

# The Boolarra Link

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## Blaze of Colour at the Open Gardens Bonanza

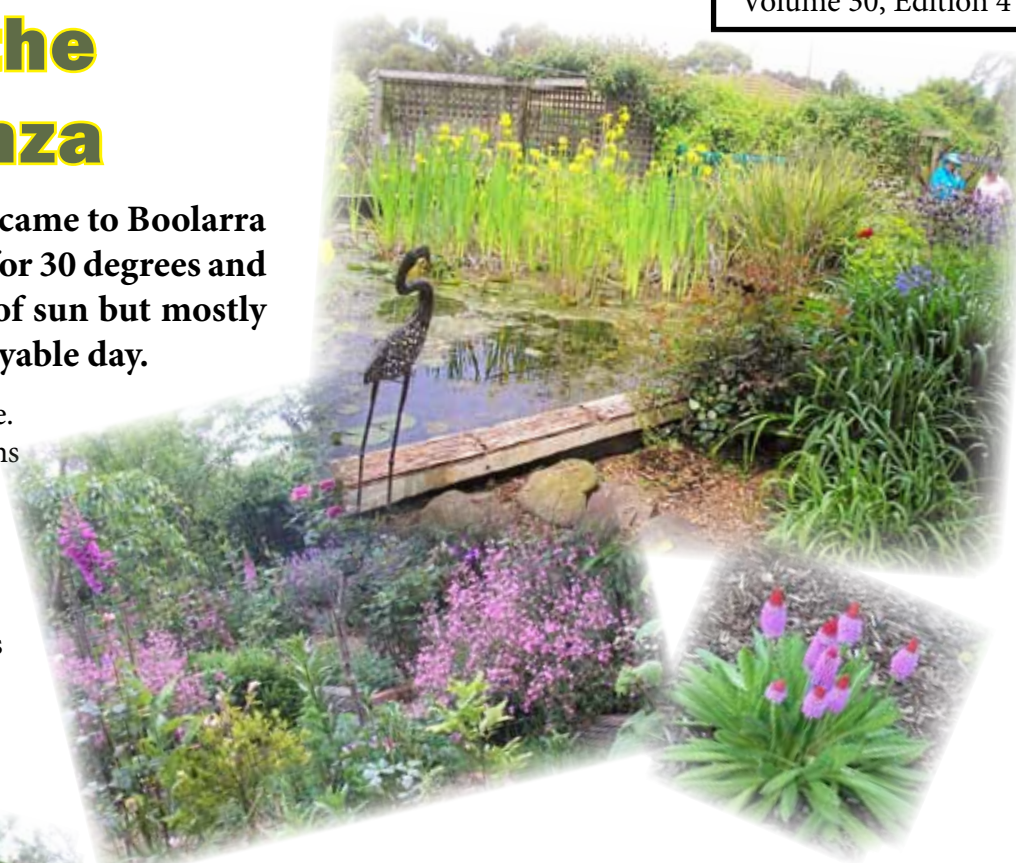
On a sunny Sunday in November several hundred visitors came to Boolarra for our Open Gardens Bonanza. The weather forecast was for 30 degrees and thunders storms. Happily, we only had a few hot patches of sun but mostly the cloud cover kept the heat away and made it a very enjoyable day.

With such a diverse range of gardens there was something for everyone. Formal layouts to rambling cottage gardens packed full of roses; gardens full to the brim with diverse foliage; larger gardens full of wonderful colour, fruit trees and every plant you could think of; the Old Mill Site and its planting of natives and the aqua-phonics system in a hothouse was certainly a focal point of interest to many. A sincere thank you for the hard work that the garden owners had put in to make their gardens the essence of spring, the day was a great success again.



The Pony Club Sausage Sizzle in Railway Park proved very popular as were the Devonshire teas being served in the Memorial Hall. The Top Shop provided refreshments and food to a constant flow of customers throughout the day.

In what is developing into a tradition, we had visitors from far and wide again this year, with many catching up with locals to enjoy the day together. The feedback we received was very positive again regarding the quality of the gardens and the efficient organisation, with many saying they will be back again next year and keep the event going.



I would like to thank the Boolarra community and especially the gardens owners for their willingness to share their gardens with others, as without their participation this enjoyable day would not be possible. It is a great event for our town and supports many community groups as all the proceeds go back into the community. The plant sale to aid the Primary School was very popular again this year.

So if there are any gardens owners out there who may be interested in opening up their garden treasures next year, please contact me for more information. (I have three gardens already on the list!)

This event is held under the auspice of the Boolarra Community Development Group and we thank them for their continued support. As this important day can only continue with the help of the community I would like to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer in the organization and running of next year's bonanza.

Jill Simmonds - Boolarra Open Gardens Coordinator  
Phone: 5169 6516



## BOOLARRA COMMUNITY CAROLS IN THE PARK (or at the Memorial Hall if rainy)

Thursday 22nd December from 5.30 pm

FREE BBQ & Coleslaw / B.Y.O drinks & picnic rugs

6.30 pm - performances by Boolarra & District Youth Theatre Company,  
plus Phil & Gayle Schumann

7.30 pm - Latrobe City Brass Band will lead Community Carols

7.30 pm - SANTA arrives

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The Boolarra Link AGM was held on Thursday, 22nd September 2011.

The new committee members are:

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The Boolarra Link is looking for budding writers aged between 14 and 18 years to become Junior Journalists and write stories about what's happening in our local area. The challenge will be to come up with interesting pieces between 1,000 – 1,500 words that showcase Boolarra and surrounds through the eyes of young members of the community.

Articles are to be **non-fiction** and can cover anything from sport, family, what's on, youth issues, local personalities, career paths, community or local news. Photos to go with the article are always a good addition and will also be published.

Articles and photos are to be submitted to the Boolarra Link Committee for consideration at [boolarralink@hotmail.com](mailto:boolarralink@hotmail.com). Parental / Guardian permission will be required before articles are published. Contact our Editor, Sylvia Sauppe– 5169 6321 for more information.



## *Boolarra Stompers Relay For Life*

*19 & 20 November 2011*

Well, another year gone for the relay. Wasn't a good one, thanks to the stormy weather, cancelled, but the Latrobe teams raised over \$92,000. How good is that!

We had a couple of fundraisers and raised lots for the Cancer Council of Victoria for research and for support for people going through the traumas of it all. We have a few other ideas for our fundraising effort which will happen in the next few months. So keep looking for posters around the town which will tell you what's on, when and where.



*Members of the 2011 Boolarra Stompers*

The Relay was actually 19th & 20th November at the Gaskin Park sports ground at Churchill. Remember last year? It was the worst day to be outside at all. Rain coming down in buckets and wind that blew some of the tents down. This year we were looking for some sun. Not hot but nice warm sun, and no rain. But what we got wasn't

what we wanted. The times were changed to keep everyone out of the "sun", 4.00 pm Saturday through to 10.00 am on Sunday morning, but after the cancellation we didn't have to worry about that either.

A couple of hundred of us turned up at four o'clock on the Saturday arvo as the committee had organised a run-thru of the different ceremonies that were to take place. There were the opening speeches and then the carers and survivors ceremony including the lone piper who played his chosen song. It was all quite touching really. We had the Candlelight ceremony and everyone was invited to place a memory bag with candle outside to honour someone they knew who is no longer here or for someone who is going through cancer at the moment. Judging by the number of bags a lot of people took the opportunity to honour and remember someone they love.

Raffles were drawn, Awards bestowed and Medals presented to the team captains. It was also nice to see Russell Northe there, who participated in some of the presentations. It was great to see the different teams with their outfits and headgear. We must thank Tania and her Mum for doing the face painting. Kids love it.

Oh Well, there's always next year, so think about registering early so we don't miss out on the right shirts as we did this year, which was only because of the big increase in the number of registrations. The colour for 2012 is Royal Blue. Let's make 2012 a great year for the Relay For Life.

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## Australia Day Community Development Committee 2012 Australia Day Community Celebration

To celebrate our National Day and the wonderful spirit in our lovely town the Development Group has developed a tradition of having an Australia Day 'Breakfast in the Park' which has gone from strength to strength.

From 8.30 am until 10.00 am in Railway Park we will be providing Egg and Bacon sandwiches and snags, tea and coffee and some drinks for the kids. We'll raise the flag, sing the anthem, have some fun activities for all the family and generally have a good time!

There will also be the opportunity to review action items identified for the Community Building Initiative on election day.

### Program

**Commence breakfasts 8.30 am**

**Commence activities: 9.00 am**

*\* Hopscotch \* Skipping \* Quoits \* Sack Races \* Gumboot throwing  
\* Talk to friends you haven't seen since? \* Australiana trivia*

**Flag raising 9.40 am**

**Present certificates 9.50 am**

**National Anthem 10.00 am**

One of the great features of our celebration has been the opportunity to recognise some of the unsung heroes of our town; the volunteers who do so much in so many spheres to make our town the rich, vibrant community it is.

The Development Group is once again seeking nominations from individuals, community groups and clubs of people or groups you believe deserve recognition for their contribution to our community. If you wish to nominate someone then please fill out the attached nomination form and drop it in at the Post Office.

If you're free to give a hand on the day, please give me a call. It's a great way to meet people if you're new to the community.

Colin Brick  
Boolarra Community Development Group  
Phone: 5163 1212

### Australia Day Boolarra Community Award

We recognise \_\_\_\_\_ for his/her community contribution.  
(Please describe their contribution in 25-30 words)

**Nomination By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ph:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ph:** \_\_\_\_\_

### FOCUS ON LOCAL BUSINESS GRAND RIDGE COMPUTERS

The Boolarra Link Committee is running a series of articles to help promote and support Boolarra's local businesses.

The focus this issue is Merrick Hilton from 'GrandRidge Computer Services' who has helped us wisely spend the funds donated by the Boolarra Community Development Group and Latrobe City to purchase new publishing equipment. Merrick navigated us through the minefield of choosing and installing new software and hardware items to assist the committee members in producing a better Boolarra Link.

GrandRidge Computer Services is a home based small business located in Boolarra.

Its owner, Merrick Hilton, says that 2011 marks the twentieth year of his involvement with computers and computer peripherals. In 1991 he commenced a dot matrix printer ribbon re-inking and cartridge refilling business. This business progressed to the establishment of GrandRidge Computer Services in 1999 when the focus changed to building, upgrading and repairing computers.

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## Message from Russell Northe MP

*As we approach the summer period, it is important that we are all very aware of the fire season and ensure our properties are well prepared to reduce the fire risk. I encourage community members to visit the CFA website ([www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)) and have a read through the Fire Safety Section. From here you can download the Fire Ready Kit which is incredibly important for those living in our more rural communities.*

I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work that our local CFA members and volunteers do for our communities, along with the Yinnar and Boolarra Community Recovery Committee. They have done great work within Boolarra and District and have played and will continue to play an important role in our region.

In the wake of the 2009 bushfires the Government will be implementing a Bushfire Buy-back Scheme as part of its commitment to implement all the recommendations of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission Final Report.

In it's Final Report, the Royal Commission noted that landowners in extraordinarily high-risk locations have little option but to re-build if they cannot sell and move on. The Commission recommended that "the State develop and implement a retreat and resettlement strategy for existing developments in areas of unacceptably high bushfire risk, including a scheme for non-compulsory acquisition by the State of land in those areas".

The Government is seeking feedback from potentially eligible landowners on the proposed approach, application process and timing of the Scheme, and held two Information and Consultation Sessions in Churchill on 1-2 December.

Landowners will have received a letter with details of these sessions. If you did not receive a letter, you can phone (03) 8685 1314 for information. If you are not a landowner whose principal place of residence was destroyed but would like more details of Information and Consultation Sessions you can register as above, however you may be placed on a waiting list.

Information on the proposed Bushfire Buy-back Scheme is available on the Department of Justice website: [www.justice.vic.gov.au/buyback](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/buyback)

I recently had the opportunity to visit Boolarra to unveil the new cabinet for the Boolarra Quilting Group's magnificent Bushfire Quilt. I understand that this quilt was constructed with gifts of materials, sewing machines and equipment, and it is fantastic to see it hanging in pride of place in the Memorial Hall. I pass on my congratulations to the group for this wonderful piece of work, and it

was fantastic to catch up and discuss the progress happening in Boolarra.

