



The Boolarra Link

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You don't have to travel far . . .



Above is one of the many beautiful areas of bushland to be found in the Boolarra area. This photo of the riverside rainforest was taken by Alan Hall about 4 kms below the Morwell River Falls.

Swanee Says.....



This was me with my sibling "The Talking Heads"

"I am the Black Swan in charge of the Jean-E-Us Shelter. I've been around long enough to have a handle on all activities here and Jean is naturally thrilled with my superior input and authority. When I first arrived I was so tiny I had to live inside the house, crouching under my "pretend" mother with my sibling (who went to the lake in the sky in the early days). Jean called us "the talking heads" because we were compelled instinctively to communicate verbally with each other every waking moment. We never shut up in fact! I was SOOO excited to be proclaimed old enough to live outside in the yard with all the other kids, I wasn't scared for a minute and gained my superiority quietly and modestly.

To read more about my life see Page 3

GET SET MEN'S SHEDDERS

As most of you would have observed, the Men's Shed (and the Folk Festival Shed) have finally been erected in the old Shire Works Depot yard in Penaluna Street.

Sub-Committee members gathered on a recent Saturday morning to inspect the Men's Shed and further their planning for internal fit-out, connection of services etc. Where possible the shed will be fitted out by members, or local tradesmen will be employed for service connections.

There is still a lot of work to be done, but the men are very happy to have finally reached this stage and have a roof over their heads! The planning and funding for this project, under the auspices of the Boolarra Community Development Group, has taken over three years and at times it has been a very frustrating exercise as bureaucracy and red tape was encountered throughout the process.

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Left to Right - we have Pat McAllister, Michael Watts, Steve Mansfield, Jeff Henderson & Rob Herni



Photo courtesy of Doug Black

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BOOLARRA OPEN GARDENS CANCELLATION

Due to the lack of available gardens, the Open Gardens will be cancelled for 2012. The Boolarra Community Development Group has decided to hold the event every second year as we are a small community and finding enough gardens each year is becoming harder, but we will be up and running in 2013.

I would like to thank everyone for your support in the past and continued support in the future.

Jill Simmonds
Open Garden Coordinator

BOOLARRA MEMORIAL PARK

Notice is given of a

PUBLIC MEETING

To be held at Boolarra Football Club Social Rooms on Wednesday, 26 September 2012, at 7:30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three or more than nine persons as the Committee of Management for the Boolarra Memorial Park for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 15 November 2012.

All positions will be declared open and nominations accepted on the night.

For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Colin Brick, OA on 5163 1212.



BOOLARRA LINK AGM

To be held on
MONDAY - 1ST OCTOBER 2012
FROM 7.00 PM

at

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NOTICE REGARDING DR. COSTELLO

Dr. Costello will vacate the Multi-purpose Building on Friday, 28 September 2012. The current intention is to consult for the same hours at 47 Tarwin Street, Boolarra (permit approval sought). There are limited examination facilities at the Christian Fellowship building.

Dr. Costello will be available Wednesday, 19 and Wednesday, 26 September 2012 for the collection of medical records.

Any record over 10 years old, or of deceased persons, will be destroyed if not collected.

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Swanee Says.....

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Currently I have eight wombats, two wallabies and one kangaroo, all babies, to look after in my yard, as well as several resident chickens and ducks. Also I am the official after hours alarm – anything that goes on after dark I announce faithfully. I trumpet and honk quite tunefully, you would prefer ME to any goose I think.

I do take a special interest in all of Jean's appearances in my yard. We chat as we go around delivering food and water to the kids. You should see what she has to do for those darned wombats! Daily harvested cut green grass, grated sweet potato and carrots, chopped apples and carrots, as well as mixed grain, all on their menu every

evening. They might be grateful but they don't know how to show it....they rush around taking every opportunity to launch themselves at her, biting her calves and then rushing off to refuel for fresh attacks. Not satisfied with biting humans, they also spend far too much time trying to bite each others' bottoms and scare each other back into their communal burrows. I hover anxiously at the door to their apartments while Jean is dealing with them, calling out my moral support to her - I wish she would let me in to help! I swear they deliberately poop in their water bowls just so they can bite her legs while she's cleaning them. Hmph, rotten little ingrates! And she has to put up with them until they have attained two years of age...."

Quoted from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Swan 02/08/2012:

Black Swans (*Cygnus atratus*) are primarily black-feathered birds, with white flight feathers. The bill is bright red, with a pale bar and tip and legs and feet are greyish-black. Cobs (males) are slightly larger than pens (females), with a longer and straighter bill. Cygnets (immature birds) are a greyish-brown with pale-edged feathers. A mature Black Swan measures between 110 and 142cm in length and weighs 3.7-9kg. Its wing span is between 1.6 and 2 metres. The Black Swan utters a musical and far reaching bugle-like sound, called either on the water or in flight, as well as a range of softer crooning notes. It can also whistle, especially when disturbed while breeding and nesting.

Jean Quick
Wildlife Assistance

GET SET MEN'S SHEDDERS

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Initial funding was provided by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, with a further large contribution by the Victorian State Government facilitated by our local MP Russell Northe. Latrobe City Council have also provided Grant funding and Mirboo North & District Community Bank are also expected to provide some sponsorship as they have for various local community groups.

The sub-Committee are keen to commence operations, so once the interior of the shed is completed and tools and equipment installed, we are sure there will be a good roll-up of interested participants in the shed's activities.

The Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) is an Australian Men's Health initiative and there are now over 700 sheds throughout Australia. The organisation has also been taken up internationally and there are also sheds in Great Britain, Ireland and New Zealand.

Val Henderson

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Thank you Boolarra & District for your support!

On behalf of Dana and myself I'd like to say a huge heartfelt thank you for all the love and support we have received and continue to receive over the past 6 months from you all. It is a reflection of you all as individuals to come forward and demonstrate that you care in whatever method has been shown, it all means so much and has given enormous strength to Dana and myself. To top it off, to have some bugger initiate the idea, gather a group together to organise the benefit night in order to raise the funds to send myself overseas to be near Dana on her exchange visit to Germany, is just amazing.

It was a fabulous night - a little overwhelming, but - now this may sound a little corny and Eamonn would be cringing - to feel the love that was so predominant in the room that night was an incredibly uplifting

experience for all. Thank you to Boolarra Football and Netball Club for changing dates of the voting night to enable the Benefit to be held there providing the venue and all those individuals associated with it as well. Thank you to the group who gathered sponsorship and to those who made donations and to those who bid so vigorously.

Colby you should be packaged! Thank you to the musicians, who made such beautiful sounds and for the delicious catering and caterers and assistants - and the cleaner-up-ers! Apart from Colby and Linda I won't start thanking individuals otherwise I'll miss someone. Thank you Boolarra and district - you're all wonderful!

Liz Tyler

Addition by Samantha Brick

Thanks again to all those who helped to arrange and run and support the Fundraiser for Liz and Dana. We had over 230 people attend on the night and the auction, raffle and door entry raised a lot of money.

Liz and Dana have established a memorial scholarship in honour of Eamonn - The E-Man Scholarship. This will be awarded to a young down hill bike rider in the local club. The scholarship will help pay for race entry, equipment and transport etc. It is Liz and Dana's wish to give some other young people opportunities to follow their dreams and to succeed.

Special mention needs to be made of 2 businesses that made significant donations and collected money for the Fundraising Event: S & J Cycles in Tarwin St, Morwell and Hair Boutique - Lani Smee in Commercial Rd, Morwell. The owners and staff of these 2 businesses donated many items for the auction, door prizes and raffle, they had jars for collection of donations, sold tickets to the event and attended it themselves.

Special mention also needs to be made of Paul Gray from the Salvation Army who donated many goods for the auction and prizes. The Rotary Club of Tasmania made a donation to the cause too. The Boolarra Football / Netball Club not only provided the venue but they donated some of the bar profits to the cause as well. Liz has mentioned Colby who did an excellent job as auctioneer.

The wonderful music was provided by Gail and Phill Schuhmann, Brodie Young & Power House Blues Band.

The auctions/raffle/door prizes included: - Local artwork, crafts & jewellery. - Electrical goods, Building labour. - Massages and personal styling vouchers. - Bikes, Helmet and Sun glasses, Chocolates and gourmet produce, Wooden Garden Arch, Quilts and hand crafted cards plus much more!!!

As Liz said, we cannot thank everyone individually, but you know who you are and your contribution is much appreciated.

SUSTAINABLE BOOLARRA GROUP

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting on 29 July 2012 regarding 'Exploration Licences' in the Boolarra and wider Gippsland area.

A working group has been formed to address this issue and we have given ourselves the working title of 'Sustainable Boolarra'.

Our goals at the moment are to seek guidance and support from Latrobe City and also to learn more about the Lock the Gate campaign.

We will be holding meetings every Sunday at 3:00 pm at the Boolarra Memorial Hall. If you want to get involved with the group, learn more about the issue or just be kept in touch then please come to the meetings or contact:

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BOOLARRA MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

After many discussions and countless meetings between the building committee, the Latrobe City Council and other groups, the Multi-purpose Building is finally going to have a facelift. The building is due to undergo refurbishment works from early October 2012 and these works are expected to take between 4 to 5 months.

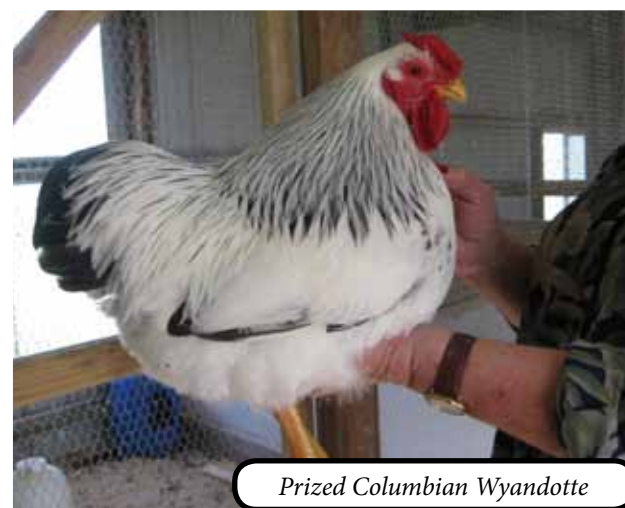
Doctor Costello will be relocating to the Christian Fellowship Building from the start of October and she will see her patients there. The other user groups will all be relocating to other venues for the duration of the works on the multi-purpose building.

