



The Boolarra Link

Winter Edition

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on the left the limurla Rd on
to the Little Morwell river

Little Morwell River from the bridge near
Piggrery Rd down stream

Little Morwell River from the bridge near
Piggrery Rd up stream

In May we had 138mm rain,
these phtos are from the flood on
the on 26 May 2012

Little Morwell River from the
bridge near Piggrery Rd up stream

Morwell River at the
Bridge Monash Way comming
out of Boolarra

Little Morwell River from
the bridge near Piggrery Rd
down stream

Morwell River flats at
Monash way comming out of
Boolarra

Music in Boolarra

It appears that the success of the 10th annual Boolarra Folk Festival has sparked new interest in amateur music in the area. Jam sessions, practice get-togethers, singing workshops, performances and a Youth Theatre fund-raiser are all available to budding musicians. The musically inclined are welcome to come along to any or all of the sessions now available.

For more detailes see page 4 & 5



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

The new committee members are:

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Boolarra Community Development Group

The past couple of months have been focused on attempting to gain and maintain traction on a few of our projects.

The red tape battle has continued with the Men's Shed. The Latrobe City Planning Permit was eventually finalised and after some to-ing and fro-ing the Building Permit has now been issued. It was with great pleasure that Jeff Henderson was able to place the order with Proline Sheds to begin construction of the shed. Hopefully we'll soon see some action on the ground and the Men's Shed can commence its activities in earnest.

Construction of the coffee vending trailer is nearing completion and we hope that by the time this edition comes out we will have the trailer on-site and available for operation.

The gazebo in Railway Park was delayed by a minor design change but is now just waiting on fine weather for the setting out of footings and the pouring of the concrete base. The Mirboo North Lions have generously donated \$1,000 towards furniture fittings for the gazebo, with the construction to be done by the "Wednesday Warriors". There has also been some additional funding provided by the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF) which will be utilised for provision of electricity and a BBQ at the gazebo.

Unfortunately, the Multi-purpose building was unsuccessful in securing additional funding. The committee has had a meeting with Latrobe City and VBAF representatives, including Cr Darrell White, and is looking at options for refurbishment or a smaller new building. The Multi-purpose Building committee has revamped the original refurbishment plan developed by Latrobe City to incorporate some ideas that have arisen from the consultation with user groups that has occurred since the project inception. These revised plans have been supplied to Latrobe City and they will develop cost estimates of the two proposals which will be considered at a meeting in around a fortnight.

A sub-committee was established last year to look into siren and emergency warning options. Russell Northe MLA has been very supportive of the group's efforts and the Victorian Government has been investigating uses of sirens across the state.

Current planning involves the use of CFA sirens and will require legislative amendments. Last month Craig Lapsley, Fire Service Commissioner, and two other emergency services "big wigs" met with the Boolarra CFA executive and the siren sub-committee. They were impressed with the work that had been done locally and have proposed a local trial of an emergency siren installation.

The emergency siren implementation requires liaison with residents near the siren locations (could be 3-4 sirens to ensure coverage of main residential areas including some outlying areas such as Darlimurla). The location of the sirens is still under consideration. BCDG will have a liaison and education role as the implementation proceeds to inform people of how the sirens will operate, who will co-ordinate use of the sirens, what message they convey and what other alerts and warnings will operate in conjunction with the sirens.

In March, Cr Darrell White received a request relating to an Apex Park beautification proposal from Penelope Ford which he passed onto the BCDG. This was discussed and \$1,000 was committed to the project. The Friends of the Upper Morwell River have developed a strategy to enable ongoing access and activities at Apex Park while minimising the damage that some users inflict on the area. Anybody who is interested in helping the Friends out with this or the great work they are doing at the Morwell River Falls, contact Catheryn Thompson or Sue Webster.

At our last meeting we were delighted to have Melanie Simpson from Quantum and local lad Aaron Savrimoutoo attend to tell us about the Boolarra and Yinnar Youth Space and Place program. The program commenced in 2010 and meets on the third Friday of each month and is getting around 20-25 young people each month. The program is run by Quantum, however, their funding only continues until December and they are seeking to develop a sustainable model to allow the program to carry on. There are a number of parents who have indicated a willingness to participate

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RUSSELL NORTHE

MEMBER FOR MORWELL

Of course 25 April is an important day on the Australian calendar and I was pleased to attend a number of ANZAC day services across the Morwell electorate. Despite some early inclement weather it was great to see so many local residents; particularly our younger generation attend dawn and day time services across Gippsland. I also had the pleasure of attending the Boolarra service prior to ANZAC Day and I congratulate Roz Carstairs and her team of volunteers for hosting such a wonderful tribute.

All ANZAC Day services across the Latrobe Valley were a fitting tribute to those who have served our country and provided an opportunity for community members to demonstrate their gratitude and respect to our courageous service men and women. We must also pay due regard to our local RSLs who do a marvellous job in hosting various ANZAC day services across the region.

One of the amazing attractions of our region is the Grand Strzelecki Track which recently had its grand re-opening. There has been considerable work undertaken in recent months to establish and re-establish tracks from Morwell National Park all the way through to Tarra-Bulga National Park and Balook. In all there are in excess of 100 km of trails and walks in a pristine part of the world and right on our doorstep. Having walked part of the track just recently I can attest to the fabulous and tranquil setting we are blessed to have in our midst.

I believe there is a real prospect of the Grand Strzelecki Track becoming a significant tourist destination in the future and I encourage local residents to visit Morwell National Park in the near future or view the website below to see firsthand what the trails have to offer.

<http://www.grandstrzeleckitrack.org.au/>

Congratulations must go to all who have worked so hard in difficult terrain to connect these tracks and trails; it is certainly a great achievement.

I'd also like to congratulate the Boolarra Public Cemetery Trust on receiving \$3,500 through the Local History Grants to establish a website for the Boolarra Pub-

lic Cemetery featuring burial information of over 450 internments available online. A big well done to Glenys Morgan and the team for putting in their application and I look forward to seeing this project progress. I'd also like to remind community members that nominations are open for the **2012 Regional Achievement & Community Awards**. The awards cover eight main categories highlighting success in areas including business, environment, participation, leadership and innovation.

Through the Regional Achievement & Community Awards we learn about the many passionate and committed individuals and groups that make up regional and rural communities and the fabulous contribution they are making to our state.

Nominations close on Tuesday, 17 July 2012. For more information about awards categories and nominations visit: http://www.awardsaustralia.com/RACA_vic.html

Russell Northe, Member for Morwell

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CREATIVE BOOLLARRA ART EXHIBITION CANCELLATION

Following our first successful Art Exhibition last year, the Boolarra Community Development Group decided to organized another unique Art Exhibition this year; inviting the involvement of all members of the Boolarra community, including children.

As part of our community development, which involves organising activities and events which enrich and enhance our creativity and our lives, we had planned to have a two-day event exhibiting artistic contributions from members of the community. Our main objective is to celebrate our common creative spirit and to share the fruits of our labours with others. We believe that all we humans have a creative side that expresses itself through various activities during our lifetime. Contributors and all art lovers were invited to come and enjoy the artworks as the event had proved successful last year.

Sadly, we have not received very many entries for this year's Exhibition, so it was with regret that the decision was made to cancel the event for 2012. It is thought that a bi-annual event may be more sustainable and we hope to again hold an Art Exhibition in 2013.

Abbas Mehran

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as volunteers to assist the group.

Melanie indicated that a significant hurdle is the need to be a formally incorporated body and has suggested that if the YSPB could be auspiced by the BCDG this would greatly assist the ongoing arrangements for the group. This was agreed by the committee who see the program as very important for local youth and a great opportunity for this committee to tap into the aspirations and feelings of the local youth, which has been an unrealised goal of this group since inception.

Colin Brick OA

Secretary

Boolarra Community Development Group

BOOLLARRA & DISTRICT YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY



Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company have begun gearing up and planning for the one and only fundraising performance in October 2012.

We thank the Mirboo North Community Foundation for their generous grant we received, which will give the youth of the district a chance to participate in an event to be showcased to the community in October of this year. We are being guided through our drama experience by Dan Clancey. He is providing a fun approach to teaching theatre skills and youth are currently exploring and adapting Shakespeare's "Hamlet", while our younger youth will bring an extra twist to "Oliver Twist".