I also wanted to pass on my congratulations to those involved with the Boolarra Open Gardens event, held in November. Unfortunately I couldn't make it to the gardens, but I have heard it was a great success with many diverse gardens which were of interest to everyone.

It was also fantastic to see the Old Mill Site included which has had a lot of work done by the Boolarra South Landcare Group who do so much great work in enhancing and preserving the beautiful environment around the Boolarra district.

I thank the owners for opening your gardens on the day and making your fantastic displays available to the public. I am sure it was much appreciated by those who came along on the day and I look forward to attending this event next year.

I wish all community members the very best and wish you all a very merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

**Russell Northe, Member for Morwell**  
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## Russell Northe MLA

Member For Morwell

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



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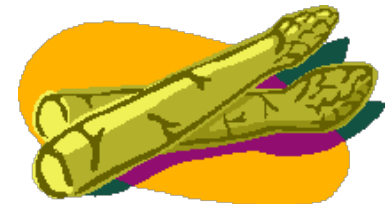
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*Boolarra Stompers Bill & Val Kingston at the Relay for Life*

**WHO ARE WE?**  
**WE ARE THE BOOLLARRA STOMPERS!**  
**WHAT DO WE DO?**  
**WE STOMP AROUND OVALS FOR CANCER RESEARCH!**  
**WHEN DO WE DO IT?**  
**YEEEEHHHH!**

Gwenda Pither - Team Captain for the Boolarra Stompers, c/- Boolarra Post Office



### ASPARAGUS TIP . . . .

Gardening tip from ABC Gardening Australia: Asparagus - to improve your asparagus bed while plants are sleeping, work a lot of compost into the bed and water it in with liquid seaweed. But because these plants are a seaside plant, a good handful of table salt on the bed will control the weeds and make the soil perfect for your plants.

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## Get to know a local - Jack Richards

*In this edition of the Link we are getting to know more about a very well know local, Jack Richards, who was born on 3rd July 1928 at Morwell*

Jack and his family lived at Budgeree and as Jack grew he attended the Budgeree school until war broke out in 1939, when he then went to Hazelwood Estate school for one year.

At the age of 14 he went to Melbourne and worked for the Victorian Railways for five years and during this time he boarded at both Elsternwick and Armadale. His wage during these years was five pounds a week. After paying board of three pounds, two shillings and sixpence a week and fares to work taking a further four shillings and fourpence-halfpenny, the relatively meagre balance of his pay was used to clothe himself.

*During the time he lived in Melbourne he joined the Naval Cadets and also attempted to join the Army, but was rejected, due to his age.*

Jack shifted to Boolarra at the age of 19 and was employed at the local Butter Factory. His wages were very good for the times and he was now earning twelve pounds per week. After a short time however, he decided that working indoors was not for him and left to work for the Country Roads Board. After only nine months with the Board, Jack was offered the job of driving a cream truck for the Boolarra Butter factory and continued to work in this position even after the factory was sold to Mirboo North.

When bulk milk collection was started Jack had the privilege of driving the first milk tanker from Newcastle and then driving it to many farms in the area for 'pick up'. While continuing to work at the factory Jack became a stock and station agent for Gippsland & Northern (G&N) and started cattle sales in Boolarra. After 20 years with the factory he moved on to driving a bread delivery bus for six months, then, when a full time job was offered with G&N Jack worked in Meenyan prior to starting cattle sales at Mirboo North.

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

He played football for a Morwell church team and then with Boolarra where he and Ray Robbins formed the Boolarra seconds team. He played tennis and lawn bowls for Boolarra as well as cricket for Budgeree.



Jack chuckled as he shared this story.

*One night at the Mirboo North Saleyards, after being "oh so careful" to securely lock all cattle in the yards ready for next day's sales, Jack and his crew headed home late for their evening meal.*

*Later that night the phone rang and he was advised that all the cattle had escaped! Oh no! Back to Mirboo North – where were the cattle? Yes, you guessed it – they were safely grazing in the Cemetery. Jack and crew had to round them up in the dead of night (excuse the pun) and re-pen them!*

Following the closure of the Boolarra Saleyards Jack became an auctioneer at the Traralgon yards, before deciding to form his own business with his wife Lorna, '**Richards Livestock**' was born. Jack eventually **retired** at the age of 70.

In 1964 Jack was appointed Justice of the Peace and over many years has continued to serve the public in numerous ways. He has conducted numerous charity auctions for Mirboo North, Boolarra and Budgeree communities and also was a member of Boolarra Fire Brigade and Hall committees.

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

- 20 years service award with Boolarra Water Board plus a certificate of appreciation from the Board
- Two certificates from Boolarra Fire Brigade
- Year of the Volunteer thank you
- Outstanding Service with Boolarra Cemetery Trust
- Certificate of Thanks – Boolarra Primary School
- 3 Nomination Certificates for Senior Citizen of the Year award

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

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

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

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

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

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

On summing up this story, my thoughts are:

**A wonderful man! A wonderful life!  
A man to be admired! Thanks mate!**

written by Joy Swain for the Boolarra Link



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## IMAGINE

Imagine you are on a small raft drifting down a beautiful bright ocean.

You are in your own world. You feel like you're in a dream but you're not. You suddenly have an urge to jump into the water. It's like the sea is calling you in. All of the sudden you jump in. You start to worry because you don't have enough oxygen. You come out of the water but your raft is gone! You go back down into the water just in time to see your raft going down. You follow it down.

You feel like you have enough oxygen to last you for ages.

You follow your raft down until it hits the bottom.

When you touch the bottom a little crab crawls on to your big toe. You try to shake it off but it's like it's stuck on. It's pointing its claw at an old ship wreck. You swim over to it. When you get there you see at the top there is a statue of a turtle. You look at it and you feel sure that its mouth moved. You blink. When you open your eyes the turtle has come alive. It is stuck. You swim over to it but when you get close you go back to where you saw it. It's like there's a magic force field surrounding it.

You start to get really annoyed. Just when you were about to crack you see something gold out the corner of your eye.

You look around and you see a gold treasure box with jewels on it. The little crab is pointing at it. When you get over there the little crab points at the biggest jewel. You press it. The treasure box opens. You look inside and all you can see is a full oil can. The crab points at the turtle. You go over to it and this time you can reach it. You put some on the turtle and it is free. It starts to swim off. You follow it. It comes to a cave. The crab on your toe is pointing at the cave. You go into the cave. It's like it's pulling you in. Just when you get into the cave you can't breathe. Just when you think that you are going to drown you are back on your raft drifting in the sea. You think of the crab and the turtle.

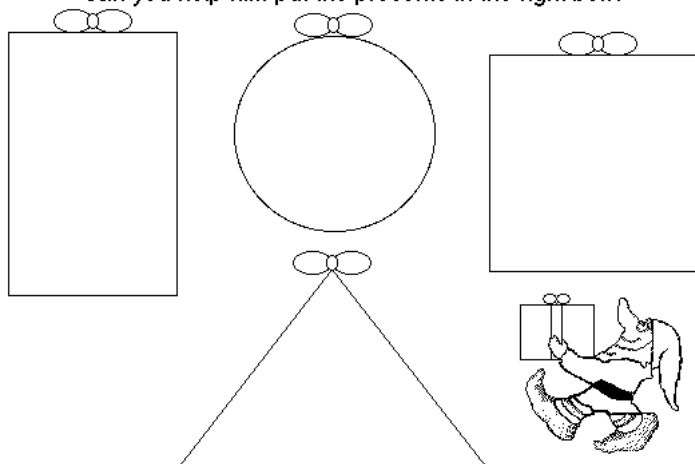
Then you decide that it was just a dream.

You look down at your toe and you see a little mark shaped like a crab.

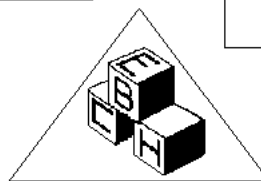
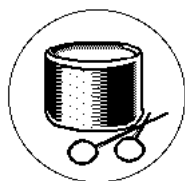
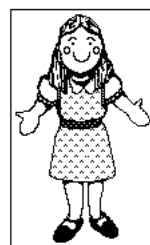
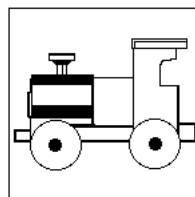
By Ella O'Kane Grade 4



Santa's Elf needs to wrap some presents.  
Can you help him put the presents in the right box?



Cut the presents out and glue them in the right box.



By Jack Manor 1996

## BUT WHERE IS THE DANCING DOG?

Here is the Yellow Dog.  
And here is the Red Dog.  
Here is the Cleaning Dog.  
And here is the Explorer Dog.  
But where is the Dancing Dog?  
Here is the Party Dog.  
And here is the Hip Hop Dog.  
Here is the Tap Dancing Dog.  
And here is the Greedy Dog.  
But where is the Dancing Dog?  
Here is the Dancing Dog.  
Asleep on the trampoline!

The End.  
BY MADISON J

## To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'll let you know  
The few things that I need,  
And if you'll bring them to me  
I'll be much obliged indeed.

I want a horse and wagon,  
And a boat that's painted red,  
An elephant, a jumping-jack—  
You need not bring a sled,

For I have one very pretty;  
But I want a trotting-horse,  
A man who wheels a wheel-barrow,  
And candy, too, of course.

Now, Santa dear, you'll not forget.  
I wish you'd write them down,  
And leave them all at my house  
When you journey through the town.

by Jennie D. Moore  
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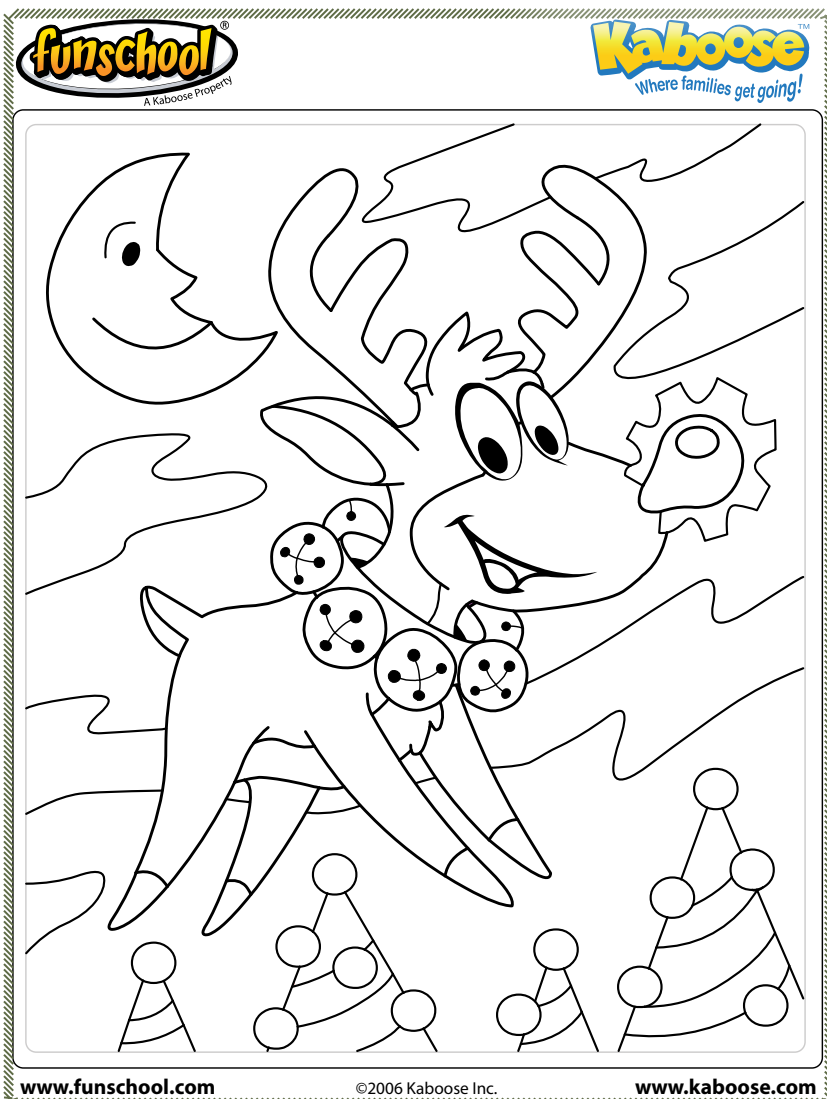
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## Aussie JOKES

Q. Where do sheep get their hair cut?

A. At the baa baa shop!

Q. Why did the cockatoo sit on the clock?

A. So she would be on time.

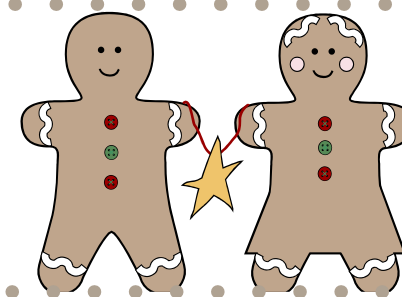
Q. Why did the emu cross the road?