Sue Warren
Secretary
Multipurpose Building Committee

DEBBIE SIGMUND BOOLARRA IDENTITY

Debbie Sigmund is renowned as a Breeder of Poultry, but more so as a breeder of rare breeds of poultry. Debbie is famed for her show birds but shies from the hype that comes with her many accolades, ribbons and rosettes. Despite her reputation in the field, never for a moment does she profess to have mastered the perfect bird. On the contrary, she relishes in the imperfect, ever looking for a challenge, striving to learn the intricacies of how to breed the perfect chook. Showing her prized chooks is neither the goal nor the thrill.

Debbie cautions that chook breeding can get very technical and boring if you are new to it, but I was captivated from the moment I stepped into her beautiful home on the hills of Boolarra. Debbie's achievements occupy a modest corner in her gorgeous open plan light filled living room. She has rainbows of ribbons documenting her near nine



Prized Columbian Wyandotte

years of showing her rare breed chooks at local, state and national levels. However, pride of place is a carefully framed photo of an exquisite Columbian Wyandotte Bantam, "Columbine". The plaque reads 'Sydney Royal Easter Show 2011', Supreme Champion. Debbie bred "Columbine" from a chick and is particularly pleased with what she learned from breeding this chook.

The Wyandotte is an American Indian breed that is admired for its shape and intricate and diverse range of feather colourations and patterns and docile temperament. Debbie is always amused watching them run everywhere they go – with only one speed, run, they don't dawdle whatsoever. While Debbie only breeds the bantam variety, she breeds a variety of colours and even trains them for show. This year will be the 150th year that the Columbian Wyandotte have been in Australia and to celebrate, Debbie has been invited to publish an article in the Australian Columbian Wyandotte Breeders' Journal – a humbling honour.

Debbie is also incredibly fond of Langshan Chickens, a rare breed originating from China. They are distinguished for their long feathered legs and their active nature. Because they are

such a rare breed in Australia, she was asked to set up a Langshan Club, she is now the Secretary of the Australian Langshan Club and publishes 3 newsletters a year sharing her passion for the complexity and distinctiveness of the rare breed. She converses with fellow breeders worldwide to gather her knowledge and satisfy her curiosity. She recently learned that in China there is a fear that the Croad Langshan is an endangered species so a special farm of 50,000 chickens has been established! In Australia there are only 2000 Langshan chickens.

Of all the shows Debbie has participated in, Australia's National Poultry Show in Canberra is an extraordinary wonder for her. Held 4 yearly, it is the biggest show in the Southern Hemisphere with over 5500 chooks on show. NOISY! At the last show, Debbie was shocked, amazed, baffled and eventually delighted to discover her favourite strutting Silky White Rooster, "Sergeant", won Reserve Champion of the Southern Hemisphere.

Debbie grew up on land in Shepparton. She and her 3 sisters have a long history of showing horses from a young age. They competed in 3 day equestrian events 9 years in a row. Debbie's daughter was a celebrated top Victorian rider. Turning her eye to chickens does seem like a natural progression for her once she moved to Boolarra. Debbie has always had chooks, but after moving to Boolarra she was introduced to the poultry club in Maffra, who encouraged her to join in and show chooks and her passion developed from there.



Adorable Daisy Langshan



Debbie's rainbows of ribbons

Debbie has always liked to know how things work, wanting to improve, fix and alter things for a better result. Her curious and investigative nature has assured that she has learned to diagnose, medicate and treat her own chooks. Her father shaped her character in this respect. He was a cattle farmer and show judge of cattle and horses. He always encouraged Debbie to really look at an animal, to have a critical eye, to look for the subtleties of the animal and evaluate them.

Her careful eye has collected many a wonderful thing, namely her home overlooking the valley and hills of Boolarra. In 1994, Debbie and husband Lou moseyed their way through an unfamiliar Gippsland looking for somewhere to settle. At the end of her tether, exhausted by the task, they were winding their way from Mirboo North heading home to Melbourne when Debbie was struck by an attractive property. She insisted she get out to walk up the hill to inspect more closely. Back in the car, by the time they reached Boolarra, Lou was aghast that they had purchased their property and were beginning their next adventure together. She struggled to explain to Lou the feeling of "just knowing" it was the right choice. She was filled with clarity and confidence about Boolarra. They spent many a weekend dabbling in the thrill of designing and building their dream home on a hill with a view.

Photos and words by Eloise O'Brien

Man is fond of counting his troubles, but he does not count his joys. If he counted them up as he ought to, he would see that every lot has enough happiness provided for it.

~Fyodor Dostoevsky

BOOLARRA FRIENDS OF THE RED CROSS

Following a confidential survey of all financial members, at our Annual General Meeting on 2 July 2012, certain changes to the structure of our local group were announced. We are no longer a Unit, but a group of people still committed to the ideals of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent. We are now known as "Boolarra Friends of the Red Cross".

We no longer have office bearers (the Secretary and Treasurer are quietly cheering!), but we will still meet on the second Monday of each month (apart from January) at the Top Shop at 1:00pm and we will continue to fund raise on behalf of the Red Cross – so, we are still the same group, but with a different name and less paper-work to complete!

During the last financial year we raised a total of \$4,089.25, which is a wonderful result from our small group. The President, Gladys Hall, thanked everyone involved and presented the Secretary, Gay Henry, and the Treasurer, Glenys Morgan,

with Certificates of Appreciation and a potted plant in recognition of their endeavours.

On 13 August 2012, we had a wonderful morning tea, raffle and sale of cakes and slices at the Multi-Purpose Room. We raised \$355.30 and a great time was had by all present.

Our next fundraiser will be "Bev's Fashions" at the Christian Fellowship Hall on Monday, 15 October 2012 at 2:00pm. There will be a wonderful collection of clothes on display, as well as a great afternoon tea, a raffle and a trading table. The Trading Table will have home grown/home made produce, books, bric-a-brac and Christmas gifts available. Admission is \$5.00. Please come and join us for an afternoon of "fashion, food and fun"! All funds raised will go to help people and families in need in Australia.

Glenys Morgan, Treasurer

BOOLARRA WOOL GROUP

Over the winter months quite a few of our members have taken off to chase the warmer weather, so some weeks our numbers have been a little depleted, but the warm and friendly atmosphere of our group always stays the same.

Roz was fortunate enough to be in Alice Springs during the Beanie Festival, which is always a great event to attend. It's amazing just how many different designs of beanies people can come up with; thousands of beanies are submitted and no two alike.

Many of us have been knitting clothes and toys for grandchildren and with more arriving each year we'll never be lost for a project. Cate knitted a very large dinosaur, Glenys a very cute stripey elephant and Mengar a beautiful fully clothed doll. Other items from jackets, blankets and beanies have also been completed for our 'littlies'.

Socks are still being produced on a regular basis by many and they're always a very welcome gift for some lucky family member.

Lori created a stunning wrap using tiny beads which took many hours of work. It's definitely a 'one off' garment, and any one would be proud to wear it.

We've recently welcomed Zaiga into our group and we hope she enjoys many happy hours with us in the years to come.

Due to the multi-purpose building closing for renovations at the beginning of October 2012, we'll be looking for another meeting place for a few months.

We're always happy to welcome new members, so if you have any enquiries regarding our friendly little group, please phone Lois 0400 722 716.

Lois Thornton

Digital TV Reception

To all my Boolarra residents.

Many of you may have signed the Petition regarding our poor Digital TV reception. Our Petition was tabled in Parliament by Darren Chester via the Petitions Committee, and Darren has replied to me and enclosed a response on behalf of the Communications Minister Stephen Conroy. This response and Darren's letter is also available

to view at the Post Office or at: www.boolarra.vic.au/index.php/community-priorities

I can only encourage you all to report all loss of signal instances to both the Networks, SC10 at Bendigo (responsible for our repeater tower) and the Digital Switchover Taskforce.

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BURNING ISSUES – BOOLARRA CFA

NON THINKING MOTORISTS PUT LIVES AT RISK

The Boolarra Tanker, the Morwell Group Ultra Light and the Yinnar Tanker were turned out to a single motor vehicle accident (MVA) at the intersection of the Morwell River Road and Bastin Street on 4 August 2012. The car caught fire and was carrying a half full tank of LPG. Although 3 fire appliances were on scene there were only limited fire fighters crewing them.

In order to stop cars from entering the potentially explosive and life threatening area the fire appliances were strategically parked across the road with all emergency lights operating. Normally fire fighters would stand on the road to prevent cars and people from entering the dangerous environment but we had none to spare.

Thoughtless motorists and “rubber neckers” put their and others’ lives and the lives of the fire fighters at risk by driving off the bitumen and around the fire appliances to proceed along the road past the accident site. I am truly amazed that people driving along a road and finding it blocked by fire appliances parked diagonally across it with lights flashing didn’t suspect that they were there for a specific reason.

A specialist team from the Traralgon Fire Station using sophisticated equipment attended and made the scene safe several hours after the accident had occurred.

BOOLARRA SOUTH SATELLITE FIRE STATION OPERATIONAL

The new Boolarra South Fire Station that is situated next to the Boolarra South Hall has been completed and will be officially opened in the near future. The station was built to replace the smaller Mirboo East Fire Station that was situated on Shellcotts Rd. The Mirboo East Tanker has been re named Boolarra Tanker 2.

Any people who live in the vicinity of the new station and would like to join the CFA would be most welcome to join us.

WE NEED YOU!

Due to a number of our long term members moving from the area or retiring due to age, we find ourselves short of numbers. If you are interested in joining our local brigade you will be welcome with open arms providing you are fit, of good character and would be able to turn out to incidents at short notice. All new members have to complete a Minimum Skills course and a Police check before they can attend incidents.