Concurrently, workshops are being held each month, which to date have included dance and recently a singing workshop that Marietta Herni kindly organised, which was a Bushfire Recovery funded project administered through the Department of Human Services. We encourage participation in workshops on offer to our regular members and foresee all experiences enriching our main event in October.

The next workshop to be held will be guitar for beginners with Phil Schumman. All youth are welcome to any of the workshops, which are not exclusive to the regular drama group participants. More workshops will take place throughout the year so keep an eye out for others to come.

Jam sessions open to youth and adults alike are being held at the Memorial Hall on the last Sunday of each month. These sessions are amplified so you can rock out loud. Bring your instrument, copies of sheet music/tabs/chords or lyrics to share to make the session fun and a little organised. Come along to infuse your style.

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BOOLARRA YOUTH SINGING WORKSHOP

On Sunday, 27 May 2012 Fiona McGillivray and Jenny Stidston conducted a Singing workshop for the Boolarra and District Youth Theatre members. This was a Bushfire Recovery funded project, administered through the Department of Human Services. The workshop was well attended by about 14 children who learned to sing some new songs and harmonies. All the children enjoyed themselves very much, with much fun and laughter. Hopefully, the vocal exercises will come in handy in the future, perhaps a musical? Fiona and Jenny came all the way from the Mornington Peninsula to be with us for the afternoon and were presented with flowers to show our appreciation. The afternoon finished with afternoon tea and a small demonstration of the songs that were learned for the parents.

Fiona and Jenny have a lot of experience with Community Singing in Melbourne and will be with us again on 17 June 2012 for an Adult Singing workshop. This promises to be another very enjoyable free of charge event.

Marietta Herni



BEGINNERS GUITAR GROUP



SECOND SUNDAY of the MONTH

Memorial Hall 2.00 – 5.00 pm
\$2 – Please bring your own drink

Some guitars will be available for hire
please book if guitar is needed

Contact: Lisa Pappa on 5169 6371 or Garryelle Rose on 51165163



COMING EVENT BOOLARRA YOUTH THEATRE GROUP



October Fund-raiser
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Jeannie Kokshoorn, Anthea Williams, Steve Davies, Bernice Hammond, Ariane Ramsey, Sue Clutterbuck.

With Jane and Neil as observers.

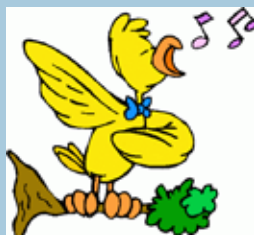
The "Ukelicious" want to thank the Boolarra Shop owners for allowing the space to practice!

Information and Photos provided by Jeannie and Bert Kookshorn



ATTENTION Amateur Musicians
Come along to a beginners acoustic jam session
WHERE: Boolarra Bowling Club
WHEN: last Sunday of the month
TIME: 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
 Refreshments available at Club bar prices
Everybody is welcome
 Join in or just enjoy the music
NO amplified instruments please
 For more information & details contact:
Arnie Young - 0428 594 289

Community Singing Workshop



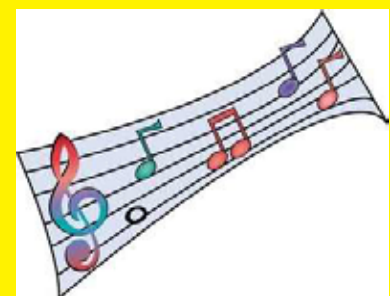
With Fiona McGillivray and Jenny Stidston
 Sunday, 17 June 2012
 10:00am – 3:00 pm
 At Boolarra Memorial Hall

This is a FREE event for all residents,
 funded by VBAF
 (Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund)

Be ready for fun and learning new skills!
 Bring a plate to share for lunch!
 All welcome!
 Enquiries: Marietta – 5169 6355

JAM SESSION AMPLIFIED

All instruments welcome
LAST SUNDAY of the MONTH



Memorial Hall
 2.00 – 5.00 pm
 \$2 – Please bring your own drink

Contact: Lisa Pappa on 5169 6371
 or Garryelle Rose on 51165163

BOOLARRA MEMORIAL HALL INC.

The Hall continues to be a focus in the community. At the moment our regular hirers are the very enthusiastic Boolarra Theatre Group with their workshops on a Friday and Jam sessions on the last Sunday of the month. Also the Exercise class on a Monday continues to draw participants. One of the participants (from Yinnar) recently complimented us on the wonderful facility we have in the Memorial Hall. With a sophisticated sound system and stage lighting, the Hall can offer another dimension to the service it offers the community. This was certainly borne out during the recent Folk Festival when the music was transferred to the Hall because of the inclement weather. So we are indeed lucky.

A similar thing happened with the Boolarra ANZAC Service held on Sunday, 22 April 2012. Proceedings had to adjourn to the Hall. The service was well attended despite the weather. You may wonder why we have our service just that little bit earlier than ANZAC Day. With so many local services all held on the one day we would not be able to obtain the support of our local dignitaries and RSL members from Morwell, so it was decided to hold it on the closest Sunday to ANZAC Day. This in no way lessens the importance or solemnity of the service. This year our speaker was Mr Phil Head from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Many local organisations took the opportunity to attend as well as lay a wreath. Our local Primary School also participated with Bella Papa and Harry Thomsett representing the school. They also laid a wreath in remembrance.

Our last mural was put up on the Hall by Lawrie Havrillay. This was completed just prior to the ANZAC Service on Sunday, 22 April 2012. The mural depicts the Boolarra train with arrivals and departures to and from war. Each carriage symbolises a theatre of war. This mural was undertaken by Trish Smithson and

many volunteers via the GEST scheme. Much personal time was given to this project to get it complete. This is much appreciated by the Hall Committee.

Table Tennis has started up again at the Hall so if you are a keen table tennis player, or would like to learn, then pop along to the Hall on a Friday morning 10:00-12:00 noon. Contact Marietta Herni 5169 6355 for more information.

A member of the Hall Committee for nearly 7 years, Marietta Herni has retired from the Committee. We are very grateful for Marietta's input and hard work, in particular the overseeing of the new kitchen. Thank you Marietta and best wishes.

The Hall Committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at the Hall. We are known for our short meetings and for getting on with the job. We welcome any interested person in the community who would like to join our Committee to just come along to one of our meetings or contact Roz Carstairs, Secretary 0429 383 686 or Roborn Lubawski- President 5169 6494.

Roz Carstairs
Secretary

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- Latrobe City Council - Electoral Representation Review
- Heater and Water Rebate
- Entries open for 10th year of Premier's Sustainability Awards
- HELP Plant Two Million Trees
- Youth Discover Parks 1012
- Latrobe City Council - "Draft" Fees and Charges
- Peter Walsh Visit
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We have started a secondhand book service and are getting an assortment in stock to purchase or hire.

The proceeds for this activity are going to our local Relay for Life.

Try and stay warm and dry this winter.

Cheers for now, Gwenda, Roger & Staff



Cook & Chat



Initial meeting on:

Tuesday, 12 June 2012 at 11:00 am
At the Boolarra Memorial Hall

We'll have soup and rolls
Please bring a small plate for sweets
No cost involved

Contact Marietta 5169 6355



BOOLARRA STOMPERS – RELAY FOR LIFE

Well, here we are half way through this relay year. We have about 16 registered members and would love it if everyone else can do the same early. Registrations can be done online or come in and fill in a form and pay here, but please do it soon so you can get the right colour shirt before they run out as they do later on in the year. Hope it will be a better year than last year.

This year our Relay at Churchill is on 27 October 2012 (Sorry, wrong date in previous Link).

We've had a couple of fundraisers and raising lots for the Cancer Council of Victoria for Research and for Support for people going through the traumas of it all.

So far we have had the Christmas Raffle and a fantastic Trivia Night.

We also did catering for a Clearing Sale. We did very well with that. Another recent fundraiser was the Mother's Day Raffle and we had some good prizes donated for that.

Our next thing, which is already on the go is the Pie Run. I guess by the time the next Link comes out we will have delivered all the pies, so thank you to everyone who put in an order. If you missed out, don't forget the School is having another one a bit later on.

