and developed and implemented plans to address the physical, environmental and social issues arising from the fires.

Colin has had an ongoing involvement with the Boolarra Folk Festival since inception. For the first three years he chased up the funding and grant opportunities essential to enable a "free" festival to be staged. Concerned at safety issues arising from traffic along Tarwin Street, he also developed and implemented the traffic management plan to ensure the safe by-pass of through traffic away from the festival staging area.

The Australia Day celebration, which has been going from strength to strength for five years, arose from Colin's conception that we should celebrate Boolarra as a strong and vibrant community, whose strength derives from the many wonderful volunteers who give, with no thought of recognition. The associated Community Awards enable these valuable contributors to be acknowledged by their peers and friends.

Well done to Colin Brick on this timely recognition of his contribution to our community.

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Boolarra Link AGM will be held on:

**THURSDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER 2011**

**from 7.00 pm**

**at the BOOLARRA BOWLING CLUB**

The new Committee has been working on the Link for almost 12 months now and is keen to receive feedback from the community on all aspects of the new-look Boolarra Link.

We would like to see a good representation from the many clubs, groups and advertisers that contribute to the overall content so we can further develop the paper to contain the news and information the community would like to see in each edition.

We are also seeking additional assistance from the community with all aspects of getting the paper to press and would particularly like to see younger members of Boolarra, with parental consent of course, getting involved with the journalistic and photographic elements of the Link.

The Editor is in urgent need of some assistance with hands-on setting-up, proof-reading and editing of content, creating new graphics and photographic elements of the Link and believes that two sub-Editor positions would be a great help in spreading the workload. So, if you think this may be something that interests you, please come along to the meeting with your ideas.

Refreshments will be provided and we look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

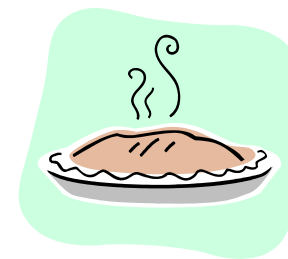
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## **BOOLARRA STOMPERS RELAY FOR LIFE PIE DRIVE**

### **CHANGES TO DELIVERY DATE & VENUE**

**DELIVERY - 21ST SEPTEMBER 2011**  
**PICK UP - MEMORIAL HALL**  
**BETWEEN - 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm**

Other special delivery times may be arranged if possible - Please phone Gwenda on 5169 6209 to organise alternate times.

Pies are delivered fresh and may be frozen after pick-up.

**Out of Dough** is a locally owned and run small business that supports community and charity fundraising.

Thank you to everyone who ordered pies to support the Boolarra Stompers. All money raised goes directly to **Cancer Council Victoria** for research and support

Please contact Gwenda at Boolarra Post Office or phone 5169 6209 if you have any queries.

Gwenda Pither,- Team Captain  
Boolarra Stompers for Relay For Life.



## **RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER 5 cent Drive**

Continuing on our Fundraising efforts for the **2011 Relay for Life**, we are on a mission to collect all the 5c pieces hiding in jars, cupboards, purses and pockets in and around Boolarra.

Please support us by donating all those pesky coins. A collection box is on the counter at the Post Office.

Val Henderson, Organiser



# Outstanding season for Boolarra Demons 4ths & Reserves

## 4ths

The young 4ths team has improved greatly after the re-launching of the team in 2010. With some new recruits, a lot of hard work over pre-season and a few growth spurts the young lads have had a great season. The boys were well poised to play in the finals as Coach **Rob Hussey** has them firing at the right time of the season. It is a credit to Rob and the club on getting such an outstanding group of young fellas together and the future of the footy club certainly looks bright moving forward with these boys on the list. Sitting at third on the ladder our young team entered the finals from a very good position.

The boys were *defeated by Newborough 7-9-51 to our 3-5-23 in the Qualifying Finals* but went on to *win 12-12-84 against Trafalgar 7-3-45 in the Semi Finals*, setting up their second change against Newborough in the *Preliminary Final*.

## DEMON NETBALL D GRADE PUSH THROUGH FOR FINALS APPEARANCE

*It was a pretty tough year on the courts for the Demon girls, but there was plenty of good netball played with the highlight being that our D grade team made the finals.*

The girls finished fifth on the ladder and played Yallourn/Yallourn North (YYN) in the elimination final at Morwell East. Sadly, we were out-classed by the in-form Bombers who ran out easy winners.

Coach Heather Notting, who hails from Churchill, pulled together a team of old and young to deliver the club's first netball final for the past few years.

C grade also had a reasonable season, but lost key shooter Pru Billingsley to injury only weeks from the finals, just missing out on the fifth position.

Another highlight was the A grade girls' first win in the final round of the competition. The girls, who competed courageously all year losing several games by just one or two goals, finally took the honours against YYN, with persistence and determination the key.

This season we fielded 7 teams – one in the Churchill junior competition and the rest in the Mid Gippsland Netball Association (MGNA)- and also trained beginner netballers through our

*When we defeated Newborough 4-5-29 to our 6-6-42, we were in the Grand Final at last.*

Grand Final day, Saturday 10th September dawned rainy, windy and cold but our boys were ready to give their best no matter what the weather. All the boys played their hardest but only managed 2 points in the 1st & 2nd quarters. Second half of the game played better with **Jesse Giardina kicking 2 goals and River Carrol kicking 1 goal**, giving us a final score of **3-2-20 to be defeated by Yarragon with their final score of 11-3-69**. The scores did not reflect how hard the boys played but Yarragon proved to be the best players on the day.

*Congratulations go to all the players for a terrific season and we hope to see them all back to play for the Boolarra Demons again in 2012.*

NETTA program. All up we had about 30 junior players and about 40 senior players – many of them playing for Boolarra for the first time.

Several of our players fared well at the recent MGNA vote count, including Jade Shoovert (D grade), Carlie Woodbridge (C grade) and Jasmin Hornsey (A grade).

The netball club has meals available on Thursday nights after training and also on Saturdays after home games. While this provides a valuable service to footy and netball players and supporters alike, it is also netball's way of fundraising for new equipment and professional development, so thanks to all of those who helped out in the kitchen this year especially Annie, Jackie, Faye, Bec, Ann and Chris.

Pretty soon we will be starting our **MIXED TWILIGHT COMPETITION** (contact netball secretary **Jackie McGlade** for details or to register your team on 5169 6507). This is always a great fun way to wind down from the season in the lead up to Christmas. After the games we share a barbecue tea.

As the season comes to a close we look forward to the next with the goal of increasing our junior numbers and reinvigorating our senior sides.

If you are interested in playing, coaching or supporting netball in season 2012, please contact **A grade coach Cherry Prior** on 5169 6368 or 0427 696 368.

## RESERVES

The reserves have taken all before them this season finishing on top of the ladder with 15 wins and 3 losses. Winning game after game during the season and having beaten all teams in the league at least once, the boys went straight into the finals and were a big chance of going all the way in 2011.

Stumbling in Round 2 of the Semi-finals against **Morwell East, we lost 8-10-58 to their 11-11-77** in a hard fought game. Our season then came to an end when we were out-played *by Yinnar in the Preliminary final - Yinnar 7-6-48 to our 3-13-31*. Yinnar was then defeated in the Grand Final in a very close game - **Yinnar 7-4-46 to Morwell East 8-5-53**.

All the players are to be congratulated for their outstanding results in the 2011 season. Reserves Coach **Marcus Carnes** has performed superbly in his role in his 2nd season as coach. The depth of the reserves certainly shows the strength of our senior football club moving forward into season 2012.

## Well done DEE's!!

4th's boys after winning the Preliminary Final



Below - Demon's Netball Under 13's proudly display their medals



Below - D Grade girls make it into the Finals





# BOOLARRA DRAMATIC CLUB

***Although there are no early records of the Boolarra Dramatic Club, one did exist before 1934 when it was reformed. Money from the old Dramatic Club, the grand sum of 9 pounds, 5 shillings and five pence, was passed onto the re-formed group.***

People interested in re-forming the Dramatic Club met in Boolarra Mechanics Hall on August 3rd, 1934. Present at the meeting were Mesdames Penaluna, Bolitho, Lowen, Meyer; Misses Scott, Rodway; Messrs Blake, Fletcher, Metcher, Magee, Hirst and Jenkins. It was decided that a Boolarra Dramatic Club be formed. Office bearers were named and all present form the rest of the Committee. Mrs Bolitho (wife of the butter factory manager) was made Stage Manageress and Mrs Meyer (Bess Christian daughter of W. Christian, owner of the shop in Boolarra) Assistant Stage Manageress. There was a membership fee of 1 shilling.

With 9 pounds, 5 shillings and five pence in the kitty the Dramatic Club kept 2 pounds for petty cash and spent 5 pounds on furniture. It was decided to hold two 1-act plays as soon as possible. Wednesday nights were set aside for practice and anyone missing two nights without a reasonable excuse was to be fined 1 shilling per night. Any proceeds from the first dramatic entertainment event were to be paid into The Hall funds and this continued with the Dramatic Club coming to the aid of various deserving charities.

At a meeting in October 1934, it was decided to hold a Social Evening for financial members and ask gentlemen members to pay 1 shilling and the ladies to provide supper. Also, members of the Yinnar Dramatic Club were invited as guests The Secretary was requested to source 'one act plays' and arrange a program.

The Club decided that when funds permitted, to purchase any properties such as makeup, a powerful globe for centre-stage, reflectors, double adaptors, flex, construction of cupboards in one of the dressing rooms, and tables built under the mirrors. As the amount of properties acquired by the Club grew it was agreed to elect Messrs Hall, McKaskill and Blake as Property Men. These properties were loaned to local bodies on condition that any breakages were replaced.

The last meeting recorded in the only minute book held in the museum collection was held in December 1937. Performances continued during the war years and beyond, and then in 1950s the Dramatic Club became part of the Boolarra Associated Arts Group.

***Extracts from Margaret Baillie's letter to the Boolarra & District Historical Society.***

Memories of The Boolarra Drama Group during the years 1955 onwards.

The Drama Group was originally a separate entity going back several years before I became a member, so these remarks are observations are only my opinion, other people may have different ideas on the topics below.

The Boolarra Associated Arts Club was formed by the efforts of Hal Langley who envisaged a cultural group comprising the various clubs then operating on their own, namely; Music, Discussion, Film etc. This widened the scope for the performing group 'Drama' by bringing in many gifted people to help with the production and to help attract an audience to make the effort worthwhile.