DISAPPOINTING ATTENDANCE AT OPEN DAY

On Sunday 19 August 2012 we opened our station for the public to inspect the station, our appliances and equipment and to partake in a BBQ lunch with us. We were hopeful that we would also recruit some new members. Unfortunately, only a small number of locals were able to attend.

KEEP THE SCRAP METAL AND BATTERIES COMING

The average amount we receive each year for the scrap metal and batteries donated by the residents of Boolarra is around \$3,000. The money raised through your donations is used for fire fighting equipment that makes our job not only easier but safer as well. Please deposit your scrap metal in our bin situated in the Men’s Shed enclosure.

CFA SUNDAY – 25th NOVEMBER

The Boolarra and the Boolarra South Fire Stations will be open for public viewing and information on CFA SUNDAY – 25 November 2012. On this Sunday newly published material such as “Preparing Your Property for the Fire Season”, “Fire Danger Ratings”, “Home Fire Safety”, “Prepare Act – Survive”, “Stay and Defend”, “Can I or Can’t I?”, “CFA in the Community” and “Volunteering with the CFA” will be available as well as a host of “goodies” for all children who attend. A BBQ will also be provided for participants.

For further information please contact Dave O’Brien (5169 6462 or 0428 696 462) or visit the Boolarra Fire Station between 9.30am and 11.00am any Sunday morning.

Dave O’Brien



The newly completed Boolarra South Fire Station

THANK YOU FROM THE THORNTON FAMILY

Many, many thanks to the members of the Boolarra Bowling Club who worked tirelessly to make our final farewell to Paddy such a special day, your efforts were much appreciated by us all.

Many thanks also to the beautiful people of Boolarra for your love and support over the past 3 years.

Lois, Annie, Karen and Susie

Home-made ginger beer



Ginger beer can be made simply and cheaply and this recipe is free of artificial preservatives, colours and flavours. The settling process produces Co2 so the

soft drink will be bubbly, just like the shop-bought product.

Ingredients:

- 5 litres of water
- 4 cups of sugar
- 4 teaspoons of ground ginger
- 1 cup of lemon juice

Combine these ingredients in a clean glass container and leave overnight. The sugar will not completely dissolve. The next day, strain the mixture and bottle in very clean plastic soft drink bottles with tight lids. Store in a cool, dark place for about 10 days, or until you can no longer squeeze in the sides of the bottle. Chill and enjoy on a summer day.

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Theorem: $3=4$

Proof:

Suppose:

$$a + b = c$$

This can also be written as:

$$4a - 3a + 4b - 3b = 4c - 3c$$

After reorganizing:

$$4a + 4b - 4c = 3a + 3b - 3c$$

Take the constants out of the brackets:

$$4 * (a+b-c) = 3 * (a+b-c)$$

Remove the same term left and right:

$$4 = 3$$

Boolarra 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 50s 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 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 recent weekend about six couples went to Montana Caravan Park, between Glenmaggie and Licola, to try the idea out and found it worked well. 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. It's just nice to get away for a couple of days with like minded people and not travelling very far is another good thing.

It's not restricted to couples. Families are welcome to be in on it, as well as singles, so have a

think about it and join the list. People on the list will be contacted with details.

The warmer weather could be just around the corner and that's a great time to slip away for a day or two. Isn't it nice to have some sunny days now also.

TV reception still not fantastic is it? I think it won't ever get much better but I hope I'm wrong, but the complaint has been tabled in Parliament.

The Park has been looking lovely with the trees in their winter gear, but they are starting to bud up again now, so pretty soon the trees will have their leaves again and that is a lovely sight to look at every day from our window. 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. LV 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. That gives you more time to do things in the Valley if you need to. It would be a

shame for us to lose that flexibility with the buses.

Roger and I had a lovely break in July. We checked out the Northern Territory. That's the place to go in the cold months. Unfortunately, we only had 9 days but we did fit an awful lot into that time and the staff coped well by all accounts.

How hard is it for Post Offices? Every now and then we find something that's been dropped in the Post Office. We have a pink bear which was dropped about 3 months ago and still no-one has claimed her. See the found advert.

We also get mail with insufficient address information to be delivered, but we try our best.

From the beginning of September this Post office will close for lunch from 12 to 12.45pm. in line with other Licensed Post offices. Sorry if this causes any inconvenience but we need to eat too. This was the practice in the past at Boolarra.

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

Gwenda Pither

LEST WE FORGET MURAL – BOOLARRA MEMORIAL HALL

The letter "G" in the word Forget was painted by Michael Abbot. This letter represents the involvement of Australians during the Vietnam conflict. Michael selected a series of infantry pictures ranging from walking in jungles to disembarking from ships. The picture of the young soldier using a radio set deep in the jungle represents the cold, solitary feeling of the enclosed surrounds. He warily uses his radio whilst watching for any movement. Michael used different shades of greens and khakis to achieve the feeling of the jungle.

The letter "O" in the word Forget was painted by Phillipe Horvarth. This letter represents the men marching down through the trenches and also how the Koreans had to face the torrid weather

conditions. The research Phillipe did for this letter focused on the colour scheme and how it was set up and presented. Phillipe was very proud of the finished letter.

Trish Smithson, Supervisor of the Boolarra Project, worked on the letter "L" in

Lest, the three letter "Es" in Lest We Forget and the letter "O" in Forget.

For the letter "L" Trish painted the lone soldier standing beside the grave of an unknown soldier. Trish painted this soldier after reading the statistics from the Australian War Memorial that lists all the comrades in arms who signed up in Boolarra and did their duty for their country. The first letter "E" represents the Boer War. Among the faces painted is Breaker Morant the famous Australian soldier who was executed for following orders that were politically incorrect. The three nurses are brave women who joined up to serve in the Field Hospitals. The second "E" represents World War 2. This letter is painted in khaki greens and depicts Australians in theatres of war closer to home such as the Asia Pacific region. Here the Kokoda Trail is depicted along with the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels. The final letter "E" depicts the young men conscripted for war and the subsequent refusal to recognise their bravery in service. It took many years before service in places such as in the Vietnam War was honoured by everyone back home.



Jamie Parsell completed the letter "F" in Forget. Jamie was interested in flight and aviation and depicted this in the letter "F". The colours chosen are mainly brown with gold tones. Painting this letter appealed to Jamie because of his interest in aviation.

So next time you gaze at the mural "LEST WE FORGET" it will have a depth of meaning for you that encompasses war in all its glory and sadness.

Take time to look at the new mural depicting a train at Boolarra Railway Station. Each carriage represents a theatre of war and depicts servicemen and women leaving for war or returning home to loved ones. This mural was started by various people in the GEST program. Many of them worked on it in their own time and it was finally completed by Trish Smithson. Thank you Trish.

Roz Carstairs



BOOLARRA BOOK CLUB

We have had an excellent year so far with a highlight being a book discussion and High Tea at the Victoria Rose - maybe a must for next year. This year's books have been excellent so far.

- 1. "Touching the Void" - a wonderful book on mountain climbing and bravery.
- 2. "Middlesex" - a most interesting book on both migrant settlement and the life of a hermaphrodite. It's interesting to look at how you feel if you're not one thing or another - very thought provoking.
- 3. "The Secret Life of Bees" - a look at women of the south at the time of Martin Luther King and how some women have enormous strength and creativity under hardship.
- 4. "Seven Years in Tibet" - the most fascinating of "travel stories" about that mysterious

country of Tibet, and one man's urge to be free set against a people losing their freedom by invasion. 5. "The Red Tent" - Lost to history because history is written by men, this is a fascinating story of Dinah, Jacob's only daughter (and Joseph's sister) from the book of Genesis. This tells of the customs of Mesopotamia, Canaan and Egypt and is a wonderful insight into women's business and how many of our customs have evolved.


As this is the winter semester we are meeting at Robern's for coffee and nibbles at 4:00pm, discussion until 6:30pm and then soup and sandwiches and more talk. If you are interested in reading books, discussing world problems and can meet on the first Monday of each month, give Robern a ring on 5169 6494.

Robern Lubawski

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....That's how

AROUND THE TRAPS WITH ROGER RABBIT.


Hippity Splash, Hippity Splash Splash "Ohhh, will this rain ever stop", cried Mrs Rabbit as her burrow again filled with water and mud. Mrs Echidna looked over the hills and shouted, "Isn't it a pretty sight." Mrs Wombat called out, "for the time being." "What do you mean?" called back both Mrs Rabbit and Mrs Echidna together. "Haven't you heard there are humans that want to mine around here and you both know what that will do. I've been told by my rellies what happened in other parts of the country and overseas. It's not nice" "How do we stop that happening to us here then?" cried Mrs Wallaby, who had just hopped up in time to hear the exchange. "Firstly," Mrs Wombat said "get every one talking about it and objecting, but secondly and equally important is to put up a sign excluding these humans and definitely don't let them near your burrow or home and don't say yes to them coming in to spoil our surrounds." "Look sharp, here comes the Postie. I'm going to see if I can get him to sell us a sign. They are only \$5.00 and that is a cheap investment for the future happiness on our hills and valleys with clean fresh water to drink and nice green grass to eat." Mrs Wallaby went on to tell Mrs Rabbit about the shock she got when hopping along the side of the road to see that there are man made vehicles not driving with their lights on in the foggy conditions that have been around us lately. "How can we see these fast things if they don't have their lights on. They could do themselves or us a lot of damage. Wake up you humans and be seen."

That's all for now folks.
Gwenda Pither

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BOOLARRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The last three months have been quite active, with substantial progress on a number of projects after seemingly interminable delays, including:

- Our 'Koffee Kart' has been constructed and delivered and awaits some further equipment outfitting and the formation of a sub-Committee to see it operational.
- Our Bushfire Memorial Gazebo has been commenced in Railway Park and when completed will provide an additional BBQ and shelter facility for our enjoyment.
- Our Men's Shed has been constructed and the enthusiastic sub-Committee is planning the interior fit-out, connection of services and purchase of tools and equipment. They are very excited to see this project finally coming together as it has been over three years in the planning, site acquisition and Planning and Building Permit stages.
- In another exciting development for us as a group, the Boolarra Youth and Space activity has registered with the BCDG as a sub-committee. This group has been operating for over a year and provides activities on a monthly basis for youth from Boolarra and Yinnar. It is currently auspiced by Quantum, however, Quantum's formal involvement finishes in December, although Melanie Simpson, the co-ordinator, has indicated an interest in staying personally involved after that.