A. To prove he wasn't a chicken.

## Christmas JOKE

Q. What do you call an ELF who sings?

A. A Wrapper!



## GINGERBREAD BISCUITS

In a large bowl, sift & mix together:

- 3 cups plain flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

In another bowl or mixer – cream together:

- 12 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 1 egg

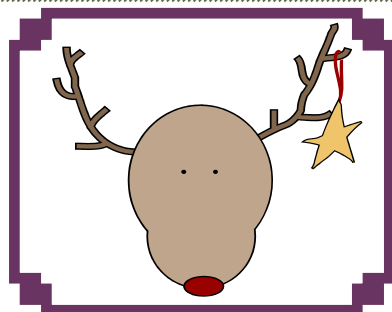
Stir the dry ingredients into the creamed mixture. Then add:

- ½ cup molasses
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

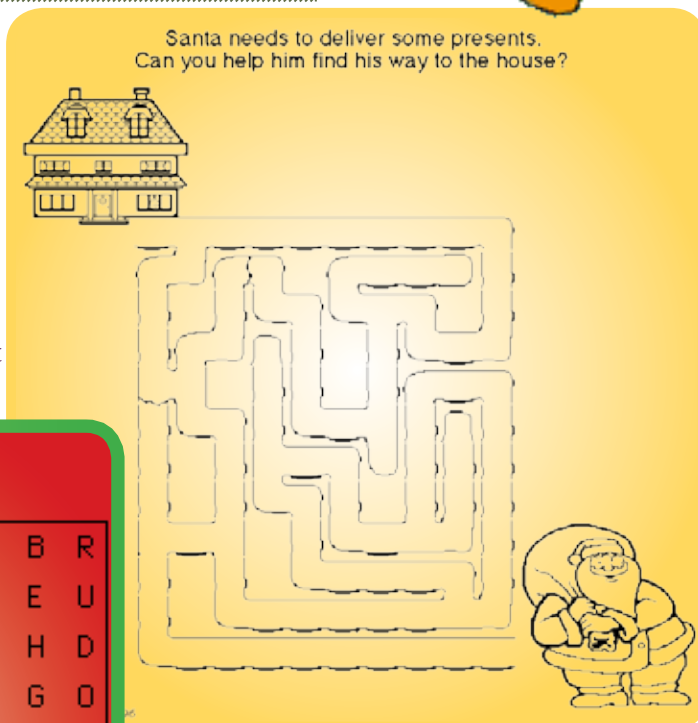
Let dough rest at least 2 hours, roll out to ½ cm thick. Cut out shapes with a biscuit cutter and place on greased pastry sheet or baking paper.

Cook in 180 degree oven for 7-10 minutes – Do not peek!

Decorate after the biscuits have cooled. Makes approx. 24 biscuits.



Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer - what are the names of the other reindeer?



## Santa Trip

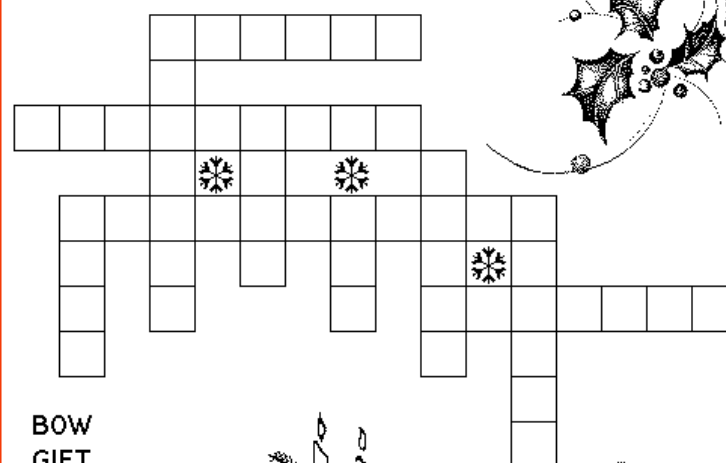
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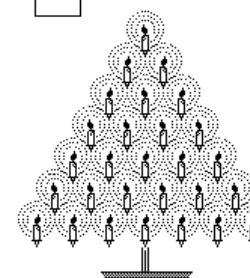
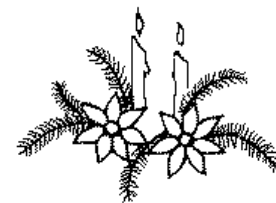
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## Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.  
Each word is only used once.



BOW  
GIFT  
TREE  
PEACE  
FAMILY  
DINNER  
CANDLES  
FRIENDS  
CHRISTMAS  
GINGERBREAD



## FRIENDS OF UPPER MORWELL RIVER

Friends of Upper Morwell River (pictured at right) held their AGM in August 2011.

If you are looking for the Upper Morwell River Falls and haven't found them yet, there are now 4 clues provided by Alan Hall at the entrance off Morwell River Road. Look for a lyrebird (below), a platypus, a crayfish or a black fish. All these creatures are found along the reaches of the Upper Morwell River.



Lyrebird stencil marks the entrance off Morwell River Road



from left - Brian McLure, Paul Jesse, Jill Parker, John Parker, Mick Schiller, Denise Schiller, Phip Piper and Alan Hall at the recent AGM

Since 2009 the Friends have been developing the Morwell River Falls Reserve Management Plan. Since 2010 Kevin Roberts from the Latrobe City Morwell River Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan (NEIP) has worked in conjunction with the Friends and we now have the final draft available to present to the different land managers associated with the Falls. These are the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), Hancock Victoria Plantations (HVP) and Latrobe City. The management plan has been beautifully presented by Kevin and includes pictorial documentation provided by Catheryn Thompson and

Alan Hall as well as lots of maps, historical and ecological information. *The management plan outlines the 'where, what, why, when and how' of site management and is essential if the site is to be officially re-opened for tourism and recreation.*

Continuing working bees have seen a great improvement to the access tracks and signage. A gate has been constructed to allow a 4 wheel motorbike for maintenance but not cars. As it is just a short walk to the picnic site the limit of car access will ensure greater protection of the values of the reserve.

*The Friends honour the relentless work that Mick Schiller has put in over the last years and we wish him a wholesome recovery from his recent illness.*

### For further info contact:

Catheryn Thompson, President,  
Friends of the Upper Morwell River Inc,  
on 0435 048 153, or  
[catherynthompson@gmail.com](mailto:catherynthompson@gmail.com)  
or to join the "Friends Of the Upper Morwell River Inc" contact the Treasurer, Phil Piper:  
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## **Boolarra Pony Club 2012 Gymkhana Sunday 5th February**

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Over the 2011 Pony Club season we have seen a number of our monthly rallies cancelled due to the Pony Club grounds being far too wet to ride on. If nothing else this has made us a little bit more creative taking our riding members on bush rides around the outskirts of Boolarra. In September we also ventured down to Reeves Beach on the 90 Mile stretch for the kids to ride their horses on the beach for the day, which was most enjoyable, and the weather kind.

Our club has now grown to 27 riding members. On rally days the three training arenas we have at the facility are abuzz with excitement and kids having fun on their horses.

Six riding members in the club who have achieved their 'D' Certificate are now undertaking the 'C' Certificate. They have already completed and passed the riding module and in the middle of November they will be sitting the theory exam. Good luck girls.

Construction of our Cross Country course is more than half completed. Our Pony Club would like to express our gratitude for the work done by two locals, Lawrie Havrillay for the construction of portable jumps and Rusty McGlade for his help in the construction of our permanent jumps on the Cross Country course.

Our thanks also go to Latrobe City for their ongoing support to the Boolarra Pony Club. In September we were notified that our club was successful in obtaining \$3,500 in the Latrobe Community Grants Program for the purchase of a heavy duty slasher. This equipment will be used by both the Pony Club and the Boolarra Memorial Parks Committee to manage the grass on the Cross Country course and the grass around the main oval.

*We are now putting together the program for our annual Gymkhana which is set to take place on **Sunday the 5th February 2012.***

*An additional feature at this event will be an official Horse Riding Club Association of Victoria (HRCV) adult riding ring, so we hope to draw a few more riders.*

**Gary Mills, President, Boolarra Pony Club**



# Morwell River Prison Farm

photo and poem by Eloise O'Brien



*lips part for another.  
breath.  
and I.  
have bolted  
bursting through flywire.  
dirt tracks  
bracken bark bush.  
saplings and suckers.  
the dark. at last.  
pushing at my skin.*

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## **LEMON CURD**

### **Ingredients**

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel



### **Directions**

1. In the top of a double boiler, beat eggs and sugar. Stir in lemon juice, butter and lemon peel.
2. Cook over simmering water for 15 minutes or until thickened.

**NOTE:** You can also cook in the microwave, stirring at one minute intervals until the curd coats the back of a spoon. Works very well and is easier and quicker than using the double boiler.



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## BOOLARRA BOOK CLUB



Our book club continues to be a great time of reading, sharing, learning and friendship.

We have read "Wolf Hall" recently and found the time of Henry VIII in England fascinating.

Our present book is "Throim Way Leg" by Tim Flannery – an adventive story of New Guinea brimming with shared memories, different cultures and describes the concept of thrusting out your leg to take the first step of a wonderful journey to that bird shaped island directly to our north.

We held our November meeting on Cup Day in a member's wonderful garden in Korumburra where we wore hats, tasted delicious food and discussed the wonderful dioramas (some very large) created in the garden to symbolize books we have read.

We have one last meeting in December at Rob-ern's – a Christmas feast where we will discuss Christmas books we have read.

We recess in January and meet again the first Monday in February, however we will have two books to read on the beach and look forward to our next year of sharing and loving books. We still have a couple of places so if you are inter-ested please ring **Robern on 5169 6494**

### MORWELL STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

The Morwell Stroke Support Group is a commu-nity 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 peo-ple if you are intending to come.

All enquiries can be made to:

**Marlene Austin - 5668 1355 or  
Coralie Pickett - 5668 2294.**

## Boolarra Walking Group

The walkers and talkers of Boolarra are still going strong. We number over 20 now and usually have around 10 people meet and walk each week. These last weeks we have walked at Traralgon Railway Park and behind the Boolarra Cemetery where we saw many beautiful wild flowers, especially green hood orchids and pink trigger plants.

This next week we will walk the Rail Trail and are planning our Christmas break up walk and lunch-eon. We will have a break in January (and walk the beach) and resume again on the first Thursday in February.

Enquiries – John: 5169 6494

### Boolarra Community Website

The Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG) is in the process of establishing a web-site. Sylvia Sauppe has done a great job in set-ting up the basic format, and you can visit this at [www.boolarra.vic.au](http://www.boolarra.vic.au). Any feedback would be appreciated; bearing in mind it is still in the de-velopment phase. We are hoping to have a formal opening in mid-February.

Our intention is to target the site at locals, and to encourage them to visit it regularly.

To do that effectively we need to source content that is up to date and interesting and useful to locals. While we will have resources dedicated to updating the website, we need the assistance and support of individuals and groups in the commu-nity to provide up to date information for inclu-sion in the site.