Hal Langley and Dave Nankervis managed most of the effects for some of the most successful productions. Hal was the official Stage Manager and Dave coped with most of the sound & lighting effects. This gave the Boolarra Drama group a distinct edge when we eventually took our productions to the Victorian Drama League Regional Play Festivals. Dave spent considerable time at the Boolarra Railway Station capturing the sound of the steam engine coming into Boolarra. This was terrific backup for the play 'Davy Jones's Dinner' – a play about a railway station in Wales. We understand that Dave had the engine driver doing several journeys up and down until they got the desired effect.

Len Hall was perhaps the most imaginative and the best actor that we had during this time and his portrayal of Dicky Back Owl in 'Birds of a Feather' was a big hit and had all the schools requesting a special performance as this play was part of the school curriculum.

One Christmas Len Hall put together a lovely show, doing a scene from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', the excerpt of the 'Rude Mechanicals' which gave members a chance to ham it up, particularly Jean Grady as Thistle and Colin Baillie as Pyramus. Also a group of men in top hats & cloaks etc. singing a group of Noel Coward songs sending up 'The Stately Homes of England and Regency Rakes'.

Bill & Edna Sewell were among our most devoted supporters, generously loaning furniture and other lovely things to enhance the costume and decor.

I hope this screed helps you to understand the tempo of life in the feverish fifties. My thanks to my dear friend Jack McGlade for undertaking to deliver this oration and thanks to Inge Bissell who started the ball rolling.

I trust your Historical Society continues successfully, all the best to the present inhabitants of Boolarra, which used to be the busiest village in Gippsland. Maybe it still is? Here's hoping.

Margaret Baillie

*The information contained within this article was taken from the Twelve Mile Peg by Roslyn Carstairs, the Dramatic Club minute book and The Boolarra Historical Museum records.*



*The Dramatic Club competed successfully in many play festivals and were a vibrant part of the community. The following is from a Gippsland newspaper article dated 1955.*

## Boolarra Plays a Fine Effort

Last Friday and Saturday nights the Dramatic Group of the Boolarra Arts Club staged a series of four one-act plays in the Boolarra Hall. It is proposed to produce the first two at Traralgon.

How this enthusiastic group of players manages to produce such a fine effort under the conditions in which they have to work will remain a mystery.

With only the stage and a small dressing room on each side to use as wings the stage manager, Mr. H. Langley and his two assistants Messrs. Carthew and Sewell, are to be complimented on the effects obtained.

The first play "Birds of a Feather" by J.O. Francis is a gem. It could easily be thought that this would be a bit ambitious for an amateur group

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to handle, but on Friday night, when this paper viewed the show we were very impressed. The four characters were all well cast but Jim White's work as the Bishop was outstanding. Len Hall also did a remarkably fine piece of acting as Dicky.

"Little Glass Houses" with an all female cast produced another fine job by Margaret Baillie, who certainly has a lot of talent and an excellent stage manner. Grace Langley, Norma Littlejohn and Doris Nankervis gave excellent support while

Margaret Hibbins was very natural as the brow-beaten daughter.

Another ambitious effort was Philip Johnson's drama "Dark Brown" and Margaret Baillie showed a real sense of theatre in her very natural effort as the worried wife. Mrs. Nankervis played the mother very capably and was well supported by the other members of the cast, while Ian Richard's dramatic finale was a fine effort.

In the final play "Mothers' Pride", Mavis Radcliffe and Evelyn Richards as the daughters and Lilian Campbell as the mother did a very good job. Rene Hennett made the most of her small part and revealed a real sense of comedy. Ian Richards completed a good night's work as he appeared in three out of the four plays.

A happy supper gathering after the show was enjoyed by all.

## ***Boolarra & District Youth Theatre Company***

***The Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company formed in Autumn 2010. We had a good response from youth wanting to join, plus parents keen to be on the committee. In 2010 we organised funding, stage lighting for the Boolarra Memorial Hall, an instructor and with a donation from the Boolarra Community Development group, we held a dance/music workshop and free lunch.***

Our first instructor, Maria Andjelkovic and her daughter, Carly, spent the term teaching modern dance routines, plus theatre, always starting with a 'warm up'.

On Saturday 24th July we held our first fundraiser, 'Boolarra Idol'. The youth performed a dance routine which Maria had been teaching, plus there was a good selection of dance acts, puppet theatre, song and instrumentals. We also had Clayton Cupples perform for us. Rick Teychenne and Chelsea Stewart, both active members from the Boolarra Folk Festival, and Heather James - singing instructor, were our judges.

Bella and Maddie Papa received 1st prize of \$150.00, Tilly Charmers 2nd prize of \$100.00, and Matthew McGrath was 3rd with \$50.00 prize money. Bronte Dentoom and Shelly and Jess McGrath were highly commended and were invited to play on stage at the 2011 Boolarra Folk Festival. Prizes were kindly donated by Paul Gray from Salvation Army.

In 4th term we held music workshops with Clayton Cupples, with a focus on learning to play instruments and sing with microphones. Thanks again to Paul Gray and Sony music, we were donated brand new amplifiers and instruments to learn and play.

We finished up the year with a break up party, and a performance of 'Run, run, Rudolf at the Carols in the park, and also a dance routine at the Boolarra primary school's concert.

1st term this year started with 'Rock band' music at Trafalgar, with Ben Smith. Ben was unable to come to Boolarra, so we car pooled to the wonderful music studio at Trafalgar primary school. The youth really enjoyed the experience, and we recorded the Green Day song, 'Holiday'.

2nd and 3rd term we have concentrated on drama and theatre, with a new teacher, Britt Lewis. The youth are getting ready to stage an in house performance of "Beauty is a Beast". We are also going to have some songs with instruments - 'I feel Pretty' and 'True colours' which will compliment the theatre production.

After the theatre production we are planning to finish the year with music/dance and song again. We plan to run some Sunday afternoon workshops, but will know more after our next meeting, which will be combined with our AGM on Tuesday 6th Sept, 7.30pm at the Boolarra Memorial Hall. There is a blackboard near the main door of the hall which we use to advertise what we are doing and when.

We would like to thank all our sponsors, Boolarra Community Development Group, Paul Gray - Salvation Army, Heather Farley - Latrobe City, and Angie Fredricks - Latrobe Community Health. I would like to personally thank Lisa Papa for her dedication as secretary and everything else she does. Thank you also to Samantha Brick as treasurer and public officer. Samantha set up our incorporation status as well.



*Youth Theatre rehearsing at the Memorial Hall*

The Boolarra & District Youth Theatre Company was formed for youth interested in the arts to develop talent while having fun in a safe environment. Both parent helpers and staff have Working with Children checks. We aim to be affordable for all members, so the cost of instructors is subsidised. The sessions run from 90 minutes to 2hrs, with a fruit/drink break. At present the sessions are on a **Friday at 5pm-6.30pm**. We warmly welcome new participants and parents that would be interested to help shape and sustain a group that is focused on youth and nurturing their creative abilities. Youth ages are from primary to secondary school levels.

If you think your Child/Youth could benefit by joining our company, why don't you come along and see what we do, or come to the AGM and meet some of the parents? We also invite adults/older youth with knowledge in music/ dance/ theatre, to come and help mentor our younger members, or help with set building, stage management, lighting, or costume design.

***Enquiries please phone: Garryelle Rose- 5169 6692 or Lisa Papa-5169 6371.***

### **Feedback from parents and youth (2010)**

The Boolarra & District Youth Theatre Company has given my daughter and every other child taking part, a fabulous opportunity to have fun, participate in activities that have them working as a team, and helps them build confidence and learn

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lots of new skills through the fun and challenging activities each week. The kids look forward to each week and love getting together outside school hours in an activity that is not sport, but has them red cheeked and puffed out every time. Each term the various performances and dances they have learned are performed in front of a real audience. That is something they can feel proud of.

Simone Oberdorfer

I love coming down, watching all the children, sharing ideas and expressing themselves more through dance and song. All the children have many creative ideas. My girls dance and sing more at home, which uplifts my heart to see them so happy. It is wonderful to see this happen in my home town Boolarra. Thank you! Kristy Mills

Dance. I think that it is a really good thing for little kids and up. I enjoy it very much. It is soooooooooo FUN. Bella Papa

The Boolarra Youth Group is going so well and lots more people are participating every week. It is a great way to meet new friends and learn new skills. It has been so much fun for me because I have learnt co-operation skills and I have got to meet so many new people. Maria and Carly have some great ideas and we are all grateful for them to share it with the community. Thank you and we hope to keep it going. Erin Hassett

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Well, another year going so fast. We have had a couple of fundraisers so far and doing fine. We had the Big Boolarra Brecky at the Pub July 10th and with donations and raffles etc we made a total of \$523.00. Then on August 6th we held a Pizza and Movie night at the Boolarra Football Club Social room. Aiming to make it a family night it was great to see the young families come along and we also welcomed the team members from Traralgon. Great Pizzas from Glendonald Pizza and plenty of sweet things brought along by each family. I'm sure no-one went away hungry. (I know I ate too much). We came out with \$469.00 after all expenses were subtracted. Our banking total is slowly growing.

Our next venture will be a Pie Run. All in the process now - the order lists has already gone out, orders are coming in and delivery will be 21st September 2011 between 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm at the Memorial Hall - just in time for the next school holidays.

So far our team has 28 registered members and that's great. But there is always room for more as we found out last year with 48 members and once the Latrobe Valley Bus Lines came on board we grew to over 60. With their help we raised over \$6,000.00 for Cancer Research and that's fabulous from such a small community. Our Trophy, presented for the 'Spirit of the Relay', is still on show at the Post Office. We can be very proud of that.

We have a few other ideas for our fundraising effort which will be happening over the next few months, so come along, participate, and have a great time.

The Relay is actually November 19th & 20th at the Gaskin Park sports ground in Churchill. Remember last year, it was the worst day to be outside, rain coming down in buckets, & wind that blew some of the tents down, which forced organisers to cancel at around 12.30 am on the Sunday morning. But did the Stompers lie down in defeat? Oh no, not us. You could look around the oval at 2.30 or 4.30 am and still see a couple of dedicated Stompers walking around the outside of the oval. When dawn broke - there we were, still arriving to do our bit because that's the time we were rostered on, so that's the time we were walking! When the younger members of the team, Rachel, Georgia and Alex woke up at around 7.00 am, all they wanted was our boot to carry around and off they went doing laps. It was an amazing effort considering the conditions and that's why we got that award.

This year we are looking for some sun. Not hot but nice warm sun and no rain.

The times have been changed to keep everyone out of the "sun", 4.00 pm Saturday thru to 10.00 am on Sunday morning.