The group has been getting 20-25 attendees on a regular basis and we are very pleased to be able

to be able to assist the ongoing sustainability of the group. It provides a great opportunity for this committee to tap into the aspirations and feelings of the local youth, which has been an unrealised goal for this group since inception.

However, there have been a couple of disappointing outcomes over the past couple of months. The Boolarra Community Art exhibition, which was a great success last year in terms of numbers of exhibitors and attendees, also the great quality of the exhibits, had to be cancelled this year due to the lack of entrants. The plan is to try to run it as a bi-annual event, so hopefully next year we'll get another great exhibition.

Unfortunately, the Open Garden Show also had to be cancelled this year, largely because the extremely wet conditions meant that the proud gardeners were unable to do the work they needed to do to prepare their gardens for an influx of the public. Again the plan is to resume the show next year.

The Development Group AGM was held on 22 August 2012 and went very well with around 25 people in attendance.

The meeting was chaired by Darrell White and Michael Edgar, LCC, spoke about the community health partnership between LCHS, LCC and DHS. Jeff Henderson provided a summary of the BCDG's achievements for the year and the issues outstanding. He also advised he would be standing down as Chair to concentrate on Men's Shed issues.

Elections were held, with the following people elected on the committee for the coming year:

- Colin Brick
- Jeff Henderson
- Val Henderson
- Rob Herni
- Marietta Herni
- Paul Dodds
- Gwenda Pither
- Sue Webster
- Tracy Anderson
- Gary Mills
- Mark Cooke
- Doug Black
- Pat McAlister
- Abbas Mehran
- Jill Simmonds

If you have any issues or questions please feel free to approach any of the above to have the issue raised at the monthly BCDG meeting, or feel free to attend yourself to have the issue discussed.

Especially thanks to Bob Allen and the Bowling Club who once again provided an excellent facility and very pleasant supper. It is great to have the club available to the community as a venue for events; it was ideal for the AGM and earlier in the day I attended Paddy Thornton's memorial service there and heard several comments about what a great venue it was. We are very lucky as a community to have a range of venues, from the Hall, and multi-purpose building, to the Bowling Club and the Football Social Rooms, which enable users to accurately match their needs to the venue.

Jeff Henderson
Colin Brick



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RUSSELL NORTHE'S REPORT

Member for Morwell

The Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG) held their AGM on Wednesday, 22 August 2012 at 7:00pm in the Bowling Club. I would like to wish all office bearers well.

The BCDG do a wonderful job representing the vast interests of the local community and I look forward to continuing work with the team over the next period of time.

I am pleased to announce the retention of one man police stations in Victoria. This is a particular interest to Boolarra, of course, and indeed Victoria Police have committed to

maintain all 99 one officer police stations across Victoria. The Coalition Government has always been aware of the importance of one officer police stations and we are committed to resourcing Victoria Police to ensure they remain, especially in communities where there are no alternative policing services.

I would also like to make mention of a couple of important programs now available to employers in the Latrobe Valley region. First, a Gippsland Apprenticeships Program has been established with the aim to place 50 unemployed ap-

prentices with Latrobe Valley employers by 30 June 2013, so they can complete their trade qualifications.

The Gippsland Apprentices Program will help unemployed apprentices back into work so they can finish their trade training and boost the region's supply of skilled labour. Employers will receive a \$4000 Employer Incentive Bonus to help with the cost of hiring and training each apprentice who is currently unplaced. Further details can be found at: www.needanapprentice.com.au.

The \$15 million Latrobe Valley

Industry and Infrastructure Fund (LVIIF) is currently open to businesses in the region who are able to generate growth within their business and at the same time create local jobs. This fund has already served our community well with successful applicants thus far including Hydro Australia, Fishers Timber, National Foods, Stirloch Construction and Mahindra Aerospace.

The criteria for LVIIF has recently been altered to ensure small, medium enterprises are able to access this important fund. Our local economy is constantly diversifying and this fund is vitally important to supporting businesses in the region whilst creating new jobs at the same time. Further information can be found at www.rdv.vic.gov.au/infrastructure-programs/latrobe-valley-industry.

I recently attended a community meeting at the Boolarra Hall on Sunday, 29 July 2012 with respect to an exploration licence application proposed by Mantle Mining that covered certain areas of the Boolarra and Mirboo North district. The meeting was well attended and I would like to say congratulations to the committee for arranging this event.

I have had a regular dialogue with members of the committee to discuss the concerns raised and have subsequently met with and advised the Minister for Energy & Resources of the sentiment expressed by the local community on these matters. That dialogue will continue to be ongoing and in conclusion I wish the community well for a terrific Spring.

Russell Northe



This is the way some mail arrives at our Post Office. Where do we deliver it to? I know we're thought to be really smart, but this one had us tossed. In fact, we don't even know how it ended up at Boolarra. There's no postcode. Unfortunately, it won't get to the right person by the way it was addressed. Please make sure all mail is properly addressed.

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We still have a few Post Office Boxes available.

Don't forget, if you grow it and have more than enough, it's always nice to share it around with others. So please bring it in.

We have started a secondhand book service and getting an assortment in stock to purchase or hire.

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

Wonder what our Spring will be like this year?

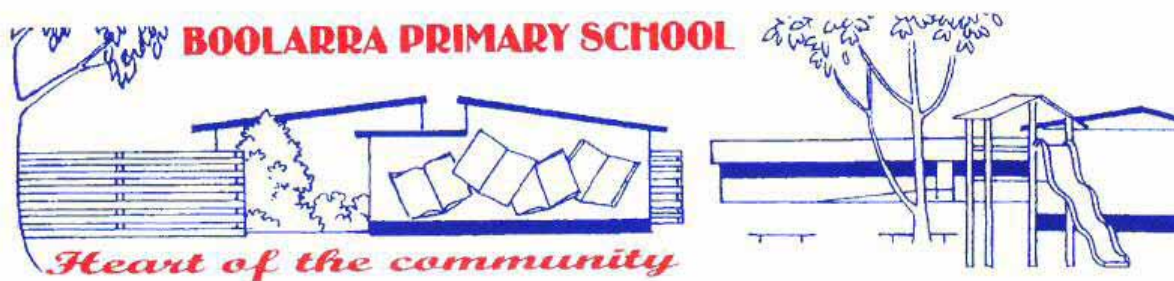
Cheers for now,
Gwenda, Roger and Staff.

Found in the Boolarra Post Office is a cute pink bear.

Although it has been there for about 3 months now, nobody has claimed her. She desperately wants her owner.

If you know whose it is, please ask them to collect or we may have to find a new home for her.





Aussies of the Month, May & June:

Abby Button, Grade 2, for being caring towards others and a great friend and Samuel Birkbeck, Grade 6, for being a conscientious student and showing great maturity.

Boolarra Has Got Talent!

Rhianne Cameron of Grade 6 won this year for her beautiful singing. Ella O'Kane, Lydia & Isabelle Reiske, Tilly Chalmers and Jemma Napier won "Boolarra's Got No Talent" for their funny skit.

Writers of the Term:

Grade 5/6, Blake Rudling for his piece, "The Death of Makarov". Rivan Aveling 3/4 Writer of the Term for "Kraitos' Journey", in the P/1/2 classes Lexi Redpath for her "Digger Goes to Town:" story, James Stanton for his diary writing and Caitie Benjamin for her "Nina's Ride".

Diary Writing by James.

On the school holidays I am going to Phillip Island. I have never ever been there in my life.

It will be so much fun. I keep on thinking it will be like Queensland.

On the 15 June 2012 I am going to my Nanna's. She lives in the bush.

I think it might snow. If it does I am going snow-boarding. I will ask if I can have hot chocolate.

Yum!

JSC Fundraising:

In term 2 \$100 was raised for the Boolarra Stompers. Recently \$170 was raised for Eamonn Flahavin's family.

Thanks Everyone!

We are very grateful to everyone in the community who collected shopping stickers and vouchers and milk caps for us. We got masses! We'll let you know what goodies these programs earned for the school in the next edition of the Link.

More Broken Windows

Please help us keep a watch on the school and report any acts of vandalism observed to the Police immediately.

Countering Bullying:

The results of the bullying survey this year revealed there were fewer students identified as bullies and fewer incidents of bullying. Our students have come up with some great ideas of some additional actions we could take to reduce bullying.

Yinnar & District Champions' Day:

Congratulations to Jemma Napier who placed 1st in High Jump, 2nd in long jump & 3rd in the 800m run, Linc Oddy placed 1st in long jump, Ella O'Kane placed 1st in discus & 3rd in shot-put, Daina Howard came 3rd in both the sprints & high jump, Lydia Reiske 2nd in 1500m & 3rd in long jump and Emre Cupples who placed 3rd in shot-put. Some of these athletes will now go on to represent the Yinnar & District schools at the Zone Athletics in September.

Science Expo

During Science Week we held multi-age rotation day centred around Science activities. This was a great success.

Grade 2 student Caterina Reiske provided this overview:

At the Science Expo we did five different activities. One was my favourite. It was with Ms. Sands. We had to pair up then Ms. Sands came around with a carton of milk. She poured the milk into a bowl and we had to put drops of food dye in the milk. We got some detergent and put it in the centre of the plate. We got toothpicks and swirled it around. We also made a six-way telephone with



Paige enjoying the Science Expo

Ms. Smith. We went to the water session [with South Gippsland Water] to learn about chlorine and other things about water. We tested water from different places to see which had more or less chlorine. It was fun!