We have a few other ideas for our fundraising efforts 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. Don't forget that we have an ongoing five cent coin collection box here at the Post Office, so bring in all those pesky little coins that you tend to shove in a jar or in a drawer and fill up the box for our team.

Remember last year? It was the worst day to be outside at all and the Relay was cancelled for the 2nd time in as many years. This year we are looking for some sunshine, not hot but nice warm sunshine - and no rain!

WHO ARE WE? WE ARE THE BOOLARRA STOMPERS

WHAT DO WE DO? WELL WE WANT TO STOMP AROUND OVALS FOR CANCER RESEARCH.

WHEN DO WE DO IT? 27 OCTOBER 2012. YEEEEHAAA.

Gwenda Pither

AROUND THE TRAPS WITH ROGER RABBIT.

Mrs. Rabbit has recently tried her paw at refreshing her knowledge of the Postal Delivery Run. She was most impressed with the results that the work team of Grader and Roller has made to the roads.

Yes, they are most improved, but the wary need to travel at a snails pace on these wet and windy days, because although they are much improved, they have become extremely slippery in places.

So congratulations to the work team of Kevin and Ian. Let's hope the roads last past the middle of the year after all the rain we had on the weekend of Mother's Day. Before we hop off, we hope all the Mums had a very happy Mother's Day.

Hey, have you noticed there appears to be a baby boom going on around here? Good for the future of the Kinder and School.



*Well, that's all for now.
Sliding off.....*



1ST YINNAR SCOUTS



*All Scouting section
participating at ANZAC
parade at Yinnar*



Anyone from ages 7 to 26 years, or adults interested in becoming leaders are welcome and can find out more information about scouting in Yinnar and district can contact Colin on 0467 677 759 or Leanne 51223099.

...We would love to see you.

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Chocolate

I don't partake of chocolate very often,
And when I do I never 'scoff em',
The aroma wafts slowly up to my nose,
And tempts my taste buds, and tingles my toes,
The first bite fills me with delectable pleasure,
I make sure I eat it at my leisure,
Smooth and creamy, luscious and yummy,
As it makes its way down into my tummy,
Perhaps another bite, maybe three or four,
As I go on I want more and more,
I close my eyes and enjoy the sensation,
It should be the staple food of our nation.

Lois Thornton

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Russell Northe MLA

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Boolarra and District Garden Group 1st Tuesday of the month.



This year so far we have enjoyed some great trips. January was our meeting to organise our trips for the year. In February we had a trip to Nobbies View Drought Tolerant Plant Farm in Shoreham where we enjoyed lunch on the beach. March was a trip to Yarram organised by the Yarram Garden Group where we visited four wonderful gardens. In April, we went to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens and in May we had a short trip to Rosedale to visit Holey Plains and we had a lovely walk through the gardens and afternoon tea. On 5 June 2012, we are going to Garden World in Springvale. I hope there is room on the bus for us on the way home as I am sure a few plants will be bought at the different nurseries that are in the complex.

If you are interested in joining us please ring Jill Simmonds on 5169 6516 for more information.

Happy Gardening.

Jill Simmonds

POST OFFICE Natters

This year is flying. Lots happening around our town even though the weather has not been so good. The Table Tennis has been happening again after a bit of a spell. Come on you over 50's and have a bit of fun on a Friday morning. You don't even have to know much about it.

Something else that's started up is a sort of a camping group. Anyone who is interested in being part of it at some time should pop into the Post Office and get their names on a list that is steadily building in numbers. On a weekend recently about six couples went to Montana Caravan Park between Glenmaggie and Licola to try the idea out and found it worked well. It needs some fine tuning but a great weekend was had by those who went. We're looking forward to the next one in a couple of months time. It's just nice to get away for a couple of days with like minded people. Not travelling very far is another good thing.

It's not restricted to couples. Families are welcome as well as singles, so have a think about it and join the list. People on the list will be contacted with details.

TV reception still not fantastic is it? I think it won't ever get much better but I hope I'm wrong.

The Park has been looking lovely with the tree's leaves changing colour and now they have almost no leaves so we know it's Winter. (I believe Winter has been ongoing for the last 2 years at least. We certainly have missed out on Summer and Autumn as well). I didn't have to water my veggie garden more than four times this year and had a great harvest. Lots to share as well and other people shared their surplus goodies too. Thank you.

It's great to see all the young families about the town now and lots of babies. Hopefully these young families will stay around for a long time and get involved in the town.

What I would like to see is more people using the buses. Latrobe Valley Bus Lines gave us a lot more buses to fit in with peoples needs and it's wonderful to have a bus late in the day. Gives you more time to do things in the valley if you need to.

That's it for now from your Post Office. "The Heart of Boolarra"

Stay Warm and Dry, Gwenda



Boolarra Unit

A very big "Thank You" to the Scouts from Yinnar and Churchill who door knocked in both Boolarra and Yinnar during March for "Red Cross Calling".

Thank you to all those who donated, including those who put money in the collection boxes at the Post Office, the Top Shop, the Churchill Bakery and Anne's Café – a total amount of \$1,212.65 was raised, which we believe is a record – and even more impressive, considering the tough times we are experiencing.

Our next fund raiser will be Bev's Fashions, to be held on Monday, 18 June at 2:00pm in the Christian Fellowship Church Hall. Entry is \$5.00 and afternoon tea is included. There will be a mega raffle (6 prizes!!), a Trading Table with home cooked jams and slices, plus books and bric-a-brac and three lucky door prizes.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 2 July 2012 at 12:30pm (soup and sandwiches) at the Multi-Purpose Room. A guest speaker will entertain us and afternoon tea will be served.

Glenys Morgan
Treasurer

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

Mother Teresa

BOOLARRA - YINNAR EXERCISE GROUP

Boolarra Memorial Hall Monday 9:30am - 10:30am

Yinnar Memorial Hall Friday 10:00am - 11:00am

Groups in both Boolarra and Yinnar continue to thrive, welcoming continuing participants and new members to enjoy the benefits of regular exercise under the supervision of our qualified instructor Kathleen.

A special treat was a visit to Tullaree at Tarwin, the home featured in the mysterious disappearance in 1952 of Margaret Clement whom the press dubbed the Lady of the Swamp. Kathleen invited clients from Traralgon, Churchill, Morwell and Mirboo North to join our local enthusiasts and the availability of the Mirboo North mini buses added to the social nature of the day, which included a stroll along the Tarwin River to enhance our appetites for the hearty lunch at the local hotel.

The house, which fell into disrepair when the sisters lost all of their inheritance during the depression, has been sensitively restored by the McCrae family who enjoy this comfortable home where no ghostly chills remain.

Everyone is welcome to join our casual group. Come along and join the fun and good conversation.

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

BOLARRA PLANTS

Winter Sale

Sat 7th and Sunday 8th July

10 am – 4 pm

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We are still working at the Mill site but not quite as frantically as before. We can see the results of our planting in the arboretum, some species have done very well but others are struggling. The ground in some parts was like concrete so no wonder the plants are having trouble- we had trouble getting them into the ground!

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) has erected some great signs which clearly spell out how we want the area treated; definitely no motor bikes on the tracks please. Neil Lawson on behalf of Loy Yang B Power Stations IPR-GDF SUEZ Australia, presented the group with a sign which has been placed near the Gazebo.

The Police are investigating some vandalism of the Gazebo and the theft of an infra red camera. When volunteers work so hard to raise the money for these things, it is very disappointing when people deliberately damage them or remove them altogether. The cameras are collecting data on wildlife in the area and we hope people will respect them. Jean Quick has released some animals around the site and we hope we have lots of wildlife through the bush here, but we would like to know more about the species we have and how they have recovered since the fires.

We have released Blackberry rust on some clumps of blackberries near the dam and will be monitoring these to see how successful this method of control is. The rust we have used is a new type which is able to infect different species of blackberries so we hope it spreads well. If you like fishing for carp there are still plenty to be caught in the dam. Some children (and Zorka) have been very successful at catching them.

Our working bees are still spreading crushed rock and we have some pipes to put in. Weeds are being tackled and mulching continues. Tony Minter has been slashing the area with his tractor and he and Linda continue to maintain the area on an almost daily basis. John Lubawski and Mick Crowley have been push mowing and John has been spreading the mulch almost single handed. It would be wonderful if some others in the community could give them some help.