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## Farewell to Les & Meryl Hunt

On behalf of their many friends in the Boolarra community, we wish Les and Meryl all the best as they prepare to start a new life leading the secessionist movement in Traralgon.

Les and Meryl moved to Boolarra in the late-seventies and have been active participants in all aspects of small town life ever since. They found Boolarra to be a rapidly changing community at that time, with an influx of Yallourn houses and a lively mix of farming, power industry workers and Gippsland Institute students creating a rich social environment. They agreed it would be a wonderful place to bring up their two children, Darren and Jason, who continued the family tradition of involvement in the sporting and performing arts arenas.

Walking together on their morning stroll, Les and Meryl have been a common sight around the streets of Boolarra, and one of the new tracks associated with the Old Mill Site redevelopment has been named Hunt's Track in their honour.

Together they have been involved in a very wide range of activities including the Primary School Council, CFA, Wool Group and Quilting Group, tennis, squash and cricket. Les had a long involvement with the original Boolarra Link committee, and was also active in re-establishing it last year.

Les has also actively pursued better telephone, TV and emergency communications reception for Boolarra, and has used his extensive influential contacts to advance the cause.

Les also had an involvement in the establishment of the Community Development Group, and after the fires was a valuable member of the Community Recovery Committee.

Over the last couple of years the finances of the Development Group have become quite complex, and Les has stepped into the breach to assist Gwenda with the role of Treasurer.

They also understood the need for a balance of work and play and were involved in convivial activities such as the Piggery Road Players, and Central Gippsland Wine and Food Club. They always had time for a chat and a smile, and have always been able to see the light side of a situation.

Their contribution to Boolarra will not be soon forgotten, or easily replaced.

Colin Brick

## Town's Folk - Mr Colin Brick, OAM

*As part of a new series within The Boolarra Link, is an editorial focus on one of our community members, so this month our President Mark Cooke interviewed Colin Brick about his life, times and what the Order of Australia Medal means to him.*

Born in 1957 in Georgetown, Tasmania, Colin was the youngest of 6 siblings (four brothers and one sister) born to Tom and Jean Brick. The family had moved to Tasmania for his father to take up a job as Safety Officer at Bell Bay Oil Refinery.

When Colin was three years old his family returned to Victoria, living in Bayswater North, then quite open country. Happy memories included playing in the neighbour's pool, on their 1910 vintage Renault, their blitz bus, or the boys going to another neighbour's place to watch Mr Ed on TV. He enjoyed Sunday School, especially the time he found a matchbox with eight shillings on his way to school, and tried to persuade two of his mates to come along. Only many years later did he realise they must have been Catholic. Jean resumed work at Foys Dept store where she had first worked as a 14 year old girl, along with two of her sisters. Occasionally Tom's job with the Country Roads Board enabled him to take the boys on jaunts around Victoria and Colin especially remembers trips to Loch Ard Gorge and to Tanjil Bren.

In 1966 his father began work at the Lurgi Gas Plant in Morwell, again working as a Safety Officer. This renewed a family connection with the Gas & Fuel Corporation, as many of the Brick family had worked at the gas works in North Melbourne. After four months living in Morwell the Brick family moved to Churchill as some of the first residents of this newly formed township.

Colin's mum became Churchill's first Post Mistress, initially operating from a table at the front door. They were the only family in the street to have a telephone and would often have strangers come to the house asking to be able to use the phone. Colin recollects his role as runner of telegrams for just a few pence each and the hope that the recipients of the telegrams weren't at the far end of town.

Colin attended Churchill Primary School in its first year, 1968. He generally had a desk to himself as the seat next to him would have a stack of books on it. I don't know where Jinni gets it from? He was appointed and sacked as bell monitor several times as the teachers realised how unreliable he was at ringing the end of lunch bell, but then realised he was more reliable than any of the other kids.

1968 was also significant for being the year he started playing footy. A mate suggested going down to training one Sunday afternoon and though not particularly interested, he went along for something to do. Colin played for the next twenty years and readily acknowledges football as one of his primary formative experiences, through the friendships made, the challenges faced and the commitment to striving for individual and collective excellence.

Colin attended Maryvale High School, an experimental school with a relaxed approach to curriculum; Colin recalls this is where he first encountered the works of his favourite author, PG Wodehouse. However Colin's Mum and Dad didn't approve Colin's embracing of this relaxed approach and transferred him to Morwell High School, which was far more draconian in its approach. It obviously worked, because while he was never a committed studier, he was Dux of the school in his HSC year.

Aged 17, Colin graduated from school and enrolled straight into Melbourne University to study for his Degree in Commerce. In his first year he lived with his brother Ken, the second year in university residences, and in his third year in a house with friends in Peel St, Nth Melbourne, and a block from Victoria Market. Each vacation he worked; as a labourer, at Bulls Shipyard Metung, in an Insurance Company and as a driver of a Streets ice cream van. Colin quickly realised he



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was a country boy, couldn't get out of Melbourne quick enough at the end of each semester and was glad to leave permanently when he graduated in 1977. He also decided that since he didn't need to know how long till lectures started, he no longer needed a watch, so he took his off and has never worn one since.

I thought that the taking of Gap Years was a modern phenomenon, but Colin took some time out before needing some money to fund a footy trip and found a position at Australian Paper Mills on Tramway Road, mostly working on the dry chain and rising to the dizzy heights of tally man, but this only lasted for around eight months.

In 1979 he commenced working at the State Electricity Company (SEC) as a Commercial and Administrative Officer. Colin recalls his first car was probably bought around this time and thinks it was a Vauxhall Viva, and says he's never really been big on cars and sees them more as just a way to get from A to B. He liked Toyota Coronas because they were nice and reliable and you could drive them in the bush and not worry if they got knocked around.

Colin has worked for the SECV, and its successor entities, Generation Victoria and Hazelwood Power for over thirty years. Having always had an interest and aptitude for economics and accounting, Colin found the SECV good because the wide variety of positions meant that new challenges and types of work could be taken on, while responsibilities and skills increased with experience. Colin's aim was always to have a challenging and fulfilling position that enabled him to assist people and provide solutions to problems facing the business.

Various roles have included Project Accountant on a variety of the Plant Life Extension at Hazelwood, and the West Field Development (both \$100m plus projects), development and delivery of tertiary training packages aimed at supervisory levels, Company Secretary for PowerWorks and System Administrator for the state-wide financial programs employed by the SECV.

When Hazelwood Power was privatised, they needed to develop a Treasury function and Colin and his friend and boss, Tony Barker, volunteered to take on the role. Hazelwood had debt of \$1.4B and weekly revenues and expenses of around \$5m which they had to coordinate. Fortunately they had a half day hand over with the SECV Treasury Group; this seemed to consist mainly of watching people hand sticky yellow notes from one to another saying transfer \$2m in x account, move \$3m to y account. That evening Tony and Colin sat together in a café in Lygon St, looked at each

other and said, "What the hell have we let ourselves in for here?". However they got by, and Hazelwood is still surviving, at least for now.

The Treasury role was one of Colin's favourites, although he acknowledges it required him to be considerably more organised and systematic than came naturally to him. However after around six years he was keen for new challenges and transferred to the role of Project Accountant at West Field. This involved working closely with the Mine Planning group on evaluating options for future development of the Mine and Colin's current role as Mine Accountant has a very strong focus on enhancing the financial viability of the Mine. As such it requires a solid understanding of all aspects of the Mine's operation including geology, stability, coal quality, operating configurations, rehabilitation, performance variability and statutory obligations, and the linkages between these aspects.

Colin's interests and hobbies have included bushwalking, reading, gardening and horse riding up at Tallangatta, but his passions have always been tennis and football. Never a stylist at either game, he was nevertheless effective, captaining A Special tennis premierships, winning the Yinnar & District A grade singles and playing in two senior grand finals for Churchill in 1978 and 1979.

However by 1982, despite playing the best football of his life, he wasn't getting a senior opportunity at Churchill. He was awarded the League Best and Fairest in the reserves in 1982, but in 1983 decided to move to the Boolarra Football Club to get the opportunity to play seniors. In an eye opener to the club, as he got out of the car to go and sign the registration form, there was an altercation on the field. Colin was astounded to see the senior coach, Geoff Pollard strike Snake Mathews, one of his own players. Notwithstanding that rough introduction, he found Boolarra FC to be a friendly and enjoyable club, and he really loved the people associated with the club. Sometimes at training he'd ponder that he, Jorma Takanen and Brian Davey were the only three without tats, and Boolarra did have a better reputation for winning the fights than the footy.

In 1986 Colin met a girl, Sue Wright and they married in 1987. Looking for a house, the beautiful countryside around Boolarra, and the friendly community Colin had experienced at the Football Club led them to look in this area, and they found a suitable house on Darlimurla Road, a property built by Doug Black's father. In 1988 Colin retired from playing football and took up umpiring between 1990 and 1995 with the Central Gippsland Panel.

After Sue and Colin separated in 1991, Colin



*Colin Brick with his daughter Jinni*

took three months leave and flew out to Perth to join his mother and brother who were travelling around Australia in a caravan. The highlights of the trip for Colin were the wildflowers in WA, the Pilbara and Kimberley regions, and Litchfield National Park in NT.

In 1992 Colin was still enjoying horse riding weekends away up at Tallangatta and one of his fellow riders had a niece coming to Traralgon Hospital on a placement from Melbourne as an Occupational Therapist. Colin, living nearby, was asked if he could be a friend to Samantha Banfield, so he subsequently asked her if she'd be interested in a game of tennis and the rest becomes history.

Samantha went on a sixteen month trip to the UK and Colin, missing his love, flew out to London to meet up and join her for a three month tour around Europe. Much to Samantha's disgust Colin missed an opportunity to propose in Paris, however he didn't miss the chance to propose when they were on holiday in Lakes Entrance and they were married at the end of 1995 at Old Gipps town, Moe.

Living now in Amy Court, Boolarra, Colin and Samantha have two lovely children; Daniel born in 1997 and Jinni, born 15 months later in 1998. Colin recalls that in September 1997 Samantha had gone to visit her Malaysian "family" for the wedding of two sisters, leaving him as Mister Mum for a week or two. Of course in 1997 Boolarra won the premiership, but the preliminary final at Trafalgar against arch rivals Yinnar was a nail biting match, decided by a missed shot on the siren by Yinnar. For the last twenty minutes of the match, Colin gave up any pretence of being a caring parent and just left Daniel with a copious supply of chips and 'cheezels' to keep him satisfied, while he barracked Boolarra home.