*Leanne Emond
Principal Boolarra PS*



*Right-Lexie enjoying her purchases
from the fundraising morning tea
for Eamonn's family*

*Left-Emre competing in shot-put at
the Y&D Champions Day*



Platypus

(Ornithorhynchus anatinus)

The Platypus is a semi-aquatic mammal found only in Australia and lives in fresh water swamps and along river banks on the east and southern coastal areas of the mainland and in all regions of Tasmania. It is the sole living representative of its family (ornithorhynchus), though a number of related species have been found as fossils. They are happy to live in hot or very cold areas.

Platypus homes are burrows dug deep into the earth, some are up to 26 metres long. They take great care to hide the entrance from predators and also ensure they are well above the water-line. At the end of their burrow is a cosy sleeping chamber.

What they eat

A baby platypus relies on its mother's milk until it is old enough to find food in the outside world. Platypus find all their food in the surrounding water, with their diet consisting of yabbies, worms, insects, fish eggs and water plants. They usually look for food during the early hours of the morning and late in the afternoon, which is the safest time of the day. The platypus uses its bill to turn over rocks and stones to find food, and because it has no teeth, they use horny pads in their jaws to grind up food.

Why they are special?

The platypus is a mammal that lays eggs (a monotreme). The only other monotreme that has survived to modern times is the echidna (or spiny anteater) and both are only found in Australia and New Guinea. The female platypus lines her nest with leaves and grass to keeps her eggs warm until they hatch in about 6 - 10 days. Newly hatched young are blind and hairless and are born with small teeth that fall out very early. Young platypus usually leave the nest at about 4 months old, when they are able to feed themselves. They have webbed and clawed feet to help them swim and search for food. The male platypus has a poisonous spur on its back legs that is used for protection and the poison can kill a small animal. Platypus have a bill made of soft leathery skin and a flat bristly tail that is used to steer when they swim. The platypus has two layers of thick, brown waterproof fur to help keep them warm and dry in the water. The platypus can stay under water for up to 10 minutes but it cannot breathe underwater. When the platypus is not hunting or swimming, it loves to groom itself with its claws. Platypus predators include snakes, goannas, foxes and water rats.

Until the early 20th century it was hunted for its thick water-proof fur, but is now protected throughout Australia. Captive breeding programmes have had only limited success and although the platypus remains vulnerable to the effects of pollution and reduced habitat, it is no longer under immediate threat. The preferred plural of platypus is either "platypus" or "platypuses", depending on which dictionary you consult, with the term "platypi" no longer in popular use. There is also no officially recognised collective noun (equivalent to a mob of kangaroos) for platypus, however "an impossibility of platypuses" is gaining popularity. Similarly, there is no 'official' name for baby platypus, although "puggle", which is used for baby echidna is commonly used.

Mac'n'cheese'n'peas

Ingredients:

- 375g macaroni
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 30g butter plus 1 tbsp
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 cups milk
- 100g ham, cut into 1cm dice
- 120g cheddar cheese, grated
- 100g freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 3 thick slices bread



Method:

Preheat oven to 190C. Drop the macaroni into a large saucepan of boiling, salted water and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, until tender but still firm. Remove from water with a slotted spoon and set aside. Drop peas into the water and blanch for two minutes, until just cooked, then drain. To make a roux, melt 30 grams butter in a saucepan over a low heat. Add the flour and seasoning and cook for one minute. Add the milk slowly, stirring into the flour mixture, until the sauce thickens. Gently stir through the ham, peas, cheddar and macaroni and put into a buttered ovenproof dish, then scatter with parmesan. To make buttered breadcrumbs, blend three thick slices of bread in a food processor until they are crumbs. Toss crumbs in one tablespoon of melted butter or olive oil in a frying pan over a low heat, until golden, about five minutes. Scatter macaroni with breadcrumbs and bake in oven for 15 minutes, until golden

Colouring fun - Peppa Pig



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BOOLARRA STOMPERS – RELAY FOR LIFE

Well, here we are more than half way through this relay year. We have about 24 registered members and would love it if anyone else can join. Registrations can be done on-line 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. Hope it will be a better year than last year. This year our Relay at Churchill is on 27 October 2012. We may even get to relay this time, which will be a nice change.

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

We have done well with our fundraising and there is still time to raise more money yet. We are selling second hand books at the Post Office. We had a successful sale recently thanks to the ever helpful Robern. There will be more sale days as we go along, but don't let that stop you coming into the Post Office when you are around the area and having a browse through what we have here. The more we sell, the more money we raise for Cancer.

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

I don't know if you are aware of this but the Junior School Council at Boolarra have been quietly having things going on at school to raise money for the Stompers. Thank you very much kids. We do appreciate all your efforts as well.

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 sun. Not hot but nice warm sun 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.

YEEEEHHHH!!!

See you soon.

Gwenda Pither

Team Captain for the Boolarra Stompers.

*Below-The Trail Blazers
Tony, Barry, Allan, Ron, Bill, Val, Doug, Liz, John, Brian
and Zorca*



BOOLARRA TRAIL BLAZERS

Boolarra Walkers aim on getting fit, getting out and learning more about our immediate environment.

This year we have visited many places nearby. We have walked:

- 1 Narracan Falls
- 2 The Ridge Rd behind Boolarra South
- 3 The Boolarra Rail Trail
- 4 Up behind the Fish Farm
- 5 The top of Vaggs Road
- 6 Lake Hyland

and our old favourite, the Old Mill Site tracks. Some days we just get fit around the oval. It's a great group, very sociable, very friendly and a cheap and healthy alternative to the gym.

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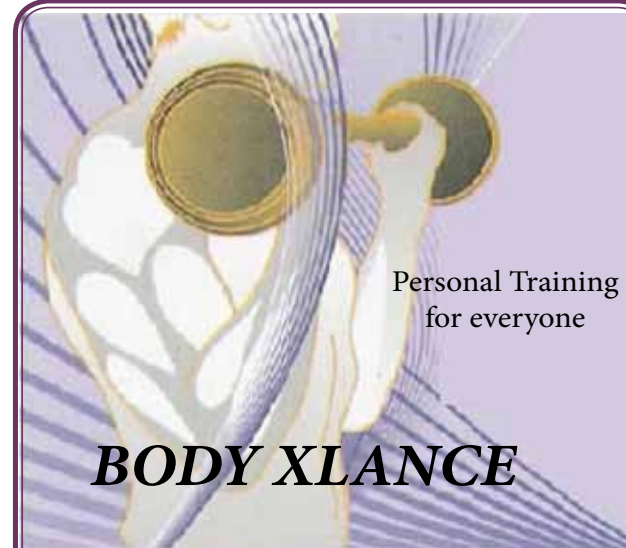


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YINNAR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY GARDEN - SHAPING UP

A boggy paddock at the back of arc Yinnar has been transformed into a dynamic and creative garden space. From the initial community vision forums in May 2011 to the July 2012 Community planting day, the fortnightly meetings of a dedicated working group and the hands-on working bees have enabled this vision to be grounded and grown. People from Boolarra, Yinnar, Churchill and even Moe, have all been drawn together through this project.

Earth works with Tony Lawless and working bee assistance resulted in the re-shaping of the garden beds, gravelled paths and a central performance space. The works revealed that the soil we had covered with weed mat was lush and full of worms and other micro-creatures. Old soil has been naturalised, top dressed, conditioned and mulched and is now in good condition.



Yinnar Community Planting Day 1

The garden bed design now looks like a Giant Flower, with 5 large and 4 smaller petals. Special thanks go to Sari Anderson for tailoring the community design into a practical and beautiful result and also to all who have helped on-site through this stage. A special thank-you must be made to Colin Anderson and Anthea Williams. Please walk around the back of ARC and check it out – it's awesome.

Regular working bees have established 8 raised vegetable beds of differing heights and the makings of material bays. The Vegie beds now have lush growth of cabbage, silverbeet, broccoli, tree onions, potatoes and Warragul greens (native spinach). We've just had our first winter harvest and it's delicious.

Busy bees have kept the longer grass down and Yinnar South Landcare has assisted with the slashing of blackberry. We are using an organic herbicide called Bioweed on the running weeds and biological control on the winter vegies. Working bees are a great way to input into the garden and those who input will be the first to share in the produce, so it's a win/win.

A Community Tour in March visited "Brushtail

Bushfoods" where Tony & Leonie Parker showed us around their small commercial bushfoods



Sari Anderson & Mark Brammar plant the first tree

farm, gave us a showbag and fed us a delicious feast with bush flavours – the highlight for many was the Warragul Greens/Native Spinach pesto! Thank you to Rosemary Abetz-Rouse for organising this special day.

The popular first Sunday of the month Sustainable Gardening Workshops have continued this year with: "Soil – Be in it" presenter Rod McMillan instructing us on soil profiles. In March we had "Plants of Significance to the Gunai Kurnai" with Koorie elder Doris Paton and her niece Holly. This hands-on presentation introduced us to indigenous foods (fresh & bottled) and useful plants of the area. With plant identification via Doris's book, a tasting component and Holly's basket weaving class, we had an informative and fun packed 2 hours. Helen Tuton returned to Yinnar in April to instruct us on how to fill the Raised Vegie beds with a "No Dig Garden" style of lasagne layering – our recipe was – wet newspaper over hay or soil, well composted horse manure, lucerne, soil, wet newspaper, manure, lucerne, soil etc. etc. until the open bottomed bed is full. Helen's enthusiasm for gardening was clearly evident and this was a most enjoyable workshop with clear benefits for the garden. Big thanks to Roy and Julie Franklin for manure collection.

May, was "Practical Composting" with Tony Lea. Tony taught us the basics and build a two bed compost bay out of recycled pallets and star pickets. Dead Easy!! The bay was then layered up with green (grass clippings, preferably running weed free or small branch prunings) then brown (manure, dried dead leaves, dead produce), green again, etc. Kitchen scraps (minus onion and citrus) went into a makeshift worm farm Tony made from two large pot plant holders. Next day we had a full-scale model thanks to Peter Collins, Sustainability Ed Officer, Latrobe City.