The benefit to the individuals and groups is that you can keep the community informed of what you are doing; attract new members and increased support for your activities.

The general format of the site will be:

- **a home page which will include:**
  - o A selection of recent photos
  - o Calendar of events
  - o Classified advertisementsv
  - o Reports from local groups
- **Links to local groups who also maintain a website, as they are keen to increase the number of "hits" they receive.**
- **A community directory, with:**
  - o List of contacts
  - o List of meetings
  - o Local Business Directory
  - o Local maps (Including Heritage Signage and Old Mill Site walks)
- **Archive and general information about Boolarra.**

A letter will be going out shortly from the BCDG to community groups seeking their input and as-sistance in bringing as much current and relevant information together as possible, in a way that will be useful on a regular basis to local people.

Further information will be sent out in the lead up to the launch, however any ideas are most wel-come.

Colin Brick

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## BOOLARRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

After the AGM held on 18 August the following office bearers were elected at the September BCDG meeting.

Chairperson	Jeff Henderson
Vice Chair	Mark Cooke
Secretary	Colin Brick
Treasurer	Paul Dodds
Asst Secretary	Doug Black
Asst Treasurer	Gwenda Pither

The remainder of the committee is:

Committee	Rob Herni
Committee	Rick Teychenne
Committee	Jill Simmonds
Committee	Emma Cooke
Committee	Tracy Anderson
Committee	Sue Webster
Committee	Pat McAlister
Committee	Gary Mills
Committee	Abbas Mehran
Committee	Val Henderson
Committee	Chris Dunkley
Committee	Geoff Dunkley

Liz Tyler has continued her great job as facilitator, butting her head against the red tape to keep the gazebo, men's shed and multipurpose building projects moving forward. Construction of the gazebo in Railway Park should commence shortly. The mens' shed has submitted planning permit requests to Latrobe City Council (LCC), only to be told that the area is covered by the Aboriginal Heritage legislation and potentially requires a Cultural Heritage Plan to be developed. Subject to discussion with LCC Planning Dept, we believe this should only be a minor red tape hurdle, however, it all adds to the frustration of the committee who are super keen to get hands on.

The multipurpose building committee is very close to finalizing the design of the redevelopment, incorporating the ideas and feedback from the user groups, and it will be issued for public comment shortly.

It may be covered elsewhere in The Boolarra Link, but the Multi-purpose building committee had their triennial meeting a month or so ago and the same committee was re-elected. That's a great result for the community, as they are a hard working, down to earth group, providing a great asset to the town. A few months ago when there was a great deal of frustration at the lack of progress and clarity regarding the redevelopment process I was fearful that the town may not have a managing committee. However, they now feel they have

ownership and control of the project and are really excited about the future opportunities.

Sylvia Sauppe has done a great job developing a community website for the Development Group. Refer attached article for more detail.

The group has agreed in principle to get rid of the Community Bus as it has low usage, involves high running costs and requires major expenditure in the near future to keep it roadworthy. As an alternative the BCDG proposes to subsidise community bus usage. Where a group, or individuals, propose to use a bus for a community activity if they send an email to [colin.brick@hotmail.com](mailto:colin.brick@hotmail.com) stating the date, group and purpose of the hire, the BCDG will subsidise the hire by \$50 on presentation of the supporting invoice. We will trial this for 12 months or so to see how it goes.

Jill Simmonds organized another very successful Open Garden day. I thoroughly enjoyed strolling around the gardens and chatting to people along the way. It was a lovely day, although the forecast high temperatures may have scared a few people off. Thanks to Jill (and her family) for her hard work and thanks very much to the people who made the effort to open the gardens up to us. It is a big commitment, but it is really appreciated by the people who come along to enjoy the beauty and gather new ideas. I have flagged with Jill and Yinnar the possibility of running the open gardens in conjunction with Yinnar next year. This has a number of attractions; while we work closely with Yinnar and District Community Association (YDCA) there are not a lot of activities we can run jointly, however, the open gardens lends itself to this as they are close together so the travel is not significant, it also takes the pressure off finding six gardens each year. Instead we can look at three from each community, plus attractions such as the Old Mill Site, the Yinnar Community Garden and Boolarra Ferns.

Liz Tyler has done great work with the mobile coffee vending project. A coffee machine has been purchased and a trailer is currently under construction. Two barista training sessions have been conducted, with the potential for a third course. A few of the graduates of the first course provided coffee at the Open Gardens day and they enjoyed it and their product was very well appreciated. The next step is to roll it out on a business footing that provides benefits to community groups, the BCDG and the participants.

You may notice as you enter the Post Office or the Top Shop that there are Boolarra post cards on display. These have been organised by Val and

Gwenda in conjunction with Churchill News. Also, Roz Carstairs has been working hard on an updated and digitized version of her book '12 Mile Peg'. Unfortunately, she was unable to obtain a grant for the new print run, so the BCDG have offered to pay the print cost, to ensure this valuable community asset is widely available.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. (Each year, as I write some similar line, I am reminded of the comment from our very first BCDG meeting that what we needed to make Boolarra a better place is to smile at each other in the street. Do it. It will make two people feel better.)

**Colin Brick**  
**Boolarra Community Development Group**

### News from Glory to the King

#### Christmas

At Glory to the King Christian Community we believe that Christmas Day should be for families. Therefore, there will be no service on Sunday 25th December. Instead, our Christmas service will be on Saturday 24th December at our normal service time of 4pm. All are invited to join us for a service of carols, Communion and the Word.

#### New Year

Would you like your home, family, business and life to be blessed in 2012? Much has been spoken against the coming year, with many people believing that it will be the end of the world, because it is the end of the Mayan calendar. (Hey, the calendar had to end somewhere!) We're bucking the trend and pronouncing 2012 to be a year of blessing. We will hold a special "Blessing the Year" service at 4pm on Sunday 1st January at which we will pray blessings over our community in general and specifically over any individuals who would like us to pray for them.

#### The Quiet Place

**Please note that The Quiet Place will be closed from Wednesday 21st December until Wednesday 4th January 2012.** At other times The Quiet Place is open between 1pm and 4pm (approximately) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Old Scout Hall, Corner of Bastin Street and Young Street. You are welcome to drop in for a time of quiet prayer or reading or just to share a 'cuppa' with us.

#### Prayer Requests

We believe in a God who loves to answer our prayers and we would love to pray for you. We now have a 'mail box' at the hall for prayer requests. Just write out your prayer request with your first name and drop it in the box and we will uphold you before the Lord.



## BOOLARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Window Breakage:

We were extremely disappointed when vandals broke 6 windows at the school. Our motto is "The Heart of The Community" and we are happy for people to use our grounds and facilities after hours. However, when school property is deliberately damaged in this manner it is very disheartening. As a smaller school there are limited funds available for the programs we like to run for our students, let alone for fixing vandalised windows. We are very grateful to Sean Peter who fixed the windows for us in his own time, saving us a great deal of money. It has also been really pleasing to see the way our students and their families have been keeping a watch on the school in an attempt to apprehend or deter the vandals. This is more like what we love about and expect from our Boolarra Community!

### Ballarat Camp:

Our grade 5/6s spent four days in Ballarat with students from Thorpdale and Narracan Primary Schools. This experience really brought learning about the Gold Rush times to life.



*Our grade 5/6s in Ballarat*

### Bullying Survey:

Each year we survey our students to find out what bullying problems we have. This year we learnt that we have very little undesirable behaviour happening and that most of our students feel safe at school. Physical bullying is rare but name-calling and exclusion is still an occasional problem for some students. Outside school hours, cyber bullying causes some of our older students angst. This is clearly outside our control but we have urged parents to closely monitor what their children are doing when they are on the internet at home.

### Prep / One Excursion:

Our P/1s had the pleasure of travelling to the Waragul Art Centre to see a live performance of the much loved children's story "Gruffalo". Some of our fabulous parents made this possible by helping with transport.

### International Teachers' Day:

It was lovely to have the opportunity to pay tribute to our sensational teachers on this day. The grade 2/3/4s worked together to create the following acrostic poems using the teachers' surnames.

Caring  
Available  
Reading  
Steering  
Talking  
Assisting  
Involving  
Reaching  
Students

Explains  
Spectacular  
Terrific  
Curriculum  
Outstanding  
Unbelievably  
Great  
Radical  
Thoughtful

Smiley  
Magnificent  
Invincible  
Talented  
Heroic

Helpful  
Incredible  
Lovely  
Teaching  
Organized  
Nurturing

Loving  
Accessible  
Reassuring  
Reasonable  
Admirable  
Delightful

Too kind  
Wicked  
Outrageous at Art  
Motivational  
Exquisite  
Youthful

### Latrobe Valley Sports Camp:

Each year a number of our sporty grade 5/6 students have the opportunity to attend this development camp. Bella Papa, Daina Howard and Jasmin Carroll represented us this year and mixed with the elite athletes from across the Latrobe Valley.

### Sports Day:

Our students enjoyed extra sports sessions with the Sports Education and Development Australia (SEDA) team focussing on kanga cricket and soccer skills. Our involvement in this program also highlights to our sporty students another possible pathway through the latter stages of Secondary College. We're very grateful to the program coordinator, former student Eamon Flahavin, for arranging these sessions for us!

### Family Murals:

The first family murals created by some of our families will appear on the fence around our car park soon. We're very excited about this as they all look fabulous!

### More Bike Ed Success:

We are extremely proud of our team who have won through to compete in the state final. They are amazing!



*Ms Dryden & the triumphant Bike Ed Team*

### Asian Feast Night:

A team of parents worked tirelessly to conduct this major term 4 fundraiser. At the time of going to print it has not been held, but with the fabulous prizes sourced and the help of lots of our great families we are certain that it will be a massive success! Thanks to Gabrielle Francis for her vision and coordination and Tanya Herbert and Tracy Anderson for the many hours and lots of effort they put in to ensure the venture runs well.

## BOUNCEBACK THE MUSICAL

*Our whole school musical production, featuring every student at the school, is based on the resilience building program we follow during our Personal Development sessions.*

*It will be staged in the  
**Boolarra Memorial Hall on  
Wednesday 21st December**  
with both a matinee performance  
and an evening performance scheduled.*

*Tickets will need to be purchased from  
the school prior to the  
performances, as none will be  
sold at the door.*

Leanne Edmond, Principal



## Boolarra South Landcare Group

***The Old Mill Site project is nearing completion. After 12 months of hard work by Boolarra South Landcare Group we are pleased to have our goal within sight.***

The Gazebo has already been in use for BBQ's and on the Open Garden Sunday when its shade was appreciated. The composting toilet is finished apart from some landscaping. There is a picnic table and benches and some additional seating.

We have planted more than 1500 native plants in the Arboretum and have produced a Guided Walk for visitors. These plants will look great in a year or two. Many very interesting plants are here and the guide will help walkers identify things that can be found along the tracks. The 'track maps' are located in a box near the car park and walkers have a choice of routes. None of the walks are difficult and the bush is looking good after all the rain.

**Darren Chester** paid us a visit and was impressed enough to give us a mention in Federal Parliament. A little of his speech:

***'I would like to congratulate the Boolarra South Landcare Group for the extraordinary work they have been doing in the rehabilitation of the old Mill site at Boolarra....It will be a great asset for the Boolarra district community for many years to come.'***

Ref: Hansard. 2/11/2011.

It is great to have the support of our Parliamentary representatives and both Russell Northe and Darren Chester have been to see what we are doing. Bastin Track has yet to be finished but we hope to



*Landcare members Mick Schiller & Linda Minter with Darren Chester, enjoying a BBQ at the gazebo*

get to the end before Christmas. The TAFE students have had a break for study and exams but we are looking forward to their presence for another couple of Mondays to get the crushed rock spread.

A working bee to spread the mulch around new plantings to help them survive the summer and keep the weeds in check was held in November. Thank you to the helpers who made the job so much easier.

We have some further improvements in mind, some additional seats, clearing and beautification around the dam will probably be next. Our future work can progress at a slower pace.