The Brick family moved to their current home on Monash Way in 2005 and are still very happy liv-

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ing within the Boolarra Community, with which Colin and family have such a strong affinity. Colin still enjoys his bushwalking, tennis, gardening, reading and listening to music either on the patio or in his mezzanine library. He cites PG Woodhouse as his favourite author and has over 90 of his books, with Bob Dylan as his favourite musician. Colin's plans for the future include continuing work at Hazelwood, continued involvement in the Boolarra community and hopefully undertaking a few overseas trips. Colin's father died in 1978 however his mother, who is 94, still lives in her house in Churchill.

I asked Colin what winning the Order of Australia medal meant to him and what achievements he was most proud of. He said he was very proud to achieve this award and was also conscious that it reflects on Boolarra as a community, as through the efforts of many, many people in Boolarra, the community has developed a well deserved reputation of being self-reliant, innovative, able to get things done and generally having its act together. Colin felt that because of his position, he gets some credit for these achievements that properly belong to the many active volunteers in the community. He is also very grateful to the people in the community who thought enough of his endeavours to take the time to prepare his nomination.

Colin nominated the establishment of the Boolarra Australia Day celebration as one of his proudest achievements; he said *"The Australia Day celebration, which has been going from strength to strength for five years, arose from the concept that we should celebrate Boolarra as a strong and vibrant community, whose strength derives from the many wonderful volunteers who give with no thought of recognition. The associated Community Awards enable these valuable contributors to be acknowledged by their peers and friends, with anybody in the community able to nominate people they believe are worthy of recognition."*

*It's a lovely relaxed, friendly day as people catch up for a chat, the kids play games and have sack races and gumboot throwing competitions. It encompasses all that is best about Boolarra."*

I really hope you've enjoyed reading this first in the series which focuses on the life and times of one of our town's folk. I really enjoyed interviewing Colin for this piece and think we should all share Colin's pride in his well deserved award of the Australia Medal for his efforts for our community over many years.

Next edition, an interview with another of our well known local people.

Mark Cooke, The Boolarra Link

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The Gippsland Soroptimist International Group held a very successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Morwell in May. The funds raised have been put to good use locally –

- A scholarship provided so women can participate in the training course "Increasing Women's Options", at Traralgon Community Learning Centre. This program is run by Boolarra resident Jenny Den Toom.
- A donation of money and goods to "Fitted for Work," Collins Street, Morwell.
- A donation to "Global Studio".

All three are assisting women to increase their skills and improve their lives.

The local group are still working to establish a Soroptimist International Club in Gippsland. We continue to meet monthly at the Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning Centre, and continue to research and plan further project work.

As Soroptimists, we continue our Gippsland involvement in a Bushfire Recovery project. We will donate roses to some local people who experienced the horror of the bush fires in Latrobe City. The rose grower is Treloar's in Portland and they have generously offered to donate stock that is remaining at the end of the season. Some people have been very active in contacting households who had their gardens damaged by the fires. Liz Roberts from Koornalla said "Some of us had lovely rose garden beds and love the idea of replenishing these areas". Roses seem to be symbolic of an international feeling of love and care,

Soroptimist International is a world-wide organisation for women in management and the professions, working through service projects, to advance the status of women. More information is available on the Internet at [www.sorop.org](http://www.sorop.org) or at [www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org). There are 13,000 Clubs in 125 countries and 14 Clubs in Victoria. Our members are involved in a number of projects, here in Victoria and in overseas countries in our six Programme Areas.

**The coming meetings are; 21st September, 26th October, 23rd November, 2011 at the Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning Centre, Breed Street, Traralgon**

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## BOOLARRA BOOK CLUB



Book Club has been going very well this winter. We are still focusing on books of China and our latest book is "*Shadow of the Silk Road*" by Col-in Thubron, the magical haunting story of one man's tracing of the old Silk Road from Turkey, through Central Asia, Afghanistan into China. He travels on buses, donkeys, jeeps, camels and occasionally a train, tracing the drifts of the great trade road from China to the Western World. It is a fascinating read of different peoples, cultures, religions and places - we all loved it, but were happier to read about it than go.

Last month we didn't borrow a book, but each of us brought one of our favourites from home and spoke about it. They were many and varied and many of the books were shared around so we could all read them. This was voted so popular that we will do it again next year.

We are still meeting at 4.00 pm for coffee and a chat, discussion of the book from 4.00 to 6.00 and then tea of soup and bread, (sometimes a cake or so if we can justify it with the story!). Everyone is home by 8.00 pm. If you would like to join, we still have a couple of places. Ring 5169 6494.

Roborn Lubowski

## 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:

**Marlene Austin - 5668 1355 or  
Coralie Pickett - 5169 6496.**

## BOOLARRA BLAZERS The Walk & Talk Club

Although it has been such a wet winter we have still managed to walk each Thursday. We have walked the Rail Trail, Schiebel's Rd to the Fish Farm, Lake Hyland, another walk of the tracks in the State Forest and plan to do the Lyre Bird Walk next.

We are all getting fitter and have solved some of the world's problems and certainly enjoy the friendship. We have room for more walkers and usually meet at 9.00am on Thursday at either the Football Ground or the Post Office. If you would like to come on one of our walks please ring John on **5169 6494**.

We also have a couple of places for four legged walkers.

John Lubowski



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## BOOLARRA DISTRICT GARDEN GROUP

### OPEN GARDEN BONANZA 6th November 2011

The Boolarra Open Gardens are on again this year on **Sunday 6th November**. The Open Gardens have been a great success in past years, bringing in lots of visitors to our town.

**Tickets will be available from 10.00 am in Railway Park. Tickets will be \$10 each with all proceeds to be used to support local community groups.**

This year we have seven diverse gardens so there should be something to interest everyone and we have also included the Old Mill Site, which has had a lot of work done by the Boolarra South Landcare Group.

We really need the support of the community to make this day another great one for Boolarra, so please invite your friends and family to come for the day and visit these lovely gardens.

Once again I would like to thank all the owners for opening their gardens on the day, with special thanks to members of the Landcare Group for their continuing hard work in creating this beautiful site that can be enjoyed throughout the year by all the community. Without their generosity and hard work, this wonderful event could not happen.

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## YINNAR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY GARDEN

### First Sunday of the Month Workshops

Feeling Fruity!, Sustainable Garden Workshop, Organic Pest Control & Growing Summer Vegies Workshops have been hosted by the Yinnar & District Community Garden at ARC Yinnar. The workshops have been very popular with locals and have provided a common interest for those in the community impacted on by the bushfires and keen to re-invigorate their gardens.

Workshop attendance has been from 40 - 70 people with the vivacious Helen Tuton warming up the Switchroom on a cool winter's day. Helen had audiences eating out of the palm of her hand as she is an entertaining and informative presenter who shares her knowledge and experience on all matters horticultural with passion and insight.

Helen Tuton, also known as the 'Barefoot Gardener' (you can google her new web site) is a horticulturalist and scientist of some fame having worked with Sustainable Gardening Australia as a presenter promoting the benefits of sustainable horticulture, and as the principal writer of "Cuttings", Sustainable Gardening Australia's monthly e magazine (google Sustainable Gardening Australia to subscribe to this e-mag).

Helen's dream is to connect communities, enrich lives and inspire more sustainable lifestyles and I think the crowd was well pleased with her refreshing and informative style. With tips from using white vinegar (1:10parts water) as a very effective weed killer, using powdered gypsum once a year to break up clay, being careful with liquid gypsum as it has a sufactant in it that is

deadly to frogs, avoiding synthetic fertilisers as they are 'like steroids for plants', and feeding the soil rather than the plant with dynamic lifter (made of good stuff like chook pellets, blood 'n bone, fish etc) to not using snail & slug pellets as they are bad for lizards, skinks & frogs, as they eat the poisoned snails & slugs.

Helen's companion planting guide can be found at [sgaonline.org.au](http://sgaonline.org.au), and we are very thankful to Sustainable Gardening Australia and the Helen McPherson Trust for supporting bushfire impacted areas by sponsoring presenters such as Helen and the establishment of the Yinnar & District Community Garden out back of ARC Yinnar.

Upcoming workshops are October - Composting & Worm Farms, November - Effective Garden Irrigation & December - Backyard Biodiversity. Phone Catheryn 0435 048 153 or email

[YinnarCG@telstra.com](mailto:YinnarCG@telstra.com) to book for these first Sunday of the month events. We need you to book so catering & copies of notes can be organised. You don't have to be an expert gardener to participate.

All workshops will be held in the SwitchRoom at ARC Yinnar and will run from 1.30 - 3.30pm. **Remaining workshops for 2011 are:**

*Sun, Oct 2nd - Composting & Worm Farms*  
*Sun, Nov 6th - Effective Garden Irrigation*  
*Sun, Dec 4th - Backyard Biodiversity*

#### Healthy Gardens

#### Healthy People

#### Healthy Environment

Yinnar & District Community Garden Working Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, at 5.30pm, in the foyer at ARC Yinnar, all welcome. Contact Catheryn Thompson - 0435 048 153 or [YinnarCG@telstra.com](mailto:YinnarCG@telstra.com).

## 1st Yinnar Scout Group

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World Scout Day is celebrated on 1st August. Our cubs, scouts, venturers rovers, leaders and families combine on this night to celebrate. Several visitors showed up to join in and we hope that they will come again and join the scouting movement.

Everyone got into making damper - but not just plain ones - jam and choc chips were included and everyone enjoyed themselves. It was very messy but just as nice. Many of our parents stayed to enjoy good fellowship with a cuppa and chat.

Our group has recently undergone some changes and we welcome anyone who is interested in finding out more about scouting especially at Yinnar and district.

Our group has recently undergone some changes and we welcome anyone who is interested in finding out more about scouting especially at Yinnar. Our **Cub Pack** (for 7-11 year olds) meets on Monday nights at 6pm at the Scout Hall in Main Street Yinnar. **Scouts** (11-15) meet on Tuesdays and we also have **Venturers** and **Rovers**. Call in to the hall on Monday nights to find out more. We would love to see you." **Contact Kerry on 51691662 or Leanne 51223099.**



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## BOOLARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Writers' of the Term - Term 2, 2011*



### **Crazy Knights - Thomas** (Above)

Once upon a time there was a knight and his name was Deck. He was stuck doing all the jobs for the other knights. One night when the knights were all asleep Deck snuck out. He put his armour on and got a horse and ran away over the hills until he found a good place to camp. When he did he laid out his tent and set it up.

The next morning he woke up early. "I'd better get going," he thought. So he got his stuff and went. While he did that, the other knights woke up and said, "Where is he?"

In the meantime, Deck found a village. "I'm hungry," he said. So he went into the village and got something to eat. Then he went further. While he did that the other knights went into town. They terrorised the village to try and find Deck.