At the Yinnar & District Community Planting Day, Mark Brammar from Strzelecki Heritage Apples showed us how to plant heritage varieties

in preparation for future espaliering, while Sue Webster taught us a thing or two about caring for the more particular blueberries. Bare-rooted fruit trees, strawberries, herbs and garlic are now all planted, enjoying the rain, and waiting for the September warmth.

At our August workshop we welcomed Megg Miller, Editor of Grassroots magazine, on "All Things Poultry". 45 people attended this information packed workshop and Megg informed us both verbally and visually as she walked like a chook. September's workshop was "Buzzing with Bees" with Ron Branch, a local bee keeper. Many thanks to Sue Webster for the delicious catering at these workshops.

We are very fortunate also to have secured funding for 10 more workshops 2013 from RDV, along with further developments in the garden such as a rotunda, paving, a greenhouse and a bush tucker and wetland section. This is an exciting project, bringing community benefits of health, knowledge and wellbeing as well as sustainable food and a resource for the future. The close partnership with ARC Yinnar and the Yinnar & District Community Association enables this project to continue to grow and give back to the community. The Community vision for this garden as an edible feast, a place of sharing, education and artistic expression is well on the way, as well as that we will have an added tourist attraction for our district building sustainability for our region. Our next major event will be the Official Garden Launch in November, to which you are all warmly invited.

For further information contact:

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Pip Rouse the little helper

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Please LIKE our face book page "Yinnar & District Community Garden".

Catheryn Thompson

*Spring is nature's way of saying,
"Let's party!"
~Robin Williams*

BOOLARRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Boolarra used to be primarily a timber producing town during the last century with dairying in the surrounding farms gradually giving way to beef production. The last mill, Dyer's, which at its height employed many people in the town, closed in the 1980's so in June 2012 we were pleased to invite John Ryan of Morwell to tell us about his boyhood in Noojee, an important timber town in West Gippsland. Wood cut from Noojee was trained daily to the Warragul rail head and then on to Melbourne - 30 rail truck loads daily. Many trucks loaded the timber from the mobile mills to the train, a hundred trips a day in some seasons.

Like Boolarra, fires raged through the area in 1926 and 1939 destroying the Ryan family home both times. John's father and grandfather both worked in the local timber industry from 1920 onwards. John took to trucking as well. Jack Van Damm was one of the main contractors at Noojee and once he took John into an untouched valley where men were felling trees that were more than 200ft high. 9 million super feet of timber was retrieved from this valley. Trucking was a dangerous job especially on the steep roads in the area (48 bends coming out of Noojee) and John had many hair-raising stories of near misses and risky

turns. No wonder his son, Tim Ryan of Boolarra, is inspired to produce his 'Truckin with Tim' programs. With a family tradition so strong the stories just keep coming. We at the Historical Society experienced our own hair-raising event that night. The Old School shook with the earth tremor and the floor boards rose: something to record on the historical time-line!

Members Jill & John Parker travelled to Asia last month in search of Jill's long lost uncle who had worked as a Prisoner Of War (POW) and died on the notorious Thai -Burma Railway overseen by the Japanese. Jill was inspired by a speaker we had last year, Joy Derham of Morwell, who researched her father's time on this deathly worksite. The Parkers gave a vivid recount of their own research at Canberra War Archives and the finding of Jill's uncle's records and grave in the Thai Cemetery. He was part of the A Force that worked on the Burmese section of the Rail and was only 24 years old when he died, in appalling conditions, of a gangrenous leg wound and amputation. Jill and John travelled as much as they could on the Railway which now attracts many visitors from Australia, Britain and the Netherlands. Their pictures of the steep terrain and gorges show how treacherous the POW work conditions were. It was a somber story but fixing dates and seeing places perhaps makes the burden of memory a little lighter.

We have had quite a few requests for family his-

tory researches lately which rather stretch our minds and resources. We managed to find, in all cases, photographs and records to corroborate family memory, a really satisfying outcome. As well, one of our younger members, Jane Webster, has produced a digital monthly newsletter for June, July and August which we can circulate in hard copy around venues in the town. We were fortunate to receive an offer of sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank of Mirboo North to enable us to reproduce the newsletter in larger numbers. We hope to raise our profile in the town and cast about for more members. Thanks are due to the Bendigo Bank for their generosity. Thanks are also due to our speakers for their absorbing recollections and comments.

The Boolarra Historical Museum is open on the 1st Sunday of each month from 2:00-4:00pm, 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 MEMORIAL HALL INC

The Boolarra Memorial Hall AGM saw the Office Bearers for 2012/2013 elected.

They are as follows:

President: Robern Lubawski

Secretary: Roz Carstairs

Treasurer: John Lubawski

Committee Members: Jeff Henderson, Kat Kershaw and Liz Black.

The Hall Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month and the next meeting will be 20 September 2012 at 7:30pm at the Hall. New members are most welcome. We are a small but active Committee, however, it would be great to welcome some new members.

The new acoustic boards have been installed. One of the panels is an art work depicting a soldier in silhouette and a verse of the ode. The panels look great and will improve the quality of sound in the Hall. These panels have a specific function and are not for use as display boards.

The Hall has also been the fortunate recipient of 26 solar panels now connected to the grid.

Roz Carstairs

Secretary Phone: 0429 383 686

EARLY SPRING IN THE GARDEN



Things to do in September:

Sow seeds for tomatoes, lettuce, chinese greens & herbs for Summer harvesting.

Feed fruit trees, including established citrus, passionfruit vines & annuals including chrysanthemums.

Mulch with straw around each strawberry plant to reduce weeds, keep moist and protect growing fruit from damage.

Problems to watch out for include aphids, citrus gall & fungus, cabbage moth caterpillar, azalea petal blight.

Flower seeds to plant now include Petunia, Salvia, Sunflowers & Zinnia.

Carrots & parsnips can be sown directly into the soil.

Melons, zucchini and pumpkin can be planted out into the warmer spring soil.



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BOOLARRA SOUTH LANDCARE GROUP



Brian McLure, Tony Minter, Mick Crowley & Linda Minter

We are very proud to be one of only two Landcare groups in Victoria to obtain a grant under the Government’s Caring for the Country Community Action Grants. We received \$14,200 to revegetate habitat, improve biodiversity and monitor flora and fauna in part of the Boolarra State Forest. We are also to undertake a weed control program, an educational program and field days; so we are busy planning all of these.

At our August 2012 meeting we watched a DVD showing the effects of coal seam gas exploration in northern NSW and Queensland. We then discussed the importance of supporting the ‘Lock the Gate’ movement to prevent the search for coal seam gas in this area. As a group we are joining the Lock the Gate Alliance and a number of members have submitted written objections to the granting of a mining license. We are also supporting the use of ‘Lock the Gate’ signs on gates so that opposition to exploration is very obvious. It is important that we have as many signs on gates as possible so that mining companies can see how many objections they would face in the area. Buy your sign at the Post Office and display it prominently.

The wet weather has slowed us up a bit at the mill site but we are getting ready to finish Bastin Track and the retaining wall around the toilet. We have just planted some wetland plants around the dam and there is lots of mulching and weeding to do. We have the new ride on mower ready to go when

things dry out a bit. No doubt it will get plenty of use as the grass begins to grow. Contact Linda Minter or John Lubawski if you can lend a hand, especially helping John with the mulching in the Arboretum.

On Saturday, 1 September 2012 we had Malcolm Grant as guest speaker followed with a walk and



Mick Crowley, Tony Minter & Brian McLure driving

a BBQ. We hope to get more community involvement at the Mill site as this has been advertised in the town and it should be an interesting morning. We will be having a number of guests in the next few months so keep your eyes on the notice board near the bus stop for coming events.

Denise Schiller



NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE SOON



“They Gave Their Today For Our Tomorrow”. A new publication by local author and well known identity, Roz Carstairs, is the story of the 29 soldiers from Boolarra and district who died while fighting in WW1, WW2 and Korea. It will be available for purchase early/mid September and can be purchased from the author on 0429 383 686, the Boolarra Post Office or the Boolarra Historical Society for \$20.

MARDAN TO CELEBRATE HALL CENTENARY



Mardan Hall
1950's

The South Gippsland farming district of Mardan continues to make plans to celebrate the centenary of the local hall built in 1912.

We would like as many as possible to participate so we are asking you to register your interest (especially to assist with catering) and pass on this information to others that may be interested.

People are invited to gather at the hall from 2:00pm on Saturday, 27 October 2012

The activities on the day will include a commemorative tree planting, home style afternoon tea with Centenary Cake and then later finger food refreshments in the evening prior to the official unveiling of a plaque to commemorate such a significant occasion.

The Centenary Committee is currently looking for names and addresses of former residents of Mardan to invite them to the celebrations. If anyone has any photos to share we would love to hear from you.

Secretary, Faye Marshman ph: 5664 1209

Email: kanton68@bigpond.net.au

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SI Victoria Inc Region

A local group of women are working to establish a Soroptimist International Club in Gippsland. We meet, monthly at the Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning Centre. And have some social meetings and events too. We need more members to become an established club. We are a friendly group who have fun while doing what we can to make this a better world.



Mongolian project - Janine Brophy - Dixon showing one of the post cards made by a Mongolian Artist.

Janine Brophy-Dixon was one of the guest speakers at our social meeting on 22 August 2012 at the Morwell Bowling Club. She spoke about her project "Post Cards in Mongolia and Australia linking rural women". She and a colleague took 100 post cards that had been made by Australia women in rural settings to Mongolia. They travelled to very remote locations – sometimes by horse back – to meet with women and asked them to make post cards too. The idea is for the post cards to start up a dialogue between the women in these different cultures and to establish links. Janine described the very harsh living conditions of the Mongolian people who have extreme weather conditions and live in a large tent called a Ger. Some Soroptimist International Clubs raise mon-

ey so single mothers (often with extended family) can have a Ger of their own. This provides a safe place to bring up their family. Another project was the Soropto'sheep; where clubs raised money to provide sheep and goats to families so they could have an income and survive (many families' herds were wiped out in a huge storm a few years ago). Our local club provided some of the art materials for this project so the Mongolia women could make the post cards. Janine said that some families don't even have a pencil in their Ger and they are often trapped inside during the winter months with -20 degrees.