Linda and Tony Minter worked tirelessly to get the plants in the ground while the area was damp. They have had a good watering and are looking good. John Lubawski and Mick Crowley have also put in quite a few hours on the tracks as well as keeping the mulching and mowing up to date. They all need a well deserved rest over the festive season.

We feel that we have created a beautiful asset for our community and look forward to seeing many of you enjoying these amenities.

**Denise Schiller, Publicity Officer**

### YINNAR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY GARDEN

#### **TURNING OF THE SOD CEREMONY ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE**

Catheryn Thompson, the Community Garden facilitator was MC for the proceedings and the speeches were pleasant and the breeze was warm.

Dr Philip Moors spoke on the work of the Helen Macpherson Trust and their role in assisting communities affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires. Dr Greg Moore from Sustainable Gardening Australia spoke on the bigger picture of this community garden project as developing a community garden model that is appropriate to a variety of rural communities. Mayor CR Darrell White spoke of the partnership between Latrobe City and the Community Garden. Mr John Harris spoke of the community connections the garden provides for the district, the support from the Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG) and the legacy the garden will create for the future. Ms Jan Tulloch spoke about the partnership between the Centre for Creativity and Contemporary Arts (ARC) and the Community Garden, and how the sustainable gardening workshops have added flavour to ARC and how the vision of the communi-

ty garden helps sustain the role of ARC as a great community resource to be shared by the broader community.

A Garden Sign with the plan of the Garden was then presented to Sari Anderson (Garden Committee Member) & John Harris (Yinnar and District Community Association) and an engraved spade presented to Rosemary Abetz-Rouse (Committee Member and one of the Founders of the Garden) and John Harris.

Funnily the 'Turning of the Sod' by Dr Phillip Moors revealed half a brick. The joys of building a garden at the back of what was an old butter factory and the Yinnar Rail Line. Luckily the garden plan includes raised vegie beds and hardy bush-tucker plants and there are softer areas to plant in!

Participants from the FREE sustainable garden workshop on Composting & Worm Farming then mingled with the distinguished guests and the Garden Committee and were refreshed by delicious country fare prepared by Sue Webster. A special thanks to all the guests from Green Villa, Yinnar, Boolarra & the wider district who made this such a happy community event.

***The next FREE garden workshop is on  
"Backyard Biodiversity"  
and will be presented on  
Sunday - 4th December 2011  
by Kevin Roberts,  
Sustainability Advisor, Latrobe City.***

Catheryn Thompson  
Yinnar & District Community Garden Facilitator  
Mobile: 0435 048 153



*ABOVE - from left - John Harris - YDCA, Philip Moors - Helen McPherson Smith Trust, Rosemary Abetz Rouse - YDCG, Darrel White - Latrobe City, Catheryn Thompson - YDCG, Jan Tulloch - ARC, Greg Moore - Sustainable Gardening Australia, front - Gordon Abetz Rouse & Pip*



## Great Sporting Moments

by Colin Brick

This is the first in a series of articles that looks at great sporting moments for Boolarra.

The aim is to focus on team achievements, although often there will be a focus on individual performances within that achievement. There will also be a focus on the personalities and context of the achievement.

Given that we are still basking in the glory of the footy club's great performance in winning the 2011 Premiership against red hot favourites, Trafalgar, it seemed appropriate to start the series with the club's first ever win against Trafalgar in 1985.

I began playing football with Boolarra in 1983 and hadn't realised that our 1985 win was a first until I read the statistics in the 2011 Grand Final edition of the "Spectator".

Nevertheless, the 1985 win provided me with a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction. The previous year we had played Trafalgar at Trafalgar, and as they normally did, they had given us a thumping. As usual, I went upstairs to their social room for a quiet drink with our opponents and my teammates and heard the most extraordinary speech from an opposition President I had ever heard.

No names, no pack drill, but I had nothing but contempt for him as a player and every word I've heard him utter since has merely strengthened the feeling. On this occasion he mocked Boolarra as a pack of losers and questioned whether they should even be in the league.

Pardon a brief history lesson here but Boolarra was one of the founding clubs of the Mid Gippsland Football League in 1935. We haven't been a traditionally strong club and quite frankly given our geographic position and population, we never will be. Our success is putting as many teams out on the field each week as we can, playing with spirit and commitment and occasionally through good administration and luck reaching the high spots.

Trafalgar came into the league in the late 1960's coming down from the higher Gippsland League. They were an immediate powerhouse and have rarely missed the finals. That the President of Trafalgar, who fled the Gippsland league because it all got too hard, should query our right to membership of our league was quite frankly a bit hard to stomach.

The day before the fateful game I was speaking to umpiring legend, Don Wight, who asked how I thought we would go. "They'll thrash us by 20 goals plus", I replied. We were a mid-range side, who would go on to finish 6th on the ladder, while Trafalgar were a very strong unit with great players on every line. I remember little about the actual game. After I've written this I may contact Lindsay Cook, who I am pretty sure played, because he remembers every kick and every bump of every game he ever played.

It was early in the season, April or early May, and the ground was still hard. This was important because it rained all day, but the ground didn't soften; instead the ball just became incredibly slippery, like a greasy pig, and almost impossible to handle. We kicked to the Southern (or Slaughterhouse as Rick and Grant like to put it) end, while Trafalgar kicked to the Northern (or Fish Farm) end. I don't recall any particular breeze to explain what happened next but in the first 15 minutes we

kicked four goals to nothing.

In dry weather this would not have been of any great significance. Trafalgar were quite capable of kicking 10 goals a quarter against us.

However, we got the score while the ball was still relatively dry and in the incredibly slippery conditions Trafalgar outplayed us for three quarters but simply couldn't hit the front. One incident I recall in the first quarter, and I think it led to our fourth goal, was a dash by 16 year old Craig Francis. This was fairly late in the quarter and already it had basically become impossible to handle the ball in any normal fashion, however, Craig got the ball on the defensive side of centre and proceeded to take four bounces through the centre of the ground and then roost it long into our forward line. In my memory there is no one chasing him and I suspect this was right, because everyone just expected him to kick it; no-one could bounce it in those conditions and expect to retain control.

By the third quarter Trafalgar had got back within a kick and I recall my delight when some good Boolarra play got the ball to our very skilled full forward, Ken Reynolds, in the goal square. Ken proceeded to run to the goal line and drop the ball onto his boot. Unbelievably it went off at right angles and went through for a point. However, we hung on and in the conditions any score was a massive achievement. Late in the last quarter it all seemed to be wasted as Alan Blaser, Trafalgar's wingman, who was an interleague regular, swooped on the ball in the goal square and ran into the open goal; and kicked it at right angles for a point.

Shortly after, the siren went for one of the great underdog victories.



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## Mirboo North & District Community Foundation Supports 12 New Local Project



Twelve new community projects valued at more than \$50,000 will soon be up and running, thanks to the support of the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation, which announced the successful applicants to its second community grants round at an awards ceremony held recently at Mirboo North's Walter J Tuck Recreation Reserve. Foundation Chairman, **Norman Walker**, said that *"he and his colleagues were delighted that the number of applicants was double the number in 2010. The application value was more than twice the amount allocated for this second round of community grants from the Foundation"*

The successful applicants are:

- \$10,000 to the Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company for an arts based youth education program culminating in the production and staging of "Boolarra in the Park" a Shakespeare style *Midsummers Night Dream in Spring*. This will provide the youth of the district with an opportunity to work with skilled professionals and develop a theatrical production.
- \$5,000 to the Mirboo North Recreation Reserve for the construction and installation of a much needed children's playground.
- \$5,000 to Uniting Care Gippsland for their program "Celebrating Youth Through Community Arts and Activities" at the Mirboo North Grainstore. This will involve young people in producing drums and skate boards they can use and exhibit.
- \$3,000 to South Gippsland Primary Care Partnership (auspiced by General Practice Alliance (GPA) South Gippsland) for the "Act. Commit, Belong" (ABC) program. This campaign encourages and promotes good mental health in adolescents and has been a proven success in Western Australia.
- \$5,000 to Mirboo North Secondary College for the Year 8 'Get Real' personal development program for students, that will have flow-on benefits across the school and broader community
- \$5,000 for Mirboo North Secondary College to enable students to participate in the 'Year 9 Community Break Out' program and strengthen the bond between students and community groups. This program won a Gippsland Curriculum Innovation Award in 2010.
- \$3,200 to Dumbalk and District Progress Association for the purchase and installation of a community visual and audio system to assist the community to run training and other events.
- \$4,000 to the Mirboo North Arty Gras Festival and Art Show (auspiced by Mirboo Country Development Inc) to enable the development and implementation of a joint media and publicity campaign to attract more visitors and enhance the social and economic outcomes for the district.
- \$5,000 to the Mirboo North Walter J Tuck Reserve for an audio and sound system to provide improved facilities for training and events for the community and public, particularly for the local youth.
- \$1,400 to the Mirboo and District Historical Society to relocate and preserve the old Police Lock-up in a prominent position for tourist, visitors and the community to enjoy and to preserve a piece of local history.
- \$1,620 to Ridge Writers (auspiced by Mirboo Country Development Inc) to deliver a program of workshops for community members to encourage self-expression, personal development, self-discovery and empowerment.
- \$2,145 to Mirboo North RSL, for a new electronic step for the community bus to assist physically challenged users of the service

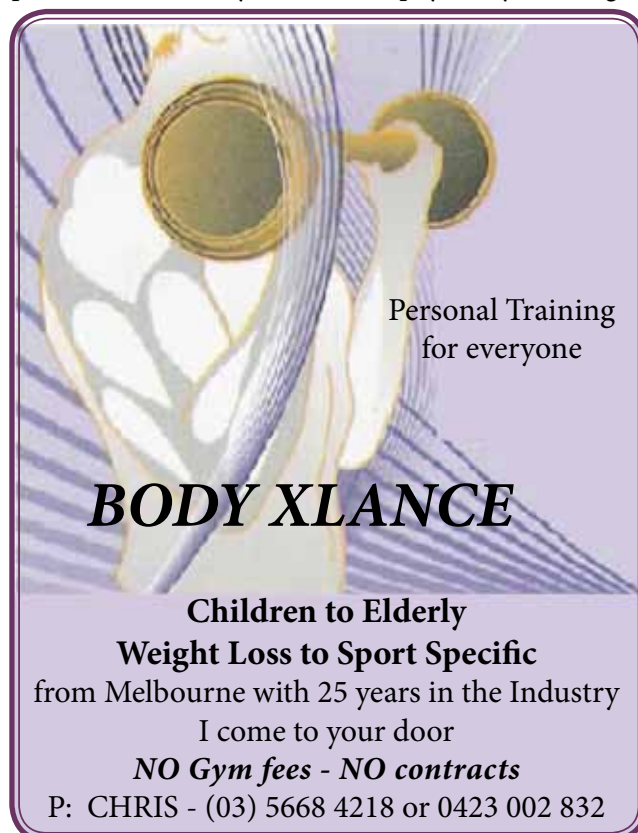
Mr. Walker said, *"It's an immense privilege for us to be in a position to support the community in this way."*

*We are confident that the projects we are supporting tonight will make a significant and meaningful difference to the lives of many people in our community."*

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#### **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The following suite of workshops seek to strengthen Mirboo North and surrounding districts diverse range of community groups, including building skills to assist them to operate effectively.

**Session 1:** Writing Grants and Submissions  
- Building Skills to Apply for Funding

**Session 2:** Running Meetings Effectively - Setting up Systems and Processes for Meetings

**Session 3:** Building a Succession Plan - Attracting and Engaging New Members to your Community Groups

**Session 4:** Setting up and Maintaining a Community Website - Using Social Media to Build Community Capacity

If you would be interested in attending these workshops, which will be held in Mirboo North in 2012, please register your name and contact details with:

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## Boolarra Bowls & Recreation Club

### LADIES SECTION

Competition bowls is underway for season 2011/12. Our ladies Pennant side is struggling a little. We have had absentees each week for various reasons and have been unable to form a settled side. However a win against Morwell last week was a confidence booster. We thank the men who have been helping us out and Howard Hill for his tireless work as green keeper.