When Deck stopped the other knights came. "We meet again," they said. They fought each other and at the end, Deck won. Then the people came and Deck found a new home with them.



### **Patch and Dan- Lydia** (Above)

Dan is a little boy who lives in Wagga Wagga. Patch is a little dog who has nowhere to go.

One day when Dan and his mother were walking along a path they came across a small animal curled up in a ball.

Dan walked over to the ball and patted it slowly. The ball slowly uncurled, Dan's eyes lit up. It was a little dog.

"Can I keep him mum, please?"

"Oh alright," said Mum.

"His name can be Patch because of all those black and white spots on his back."

One year later.

Patch has grown up, so has Dan.

Dan doesn't play with Patch any more, Patch is lonely.

One dark rainy dark, miserable night, Patch decided to run away. Patch found a dry spot outside a shop.

That night Dan knew something was missing. He went outside to find that Patch was gone. They looked night and day and night and day, until one day when they were on their way to look in the park they saw a little ball. Could it be?

"Patch!" Dan yelled. "We found you!"

After that Dan and Patch never stopped loving each other.

### **Life as a Dung Beetle- Airtrea** (Right)

"Today was open day at the M.C.G. A couple of horses came, let's dig me hardy's."

"Ok, you have this one and I'll take the one that looks like stew."

"What about we swap?"

"Oh no, it hasn't set properly. It looks like spew. Have you ever tasted spew? It's quite delicious."

"Oh yeah, I'm a dung beetle, I'm supposed to eat dung, but I prefer kitty litter. Did you even know that kitty litter is my best friend? Here kitty litter? Here kitty litter?"

"Oh no, it's starting to get dark."

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"Fred you go into this cow pat and I'll take the one that's rotten."

"Wait this one's the furry one."

"Oh no Bruce, you have my one and I'll have your one!"

"Wait before you leave, I'm still brushing my teeth, hey why is everyone leaving? Oh yeah, I told them to go to sleep."

"Everybody WAKE UP!!!!"

"Yes, Master Fat Gobi. Master sit in your big fat racing chair. Wait, I got the wrong one for your birthday."

"You're going too fast!"

"You cheated!"

"Did you know that my brother eats 100 hamburgers a day?"

So that's why he is called Big Fat Gobi Master and why he had a dream of Bella being a Princess."



### **Artists of the Term - Lydia** (Above) & Eden (Below)







### **Too Much Money is Spent On Toys and Games- Caleb** (Above)

I believe too much money is spent on toys and games. I think money should be spent on groceries, newspapers, tools and clothes.

Money shouldn't be spent on toys because you have to pay the bills and that's more important than toys for kids. Kids get plenty of toys at Christmas, so you don't have to buy them anymore.

Money isn't spent when you are playing outside building things, making art and doing arts and crafts. I don't spend my money on toys and games. I just give it to Mum because I don't use it and she can look after it for me.

Money shouldn't be spent on toys because kids already have plenty of toys and the toys they have get broken, so why should you buy them anymore?



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## **Boolarra South Landcare Group**

### **A COMMUNITY AT WORK**

**Boolarra South Landcare Group is making great progress at the Mill site.** We had a wonderful surprise when we received \$48,000 from the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation and acknowledged this generous donation at the Mirboo North Historical society's AGM. Karen Anton from the Bank Board paid tribute to the way in which the Landcare Group had been able to involve so many others in their group's activities.

The Bendigo and Adelaide Banks' philanthropic arm, the Community Enterprise Foundation and the Black Saturday Appeal Gippsland Region Community Grants Scheme, provided this money. Alan Bannister, Manager of the Mirboo North and District Community Bank Branch helped us access this fund and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal also played a part. This money will be mainly used to provide a composting toilet and work on the surrounds, but it will also assist us to complete work on the tracks and provide more planting.

Carole Sanders (nee Thorburn) whose grandfather was the original miller has generously provided some lovely quilting to be used for fund-raising. We drew this raffle at the last Landcare meeting and congratulations go to Denise Schiller, who won the quilt, Jill Parker who won the bag and Graham Talmadge's son Andrew, who won the wall hanging.

Dana and Madi from Mirboo North High School ran a wonderful trivia night at the Darlimurla Hall and raised over \$700.00. The Boolarra South Landcare table also won the trivia!

Reg Stirling from Yinnar has welded some seat bases and serviced our mower, thank you for your support Reg. The DSE provides technical expertise, oversees the project and clears dangerous trees. They have also installed two security gates at each end of Hunt's track, but sadly, within half an hour someone had rammed one with a 4 wheel drive! Latrobe City is giving us rubbish bins and signage and Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network has helped identify weeds and rare plant species. This Network has also provided funding for fencing and plants and have loaned us a movement sensitive infra red camera that will tell us what animals visit the area, perhaps we should train it on the gates!

We have also had great help from Malcolm Grant and the Morwell TAFE horticulture students. They even persevered in the rain. They are coming on Mondays and have increased the length of fin-



*Left to Right - Tony Minter -Treasurer; Mick Schiller - Vice President; Judi Edwards - President; Linda Minter - Secretary; Denise Schiller - Publicity Officer from Boolarra South Landcare Group and Alan Bannister and Karen Anton from Mirboo North and District Community Bank*

ished tracks considerably. Fortunately it was fine when Mirboo North Junior Landcarers came to help and they all worked extremely well spreading gravel and clearing around the dam. Thank you all for your generous help.

The rain has dampened things a little but we now know where we need more pipes! We received a grant of \$20,000 from International Power for the Gazebo and surrounds. The Gazebo has been erected and we have the concrete floor and signage to complete. We are very pleased to have it in place. The plants have been ordered and our plans for the Arboretum are underway. Quotes have been obtained for a Composting toilet and we are checking all the requirements for installing toilet facilities on the site. There is a dam/ wetland area to be planted and plenty of crushed rock to spread. We are now confident that the Boolarra community will soon have a really great recreational asset.

***The Boolarra South Landcare Group would like to thank all those who have assisted with this project. It has been a challenge but it shows what communities can achieve when they are able to support each other and when the business community is so generous.***

Denise Schiller. Publicity Officer, BSLC.



*Malcolm Grant & TAFE students working hard*

## POST OFFICE Natters

The year has flown and September's here. Will not be long till Christmas and then we will be celebrating another New Year. It has been a busy one again and lots happening around our town. People moving out and others moving in. It doesn't seem to have stopped. But that's what keeps a town alive and moving forward.

Looking out the shop window as I do every day a lot of the time, only because I have the best window view in the town, I see when children are playing in our lovely park and it's great to see people having picnics there also. Happening a lot these days.

It is getting close to us being able to go right along the Rail Trail. Still a little bit to be done first though. Don't the new bridges look fantastic. We are so lucky to have some great places to go for a walk and a picnic. All nice and close to town centre too. The Old Mill Site is another place to have a nice walk and perhaps a picnic once the weather warms up.

Like a lot of people I can't believe just how quickly the children who were little babies this time last year, are now toddling around and trying to be useful by bringing in the parcel notices for Mum and all you see are the fingers over the counter. I love it. And the other kids who have moved on to Kindergarten come in with things they have made or tell me what they are being taught to do. It's all progress isn't it?

We are starting to get our Christmas stock in now so you will see different stuff on the shelves, and I must say some of it is walking out the door as soon as it comes in.

We seem to have had quite a few of changes in the people of Boolarra this year. The reasons are many and varied for leaving us. Sad to see the residents leave, as you get to know the families when there are children.

On the other hand it's great to be able to welcome the newbies to town with the Welcome Packs that are provided by the Community Development Group and Latrobe City. It really is a great place to live and be involved in.

That's it for now from your Post Office.

***"The Heart of Boolarra"***

***Gwenda, Roger, Kaye, Jeff and Joy***

## Cemetery Trust Report

Due to the heavy winter rains, our water tank was soon filled to capacity, and the plants on the whole have flourished. However, as in any garden, some did not make it, and others were damaged by the strong winds.

Shortly we will be purchasing replacement plants for those lost, and will follow-up with working bees to re-plant, tidy up and top up soil on some of the graves that have experienced subsidence after the heavy rains.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on August 18th, and the following people were re-elected to these positions.

President - Ian Blake, Vice President - Michael Gleeson, Secretary/Treasurer - Glenys Morgan, Grounds Secretary - Bill Armstrong, Historical Records Secretary - Roborn Lubowski.

Fees were increased on July 1st, 2011 in line with C.P.I. A special increase was approved by the Department of Health in regards to the cost of plots in all sections of the Cemetery. The new fees are displayed in the Gazebo, or contact the Secretary on **5169 6721** for further information.

Glenys Morgan, Secretary

### ***Bereavement - Lance Greer***

The family of Mr Lance Greer  
would like to thank

Dr Margaret Costello for her unfailing care and support during a very difficult time.

## THE ELEPHANT YEARS

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when we were small  
and the years  
were elephants  
huge and cumbersome  
plodding ponderously past  
filling our world  
with sight and smell and sound  
and stretching our moments  
to their limits  
giving us room  
to explore each new experience  
and time  
to savor every strange excitement?

But wild, impatient youth  
did not want elephants -  
it longed instead  
to ride the wild gazelle  
and race the wind ...

... but now  
we are no longer small  
and the years  
are dragonflies  
flitting silently -  
and often unnoticed -  
from our grasp:  
darting by  
before we have time  
to know them.

Changing  
changing  
and gone  
even as we watch.  
And sometimes  
in the wing-beat of a moment  
I look back  
and wish  
that once again  
the years  
were elephants.

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# Mirboo North & District Community Foundation

## Announces 2011 Community Grants

**Up to \$50,000 in Community Grants is available to community organisations in Boolarra, Dumbalk, Mirboo North, Thorpdale, Yinnar and adjacent rural communities. Mirboo North and District Community Foundation has announced its second round of Community Grants with grants of up to \$10,000 per project available to eligible organizations to undertake projects that will benefit these local communities.**

In line with the Foundation's strategic direction, the focus for this year's grants will be on health and wellbeing and youth. Applications for projects that do not fit within these categories will also be considered and assessed on their merits and potential benefit to the community.

This is the second year that the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation have made funds available to the community in the form of Community Grants, since its inception in 2010. Chairman, Norman Walker said "It's an immense privilege for the Foundation to be able to once again support the community in this way. We were encouraged by the high standard of projects presented to us for potential funding last year, and look forward to seeing what the communities propose this year".