Any volunteers welcome! Malcolm Grant and the TAFE students have been invaluable, many hands really do make light work. Mick Schiller is recovering from his illnesses and hopes to be back on the job before too long.

We have just had news that we will receive a grant of \$7,200 from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF) for ride-on mower. This will make it so much easier to keep the grass under control.

It is great to see so many walkers on the tracks. Jeff Pike from DSE commented on the fact that whenever DSE were there he could see that area was getting good use.

Denise Schiller



Photo attachment: at Presentation of Sign by Neil Lawson left to right-

Neil Lawson, Linda Minter, Brian Halloran, Tony Minter, Denise Schiller, Mick Schiller, Judi Edwards, Mick Crowley, Melissa Halloran, Zorka Krcova, Brian McLure.

Mirboo Nth Arty Gras

Thank you to all participants and their parents for braving the cold weather to walk in the Mirboo North Arty Gras parade held on 12 May 2012 and for those who performed in the marquee. The afternoon wasn't able to showcase us at our best but was a great learning experience that will have us better prepared next time. Thanks to Garryelle for organising our badges and her helpers for making the banner. These types of events give our participants performance time, advertising who we are and what we are doing.

Session times are as follows;

Friday afternoon following school terms, held at Boolarra Memorial Hall.

Primary school ages start at 3:45pm and finish at 4:45pm.

Secondary school ages start at 5:00pm and finish at 6:00pm.

We hope these time changes will enable us to be home earlier on Friday now the winter weather is upon us. We had a visit from the Mirboo North Scouts on 25 May 2012, eight Scouts with their leader Clint Levey attended. Dan led the larger group through some fun theatre based skill-building games. We would love to have more regular participants and I guess having the Scouts attend was another way of creating more awareness of what we are doing, as well as accommodating a need for an enriching drama experience for the Scouts. Dan was put on the spot to cater for the extras and handled it in.

Lisa Papa

I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

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BOOLARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL



JSC presenting Ms Jones with Farewell Gifts

Sad Farewell

Our school community did a great job showing their appreciation for the 23 years of sensational service Ms Wendy Jones gave our school. Ms Sharon Moule is our new Business Manager. She works Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.



Paige, dressed as Ms Jones, with Ms Jones on her Last Day with Us

Cross Country Running

Following our run along the Boolarra Rail Trail, a team of 15 competed in Churchill at the Yinnar & District



Emre, Isabelle & Sasha lined up ready for the Y&D Cross Country Run

Short Story by Isabelle Reiske.

The Phoenix.

Once there was a Phoenix whose name was Gold. Her mum got taken away from her when she was a kid. Now Gold is older and is looking for her Mum. She went to the only place they would take her, the curly forest. It's almost impossible to get rid of it. If you had the best tracking skills you couldn't get out of the forest. Gold set off in the morning of the brightest day of the year. The orange gleamed in her eyes as she swooped down into the curly forest. She had been walking for a long time, the bugs were annoying her. She screeched once, twice, three times. Then she heard something, a Phoenix was screeching back at her, all the bugs stopped buzzing. Gold was running as fast as she could to the place where the screeches were coming from. Finally, after ten minutes Gold found her mum locked in a cage. Gold picked at the lock until it came open and they flew off into the bright sun light.

Run. Congratulations to Rory Peter and Lydia Reiske who won through to the Zone run and Ella O'Kane who narrowly missed selection.



Jedd during tennis lessons

Tennis

Our students are currently enjoying tennis lessons with Mr Andrew Peavey each Monday.

Mother's Day Stall

There was a fabulous array of gifts for our students to select from thanks to Thomas Rawnsley's family who donated some wonderful items and Blake Rudling's grandmother who sourced some other bargains.

Camps

Senior students enjoyed an action packed 3 days in Melbourne whilst our grade3/4's camp was in

a bush setting at Allambee. We currently share camps with Thorpdale and Narracan Primary Schools. Later this year we will review our Outdoor Education program.

Junior School Council News

Following an out of uniform day and hotdog and icy-pole sales, \$150 was raised for the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre. The 1st week of term 2 was declared Autism Awareness Week. Icy-pole sales and donations from "Blue Day" will go towards supporting families that are dealing with Autism.

Congratulations to Isabelle Reiske, Rhianne Cameron, Caterina Reiske and Madison Jeffrey who wrote magnificent pieces that saw them recognised as our "Writers of Term 1". Other term 1 stars were Jazmin Carroll and Jemma Napier who received Aussie of the Month awards and Eve Cornell and Bridie Huston who were judged to be our "Artists of the Term".

Winter Sports: Our grade 3-6 students will compete against other schools in the Yinnar & District area in soccer, football and netball tournaments during this term.

Leanne Emond



Jacob & Caleb Mothers' Day shopping

Community Involvement at the School

Don't forget that we have lots of books for adults that community members are welcome to borrow. These are housed on a shelf opposite the office and the borrowing system is really simple. Thanks to funding obtained through the BCDG, we also have Pauline Garood conducting computer sessions for any interested folk from 3:30pm - 5:30pm each Tuesday afternoon. This occurs in the first classroom on the right as you enter our original building.



Lydia & Ella on Blue Day

FUN & GAMES PAGE



Wonderful WOMBATS

Wombats are native only to Australia, are mammals and are also marsupials; which means wombat babies (called a joey) develop in their mother's pouch until they are old enough to walk and feed independently, usually at six months, but stay with their mother for another 10 or so months.

There are two basic kinds of wombats, the Bare-nosed or Common wombat and the Hairy-nosed wombat. Wombats that live around Boolarra are Common Wombats (*Vombatus ursinus hirsutus*), one of the bare-nosed variety. Sadly, both Southern (*Lasiorninus latifrons*) Hairy-nosed wombats that live along the South Australian coast and Northern (*Lasiorninus krefftii*) Hairy-nosed wombats that live in a very small area in central Queensland are critically endangered.

We don't often see wombats as they live very solitary lives, are nocturnal grazers who only come out at night to eat mainly grasses and roots. They are strong proficient diggers who live in large burrows that can be up to 30 meters long. They have earned the nick-name 'Bulldozers of the Bush' because of the huge amounts of dirt they can move in a short time. Wombats can grow to about 1 meter long, weigh up to 25 kg and usually live from 5 to 20 years in the wild.

The oldest wombat on record was Carver, a Southern Hairy-nosed wombat who was one of the first wombats born outside Australia at the Brookfield Zoo in the USA on 6th February 1975. He lived to be 34 years and 7 months old. Carver's mother,

Vicky, lived to be 24.5 years old, so he came from a strong gene pool.

Although wombats, especially young ones, look cute and are affectionate, fully grown they can be aggressive, threatening and even dangerous as they are wild animals, not domesticated pets, and as such should be left in the wild where they belong. In most places in Australia, wombats are protected and it's illegal to keep them as pets. Wombats need special care and a special diet.

ELEPHANT EARS

Ingredients: Raw sugar
2 sheets frozen puff pastry, defrosted

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 210°C (190°C fan forced).
2. Sprinkle a thick layer of sugar on a pastry board.
3. Place puff pastry on top and roll into a neat oblong by rolling one side inward, stopping at the centre. Make sure some of the sugar sticks to the pastry as you roll.
4. Repeat on the other side. 2 sides will meet in the centre.
5. Cut into ½ cm slices and press each slice in sugar.
6. Place slices on an ungreased baking sheet.
7. Bake for 6 to 8 minutes.
8. Turn over and bake for another 6 to 8 minutes or until golden brown.

Variation: In a food processor, process 1/2 cup chopped nuts, 2 tbsp sugar and 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon until finely ground. Sprinkle dough with mixture before folding.



CLOTHING WORD SEARCH

Find & circle all of the clothing items that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional piece of clothing.



BELT	MITTENS	SKIRT
BLOUSE	OVERALLS	SLIPPERS
BOOTS	PANTS	SOCKS
CARDIGAN	PARKA	SUIT
CORDUROY	ROBE	SWEATER
DRESS	SANDALS	TANK TOP
GLOVES	SCARF	TIE
HAT	SHIRT	UNDERWEAR
JACKET	SHOES	VEST
JEANS	SHORTS	



Why do leaves change colour in autumn?

Inside a leaf there are millions of little packages of colour - green, yellow and orange.