Another project we have supported recently is the Vcca Domestic violence group to decorate the walls of the women's refuge which is to be built soon locally. A group of women will meet together and use the painting supplies to create art pieces while enjoying each others fellowship and aiding their own recovery. Esme Thompson was our other guest speaker on 22 August 2012 and she told us about this project. We had a beautiful painting of Bogan Moths, donated by Gloria Whalen. Gloria is part of the stolen generation, her people are the Wiradjuri of NSW. Gloria has also donated a special painting for our group which represents a woman scarred by domestic violence and life being supported in her recovery by many people and being able to move out into the community again refreshed; finding her wings to fly and many paths for her to follow her dreams.

The Gippsland Soroptimist International Group held sausage sizzle at Bunning's in Morwell in May 2011 and February 2012. The funds raised have been put to good use locally – a scholarship was provided so a woman could participate in the training course "Increasing Women's Options", at Traralgon Community Learning Centre. We made a donation of money and goods to "Fitted for Work," Collins Street, Morwell. And a donation to "Global Studio". All three donations are assisting women to increase their skills and improve their lives.

Other projects the Gippsland Soroptimist International Group has been involved with include; running a lunch for Sudanese Refugees and explaining how local ingredients can be used to cook nutritious and cheap family soups. One member donated a sewing machine to a Sudanese

Lady so she can make clothes for her family and help provide an income for herself.

We arranged the donation of over 500 roses to local people who experienced the horror of the bush fires in Latrobe City. The rose grower was Treloar Roses in Portland and they generously offered to donate stock and cover the transport costs. The Soroptimist International fire recovery committee also donated the memorial for the animals lost in the fires; this is located in the Boolarra Park near the new shelter.

Soroptimist International also provided 3 years of funding for the Boolarra Netball Club. They have a sign acknowledging the donation on the netball / tennis courts. The logo of the lady is also on the Boolarra netball uniform and on the shelter.

Soroptimist International is a world wide movement that involves women from many backgrounds who want to work together to help other women to achieve their individual and collective potential. In particular we concentrate on helping women and girls to have access to education and healthcare. More information is available on the Internet www.sorop.org www.soroptimistininternational.org

You are most welcome to attend the coming meetings;

19 September and 24 October 2012 at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start at Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning Centre, Breed Street, Traralgon, refreshments provided.

For more information contact: Samantha Brick on 0427 824 722

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Samantha Brick, Jo Jablonski, Maggie Mitchell (standing left to right), Esme Thompson, Gloria Whalen (seated Left to Right) -with the painting done by Gloria and presented to the SI CG Club.

Boolarra Memorial Park

The current Committee's three year term of office expires in November, so a public meeting to elect a new Committee will be held in the near future. The Committee manages the reserve and its facilities in the interests of the community of Boolarra, and coordinates the use of the facilities by the different user groups and the general public. If you are a user of the facilities at the reserve please come along to have your say in the election of the Committee to manage the reserve for the next three years.

The last three years has seen some significant developments at the park. A great deal of the time and effort has been involved in liaising with Latrobe City over redevelopment of the netball change rooms and a new toilet block and on the resurfacing and enlargement of the netball courts. The Pony Club have been very active in upgrading their facilities, with the ongoing development of a cross country jumps course and construction of additional sand training arenas and a number of stalls for use by members to keep their horses during club activity days. Once the jumps course is completed it will give Boolarra some of the best equestrian facilities in the region.

After a prolonged drought the past two years have been much wetter. We were very disappointed at the condition of the oval in 2011 as our drainage systems performed very poorly. A range of actions were undertaken to improve the drainage, both during the football season and after the season. We arranged for scouring of the drains and later in the year had the oval 'vertidraind', whereby a machine performs a slicing action 10cm under the surface, facilitating drainage. Following a soil analysis we also had 4 tonne of lime spread on the oval.

After a wet summer, 2012 was always going to be problematic, as the ground was quickly saturated. However, we have been fairly happy with the condition of the ground during the season despite the rainfall, as it has drained well and has not become excessively muddy. Certainly at this year's Elimination Final the oval looked a picture and there were many pleasing comments from spectators, umpires and players about the condition of the ground compared to most other local grounds.

Over the past three years we have had something of a change in philosophy with regard to maintaining the oval. In the past, we have had a mowing contract for the oval, but a couple of years ago we purchased a ride on mower and volunteers from the committee or the cricket club have done the mowing. This has provided significant costs savings and also enabled us to have the oval cut more frequently when the growing season necessitates it. Special thanks to Lawrie Havrillay who houses the mower and undertakes the routine servicing and to Neil Rodgers who has enthusiastically taken on the role of mowing the oval.

In addition we have also purchased a tractor in conjunction with the Pony Club for use on the many heavy duty tasks around the reserve. We are currently looking at the erection of a shed to store the tractor and mower and to provide some other storage facilities.

Over the past couple of months there have been some serious electrical issues at the park. An A-grade electrician was called in to look at the issue and he identified a potential dangerous earth leakage occurring and closed down one switchboard and the oval lighting that ran from the switchboard. He undertook some preliminary works to make the installation safe and to get two of the light towers functional. However, there is still considerably more expensive work to be done to fully resolve the problem and to get all the towers operating.

One issue that has become increasingly apparent to the Committee is the need for an integrated strategic plan for the ongoing development of the reserve, with input from the user clubs and the community of Boolarra. We need to do this to identify our focus for maximising use of the reserve and for improving our facilities. A recent example is a proposal from the Boolarra Trail Riders Club to develop some new facilities at the reserve using No. 2 oval.

Latrobe City has developed a blueprint for development of the reserve under the Southern Towns Recreation Reserve Development Plan. We need to work with Latrobe City and the Boolarra Community Development Group to take advantage of some of the funding opportunities that arise, especially the exciting possibilities created by the Mirboo North Foundation and the Mirboo North Community Bank.

Colin Brick
Secretary
Boolarra Memorial Reserve

MEN'S SECTION OF THE BOOLLARRA BOWLS CLUB

Thanks to Stan and Sean, along with a few other helpers, who are (when the weather is right) concreting both ends of the green so that we can bowl in any direction.

The green itself is looking particularly good and our indomitable Greenkeeper has started cutting and rolling. This will give us a great asset for the club.

Over the winter months we have started having "jam sessions" on the last Sunday of every month. We started in June 2012 which was a very successful day. There were 20 plus Muso's and between 30 to 40 people listening or joining in. The July 2012 day was even more successful. These sessions are from 3:00pm to 6:00pm with food and drink available.

By the time 'SUMMER' arrives we hope to be having other activities on the go as well.

Any enquiries may be made at the club on 5169 6511.

Yours in Bowling



Above - Arnie Young shows his talent at the 'Jam Session'



Left - A good roll-up and a variety of instruments made the session a real success

BOOLARRA CEMETERY TRUST REPORT

We are pleased to advise that the Trust were successful in obtaining a partial grant of \$3,500 from the Local History Grants Program. These funds will be used to establish a web-site for the Cemetery and we will gradually add the records of all the burials in the Cemetery as well as current information regarding fees, finances and regulations. Matt Gleeson and Glenys Morgan are the co-managers of this project.

Visitors to the Cemetery will notice that the Monumental Lawn Section has been extended and several plots have been reserved. Prices, which are approved by the Department of Health, increase in accordance with the Consumer Price Index on 1 July each year. Current prices are on display in the Gazebo. Anyone wishing to pre-purchase a plot should contact the Secretary on 5169 6721.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 15 August 2012 and the following office bearers were elected:

President: Ian Blake.

Vice President: Michael Gleeson

Secretary/Treasurer: Glenys Morgan

Grounds Secretary: Bill Armstrong

Historical Records Secretary: Matt Gleeson

Committee Members: Ross Hall, Roborn Lubawski, Judy Webster, Fiona Kemsley, Scott Price and Les Hunt.

Our next meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall (stage) on Wednesday, 17 October 2012 at 7:30pm. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome any constructive criticism and/or new ideas.

Glenys Morgan, Secretary



BOOLARRA AND DISTRICT YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY

The Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company - BandDyTC are concentrating on learning their lines for the Gala Theatre performance on 26 October 2012. Please keep this date free - tickets will be available for purchase at the Boolarra milk bar (top shop) and Post Office or by booking tickets through me (Garryelle). Tickets must be booked and paid for BEFORE the performance so we know numbers for seating etc. We aim to have a 'full house' so please support this innovative venture for our youth.

It is by having a live audience at the end of something our youth have prepared for that makes it such a wonderful opportunity for them. They get to shine on stage and this is a very special thing. I am not going to say what our youth are going to perform - I will leave you in suspense - or come along as a volunteer and you will know more!


We would like some community support in the building of props. We can supply everything needed. Please ring me if you can volunteer for the following workshops as we can organise times that suit everyone. We would like to have a prop making workshop, a costume design and sewing workshop and a theatre make-up workshop. Teachers of these workshops will receive \$100 per session (each session about 2-3 hours). If you would like to teach/run a workshop, please ring me.

Parents reading this - have you thought about enrolling your child/youth in BandDyTC? It is a great concept and the youth really enjoy their


weekly sessions throughout the term. They learn a great deal through the skills that Dan Clancey teaches them and they have a supervised social time. It only costs \$3.00 per session if paid at the start of each term. Our Theatre Company is able to run because we received a generous grant from the Mirboo North and District Foundation and a donation from The Bendigo Bank (Mirboo North Branch). It is time to put in another funding application and I would like to receive written letters of support for our company from within the community. Please share your support to make sure our youth keep having this wonderful opportunity to grow and develop, bringing richness and empowerment into their lives.

Would you like to join our Committee? We are very low key and friendly and don't have too many meetings. You don't have to have a child attending to be part of our Committee. I know everyone is busy, but I encourage you to get behind this venture, because it is very worthwhile for all of us to keep it running. The health benefits (emotional/psychological/social) that our Theatre Company provides are enormous and it is what our youth need. This can spread out into our community by us all helping a little bit and then seeing what is possible in the production at the end.