Projects funded last year include \$5000 for new computers to support the work of volunteers at the Mirboo Nth Times Newspaper, \$5000 for the Mirboo Nth Secondary College's award winning "Yr 9 Community Break Out Program".

Applications for the grants will open on **5 September 2011 and close on 14 October 2011.** Application forms will be available online at [www.mirboodistrictfoundation.org.au](http://www.mirboodistrictfoundation.org.au), or by telephoning the Executive Officer, Mirboo North and District Community Foundation on **0418 301 092** from 5 September 2011. Applicants must discuss their application with the Executive Officer before applying.

For any queries please contact Derrick Ehmke, Executive Officer  
Mirboo North & District Community Foundation  
PO Box 327. Mirboo North. VIC 3871  
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**Cheers for now, Gwenda, Roger & Staff**



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## Boolarra Bowls & Recreation Club

### Action at the Boolarra Bowling Club

Members of the Boolarra Bowling Club are gearing up for exciting season with the renovations of the green near completion. The renovations will move the club into the 21st century and according to our president Bob Allen, "the green will be the only grass green from the Latrobe Valley to the coast".

The Boolarra Bowling Club has a colourful history. According to our resident green keeper Howard Hill there were originally 8 rinks and after purchasing the land next door this increased to 11 rinks. On completion of the renovations, we now have 8 rinks (in the creek direction) and 7 rinks heading in the opposite direction.

Working bees have begun with main concentration on the surrounds being laid with synthetic grass kindly donated to the club from the Fish Creek Club. The club is fortunate to have the expertise of our vice president Stan Williams, who is the guru on operating our machinery.

It is anticipated that the green be up and running by opening day on 18th September. The club would like to invite Boolarra and surrounding residents to come along on the day and join in the fun and festivities.

A reminder also of our **TRIVIA NIGHT**, being held on **30th September** (AFL grand final eve). So make up a table of your family and friends and come along to test your general knowledge. Champion Trivia night 'leading light', the renowned Graeme Colbert will be your host for the night. **Contact Marianne Peters on 5169 6391** for table bookings and more information.

Lady bowlers were happy and delighted to celebrate the 90th birthday of life member May Ford in June. It was a wonderful day for all ladies that attended.



Bowls Club members inspecting the new greens

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

***In its early years Boolarra was a farming and timber town and when the railway arrived around 1894 a thriving industry for furniture, floorboards and palings grew up.***

Rex Thorburn, scion of the well-known Thorburn family has been connected with milling ever since he left Boolarra State School in the early 1940s. He returned to the old School in March this year to reminisce about school days and educate us all about timber, steam engines and milling practice. Rex is the son of Jack Thorburn, Ray Thorburn's older brother. Rex started school in 1933. His father worked in the family business (there were 3 or 4 generations of Thorburns in timber milling) at Boolarra until he left for the Macedon Ranges to set up a mill in the little town of Cherokee. As opportunities opened and closed they returned to Boolarra and moved to various milling sites around the town.

For a short time Rex worked at the Butter Factory aged 13 in 1944 because other workers were away at the war. Rex remembers having no formal training. He did everything from running the boiler, carrying milkcans, managing the pigs at the Piggery, which meant cleaning out the stalls - a very smelly task in the summer. He took on full-time milling after the war.

Early on portable engines for milling were moved from site to site where the trees were suitable. It was only later that permanent mills were established and large trucks used for haulage. Some of the sites the family milled were on Limonite Road near Hallidays, on Barktown Road up from the cemetery, on the Foster Road corner and then at the Fish farm site. Rex worked mostly with his uncle, Ray Thorburn who managed a site on Morwell River Road.

The sites on which they milled was Crown Land and millers had to get a licence to fell. After a stint at Dyer's Mill on Foster Road in the 60s, Rex moved on to other, safer work. As Rex joked, Occupational Health & Safety was not an integral part of saw-milling in those days.

Another family that came initially to join the timber industry in Boolarra was the Bastin family, forebears of Judy Webster, our treasurer. Originally from Trentham, George and John Bastin with their widowed father and their two sisters, Louisa and Eliza, came to Boolarra around the 1890s to work on splitting palings.

In 1900 John Bastin married Jessie Standing, a dressmaker in town and two years later Judy's

mother was born, also Jessie Bastin. They lived at first in the little house still standing on the wedge of land between Young and Church Street, as John Bastin had purchased the land between Young and Penaluna Streets, hence Bastin Street. Judy's mother, Jessie Bastin, began school at Boolarra State School gaining her Merit Certificate. She stayed on at the school as a sewing mistress before gaining a Diploma of Music from the London College of Music in 1921. In 1920 the Bastins moved on to dairying land along the Morwell River. Jessie, the young teacher, rode to school on horseback from there.

Nearby was the Lamb family. John and Martha Lamb (nee Tucker) moved to a Molesworth Green property on Livingston Road, Boolarra South after stints at mining at Outrim and Korrumburra. They had 13 children. Interestingly the Tuckers, through marriage, are related to many families in the Boolarra district including the Lambs, Joneses, Dalys, Roys, Tuckers, Mathews, Fanckes and Rogers. It bears out the wise practice of never commenting unfavourably on anyone in a country town; they are sure to be related to the hearers.

One of the Lamb children, also John, met his future wife nearby and they eventually married in 1935. John joined the Bastins in a farming partnership. He and Jessie had two children, John and Judy who also rode to school but to the Boolarra South School.

Horse-riding was a major interest in both the Lamb and Bastin families and several grandchildren have done well at equestrian championships, one reaching Olympic standard. John and Jessie Lamb were active participants in the life of this district, joining school, football and church committees to foster fellowship. Their children perform the same services now. Boolarra owes them a debt of gratitude.

In May we listened to an intriguing talk on history through coins. Collector Patrick Morgan showed some of his collection and spoke on coins from early Roman times up to the present. Modern coins from the time of the Spanish conquest of the Americas were preceded by coins from the Austro-Hungarian areas of Eastern Europe and were called thalers after the valleys that were mined for silver. This is the origin of the word 'dollar'.

Patrick explained that Australian coins have also an interesting history. Unfortunately he does not have a 'holy dollar' in his keeping.

We are most grateful to all our speakers who stimulated our interest in such diverse topics. Thanks too must go to Ian & Mengar Hibbins for organis-

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ing in April a wonderful excursion to Port Albert where we were received with generous hospitality by the Port Albert Historical Society.

**The Boolarra Historical Museum is open on the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm, or by appointment with the Secretary, Mengar Hibbins (5169 6210).**

**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 6210), Judy Webster (5169 6351) or Beth Price (5169 6241).**

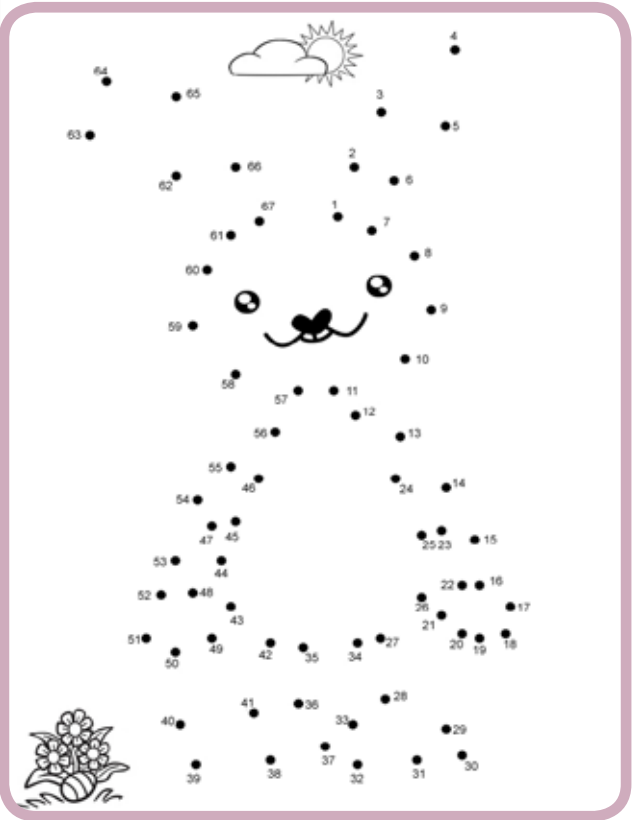
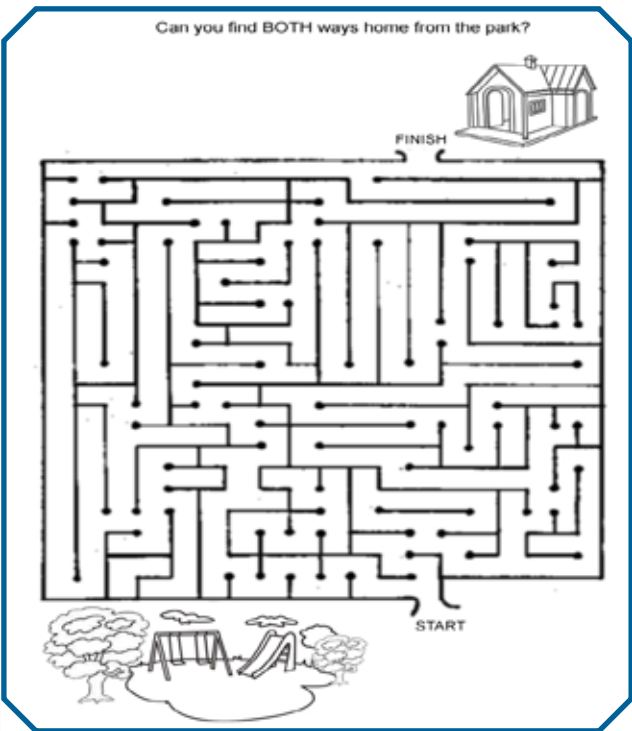


Bob Thorburn & traction engine - 1910



**Albert Einstein said:** "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."

## FUN & GAMES CORNER



## Riddle me this . . . .

- Q. What does a toad say when it sees something great?  
A. Toadly Awesome!
- Q. Where do cows go to have fun?  
A. To the *moooooovies*!
- Q. What goes UP when the rain comes DOWN?  
A. An Umbrella!
- Q. What has lots of teeth, but can't chew?  
A. A comb!
- Q. What belongs to you, but others use it more than you do?  
A. Your name!
- Q. Why do dragons sleep all day?  
A. Because they like to hunt *Knights*!

## Arses kaupi . . . what???

**Question:** How do animals get their species name?

**Answer:** The process of naming animals is complex – many people think that if they discover something they've never seen they have the right to give it a name, but there is a great deal more to it than this. In order to name a species, there are strict 'rules', and a very detailed 'rule book'.