- The green ones are called chlorophyll
- The yellow ones are called xanthophyll
- The orange ones are called carotene

In summer, water is soaked up by the tree's roots, travels up the trunk and enters the leaves through tiny tubes in the leaf's stem. The chlorophyll packages catch sunlight and, using it for energy, they change water from the ground and a special gas from the air (carbon dioxide) into sugar (glucose).

This sugar is the food for the tree. Because the green chlorophyll packages are so busy, they cover up all the other colours.

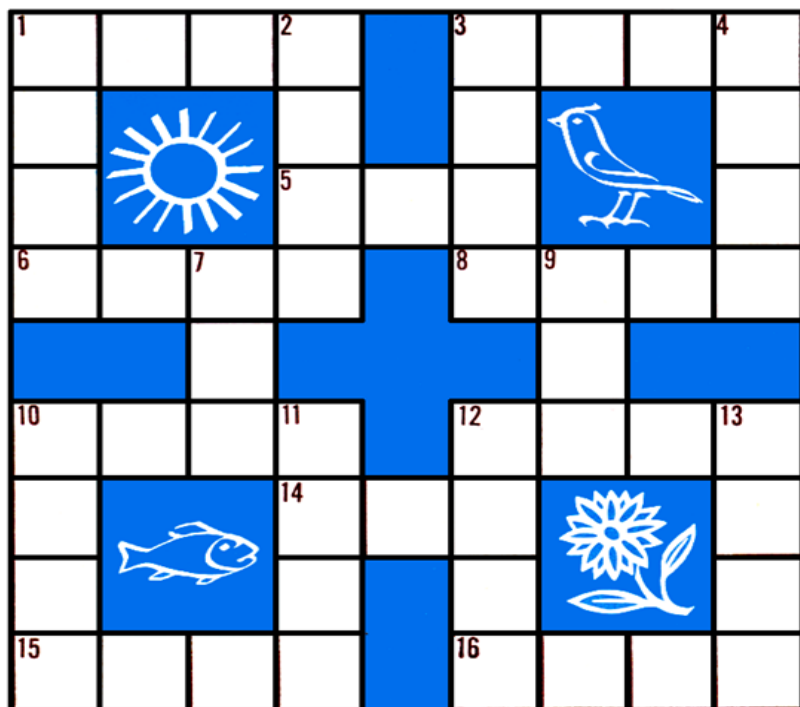
As autumn approaches, the weather grows colder. The tree realizes that winter is near and begins to get ready. A thin layer of cells grows over the water tubes in the leaves and closes them up in preparation for the winter. No more water can get into the leaf!

Without the water, the green chlorophyll starts to disappear and the other colours in the leaf -- the yellow xanthophyll packages and the orange carotene packages -- can finally be seen.

The leaves don't really change colour -- they just lose their green.

Well... that explains yellow and orange, but why are some leaves red or purple?

The sap in trees uses the same water tubes to carry the sugar around to feed the rest of the tree and sometimes when sugar gets trapped inside the leaf it can turn red or purple!



ACROSS

1. Found on beaches
3. Kind of fish you find at the beach
5. Wooden runner for sliding on snow
6. We use a hook and line to catch it
8. Measure of distance
10. Canvas shelter for camping
12. It grows when planted
14. Yesterday we --- a race
15. Windy-day plaything
16. We do this in shallow water

DOWN

1. Kind of board used for riding on water
2. Run swiftly
3. We love to do this on summer holidays
4. Travel on horseback
7. It gives us a tan
9. We skate on this in the winter
10. Journey by ox wagon
11. It gives us shade for our picnic lunch
12. Flakes for winter fun
13. Quick plunge head first into the water

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BOOLARRA'S BURNING ISSUES CFA NEWS

BOOLARRA OPEN GARDENS 2012

TODD RE-ELECTED AS CAPTAIN

At the bi-annual meeting held recently, Todd Birkbeck was re-elected as the Captain of our Fire Brigade for the next 2 years.

Di Billingsley has, after many years of exemplary service as Secretary, relinquished that position and has been elected as First Lieutenant and Steve Plath and Michelle Birkbeck have stepped up to the 4th and 5th Lieutenant roles respectively.

Boolarra Fire Brigade Office Bearers for the next 2 years are:

Captain – Todd Birkbeck
1st Lieutenant – Di Billingsley – (Support to Captain)
2nd Lieutenant – Simon Pickett – (Training)
3rd Lieutenant – Dave O'Brien – (Community Liaison)
4th Lieutenant – Steve Plath – (Brigade Assets – Boolarra Station)
5th Lieutenant – Michelle Birkbeck – (Brigade Assets – Boolarra South – Satellite Station)
Communication Officer – Mark Petty
Secretary – Rob Franssen
Treasurer – Miriam Pickett

The Brigade would also like to express its gratitude to the following former office bearers:

Roger Pither – for his outstanding work as 1st Lieutenant over recent years.
Chris Littlejohn – for his work as a Lieutenant with our brigade since

it amalgamated with Mirboo East several years ago.

Keith Rand – in his role as a Lieutenant during the past 2 years and Anne Edwards – for her work as treasurer over several terms.

CONSTRUCTION STARTED ON NEW BOOLARRA SATELLITE STATION

The foundations for our new satellite Fire Station being constructed next to the Boolarra South Hall have all but been completed and the new building should be completed in the near future.

On completion of the station, the Mirboo East Tanker will be renamed Boolarra 2 Tanker and will be housed in the new facility along with a couple of the brigade's trailers and other fire fighting equipment.

QUIET AUTUMN FOR FIRES

Since the last edition of the Link, our brigade has only responded to 5 call outs. Of these, 4 were for small fires where residents had been burning off and the fires had got away from them and the other was a fire in a box bodied truck that had been converted to a "shack" situated on a property on Snowdens Road Boolarra South.

Readers are reminded that our brigade has a specially equipped fire fighting trailer for community use which we encourage people to borrow during their burn-offs as a precautionary measure.

IS THE FIRE PLUG OUTSIDE YOUR HOME ACCESSIBLE?

A recent check of fire plugs around the township of Boolarra has indicated that not all are easily accessible for fire fighters.

Cars were found to be parked over 2 of them, another had had a nature strip garden built over it and a fourth was covered by construction material.

Fire Plugs are connection points, usually under ground, to which fire fighters can connect their hoses quickly to access water. They usually have a small steel lid covering them and are marked with a white post with a red top and blue reflector, a blue reflective marker on the road or a white diamond painted on the road.

There are 48 of these around the streets of our township. Please keep them clear.

MEMBERS PRESENTED WITH BADGES

Members who participated in the 2009 Bushfire Campaign were presented with Badges to commemorate their efforts by Operation Officer Shane Mynard recently. Members, both past and present who were not at the ceremony, will receive their badges in the mail in the near future.

Dave O'Brien



the garden of Allison Brown

4 November 10:00am – 4:30pm

Once again the Boolarra Open Gardens will be held this year. I would like to thank all the garden owners who opened their gardens last year as the day was a great success, with very positive feedback from many visitors on the day.

So far I have four gardens for this year and would need a few more to make the day worthwhile. So if you have an interesting garden and think you would like to open, please feel free to contact me on 5169 6516 for more information. If we don't have a few more gardens the day may be cancelled which would be a shame as it has been great for the community and over the years, many community groups have benefited from the proceeds.

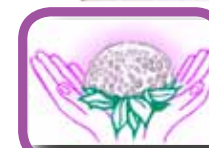
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BOOLARRA EARMARKED FOR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY WARNING SIREN

At a specially convened meeting to discuss the need for an Emergency Warning Siren for the Boolarra Community last year, a small sub-committee of interested citizens was formed to investigate the issue. This committee has met on several occasions since that initial meeting to formalise its campaign, in which it lobbied influential people to promote its cause and gained the support of our local member Russell Northe to assist in our quest.

As a result, our committee, together with the Management Team of the Boolarra Fire Brigade had the honour of hosting a meeting in our Fire Station on 27 March 2012 with:

Mr Craig Lapsley – Fire Services Commissioner Victoria

Mr John Schauble – Manager, Policy and Planning Fire Services Commissioner Victoria and

Mr Joe Buffone- Deputy Commissioner – Emergency Services Commissioner - Department of Justice.