The ladies representing us at tournaments and invitation days are also doing a great job. With so few ladies, the schedule can become very busy.

Weather for Melbourne Cup Day was typical – intermittent light rain all day but it didn't mar a very successful fun day. We served about 40 people a delicious smorgasbord lunch, ran 8 sweeps and 24 players participated in a drawn game of 2 bowl triples. The winning team was Bob Allen, Peter Gair and Jessie Van Hamond, who was one of our young visitors enjoying the day. Well done to these players. The lucky number winners were Natalie Roy, Tony Snell and Ron Fox.

Club games are in progress. Congratulations to Janice Whelan and Jenny Medew, winners of the ladies championship pairs. They will now represent Boolarra in the West Gippsland Division play off on the 12th December. Our best wishes to Janice and Jenny. Two bowl singles and championship singles are also under way.

On 24th November the ladies section held their annual medley tournament to raise funds for the club. We much appreciate the continued sponsorship of Bendigo Bank for this event.

***Our best wishes for a happy Christmas and safe and wonderful New Year to all.***

### MENS SECTION

Opening Day for Boolarra Bowling Club was held on the 18th September and was attended by members and potential new members. Three rinks were played on the new green. There was a happy response from all who attended with everyone looking forward to a productive and winning year.

Trivia night at the Bowls Club was a great success and judging from the hilarity and friendly banter resounding around the club, the night was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all for coming along and displaying your genius and special thanks to Colby and Julie for making the night a success. Plans are afoot to make it a regular event.

Pennant season for the Saturday Section has begun; 4th division with two wins and 6th division yet to score a win. Competing clubs are complementing the new green and Championship games are underway with some outstanding games being played.

Members of the community are welcome to come along and watch some first class bowling. Special thanks to our green keeper, who is an example of what can be achieved in one's life. From Public Servant to Green Keeper, who would have thought HOWARD???

Social Bowls has begun so watch out for posters around the town. Sunday Music Under The Verandah is planned for the summer months. Tuesday and Thursday nights the club is opened and the club is also opened every second Friday night. So join us for a cold ale and sausage sizzle. A warm welcome will be extended to all.

Marilyn Hagley  
Publicist, Boolarra Bowling Club.

### CHICKEN (or LAMB) with PRESERVED LEMON Ingredients (serves 4-6)

- 2 brown onions, diced
- 2 preserved lemons, flesh discarded, rind chopped
- 1 teaspoon coriander seeds, crushed
- 2cm piece ginger, peeled, finely grated
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 8 chicken pieces, on the bone
- pinch of saffron
- cooked pasta or rice, to serve

### Method

1. Combine onion, lemon rind, coriander, ginger and 2 tablespoons oil in a large, shallow ceramic dish. Add chicken and turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.
2. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a large, heavy-based saucepan over medium-high heat. Remove chicken from marinade, scraping away onion. Cook chicken, turning occasionally, for 10 minutes or until golden. Transfer chicken to a plate and wipe pan clean.
3. Reduce heat to medium-low. Add marinade to pan. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 4 to 6 minutes or until onion is tender. Return chicken to pan. Add 1/2 cup cold water. Increase heat to medium. Cook, covered, for 15 minutes. Add saffron. Cook, uncovered, for 15 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and sauce reduced. Season with pepper. Serve with pasta or rice.

**VARIATION:** Use Lamb BBQ chops instead of chicken & 400g tin of chopped tomatoes instead of cold water. Add pitted green olives or green beans too.

## BOOLARRA MEMORIAL HALL

***The Hall has experienced quite a busy year with many bookings for workshops on a regular basis, as well as our regular hirers.***

As this edition of The Boolarra Link goes out we will be in the middle of obtaining more acoustic panelling to go on the internal brick walls to improve the sound quality in the Hall.

The beautiful 'Bushfire' patchwork quilt made by members of the local community people following the 2009 bushfire now has a permanent home in the Hall. A cabinet has been specially built to accommodate the quilt and is now on display on the stage area.

The Hall Committee hope to have some much needed maintenance carried out shortly on the building. This includes things such as cleaning the outside and the gutters, some painting and erection of the 5 panel train mural on the external kitchen wall.

We now have a very well equipped kitchen suitable for most catering occasions. If we haven't got any specific catering equipment we will endeavour to purchase it. If you have any other ideas as to "extras" for the Hall we are open to suggestions.

We are a small but dedicated Committee who welcome new members. ***Our meetings are usually once every two months at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month.***

Once again the Hall Committee thank Bill Armstrong for his hard work during the year with the mowing and gardening. The Hall gardens always look great. This year the roses are fantastic. Stop and have a look.

***Bookings: Please ensure that you write your booking in the book at the Top Shop. If it is a major function, then also mark in setting up on the day/evening before. There is no extra charge for this.***

**Contacts:** Robern Lubawski 5169 6494 or Roz Carstairs 5169 6445

Roz Carstairs  
Secretary

# Boolarra by Night

photo & poem by Eloise O'Brien



out there.  
we are nowhere at night.  
the bush sits still at last.  
drips thud into the sodden earth  
from the gums above.  
we sit with wet bums on a damp log  
before the crackle of our fire.  
the river sweeps by furiously in the dark.  
gulping up the bank.  
in the firelight you teach me about fear.

“ what do you think is out there? ”

I go over this. over and over.

wolves monsters murderers.

I have never seen such things and yet in my mind I  
can see them. lurking in the shadows.  
snarling. circling. waiting.  
to rip me to shreds and leave me to rot half eaten in  
this nameless gully.  
you teach me. there is nothing.  
nothing beyond the light to fear.  
you teach me. I am not afraid of this dark.  
only of what I cannot see.



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We have started a secondhand book service & are getting an assortment in stock to purchase or hire. Proceeds will be going to our local 'Relay for Life'

**Have a Very Happy & Safe Christmas and we hope your New Year is all that you want it to be.**

**Cheers for now, Gwenda, Roger & Staff**



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## **WALK ON THE WILD SIDE – WITH BENEFITS!**

Heads up to all the many walkers in Boolarra (and their dogs!) Have you taken a stroll through all the tracks in the Old Mill Site yet? If not, do it soon. The Landcare group have done a magnificent job (and continue to do so) restoring around 5 km of walking tracks which were lost to us in the bushfire.

The Boolarra South Landcare Group have recently celebrated the completion of the project and also opened the site on our Open Gardens weekend. The arboretum is planted out at the Foster Road entrance, which also includes a composting toilet, gazebo with seating, a little wooden bridge over the dry creek bed and other seating available while you stroll around checking the plants which are listed on the information sheet available in the Map Box – along with the track maps.

Most of the tracks have been topped and levelled with gravel, and drainage points are working well. There are a couple of seats on the tracks and the signage and maps will ensure that you don't get lost. Entry can also be obtained from the Cemetery, the old Scout Hall and Bastin Street.

My many walks in the site with the dog are a very enjoyable experience. Depending on the time of day, there is often total silence except for the calling of birds, rustling of leaves and the crunching of the gravel underfoot – peace and tranquillity!

Wildlife has returned to the bush, however numbers are still building. The occasional thump thump of a kangaroo or wallaby can be heard, as well as possible wombat rustling in the thick bush bordering the tracks which are open to walkers. There is still plenty of bush and tracks adjoining this site for horse riders and the like and we are extremely lucky to have this peaceful haven on our doorstep.

## **Greening Citrus Leaves**

ABC Gardening Australia's Stephen Ryan shares one of his favourite tips with you and this one is a treat for your citrus trees. Buy some cheap washing soda or sodium carbonate and measure out approx 50 grams per metre in height of tree. So, if you have a tree that is 2 metres tall measure out 100 grams, which is approx half a cup.

All you do is put 3 or 4 holes around the dripline of the tree (a crowbar is ideal for this job), then put the crystals into the holes and cover them over.

It really makes the trees a beautiful green. Stephen is not quite sure why it works, but he suspect that the highly alkaline nature of the washing soda makes other nutrients available to the tree's roots. It certainly works well for him and he hopes it will for you too.

## **Looking for some local entertainment?**

In November, locals attending the Boolarra Club Hotel were treated to some excellent musical entertainment from local Celtic group *The Nigellas*. Musicians from Boolarra, Mirboo North and Yinnar South form the group.

**Come along and support local musicians - *The Nigellas* performing at the Boolarra Pug again on *Friday - 9th December 2011*.**

The group play authentic and lively renditions of old, but still popular, Celtic and folk music – jigs & reels, laments and rollicking songs of roving and rebellion from years past.

An eclectic range of instruments includes the fiddle, tin whistle, mandolin, banjo, guitar and bodhran (an Irish frame drum). The blend of acoustic instruments, which, when combined with the mellow tones from *Nigella* - the double bass, produce a rich, smooth melody that is very easy listening.



*The Nigellas - (from left) Charlie Twomey, Elke Frank, Fergal Allan, Kate Reiske and Paul Clark*

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The Boolarra Fire Brigade is often asked to help people, groups or organisations in the town to perform specific tasks that need doing and that we have equipment and skills to complete.

Recently one of our community minded and valued brigade members was asked to help the school out by hosing away dirt and mud on a concrete area near the newly erected building. Usually we organise a few members to complete the task but on this occasion and being such a simple one the member decided that he could do it himself.

After driving the tanker to the school he proceeded to wash down the area with water to clear the concrete of unwanted material.

Unfortunately he ran out of water before the job was finished so stopped the pump, rolled up the hose and returned to the fire station to refill the tank.

Once there he connected one end of a short length of 64mm hose to the metre high standpipe in front of the station and the other end to the filling coupling point at the rear of the tanker and then turned the water on.

After a few minutes 3,000 litres had filled the truck and water began to overflow through the overflow pipe. He quickly turned the water off and jumped back into the fire truck to return to the school to finish his wash down task.

The moment he began to move there was an almighty screeching and crunching noise so he jammed on the brakes. But it was too late!

In his rear vision mirror he could see a geyser of water billowing high above the shed into the air and there, still connected to the truck, was a length of hose with the standpipe on the ground, still attached.

***And that's why people living in Austin Street didn't have water for 18 hours recently!***

#### **CFA PREDICTS BAD FIRE SEASON FOR GRASS FIRES**

Due to the consistent rainfall during the past few months grass growth rates across Victoria have been the greatest for many years. Once the warmer weather sets in and the grass cures the likelihood of running grass fires will be significant. **PLEASE PREPARE NOW** by clearing and clearing up around your property.

Advice regarding the best way to prepare your property is available in a booklet available from the fire station.

#### **WHY NOT BORROW OUR FIRE FIGHTING TRAILER?**

A reminder that the Boolarra Fire Brigade has a fully equipped fire fighting trailer that community members may borrow to ensure their little fires do not turn into bigger ones. The trailer is equipped with a water tank, a pump, hoses, a fire lighter and rake hoes. In the past few weeks we have been called out to several incidents where small fires have got away from their supervisors. The trailer may be booked through Roger at the Post Office.

#### **BOOLARRA TANKER RETRO FITTED WITH PROTECTIVE SPRAYS**

The Boolarra tanker has recently been fitted with an automated fire protection spray system and protective drop down curtains that will assist crew members survive a burn over of the tanker. In the Churchill Fires of 2009, two of the fire tankers our crews were manning were burnt over in fire storms and they had to manually go into "crew protection" to survive. The Mirboo East tanker will be fitted out in the near future.

#### **CFA TO BUILD NEW STATION FOR MIRBOO EAST TANKER**

Our brigade was recently advised that the CFA is building a new fire station to house the Mirboo East tanker. The building will be considerably larger than the existing one and we allow us to store some of our trailers, negating the need for us to build another storage shed in Boolarra. After consultation with the brigade it has been decided to build the new station next to the Boolarra South Hall as it would not fit on its present location and is a central location for Boolarra members to crew the tanker.

#### **CFA ASKED TO RECONNECT OUR SIREN**

Following a request from the newly formed Boolarra Community Emergency Siren Committee, the CFA has been approached to re connect the Boolarra Fire Station siren before the fire season. The siren was disconnected during the refurbishment and extension of our station due to the presence of asbestos in the control panel.