With animals, the 'rules' are set out in The International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (or ICZN for short), which sets out the 'Principles of Binomial Nomenclature'; in other words how to devise a two-part scientific name which describes a genus (e.g. Homo) and species (e.g. sapiens). There is a corresponding 'rule book' for plants called the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (ICBN). These rule books are detailed, complex documents, but they need to be – they set out the 'laws' of naming and classifying life scientifically.

The usage of common names, like "Wombat" or "Platypus" can vary from place to place and aren't part of the code, but the ICZN sets out the rules for scientific names (like *Vombatus ursinus* for the common wombat or *Ornithorhynchus anatinus* for a platypus). Unlike common names, scientific names stay the same no matter where you are or what language is spoken.

So next time you see an odd scientific name like *Arses kaupi* or *Buggeranus carunculatus*, although they sound odd or rude, these are valid scientific names that adhere to the ICZN rules.

**Challenge:** Look up *Arses kaupi* and *Buggeranus carunculatus* on the web or in a book to see what they are and where they live!

## SUDOKU for romantics

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*I have been asked by the committee of The Boolarra Link to include in each edition, a humorous true story about something that has happened to member/s of the Boolarra Fire Brigade while assisting our community.*

Several years ago there was a hayshed fire a couple of kilometres out of Boolarra. One of our members was a little tardy getting to the fire as at the time he was trying to assist a cow that was experiencing difficulty calving. To arrive at the scene as quickly as he could he took some back roads and approached the incident coming down the road towards Boolarra. As it was late at night a fireman had stationed himself on the road near the entrance of the property so he could direct other fire trucks to the scene.

Our member quickly approached the firemen on the road, jumped out of the car and enquired whether they needed him to get his tractor and forks to help remove some the hay from the shed. While the fireman radioed to the Incident Controller and awaited his reply, our member stood on the side of the road looking down at the burning hayshed.

All of a sudden our fireman caught a glimpse of something moving past him. As he reeled around he saw the car that he had arrived in – his wife's brand new 2 week old car - rolling off down the road with the engine still running, the head lights still on, and obviously the hand brake off.

He desperately began to chase the car down the middle of the road but the car was gaining speed. It then slowly began to veer to the left – and over the side of the embankment it went with our fireman still running beside it but not knowing how to stop it in the dark.

As he looked over the embankment he could see his wife's car balancing precariously half way down the embankment. The back right hand wheel was off the ground and the whole car was rocking as it balanced. The lights of the car clearly illuminated the murky waters of the Morwell River several metres directly below. He was in shock! What would be worse, losing the car in the river or telling his wife?

Luckily a fire truck from a neighbouring brigade was arriving and the crew saw the predicament our fire fighter's car was in. They were able to carefully secure a rope to the back wheel that was swaying in the breeze and anchored the other end to their fire truck to prevent it from toppling into the river.

Two hours later a tow truck from Morwell arrived and was able haul the vehicle, with engine and lights still operating, back onto the road without even a scratch.

Our fireman never did get down to the hayshed fire and to this day his wife doesn't know anything about the night her brand new car nearly had a wash in the Morwell River.

(But she might now...Ed)

#### **BATTERIES PAY FOR TOOL KITS**

Thanks to all the community members who dropped off unwanted car, truck and tractor batteries on the pallet next to our scrap metal bin. With the money raised from this ongoing venture we were able to purchase 76 piece tool kits for each of our 3 fire fighting vehicles.

#### **2 NEW RADIO ANTENNAS INCREASE OUR RADIO COVERAGE**

Using money raised through community donations of scrap metal deposited in our bin, members Peter Morrison and John Collins have made and erected two new antenna masts, which will hold our radio antennas 15 metres in the air. The masts are made from 50mm x 50mm steel tubing and are secured by guy ropes. One aerial is for our UHF radios and the other is for our CFA radios. These new aerials, which are much higher than our former ones, will significantly enhance our communication on both radios.

#### **OUR BRIGADE HAVE TURNED OUT TO 10 INCIDENTS THIS YEAR**

Our brigade members have been kept on their toes this year with an array of different types of turn outs – 1 x plantation fire, 2 x windrow fires, 1 x barbeque fire, 3 x fallen trees down over roads and power lines, 1 x Motor Vehicle Accident (milk tanker), 1x chimney fire and 1x request by police for assistance when a man was threatening to burn his house down. Our members have to be well trained to deal with all sorts of emergency situations.

#### **LATROBE HIGHWAY PATROL MEMBER LECTURES CFA DRIVERS**

Ten of our members joined with about 25 members from other brigades to listen to Leading Senior Constable Grant Phillips of the Latrobe Highway Patrol at Monash University recently.

He spoke about the laws when driving fire trucks "CODE 1" (with lights and sirens) and the dangers and consequences of this action. He also instructed us on "Crime Scene Preservation" at Motor Vehicle Accidents with particular reference to where and where not to park the fire truck so as not to damage or destroy vital evidence needed for traffic

accident investigators.

#### **ROUND ROBIN TRAINING**

Every two months the brigades of the Morwell Group gather at a nominated brigade's fire station where they participate in a training exercise organised by the host brigade. The most recent Round Robin was conducted at the Morwell Fire Station where the 38 fire fighters were given a number of short exercises that covered a garage fire, an acetylene bottle fire, a motor vehicle that had crashed into a power pole bringing down power lines and a chlorine gas spill. Positive pressure ventilation was also demonstrated where a building was cleared of smoke in about 2 minutes.

#### **PUBLIC DECONTAMINATION EQUIPMENT PUT TO TEST**

Recently several of our members participated in a large scale, public decontamination exercise to test new equipment that is being housed at the Morwell Fire Station. Suspected contaminated people were given a large "plastic bag" in which they had to undress and put their clothes down a chute leading to a contamination container. They then moved to the shower section of the long tent where they removed their plastic bag and were showered by what seemed to be 50 nozzles. After the shower they were checked by hand held probes and if contaminants were still evident it was back into the shower, otherwise participants were given special suits to wear and were checked by medical staff. The people who were conducting the cleansing were all wearing breathing apparatus gear and splash suits and looked like astronauts who were going to walk on the moon.



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## Boolarra Wool Group



During these winter months quite a few Wool Groupers leave Boolarra for warmer climes. Denise has recently spent some time travelling through SA, NSW, QLD, SA and NT, and I've recently returned from a road trip with my daughter Karen, our destination being Darwin. Fortunately for us, we were in Alice Springs for the Beanie Festival, which was an amazing event; there were over 5,000 beanies on show which made it very difficult to select the best. People were wandering about with 10 or so beanies or even more waiting for a turn to look in the many mirrors that had been placed about, or asking friends for their opinions. I finally chose a pixie type one in various yarns and colours with a bell on the end, much to the annoyance of Karen.

Other nomads in recent times have been Ros, Mengar, Meryl, Margaret and Carla, and Sue and Kate will be taking off very soon as well.

Lori is still knitting her sensational socks. Ros has completed her beautiful light and lacy scarf. Glenys has put the final touches to her embroidered baby blanket, Jan is practicing new skills by knitting blankets for her dogs and Denise has finished her beautifully knitted Magic Square Rug. Kate has been working on many and varied projects and for a new member has been very productive.

We had a lunch to farewell Meryl who has moved to Traralgon. Meryl has been a long term member and she will be missed. We are hoping she will come and visit as often as she can.

Great news for the Crowley family. Mick and Pam's daughter Cath won the Prime Ministers Literary Award for Junior Adult Fiction with her book Graffiti Moon. She also won the NSW Premier's Ethel Turner Prize for the same book.

Mengar has become a Grandmum for the first time and Kath a Great Grandmum for the third time. Congratulations to both on these very special arrivals.

We are still enjoying lots of warm and delicious shared lunches, with the usual sweet treats as well. We are blessed to have great cooks as well as talented crafts people in our group and of course a sense of humour also helps to make our days together very special.

If you would like to join us, we meet every Thursday at 11.30 at the Multi-Purpose Building.

For further enquiries call Lois on 5169 6618.

## BOOLARRA, YINNAR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY EXERCISE GROUP

The group continues to meet regularly, apart from a two week school holiday break.

Many of the group complain when Kathleen has a break as we all appreciate the benefit to our flexibility and motivation of our regular social activities.

Even though the mornings have sometimes been chilly, numbers of participants have been maintained with a few new members also joining in the fun. As the old adage states: the more the merrier. The exercise to music is varied and the focus is often on back strengthening or improving posture and balance.

With spring in the air, many of us are keen to be outdoors after such a long cold, damp spell and want to tackle those jobs such as pruning. It is all too easy to overdo activity with this flush of enthusiasm and amateur gardeners know the resultant ache of muscles called upon without preparation. (Collective groan!) Regular, appropriate exercise may help avoid this suffering.

This gregarious group meets at:

**9.30am Mondays at Boolarra Memorial Hall**  
**10.30am Fridays at Yinnar Memorial Hall**

New member are very welcome. 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



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On May 7th, three of our members and guests attended a luncheon at the Morwell Bowls Club to celebrate the birthday of Henri Dunant, the founder of the International Red Cross movement. Representatives from all the Units in Region 9 were present, and we all enjoyed a delicious lunch and the words of the guest speakers. Needless to say there was a raffle, with numerous prizes to be won! We also enjoyed a Fashion Parade, with the clothes provided by the Red Cross Shop in Warragul, and modelled by three of their ladies. This was a great social occasion, which also raised funds for the Red Cross.

On May 31st, the Boolarra Unit hosted the Region 9 Conference. Key guest speaker was Ms. Toni Aslett, Executive Director of the Victorian Red Cross. She spoke about the vital importance of volunteers in making a real difference to the lives of people in crisis..

June 20th saw the return of Bev's Fashions - always a fun afternoon with lots of laughter, some retail therapy, a delicious afternoon tea, and of course, another raffle! At the end of the day, when all had left, we found a grey ladies jacket. Despite notices at the Top Shop and Post Office, and advising the members of the Christian Fellowship Church, no one has claimed the jacket. If this lovely jacket is yours, please contact Glenys on 5169 6721.

July 4th was our Annual General Meeting, and once again we were happy to welcome visitors from the other Units in Region 9.

The following ladies were elected to these positions: Chairperson - Gladys Hall, Vice Chairperson - Sue Warren, Secretary - Gay Henry, Treasurer - Glenys Morgan, Regional Representative - Gladys Hall.

The Boolarra Unit is primarily a fundraising Unit, and during the last 12 months we raised over \$4,000.00. This is a wonderful achievement for a small group of dedicated ladies - what a great team effort! Once again, we sincerely thank all the people in the townships of Boolarra and Yinnar, for their continuing support of Red Cross.