The meeting was requested by the Fire Services Commissioner to gain feedback about new rules and regulations pertaining to Community Emergency Warning Sirens which they were planning to introduce and to ascertain our community's commitment to our proposed siren. During the meeting, it was hinted that they wanted to use Boolarra as a "prototype" which could be used as a model for the rest of the state.

At the close of the meeting we were requested to supply letters confirming our participation in and our commitment to the program from both the Boolarra Community Development Group and the Boolarra Fire Brigade. Meetings were held separately by both groups to discuss the concept and appropriate letters have been forwarded to the Commissioner's Office. The new "Policy and Guidelines – Use of Sirens for Brigade and Community Alerting" was released by Mr Peter Ryan – Deputy Premier and Minister for Police and Emergency Services – on Friday 11 May 2012.

The new policy involves the use of CFA Sirens to alert communities of impending emergencies, which is, to my understanding, a complete turn around from the policy that existed prior to the 2009 Bushfires.

Under the Policy, if a siren is activated, the sound would indicate one of two scenarios:

- A short, 90 second signal will indicate a CFA Brigade has responded to an emergency incident nearby (alerting fire brigade members to attend emergency callouts) or

- A prolonged, 5 minute signal will indicate a current emergency has been identified in the local area and people should "seek further information"

The Policy explains that Community Warning Sirens will be one of a range of community warning systems, devices and activities that can be brought to bear in an emergency. These include national based telephone warning systems (fixed line and mobiles), emergency radio and television broadcasts, use of the internet and local initiations such as door knocking and public meetings etc.

Today I received a letter from Mr Craig Lapsley (dated 15 May 2012), stating that "Boolarra has been identified as one of the first locations in which this technology will be implemented".

During the forthcoming months our committee will be negotiating the best possible outcome for our community that will include the installation of additional siren/s to ensure all residents of Boolarra will be able to hear the siren when it is activated.

It is our desire to have our Community Emergency Warning Siren functional prior to the next Bushfire Season.

The "Use of Sirens for Brigade and Community Alerting" policy and guidelines are now available on the Fire Commissioners website

www.firecommissioner.vic.gov.au

On behalf of our committee members – John Simmonds, Bert Kockshoorn, Matthew Gleeson, Michael Watt, Mark Cooke and myself, I would encourage all

residents to assist us with feedback when the testing for the most suitable location/s for additional sirens is being carried out in the future months. Notification of testing dates and times and details of how you can assist will be displayed on signs outside the Post Office prior to the testing.

Dave O'Brien

Chairperson - Boolarra Community Emergency Warning Siren Committee

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GLORY TO THE KING NEWS

Philippines Visit

Senior Minister of Glory to the King Christian Community, Rev Lynn Fowler recently spent three weeks ministering in the Philippines. The itinerary included visiting churches of several pastors who are affiliated with Glory to the King Ministries International and visiting homes in village areas.

During the trip she was also able to see first hand the devastation left by cyclone Sendong, which ripped through the northern area of Mindinao last Christmas. GTKMI was able to send funds to provide emergency relief for 100 families in the weeks immediately following the cyclone.

GTKMI has also provided some assistance for a feeding program that is run by one of our pastors for children who live on a dumpsite in Illigan, and Rev. Lynn was able to attend this program and to witness the appalling conditions these families endure.

New Bible Study

Commencing in July, Glory to the King Christian Community will be holding a mid-week Bible study on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 2:00pm till approximately 3:00pm in The Quiet Place. The study will be open to all - you don't have to be a member of GTK to attend. See our entry in the Churches section for our details.

Rev Lynn Fowler



*Picnic on the Morwell River near
Olsen's Bridge, Gunyah*



BOOLARRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

We recently watched an early historical film of the opening of a new bridge at Lakes Entrance before WW1. This film was supplied by local resident Dave Carstairs whose family were pioneers of the Lakes boating and fishing industry. The Lakes were always an attractive tourist destination, but it was interesting to see how the fishing industry was carried on early last century. Fish caught were penned in net enclosures to keep them fresh, then put in boxes with ice and sent by ship through the Entrance to Melbourne. We noticed how wooded the shores of the Lakes were then.

Given that our water is soon to be supplied by pipeline from Morwell, May's theme was also about 'water'. We put together a photographic show of the rivers, waterways and bridges of this district gathered from our photographic collection. The Morwell River seemed to be wider and deeper than today. Members discussed the exact whereabouts of the Morwell River falls and Ebie falls and the beauty of the banks smothered in ferns and wattles. There were bridges that no longer exist and bridges that had to be replaced several times because of floods. We saw photos of people swimming and even boating in the Morwell River, while in town we had our own swimming pool in the Little Morwell River at the Piggery behind the Butter Factory site. No-one seemed too fussed about water quality in those days.

Management-wise, water was the province of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission from federation until 1984 when it became the Rural Water Commission, later Rural Water Corporation – Gippsland Water. Each town had a Water Board to maintain supply. Boolarra was given its present system in 1955. Until then, all homes in town had a water tank filled from the roof run-off. We learnt that water was reticulated from a

dam on Walkley Creek, up Fishers Road, south of the town. Members of the then local Water Board who were present told us graphic stories of fishing out eels or crayfish that had got stuck in the mains, blocking off the town's water supply. Often after heavy rain, Board members would have to rebuild or restore the dam on Walkley Creek while the town suffered drinking water like tea. Then a new filtering system was introduced at the reservoir near the cemetery and chemicals added to purify things, making a difference to the colour of the water, but supplementing a chemical taste. We all hope the new system improves things.

Our present task as a group is drawing up a historical time line for Boolarra to be placed on a board in Railway Park. There are many crucial events but choosing the more important ones will be difficult. But it is an absorbing task, remembering!

The Boolarra Historical Museum is open on the 1st Sunday of each month from 2:00-4:00 pm, or by appointment with the Secretary, Mengar Hibbins (5169 6216). The Boolarra and District Historical Society meets at the Boolarra Museum on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome, and information on our activities can be obtained from Mengar Hibbins (5169 6216), Judy Webster (5169 6351) or Beth Price (5169 6241).

Ann Morgan



*Boolarra's swimming pool
- Little Morwell River at the
Piggery*

THE BOOLARRA PROJECT – LEST WE FORGET HALL MURAL

ARTIST – ERIN LAWRENCE

Erin worked on the letter “R” which represents the returning soldiers of war. Images were taken from various magazines and reference materials that showed people greeting loved ones on their return from different conflicts of war. Some of the images Erin used in this letter show families rejoicing in the fact that their loved ones have returned safely. A few of the images are of soldiers marching together in parades displaying the camaraderie that existed between serving men. Some of the other images are from comic books such as “Bluey and Curly” and “Ginger Megs”. The pictures do not represent the loss of loved ones during the war, but rather the relief of families of soldiers who survived in various battles. Erin enjoyed working on this letter and the experience has allowed Erin to develop new skills within the paint media. Erin is a local girl who lives in Boolarra.



ARTIST – ANDREW SHINN

Andrew painted the letter “S” in the word “LEST” on the mural. Andrew has depicted World War 1. He read through a large number of resource books from various libraries within the Gippsland region. Andrew then photocopied the images he thought would best suit the letter and what it stood for. The colours selected were tones of indigo and grey. Andrew used the following images to complete the letter “S”
From the bottom of the “S” to the top you can see the Australian Military in Belgium, Australian Light Horsemen in Palestine, muddy, cratered terrain in Europe, Australians in a trench, a trench in Flanders, Australian soldiers in front of the Pyramids of Egypt, Airfield with planes of the Australian Flying Corps

and finally the Imperial Camel Corps in Magdhaba. Andrew enjoyed the experience of painting this letter depicting WW1 and felt it was a positive experience.

ARTIST – DAVID SIMPSON

David joined the project at the half-way mark and when most of the research had been undertaken. David was assigned the letter “T” in the word “FORGET”. Once that was completed David worked on the “W” of “WE”. The letter “T” represents the Gulf War, Timor and the war in Iraq whilst the “W” represents women’s efforts in wartime mainly during WW2. David researched the images for the letter “T” and in his research came across the image of Kylie Minogue enter-

taining the troops in Timor.