#### **MORWELL GROUP SUPPORT CAR AT BOOLARRA FOR FIRE SEASON**

The Morwell Group will place the Morwell Group Support Car at Boolarra for the Fire season. The Ford Territory, which is fitted with several radios, will be used as a fire ground command vehicle when needed.

#### **KEEP THAT STEEL AND OLD BATTERIES COMING IN**

The Boolarra Fire Brigade is grateful to all those

people who keep depositing scrap steel and old batteries in and near our scrap metal bin. The money raised from these generous donations goes towards much needed fire fighting equipment.

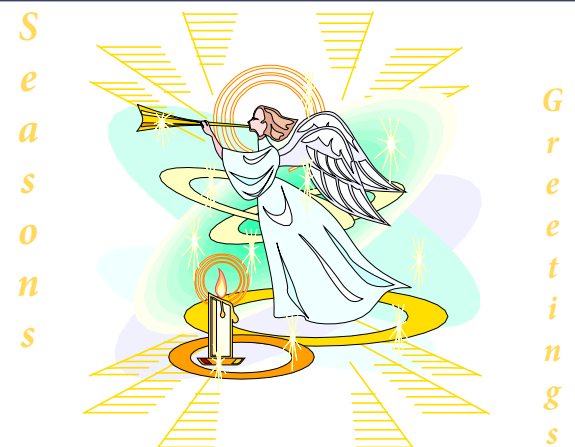
#### **HAVE YOU CREATED OR REVISED YOUR FIRE PLAN?**

With the fire season bearing down on us rapidly, it is time for everyone to either create or revise their FIRE PLAN. It is essential for you and your family's safety that you have a FIRE PLAN that all family members know and understand.

If you would like assistance in writing your FIRE PLAN please contact Dave O'Brien - 0428 696462

#### **BOOLARRA, YINNAR and DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

Last year all households in the area were issued with their own copy of our LOCAL EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (LEAP). May I suggest that you familiarize yourself with its contents before the fire season. New residents to the area who have not been issued with a copy can obtain one from either the Post Office or by contacting Dave O'Brien.



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## Boolarra Wool Group



Most of our group that spent time away from the wild, wet and wintery weather have returned home. A few of us travelled to warmer places in Oz and others ventured overseas to more exotic places, and returned with many stories of their adventures.

Carla stopped off at the Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show on her journey and was most impressed by the beautiful and interesting garments that were modelled in the fashion parade. She was also most impressed by the vast variety of yarns available to peruse and purchase; garments etc designed and hand made for the various judging categories was also very impressive. Another aspect she particularly enjoyed was a demonstration on the very ancient craft of felt making.

We've all been very busy creating a variety of items from blankets, socks, scarves, jackets for grandchildren, and from time to time a couple of us like to bring our spinning wheels along; we seem to be spinning more alpaca fleece lately, which is a lovely soft and very warm fibre, and is very readily available to us. Embroidery is also enjoyed by some of us.

On Oaks Day we donned our best hats and spent a very pleasant and relaxing day at Lori's beautiful new home. Our meal was absolutely scrumptious, with chicken and a variety of very tasty salads, followed by strawberries and cream; and Glenys' very tasty rustic pear cake was a big hit with all present. This beautiful meal was complimented by a glass of bubbly or two which made the day even more festive. A big thank you to Lori and Steve for making their home available to us, we all had a very pleasant day.

We'll be having our usual stall at the Boolarra Folk Festival next year, and you're welcome to come and have a chat with us.

We meet every Thursday from 11.30am to approx 3.30pm at the Multi-Purpose Building. If you would like more information please phone Lois on 5169 6618.

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## BOOLARRA, YINNAR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY EXERCISE GROUP

*Seasons Greeting to all the Community  
Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2012*

The groups have been active throughout the year and individuals continue to reap the benefits of physical activity. With a focus on awareness of the mechanics of the muscular-skeletal system, under the watchful eye of Kathleen, we learn to minimise damage and reduce discomfort particularly of the neck and back injuries to which many are prone.

A few members have enjoyed holidays near and far and there is always an opportunity to have a chat about trips as well as local events, gardening and other topics of general interest. We all wish Lorraine a speedy recovery and hope to see her return to the group, fitter than ever, early in the New Year.

We will be celebrating the last day of term with a shared lunch at Yinnar Memorial Hall on Monday 19th December, after our usual exercise session of course.

The new term will begin on Monday 9th January 2012. Please come along and join us if you feel the urge to get more active in a friendly social environment.

### Boolarra Memorial Hall

- Monday 9.30am to 10.30am

### Yinnar Memorial Hall

- Friday 10.00am - 11.00am

(Please note the earlier start time at Yinnar)

For further information call Kathleen Millet:  
5122 2591 or Kate Cartwright: 5169 6592

### *Round the Traps with Roger Rabbit*

Hippitty Hoppitty oooops!!

Gee it's hard to see the holes and logs for all the extra extra long grass. Nanna Wombat saw smoke coming from an unregistered burn off the other day and in her hurry nearly ran into this giant with flashing red and blue lights.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Until fire restrictions come in please ring Vicfire Burnoff number 1800 668 511 before lighting. This will stop the fire appliances being turned out.

Well we guess the mad season is upon us again so humans and others, please look after your wildlife friends but have a Happy Christmas and New Year.



Hippitty Hoppitty Dam!!  
Oops sorry!



The "BIG CAKE BAKE" morning tea on October 14th was a great success and we raised \$215.15 on the day!

Everyone in attendance enjoyed a delicious morning tea and many purchased recipes to try out and produce to enjoy. A big "thank you" to all involved!

On Monday November 14th we welcomed "Bev's Fashions" back to Boolarra. This is a very popular event and all present enjoyed both the retail therapy and the afternoon tea.

We are currently selling raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle – tickets are available at the Post Office and the Top Shop at \$2 each. First prize is a hamper to the value of \$300; second prize a \$150 hamper and third prize a \$50 hamper. Last year we raised \$1,130 and hope to reach a similar amount this year.

Finally, a heartfelt "thank you" to the people of our little town who continue to support the Australian Red Cross. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

Glenys Morgan, Treasurer

## Cemetery Trust Report

New shrubs and trees have been planted to 'fill the gaps' due to losses from the strong winds and other natural causes and all are doing well after the heavy rains.

The Trust has applied for grants from the Department of Health for a computer to assist with administrative tasks and for a grave cover. We are confident of success with these grants, however due to the heavy volume of such requests, do not expect to hear the results until the New Year.

We have also applied for funding from the Local History Grants Program to assist with the collation of cemetery records; results of this application will not be known until June 2012.

On a very positive note, we are pleased to welcome Mr. Matt Gleeson to the Trust and are confident that his local knowledge, abilities and enthusiasm will be of great benefit to the Trust and the community of Boolarra.

Glenys Morgan, Secretary



**THE BOOLARRA LINK COLLECTS  
RUNNER-UP AWARD FOR 'BEST LAYOUT' AT  
COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION  
of VIC. Conference**

Boolarra Link Secretary, Lois Thornton and Editor, Jan Thomson attended the recent conference in Geelong and both believe they learned a great deal from the workshops, suggestions and feed-back contributed by many community newspaper members from all over Victoria.

**The Boolarra Link picked up the Runner-up Award for Best Layout for the March 2011 edition, which covered the 2011 Folk Festival.** Considering it was only the second edition produced by the new committee we were very pleased to receive recognition that we are on the right track with our newspaper.

We would like to thank Boolarra Community Development Group for their sponsorship that allowed us to attend this very informative conference and assure you that new skills learned will assist us to more effectively produce future editions.

Following registrations, meet and greet, tables and boards were provided for members and other attendees to show off our various publications and to display any other items of interest to community newspaper producers. We were welcomed by the President, Dr. Mary Jo Fortuna, followed by the official opening by the Mayor of the Greater City of Geelong, Cr John Mitchell.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Andrew Dodd, journalist, broadcaster, academic, historian, and 2009 Redmond Barry Fellow delivered a very interesting address.

*Dr Dodd's main point being that while the large newspapers such as the Sun, Age etc. provide accounts of the big picture stories that make news across the world, it is the smaller local community newspapers that deal with local issues and stories from communities that are the heart beat of smaller towns throughout Victoria.*

The Conference concluded with the Awards dinner on Saturday night.

Lois Thornton  
Secretary



Above - Editor, Jan Thomson accepting Award at CNAV Conference



## PRESERVED LEMONS

- 8 -10 small lemons
- Sea Salt
- Extra lemon juice

1. Scrub lemons under running water then soak in cold water for 1 hour. Rinse & wipe dry.
2. Cut lemons into quarters lengthways from point to about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way down, leaving them joined at the base.
3. Place a good  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of salt as far into the cuts as possible and squeeze closed.
4. Arrange the lemons upright, packed tightly together in a sterilised jar.
5. Add an additional 2 teaspoons of salt to the jar with enough lemon juice to cover the fruit to the top of the jar. Press the lemons down firmly to ensure there are no air bubbles.
6. Seal the jar tightly. Store in a dry dark place for 3-4 weeks before using.

**NOTES:** In Morocco only the rind is used, cut into 5 mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ") strips, and the pulp is discarded. Rinse the lemons before use if preferred.

For a different taste you can also add  $\frac{1}{2}$  a cinnamon stick or 1 teaspoon cardamom or coriander seeds or  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon cloves or 2-3 bay leaves, whatever your preferred flavours.

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# Boolarra & District Youth Theatre Company presents . . .

## 'Beauty is a Beast'

The story was set in medieval times at a village named Callentine. The royal family of Callentine were kind and fair and for their good deeds a fairy godmother rewarded the royal family with their first born daughter made to be the most beautiful person in the world. Making beauty that way was a big mistake, the story showed beauty to be beautiful on the outside but her ego and attitude made her intolerable until she is made an outcast and discovers her sister to be the real beauty. Beauty learns the errors of her ways and the story ends with a double wedding and much to celebrate.

Britt Lewis our director sourced a script we didn't need to pay for, keeping our strict budget in mind and prepared the children involved in their first attempt at a drama piece. Britt had the youth working on fun drama activities and confidence building games before we got more serious about performing a piece in the 3rd school term. It was fantastic to see the youth return each week for a fun time and Britt is largely credited for this and showed a dedicated attitude to her work with us.

The production team behind the scenes were very busy in the last couple of weeks before the performance. Kristy Mills, Ruth Kelly, Helen Seals, Maurice Papa and Garryelle Rose contributed to set design which completed and complimented the performance wonderfully. The arrangement of extra lighting was provided by Lachlan McCreddie, setting the scene off beautifully. Clayton Cupples and Ramon Toman took care of sound, enabling everyone to be heard in a large space. Costumes were sourced and made

up from dress up boxes from home within the group with Garryelle sewing additional pieces of her own curtains onto one of the dresses and repairs. All of the cast put their own touches to their costumes themselves with Britt providing extra props such as bags, money and scrolls etc.

Beauty is a Beast wouldn't have been complete without a song or two. Garryelle played guitar on an adaption of 'I feel Pretty' with the

cast members accompanying her with fine voice. Dylan Goodman, on electric guitar, Maddi Papa on piano and Garryelle on acoustic guitar played for Jinny Brick leading the first verse and Bella Papa leading the 2nd verse and other cast

members singing harmony to 'True Colours' which was a lovely way to end Beauty is a Beast.

The cast members: Erin Hoghton, Mia and Eve Cornell, Carlene Seals, Tonisha Wucherpfenning, Maddi and Bella Papa, Bridie Huston, Jinny Brick, Mirabel McCreddie, Airtrea, Emre and Meila Cupples.

The Beauty is a Beast performance event was always intended to be low key, providing the youth a chance to perform and celebrate their first drama piece without too much pressure. Families arrived early as cast members prepared and enjoyed picnic dinners as they waited for proceedings to start. Success was achieved in many aspects and the cast now knows what needs

to go into putting on a drama piece. Perfecting and learning lines needed more work but we can honestly say the cast couldn't stop talking about how much fun they all had. Hearing such positive feedback from the youth involved makes all the hard work well worth the effort and all that effort was worth extra community audience participation and I'm sure we won't be as shy to share next time.