Our guest speaker at the A.G.M. was Dave O'Brien, who was ably assisted by Michelle Birbeck. Dave talked about basic safety first measures in the event of a house fire, and we all appreciated his sound advice on smoke alarms, fire blankets and extinguishers.

Now, for something new! In October, Australian Red Cross is launching an exciting community fundraiser, the first **"BIG CAKE BAKE"**! Our Boolarra Unit will hold a Morning Tea in the Multi-Purpose Room on **Monday, October 10th at 10.30am**. Come and enjoy a scrumptious morning tea with us - admission is \$5.00, and all funds raised will support the work that Red Cross carries out every day, including caring for the most vulnerable families in our communities. In addition to the morning tea, we will also have celebrity recipes and home-baked goodies for sale. Join Boolarra Red Cross on October 10th, and **"Bake the world a better place"**!

Glenys Morgan, Treasurer



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Located at 10 Old Nichols Road, just off Grand Ridge Road approx 2.5 klms from Mirboo North town centre. There is lots to see and do in Mirboo North - visit [www.mirboonorth.vic.au/cafe-escargot](http://www.mirboonorth.vic.au/cafe-escargot) for details.

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*Above - All excargot are farmed on-site  
Right - Indoor & outdoor dining available  
at Cafe Escargot*



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

Wow, hasn't it been damp? Froggy and his mates Duckie and Waterhen had to head for higher ground and all the animals had to be careful when wandering around. Sammy snail, who hides in the CFA shed said that one day the heavens just opened right up, but the Animal Council thinks it may have been something else.

Talking of the Animal Council, (runs like the BCDG) they were pleased to hear that Thumper the flat footed power player is going to take a firm hand on the hoons that cause much concern to both us and the humans.

The Wallabies have all been talking about the road side slips, on both sides of the human paths (roads) all around our patch.

Ah well, time to sit back and munch on a carrot and enjoy the brief spell of sun.

See ya soon.



*Cheers from Roger Rabbit*

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# JEERALANG BOOLARRA CRICKET CLUB

# PANTHERS



*As October approaches we say goodbye to Season 2010-2011 and hello to the beginning of Season 2011-2012.*

A huge congratulations to the Jeeralang Boolarra Cricket Club on a magnificent effort in both senior grade Grand Finals, however it just wasn't our day as neither side could manage to bring home the gold. Both teams played their hearts out and put in 110% and all players should be very proud and contented with their efforts on the day as there could only be one winner. It's a wonderful position to see the Club in, as it proves that we are moving forward and continuing to grow, not only as individuals but as a group as well. Hopefully we can continue this success next year with the aim of taking it one step further.

On the 25th of March the Jeeralang Boolarra Cricket Club held its annual Presentation Night. The purpose of the night was to celebrate and award players and members for their efforts, skills and support shown throughout the past season. The turnout on the night was good with a number of awards being handed out, the biggest of which went to Brendan Wilson who won Club Champion for Season 2010-2011. Congratulations to all players who received an award and I look forward to seeing what this year's season will bring.

As the new season fast approaches, the club held its Annual General Meeting on the 4th of July. In comparison to previous years, the turnout was fantastic with some new faces making an appearance. Straight away we got down to business and the first task was electing the Board of Directors for the upcoming season. Unfortunately after a wonderful contribution of 5 years plus, we said goodbye to our President and Treasurer in Phil and Julia Allen. These two were commended on their efforts as they not only kept the club alive for the past 5 years, but they were also a pleasure to work with. Both will be sorely missed. However, stepping up in Phil's place is Gordon Leys as President, who we know will do a wonderful job and we welcome him to the Club with open arms. As at this point in time, the position of Treasurer is still in question.

If you want to have a good time, get out of the house, relax with a hit of cricket and meet some fantastic people, then you should become a Panther. The Jeeralang Boolarra Cricket Club is al-

ways searching for new players, supporters and volunteers for upcoming seasons. If you would like to become a player, supporter or volunteer of the Jeeralang Boolarra Cricket Club, please feel free to contact the Club on 5169 6428 or 0488 321 150 as the Club would be most grateful and welcomes all new-comers with open arms.

On behalf of myself and the Jeeralang Boolarra Cricket Club, a huge thank you must go to all of our fantastic Sponsors who have supported us in the past year:

Boolarra Fish Farm, Boolarra Top Shop, Yinnar Farm & Fuel Supplies, International Power Hazelwood, Inspiration Paint & Colour, Triangle Trophies

We can't thank you enough and we hope that your wonderful contribution will continue in future seasons to come.

Jack Cleaver, Secretary  
Jeeralang Boolarra Cricket Club



*Above - B Grade Grand Final Runners-up*

*Below - C Grade Grand Final Runners-up*



## COMPANION PLANTING TIP

Plant lots of *Nasturtium* and *Chives* at the base of your *Apple* trees – the *Nasturtium* climbs the tree and is said to repel codling moth.

Surround *Tomato* plants with a dense planting of *French Marigolds* as they are said to repel white fly and root knot nematode.

*Lettuce* does well planted with *Chervil* *Coreopsis*, *Lovage*, *Marjoram*, *Marigold (French)*, *Onion*, *Radish* & *Zinnia*. *Coreopsis* & *Zinnia* attract pollinators and will also offer shade for lettuce.

*Borage* planted in your *strawberry* patch will increase the yield.

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# BOOLARRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 18 August at the Bowling Club, chaired by the Mayor of Latrobe City, Cr Darrell White. Rob Herni thanked the Bowling Club for the warm welcome, their hospitality, and the quality of the catering. 22 people attended and enjoyed a thought provoking talk from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Central Gippsland TAFE, Mr. Peter Whitley, on the challenges facing society arising from the rapid advent of new technology, and how the education sector has to adapt and address these issues to remain effective.

The following committee was elected. Office bearers will be determined at the next Committee Meeting.

Committee	Rob Herni
Committee	Mark Cooke
Committee	Colin Brick
Committee	Paul Dodds
Committee	Gwenda Pither
Committee	Rick Teychenne
Committee	Doug Black
Committee	Jill Simmonds
Committee	Emma Cooke
Committee	Tracy Anderson
Committee	Sue Webster
Committee	Pat McAllister
Committee	Gary Mills
Committee	Abbas Mehran
Committee	Jeff Henderson
Committee	Val Henderson
Committee	Chris Dunkley
Committee	Geoff Dunkley

It is a strong committee, and it is pleasing to see some new blood on the committee, along with many of the old stalwarts. Les Hunt has stood down from the committee, as he has now moved to Traralgon. However he will continue to support the committee with his financial acumen and teach the new Treasurer the ropes, in what is a very important role given the funds the committee is now holding. Hopefully, as projects are completed this will moderate.

Rob Herni has also indicated a desire to stand down as Chair after five or more years in the role. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Rob for the support he has been to me over that time, and also offer to him the thanks of the community for his strength over a very difficult period. He should be very proud of the achievements of the group over that time, and of his role. Rob will continue on the committee and I'm sure will continue to make a major contribution.

The past three months has been largely a process of consolidation, as we attempt to bring some of our projects to fruition.

Liz Tyler has been doing a great job in her new role as Facilitator, butting her head against the red tape to keep the Gazebo, Men's Shed and Multipurpose Building projects moving forward. Building permits are currently being prepared for the Gazebo in Railway Park, plans have been prepared and quotes obtained. The Men's Shed has got clear results back on soil tests, and has approval in principle from the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). There is now a Native Title and native flora review to be completed before physical work can commence. Site plans have been developed for the sheds and storage facilities. The Multipurpose Building committee has been considering a wide range of options for the refurbishment, and it is fair to say they were finding the whole process confusing and frustrating. However in the past two months they have had some very fruitful discussion with Damian Blackford, Latrobe City Council (LCC) and are in the process of finalizing the design.

Sylvia Sauppe is currently in the process of designing a Community Website for the Development Group. The intention is to integrate it with other community websites such as the Folk Festival, the Rail Trail, Boolarra Primary School, Football club, the Link, etc. It will be aimed at Boolarra residents more than tourists, with processes to keep content updated and relevant, and with features such as competitions, "classifieds", a trade and business register, and details of forthcoming events to attract locals to access it. Any thoughts or assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Community Bus is a major issue the committee need to resolve in the near future, as it has low usage, and involves high running costs, and major expenditure in the near future to keep it roadworthy. In discussion at the AGM a number of options were considered that would potentially provide lower cost access to a bus.

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.

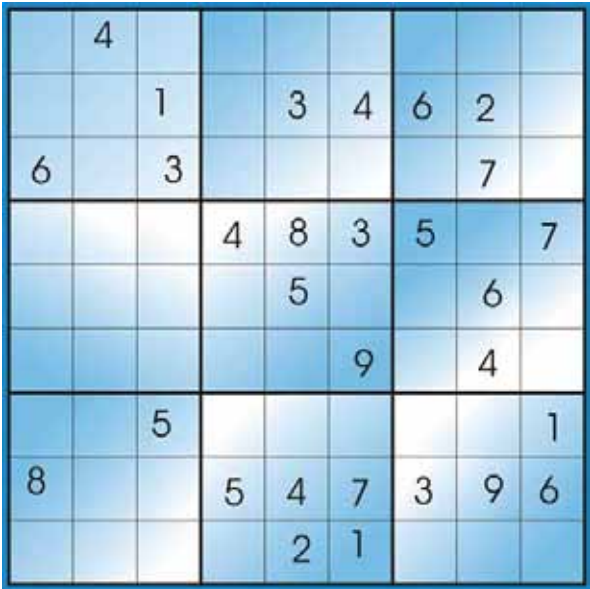
The Development Group is supporting a proposal from the Top Shop, and local artist Abbas Mehran, for a mural to go on the wall of the shop. Abbas has prepared drafts of the design, and has put in

a great deal of time and thought, and consulted with many locals, including the Historical Society, to develop an appropriate design, and the work is scheduled for completion by Christmas.

Abbas also initiated a "community" Art Show, which the BCDG supported. To be honest, I was amazed at the quality of the items on exhibit, and at the professional way in which they had been displayed. Everyone I spoke to on the Friday opening night were extremely impressed by the way Abbas' concept of the people of Boolarra displaying their diverse talents had come to fruition. A big thank you also, to all the people who helped in the staging of the event.

We hope to make this an annual event that will attract people into the town, as it would provide Boolarra with three promotional attractions, along with the Folk Festival and the Open garden show, that are well spaced and catering to a diverse audience.

Colin Brick  
Boolarra Community Development Group



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