David thought that by making the letter more light-hearted and heartfelt, this would allow people to see that not all wars have death and destruction happening every minute. He also found pictures of soldiers standing around their camps having quiet talks and cleaning their weapons and undergoing training. David also painted a soldier with the Anzac symbol above him. David hadn’t painted for 11 years when he began work on this project. He said that while participating on the project he rekindled the old passion he had for painting. The letter “W” for women’s war efforts was initially started by Lisa



Wilson who left the project to pursue other things. Lisa’s initial research gave David a good foundation for further research on the internet to source images, photos and posters of women in war. The main focal point in the letter is a large drawn portrait of a female of-



ficer of the Air Force. David used images of women from all areas of the armed forces from the Women’s Land Army (a group of women from Boolarra were involved in the Women’s Land Army) through to women working in the factories whilst the men were off defending their country. The letter was painted in tones of khaki green. This letter was completed by Ben Creighton.

Information for this article taken from the artist’s own words. Thank you.

Roslyn Carstairs

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RAIL TRAIL - GATES

The situation developing on our Boolarra – Mirboo North Rail Trail in recent weeks is a sad affair. We have always regarded our Rail Trail as our prime tourism asset, with work since the 2009 bushfires to re-build bridges and re-surface the trail ensuring a huge increase in numbers of users. A massive amount of money was spent on the trail to enable this work to be carried out, and as the bush continues regenerating and the wildlife returns, we have been lucky to be able to enjoy full use of the trail since the bridges were opened last year.

Walkers, with and without dogs, cyclists and horse riders from our local communities of Boolarra and Mirboo North have used the trail in droves. The beautiful early Easter weather saw countless people enjoying the peace and tranquillity along the trail, and regular users have been lucky to enjoy their regular walks and rides in the same environment. The car park adjoining Railway Park is often quite full of cars with bike racks and horse floats as visitors enjoy our trail.

If there are those among you who like bitumen paths and “controlled” access to your leisure activities, these are adequately catered for in suburbia, liberally interspersed with rules, regulations, and pollution. There are, however, many of us who prefer to take our leisure time and activity in the peace and quiet of natural bushland setting, breathing in the clean air, listening to the birds, observing the wildlife and natural bushland – uninterrupted by the monstrous iron gates (ten of them!) which have been erected by Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) between Mirboo North & Boolarra.

Family groups of cyclists – Mum, Dad and littlies on training wheels or towed in bike trailers, will have great trouble negotiating the chicane gates, and most big horses will be unable to negotiate them. The risk of injury to horse and rider in doing so is great.

A visit to the Rail Trail website (<http://www.railtrails.org.au/what-are-rail-trails/introduction>) states that Rail Trails are there for all these user groups – walkers, cyclists and horse riders, yet lots of users will be excluded by the erection of the gates.

These gates have been erected for the purpose of ex-



Gates at the Boolarra end

cluding vehicles from the trail, and will eventually be locked. Imagine the frustration and delay for Emergency Service providers when called to an incident along the trail. It will also still be possible for determined vehicle & trail bike riders to access the trail through the Plantations around Darlimurla. These gates have also been erected without regard for the advice of the Committee of Management, who have endeavoured on three occasions to get a reasonable hearing from DSE. They endure yet more bureaucratic delay in an effort to get consultation and improvement for all user groups and Emergency Response providers.

If you have strong opinions, either way, regarding this issue, make them known through community discussion, writing or emailing DSE, the Rail Trail Committee of Management, or local MP Russell Northe. All of the above are aware of the situation, so make your voice heard.

Author known to the Editor



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A DAY TO REMEMBER

Grand Finals in sport often throw up the most unpredictable results, but never more than the 2004 Under 17's Netball Grand Final. Boolarra, with the bare minimum players, had done a marvellous job to narrowly squeeze into the finals, but had been no match for their better credentialled and more experienced rivals, their school mates from Mirboo North, in their two encounters.

The team was led by Rachel and Claire Allison who everybody referred to as "the twins" because it was virtually impossible to tell them apart. Kacey Etherington and Meg Bye formed a solid defence, Belinda Phillips and Amy Peters patrolled the wings while Amy Halliday teamed with Claire the Forward twin down in goals. Rachel the Centre twin was the skipper and led from the middle. Michelle Moore, the ex Kiwi, was coach and she had done a terrific job drilling the girls but more importantly she instilled enormous self belief and fierce fighting qualities.

The first two weeks of the finals saw the team, surprisingly, have narrow wins over Yallourn North and Newborough, but they were drawn to play powerhouse Trafalgar in the preliminary final. Complicating matters, defender Meg Bye was due in Germany on student exchange leaving the girls a player down. One couldn't really blame Meg, if you had said Boolarra would be playing in the preliminary at the start of the season, someone would have had you committed.

Meanwhile, the community of Boolarra was reeling from a series of tragedies culminating in the tragic death of club stalwart Derek Reiske, leaving a young wife and family. Most of the town was struggling to come to terms with their grief and netball was only a secondary concern.

After a short battle with officialdom, it was decided that Bonnie Colbert would be allowed to come up from Under 15's to play in Meg's place, she would have to play in an unfamiliar role in defence.

The game against Trafalgar remains one of the most dramatic wins I have seen in sport. The girls virtually willed themselves over the line to win by one goal. There wasn't a dry eye after the game with the emotions of the week spilling over, but there was another game to go.

The day of the Grand Final bought rain, rain and even more rain, it didn't stop all day and the girls took the court in atrocious conditions. No-one realistically gave them a chance but for three quarters they played like demons reeling back the Northerners every time they looked like taking over. Down by two at quarter and half times, they reduced the margin to one at the final change. Netball supporters from other clubs joined the Boolarra contingent to spur on the underdogs in the pouring rain. The last quarter was a classic last-woman-standing affair, with both sides throwing themselves at the ball, the desperation of the Boolarra girls had to be seen to be believed. When the final bell rang the impossible had happened, our team of young heroes were up by two. Well all hell broke loose, the court became a sea of saturated red and blue as the rain masked our tears of joy.

I don't know what happened that day, maybe Mirboo North couldn't cope with the pressure, maybe the terrible conditions helped our girls, or just maybe they knew we all needed a lift, it was not only a day to remember, it was a day we will never forget.

Colin Brick



Mid Gippsland Netball Association
GRAND FINAL 0435
Grade U17and Under Date 19th September 2004
Team Mirboo North Versus Team Boolarra

Centre	Pos	Gr	Home Team	Total	Visitors	Total
M.	1	GS		9	GS	
		GA			GA	
	2	GS		8	GS	
		GA			GA	
M.	3	GS		3	GS	
		GA			GA	
	4	GS		5	GS	
		GA			GA	
TOTAL					TOTAL	

TEAM: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45
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91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

	NAME	1	2	3	4		NAME	1	2	3	4
G.S.	Fiona Madden	-	WA	✓	✓	G.S.	Amy Halliday	GA	GS	-	✓
G.A.	Jasmine Dyke	GD	✓	✓	✓	G.A.	Claire Allison	GS	GA	-	✓
W.A.	Kara Brewer	WD	✓	C	WD	W.A.	Belinda Phillips	✓	WA	-	✓
C	Carly Palmer	C	-	C	C	C	Rachel Allison	✓	C	-	✓
W.D.	Amy Peters	-	-	-	W.D.	Amy Peters	✓	WD	-	-	✓
G.D.	Claire Edney	GR	✓	✓	G.D.	Kacey Etherington	✓	GD	-	-	✓
G.K.	Eloise Windsor	-	WD	-	G.K.	Bonnie Colbert	✓	GK	-	-	✓
SUB	Ashlee Hillier	GA	✓	✓	SUB	Stacey Beemish	-	-	-	-	-
9	Kate Clancy	WA	-	-	9						
10	Melissa Warham	GS	✓	✓	10						
11					11						
12					12						

UMPIRE: CAPTAIN:

U17's scoresheet

THE DAY OUR LITTLE TOWN SMILED

It had been a long week for our little town
The young girls of Boolarra, they knew we were down
So they cast aside their doubts and their fears
To get us all smiling, forget all those tears

So the finals they made, while having some fun
Then just kept on winning, if only by one
The Demon brigade headed off to Yinnar
To take on the might of the North and its stars

It started off ugly, we all thought the worst
But back in the game they came with a burst
The pressure was great, they gave it their all
All over the court, they fought for the ball

When at last time was called, to the big crowds relief
They were two goals up, to their great disbelief
As they picked up their medals, in the driving rain
Our tears were of triumph, no hint of pain

As we stood there soaking, packed side by side
Our hearts were just bursting, swollen with pride
For sport's not about the loss or the win
It's about having a go and not giving in.