Cast and musicians preparing to sing "I feel Pretty" prior to intermission

The Committee comprising of President Garryelle Rose, Treasurer Samantha Brick, Secretary Lisa Papa, Set Design Kristy Mills and general member Myriam Walker, wish to thank all parents for allowing their children to participate. The Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company aims to foster youth and their talents through planned rehearsal activities in a safe environment and as a Committee feel they are providing the opportunities for growth as intended.

Committee members have been working on grant submissions and have recently been notified of a successful submission. This means on-going plans for a large community event for next year. Talks have begun in preparation for next year's planning and are pleased to have invited Pat Clancy to negotiate what is required in planning a larger event. So bigger things await us for

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"Caring Family Medicine"



Cast members with Britt Lewis  
at the end of the evening.

Back row: Maddi Papa, Britt Lewis, Mia Cornell,  
Bella Papa, Erin Hoghton, Tonisha Wucherpfenning.  
Front row: Carlene Seals and Eve Cornell.

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the year ahead and the excitement is starting to build with some planning meetings to be scheduled. We would like to see more people involved in this planning stage so don't be shy if you think you have something to offer our group. We will endeavour to post dates and times of meetings when we can.

Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company gratefully accepted a donation of funds originating from a grant submission application from the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation. The presentation took place on Monday 21st November at the Walter Tuck Reserve. At the presentation our youth were invited to perform and happily await another chance to perform and to say thank you.

Music Workshops are what Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company is working on at the

present with the aim of performing at the Boolarra 'Carols in the Park' event. Phillip Shuhmann, Clayton Cupples, Kate Reiske and Garryelle Rose are guiding the youth in singing a couple of traditional Christmas carols and other inspiring song choices.

### **Music Workshops**

**Where: Boolarra Memorial Hall**

**Time: 4.30pm – 6.30pm**

**Sessions will cost \$3.00 per person**

**Please bring a piece of fruit (snack) and a drink.**

Workshops will be held each Thursday with a focus on performing at the upcoming Boolarra 'Carols in the Park'.

We look forward to seeing everyone at

**Boolarra Carols in the Park**  
**Thursday 22nd of December 2011**  
**proceedings get underway**  
**at 5.30pm**

### **All correspondence to:**

**Boolarra & District Youth Theatre Company, P.O. Box 25, Boolarra Vic. 3870**

**Email: mlpapa@bigpond.com**

**President: Garryelle Rose on 5116 5163**

**Secretary: Lisa Papa on 5169 6371**

**Treasurer: Samantha Brick 0427 824 722**



## **Boolarra Football/ Netball Club**

**For more club information visit**  
**<http://www.boolarrafc.vcfl.com.au>**

Well it's that time of the year again where it's time for our footballers and netballers to start hitting the pavement and get a bit of run into the legs. After their first flag since the fairytale of 1997 the senior team look set for a big pre-season with a lot of hunger in the playing group for further success. Behind the scenes the coaching staff hasn't really stopped since grand final day and have been busy in player recruitment and coming up with a master game plan to give the boys the best chance to go back-to-back in 2012. Senior training has been in full swing since the 30th of November with the boys being put through their paces Wednesday and Friday nights.

The reserves team who were flag favourites in 2011 but fell over at the 2nd last hurdle are looking for more improvement in the coming season. Many of the players are already looking fit and should be in fine form for next year. The boys have a lot of unfinished business and are driven by the hurt of their early finals exit last year.

As always we are searching for more junior players to join the ranks of our talented young demon footballers. This coming season the club will field an under 18 side with the majority of the 4ths from last year taking the step up to play 3rds. The team will boast an impressive list of future senior stars and will be looking to play finals after finish-

ing runners up last season.

The netballers are looking set to improve out of sight again and are setting their sights on getting a couple of senior teams in the finals next season. The D grade girls are especially hungry after tasting finals action last year. Many of the netballers have been playing mixed netball down at the local courts on Tuesday nights at the club's twilight netball competition. The girls have been showing the senior footballers in the competition how to play the game and many of the girls have been looking impressive and holding their own against their much taller football counterparts. We all look forward to the netballers going from strength to strength over the pre-season and into 2012.

Overall it looks like being another big season for the club in 2012 as the senior football team launch their premiership defence and all other teams endeavour to play finals and ultimately battle for the big prize. Any new people looking to be part of an exciting and friendly sporting club are encouraged to get involved. For enquiries call Club President Rusty McGlade on (03) 5169 6507.



## **Boolarra Post Office Natters**

The year has flown by and Christmas is nearly here, then we will be celebrating another New Year. It has been a busy one again and lot is happening around our town.

Kids, don't forget your letters to Santa. The Santa Letterbox is up again and ready. We have our Christmas stock in now and it is selling well. We have a couple of different things this year so pop in for a look. We have a range of soft toys as well as some great books.

Also on the shelves are souvenirs to send to

family and friends overseas or to take yourselves as gifts when you travel overseas.

I suppose we are all hoping the rain gives us a break so the Christmas Carols can be held in our lovely park, as it is always a great atmosphere.

The park is looking great these days and The Rail Trail is back in use again. Don't the new bridges look fantastic? We are so lucky to have some great places to go for a walk and a picnic, and a ride too if you're fit enough. All nice and close to the town centre too. The Old Mill Site is another place to have a nice walk. There are some places that we haven't even been to yet but we will. The Morwell River Falls are a great spot for a picnic or just a bit of fishing or reading, but do wear sturdy footwear as it can get slippery under foot.

We also have the Lions Christmas cakes, small and large. These were very popular last year and very handy to have in the pantry in case of unexpected guests.

Just a reminder, the Post Office will be closed on the 25, 26 and 27 December and also the 31 December. Please ensure you collect all your parcels by the 23rd so that you don't miss out on any pressies that have come by mail.

That's it for now from your Post Office.

**"The Heart of Boolarra"**

## **Merry Christmas**

Gwenda, Roger, Kaye, Allison and Jeff



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## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Organisation	Contact Name	Phone	Organisation	Contact Name	Phone
Alcoholics Anonymous	Bert	0408 598 215	Cooperating Church	Rev Dr Bob Brown	5122 1480
Boolarra Book Club & Blazers Walking Group	Robert Lubawski	5169 6494	Cricket Club	Phil Allen	5169 1686
Boolarra Bowling Club	John Lubawski	5169 6762	Folk Festival	Ray Stewart	5169 6275
Ladies Bowling	Tony Snell	5169 6291	Friends of the Morwell River	Catheryn Thompson	5169 6625
Boolarra Cemetery Trust	Betty Fox	5169 6721	Garden Club Tour	Denise Schiller	5169 6425
Boolarra CFA	Glenys Morgan	5169 6462	Glory to the King	Rev Lynn Fowler	5169 6788
Boolarra Christian Fellowship	Dave O'Brien	5169 6424	Christian Community	Rev Fran Marston	5169 6263
	Paul McGrath	5169 6336	Grand Ridge Rail Trail	Neil Trease	5668 1580
	Gerry DeBruin		Justice of the Peace	Matt Gleeson	0427 696 461
Boolarra Community Development Group	Colin Brick	5163 1212		Gwenda Pither	5169 6209
Boolarra Football / Netball Club	Russell McGlade	5169 6507		Jack Richards	5169 6283
Boolarra Historical Society	Mengar Hibbins	5169 6210	Latrobe CC Fire Recovery	Heather Farley	5128 5648
Boolarra Multi-Purpose Building	Sue Warren	5169 6395	Latrobe City Council Mayor	Darrell White	5163 1461
Boolarra Pre-school	Kath Aveling	5169 6571	Local Emergency Action Plan	John Harris	0431 972 672
Boolarra Primary School	Leanne Emond	5169 6471	Memorial Hall	Roz Carstairs	5169 6445
Boolarra Quilting Group	Linda Minter	5169 6702	Memorial Park	Colin Brick	5163 1212
Boolarra Red Cross	Glenys Morgan	5169 6721	Open Garden Day	Jill Simmons	5169 6516
Boolarra South Land Care	Linda Minter	5169 6702	Playgroup	Brooke Bridle	5169 6742
Boolarra Tennis Club	Samantha Brick	5163 1212	Police Report	Gary Mills	5169 6222
Boolarra Wool & Spinning Group	Lois Thornton	5169 6618	Pony Club	Gary Mills	5169 6222
Boolarra & Yinnar Community Recovery Committee	Colin Brick	5163 1212	Relay For Life	Gwenda Pither	5169 6209
Boolarra Youth Theatre Group	Garryelle Rose	5116 5163	Russell Northe	Russell Northe	5133 9088
Budgeree Hall	Bruce Hall	5169 1573	Scouts	Sylvia Sauppe	5169 6321
Bushfire Recovery Memorial	Rob & Marietta Herni	5169 6355	Stroke Support Group	Coralie Pickett	5668 2294
Catholic Church	Fr Hugh Brown	5122 2226	Wildlife Assistance	Jean Quick	5169 6606

*Please notify The Boolarra Link at [boolarralink@hotmail.com](mailto:boolarralink@hotmail.com) of any changes to Community Directory information.*

### Church Services in Boolarra & Yinnar

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tarwin Street, Boolarra.

**Mass** at 10.30am on 2nd & 4th Sunday in Boolarra &

10.30am on 1st & 3rd Sunday in Yinnar

**Liturgy** at 10.30am on 2nd Tuesday of the month

Contact - Pam Crowley 5169 6465 or

Denise Schiller 5169 6425

#### ANGLICAN & UNITING CHURCHES

##### IN CO-OPERATION

Tarwin Street, Boolarra

1st Sunday 11.00am & 2nd Sunday 10.00am in Boolarra

3rd Sunday 11.00am & 4th Sunday 10.00am in Yinnar

Contact Robert Lubawski 5169 6494

#### BOOLARRA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Contact Paul McGuire 5169 6424 or

Gerry DeBruin 5169 6336 for service times

#### GLORY TO THE KING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Cnr Young & Bastin Streets (Old Scout Hall)  
Sunday Service - 4.00 pm

Mid-week Worship - 7.30 pm every Thursday

The Quiet Place & Mission Shop

Mon, Wed & Fri - 1.00 - 4.00 pm

(except Public Holidays)

### GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS MEETING TIMES

**Boolarra Community Development Group** - Monthly - 1st Thursday at 7.30 pm - Memorial Hall

**Boolarra Historical Society** - Monthly - 3rd Tuesday at 7.30 pm - Museum

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

**Red Cross** - Monthly - 2nd Monday at 1.00 pm - The Boolarra Pub

**Boolarra Memorial Hall** - Monthly - 3rd Thursday at 7.30 pm - Memorial Hall

**PLEASE NOTE:-** If there are changes to any of these days or dates, please notify the Boolarra Link Secretary - **Lois Thornton on 5169 6618**

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

##### MONDAY

**EXERCISE CLASS** - All ages 9.30 am - Boolarra Memorial Hall - Kathleen Millett 5122 2591 or Kate 5169 6592

**BOOK CLUB** - 1st Monday of the month - 8.00 pm - Contact Robert Lubawski 5169 6494

##### WEDNESDAY

**YOGA** - Gentle Class - 6.00 - 7.30 pm **OR** Advanced Class - 7.45 - 9.15 pm - Primary School Multi Purpose Room - Contact Kristy Mills 5169 6226.

##### THURSDAY

**WOOL GROUP** - 11.00 am - 3.30 pm - Multipurpose Building - Contact Lois Thornton 5169 6618

**WALKING GROUP** - Meet 9.00 am at Boolarra Recreation Reserve - Contact John Lubawski 5169 6494

##### FRIDAY

**EXERCISE CLASS** - All ages 10.00 am - YINNAR Memorial Hall - Kathleen Millett 5122 2591 or Kate 5169 6592

##### SUNDAY

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - 2.00 - 4.00 pm - 1st Sunday of the month - Old School House (Museum)

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