Thanks – Michelle, Amy, Claire, Belinda, Rachel,
Kacie, Meg, Amy, Bonnie & Stacey.

By Bonnie's Dad – 17.09.04

BOOLARRA & DISTRICT HORSE & TRAIL RIDING CLUB INC.

Teresa and I headed off to Bright on 14 April 2012 for a promotional weekend visit to Freeburgh Cabins. We awoke to bacon and eggs being cooked and then saddled up for the day's ride. The scenery and tracks were beautiful with several creek crossings where the water was cold and crystal clear. Sunday's ride to Wandiligong Pub and return saw us enter into "Man From Snowy River" Country. When asked if we wanted to take a short cut home, everyone said yes, none of us knowing what lay ahead. The short cut turned out to be heading off over the edge, straight down the side of the mountain. WOW!

Maurice led the ride on 22 April 2012, in which fifteen members rode from the Recreation Reserve through town to the beautiful bush areas around Barktown Road. The morning didn't look that promising, with rain and dark skies hovering above and my phone ringing hot, with members outside the area checking on the weather conditions. Some decided they weren't going to risk it, while others loaded up their horses, along with wet weather gear and made the trek to Boolarra.

As it turned out, the day just kept getting better, the sun came out and there was no rain in sight. The ride was a hit with everyone and covered some lovely terrain with fantastic views of neighbouring farms.

We congratulate one of our members, Neville Gilpin, for winning the Choc Hopkins Memorial Award at the Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally. The Award is given to the Horseman who demonstrates the best horse skills and commitment to working as a team member to the benefit of the Rally over the weekend. Congratulations Neville.

We are also overwhelmed at receiving \$5,000.00 from the Shell Community Drive, in which Dave & Jan from Yinnar Fuel & Farm Supplies nominated our Club as the recipient to receive the \$5,000.00 if their Service Station won the competition. A massive task lay ahead for Dave & Jan, competing against Shell Service Stations around Victoria and Tasmania, but through focus, determination and hard work they managed to win again! A huge thank you goes out to Dave & Jan for their un-

tiring efforts and the extra behind the scenes work undertaken to win this Competition for a second time. Thanks also of course to all their loyal customers who got behind this competition, without them this would not have been possible. Thank you so much to everyone, it was a real "TEAM EFFORT".

How's that guys - \$5,000 in 2010 going to the Boolarra Pony Club and now in 2012 another \$5,000 going to the Boolarra & District Horse & Trail Riding Club. Something 'HORSEY' happening! Well done.

On Sunday, 27 May 2012 our ride was focused around the bush tracks off Kings Road Driffeld with Mick leading the ride. Mick, as always, showed us a great time and a great ride. The colder wet weather deterred a few but we still had a good turn out. The gourmet lunch prepared by Brian was worth the wait.

Our ride on 24 June 2012 will be dedicated to Todd & Michelle Birkbeck's fundraiser to help support "THE PETER MAC RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER". Our ride will commence at the Memorial Park and complete a loop around Darlimurla and return to the Park for a BBQ Lunch. The BBQ will be put on by Todd & Michelle and any residents wishing to join us for the BBQ lunch are more than welcome. All money raised from the Darlimurla Ride and the BBQ will go towards the fundraiser. I am sure we all, in some way, have been affected or know of someone with Cancer. Let's get behind this fundraiser and help make a difference.

Our membership is constantly growing and now totals 32, with enquiries from prospective members coming through on a regular basis. Those enquiring are impressed that we undertake "Walk Only" Rides. Walk Only Rides ensure everyone's safety, from the kids to the grown ups, and give riders the time to chat and make new friends while enjoying their horse and the great outdoors.

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Boolarra & District Horse & Trail Riding Club

"WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT"



Taken on the O'Brien's farm in Budgeree on a cold March morning. It is a long haul up that hill, particularly with toddlers on board. I seemed to arrive once all the hard work was done. The photo is very reminiscent of images from the children's classic story book, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt".



Boolarra Football/ Netball Club

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

The 2012 season has begun in earnest for our Football and Netball club, with the Demons having played six rounds of the eighteen round season already. A much deserved rest from competition was had by all teams on the weekend of 26 and 27 May 2012 due to Interleague Games.

Round 7 on Saturday, 2 June 2012 will see Boolarra take on Thorpdale at home.

Further games for the 2012 season are as follows:

Round 8 – Hill End (Away)
Round 9 – Morwell East (Home)
Round 10 – Trafalgar (Away)
Round 11 – Yinnar (Home)
Round 12 – Mirboo North (Away)
Round 13 – Newborough (Home)
Round 14 – Yallourn/Yallourn North (Away)
Round 15 – Yarragon (Home)
Round 16 – Thorpdale (Away)
Round 17 – Hill End (Home)
Round 18 – Morwell East (Away)

Pink Footy day was a great success at our recent home game against Yallourn/Yallourn North, with \$357 raised by donation at the game and Yallourn/Yallourn North kindly donated \$200 towards the appeal on the day. Other upcoming important dates for the club are the annual Mid Year Ball to be held on Saturday, 21 July 2012 and our Sponsors Day on 30 June 2012. Our sponsors are extremely important to the club and the following are a few of these great organisations - Boolarra Club Hotel, Morwell Club, Lincon Hire, Yinnar Hotel, Prorent, Tony Antonelli Accountant, Boolarra Post Office, Owen Transport, LV Core and Saw, Soroptomists International, Slater and Gordon, Youngs Signs. Congratulations are warmly extended to club members Bryce Dodds and Isabelle Stewart on the birth of their son Jackson James, to Rob Beamish and Alex Garlick on their engagement and we wish Courtney Sherriff all the best for his upcoming knee operation.

The Mid Gippsland League's senior and under 18 interleague teams were well represented with players from Boolarra with Matt Dyer (Best On Ground), Chris Riseley and Tyson Leys selected for the senior side, pictured. Tim Dowe (Third Best on Ground), Matt Wigg, Sam Mazou (1 goal and fifth Best on Ground) and Jesse Giardina (2 goals) were selected for the under 18 side.

Annie's superb meals are served on Thursdays and after home games in our social rooms with everyone welcome, or come along for a look at our fantastic new deck. Our clubrooms are available for hire for all sorts of events and don't forget that aged pensioners get free membership of our club.

The Boolarra Football and Netball Club extends a warm invitation to all our community members to be a part of our club as supporters and there is always a small job to do for those willing to volunteer at the club.

Jody O'Kane

FROM THE BOOLARRA NETBALLERS

The Boolarra Netball Girls are having a great season with A Grade sitting second on the ladder, losing only one game to Yarragon by 5 goals and making our girls a solid chance for the finals. B, C and D Grades have had some wins too making them nicely competitive, which all the other clubs in the League appreciate and they are sitting around the middle of the ladder. 17&U have had a couple of wins and are shaping up to be more competitive as the season continues, with the best yet to come.

15&U haven't had a win yet, but our girls are a young team and are improving every week. Let's hope that the second half of the season sees Boolarra reduce the goal margin of the opposition team and win some games too.

We also have a great group of Juniors doing the Net-Set-Go Program. They will be playing some competitive Netball soon on Saturdays at 12:00pm in the New Churchill Stadium and they train at Boolarra Memorial Park Courts on a Wednesday afternoon at 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

We are lucky to have a fantastic bunch of girls coaching this season, also running the committee. With all the girls helping out on Saturdays with scoring etc, it is great to be involved in Netball at Boolarra.

Results of the Interleague Competition held at Meeniyan on Saturday, 26 May 2012:

Mid Gippsland Open Team defeated Alberton by 4 goals

Mid Gippsland 17&U lost by 7 to Alberton.

Congratulations to Anna McGlade for representing Boolarra in the Mid Gippsland Open Representative Team.

Jackie McGlade

*Tyson Leys - standing 6th player from left
Chris Riseley - sitting 3rd player from left
Matt Dyer. best on ground - sitting 5th player from right*