Garryelle Rose. PH: 5116 5163 BandDyTC times - Friday afternoons - Juniors: 3:45pm to 4:45pm Seniors: 5:00pm to 6:00pm



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GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS FOR BOOLARRA

This series seeks to throw the spotlight on some of the great sporting achievements, especially team performances, which have occurred throughout Boolarra's history. As such, we tend to look back into the archives to identify interesting and worthwhile stories.

However, over the past 10 weeks an individual from Boolarra has achieved distinctions that warrant immediate recognition in this series.

Boolarra has had many fine footballers even if the ultimate success of a premiership has been a rare and elusive prize and it would be difficult to choose the best ever. No doubt Dicky Penaluna would have said he looked at the greatest in the mirror each morning and Arthur Robbins and Noel Fox in the 40's and 50's were both great champions for the club. In more recent times Danny Morgan came up through the ranks at Boolarra and played with Gippsland Power, was selected in the Australian U18 side and went on to play 16 games with Essendon in the mid-90's. Certainly one of Boolarra's finest ever would be Matt Dyer.

Last years' premiership was a great team effort based on a solid contribution from every player and an unremitting commitment to each and every contest by the whole team. It was an extraordinary story, both in terms of the on-field performance, and the fairy-tale like way it came about. However, that is a story for another day. There is no doubt that the on-field maestro leading the orchestra was local boy returned, Matt Dyer.

Matt was an outstanding junior footballer who displayed his special talents for several years in some pretty ordinary Boolarra teams in the early 2000's before moving to Geelong for work. In Geelong Matt played for seven years with St Mary's in the very strong Geelong Football League. However, Matt had always harboured the ambition

to return to play for Boolarra and in 2011 coach Tony Giardina was able to entice him to return.

Matt's professionalism was a revelation, both in his own approach to the game and in the way he worked with the rest of the team and his expectations of them. He also worked off the field to get the infrastructure the club needed to be successful on the field. Once the season started, the word quickly spread throughout the league about the blonde bombshell that was at the bottom of every pack, winning clearances, spreading to receive and using the ball well once he got it. Thirty qual-



Matt Dyer - All Australian

ity possessions was a poor day at the office.

In 2011 it seemed Matt achieved just about everything a Mid-Gippsland player could achieve, being selected for the inter-league side, winning both the Boolarra B&F and the league's Elder-Berwick Senior B&F medal and then being named best on the ground in Boolarra's grand final triumph.

Grand Final celebrations can very quickly become an over the top beer swill. At the celebrations Graeme Colbert introduced each player to the crowd and they each said a few words. That night Matt increased my admiration for him when he reminded his team mates that winning the grand final did not give them a license to be dickheads; even in the midst of team and personal triumph he maintained his professional approach.

To think that Matt could top 2011's achievements would have seemed a pipe dream, however, that is what he proceeded to do in 2012. With the loss of a number of key personnel and ongoing injuries, the team lost its structure somewhat, and was not able to perform to the same standard as in 2011. But Matt kept up his outstanding performances, despite being closely tagged each week.

Once again he was picked in the Mid-Gippsland inter-league team and was best on the ground in a narrow loss to the Alberton League. As a result of that performance Matt was selected in the Victorian Country Football squad, a great performance in itself, because Mid Gippsland is one of the lower ranked leagues in the state and the squad normally consists of players from the major leagues.

Matt was delighted to make the cut for the VCFL No. 2 team, to play in the Australian Country Football Championships held in Wagga in early July. He quickly became a crowd favourite at the carnival, with his relentless attack on the ball, and his shaggy blond hair earning him the nick name

"Mad Dog". A series of great performances, including a couple of best on grounds, helped his team to the final of the carnival, where it was out-classed by the VCFL No.1 team, despite another solid game from Matt.

At the end of the carnival, Matt was chosen in the Australian Country Football squad as rover and was also selected as Player of the Carnival. To put this in context, I doubt that any other Mid-Gippsland player has ever been chosen in the Australian squad; to be chosen as 'Best of the Best' is an incredible effort.

Last Saturday, Matt won Boolarra's B&F again. I think that he would have been just as proud that his brother Jim, who he coaxed back to playing again in 2011, came runner up to him. Matt is proud of Boolarra, and we're certainly proud of Matt, and hope that he continues to get what he loves out of football.

Colin Brick

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Boolarra Tennis Club

**JUST A QUICK NOTE
REGARDING THE 2012 -2013
TENNIS SEASON**

**The season starts in late
September**

**Please call
Samantha Brick (5163 1212)
if you are interested in playing
senior tennis.**

**Sharon Giles (0427 619 650)
is the contact for junior tennis**

Netball Club Report

Netball at Boolarra is an exciting way to enjoy your leisure time. This year we started with the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League competition by fielding all 6 grades. We had a very competitive season with lots of wins under our belts. A and C grade made it to finals.

It is nearly impossible to field six teams from such a small community and we wouldn't be able to do it without players and coaches coming into the Club from other areas to help out. This is a huge commitment from all concerned which is really appreciated by the Club. Our coaching panel seems to be getting stronger and stronger each season which is a huge benefit to our players. This year we saw the appointment of a Junior and Senior Co-ordinator which helped assist the smooth running of the Club for the Committee. We also entered teams in the Churchill Junior Indoor competition which was a lot of fun for our Netta players and their parents.

On the Committee we have some very hard working people and this year a couple of them took on League positions which added a huge workload to their already busy schedules. We also have a very small band of warriors that provide a meal on Thursday nights. These ladies work very hard all season for the netball club and they do an excellent job. Boolarra hosted a final for the league this season which was done in true Boolarra fashion of hard work and professionalism. The grounds just looked fantastic which was very much a showcase for the town. Twilight mixed competition will run again in the warmer months and this is always well supported by the town. It is a hotly contested but casual game to finish off the year.

May I take this opportunity to thank everybody for their assistance and guidance throughout this first year of my Presidency and look forward to another, even better season next year.

*Heather Notting
(Netball President)*



Left-This is one of the final games in progress, showing off our wonderful court complete with team flags & league marquees.



Below-Annie McGregor in the Football Netball Club Kitchen

Upgraded facilities & new crockery funded from Grants are being put to good use with meals available to the community on Thursday nights during Football season & the rooms are available for hire all year round



*Above-The boys looking after the BBQ at the qualifying final hosted by Boolarra
Left to right - John Cargill, Keith Holmes,
I think Green means Jody O'Kane, Paul Dodds & Colin Brick.*

*Right - Football Club Treasurer Darren Napier and our local Bendigo Bank Manager Alan Bannister
A solid handshake after accepting a sponsorship cheque for this season and to seal the ongoing support from the **Bendigo Bank***

Thanks Alan



*Left-Junior Netball Girls
Back row - Katherine Martin (Coach) Caterina Reiske, Jemma Napier, Isabelle Reiske, Anabel Bongailas, Holly Dubois, Jackie McGlade (Coach)
Middle row - Brooke Herbert, Eve Cornell, Jorja Oddy, Sasha Chalmers, Madison Jeffrey,
Front row - Lexi Redpath, Maddison Smith, Carlene Seales and Lydia Reiske*



Boolarra Football/ Netball Club

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

Under 10's 2012

This year Boolarra Football Club again fielded an under 10's team. The team consisted of Jacob Carnes, Jude Carnes, Caleb Gregor, Declan Gregor, Lachlan Smith, Maddison Smith, Rivan Aveling, Quin Aveling, James Stanton, James Potter, Thomas Burt, Adam Picket, Thomas Rawnsley, Tyson Cameron, Quinn O'Kane, Ella O'Kane, Emre Cupples, Meila Cupples, Rueben Van Zuylyn and Sharee Rhodes.

This year James Holmes from the Senior Team was the boys' coach and really brought out a great team spirit and determination within the kids. Every game was played with good sportsmanship and enthusiasm by all the kids and all were thrilled to be able to tackle this year.

We had a few close matches and even though there were no wins, every player had a great time on field and steadily improved. Declan always had a priceless grin after every tackle he was in or kick that he got! A really big highlight of the year was playing a home game, thanks to Shirley's organisation and the opposition's cooperation. Having a banner to run through was a special event, the kids were really thrilled.

A big thankyou to 'Sheepy' for all his efforts and for being a really big inspiration to the kids, the Senior Boolarra Football Club who covered all the costs involved for the kids to play and Scott Gregor who tirelessly assisted at training and on Saturdays every week. Thanks to Jody who was almost always goal umpire, Lydia who often kept time and was chief cheerleader and Simon Pickett who often helped out at training. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Katherine Aveling



Football Club Report

With the 2012 season drawing to an end, our Senior and Thirds (18 and under) teams have finished for the season being seventh and ninth on the Mid Gippsland ladder respectively. Our Reserves team finished third on the ladder and narrowly lost their Qualifying Final at Boolarra against Morwell East by 1 point but are still in the hunt as they received a double chance.

The Senior team under Coach Tony Giardina finished with seven wins and a draw for the season with wins against Trafalgar, Hill End, Yallourn North, Yarragon (twice), Thorpdale (twice) and a draw against Morwell East in the last game of the season.

The club has had an unlucky season due to injuries but it has given us a chance to bring on our good bunch of junior players and give them valuable senior experience.

In the Round 17 clash against Hill End the club had a 77 point victory and in that team were 7 junior players (Jesse Giardina, Sam Mazou, Tim Dowe, Matthew Wigg, Jack Battersby, Josh Anderson and Anthony Mobourne) which is great for the future of the club. Senior 2011 Premiership Coach Tony Giardina has been reappointed for the 2013 season and is actively on the recruitment trail for the upcoming season. The Reserves under Coach Mark Carnes finished third on the MGFL ladder and are currently playing finals. They finished the season with 13 wins & 5 losses. After a narrow 1 point loss to Morwell East

*Right - U10s
from left top row:
James Stanton,
Meila Cupples,
Rivan
Aveling, Emre
Cupples, James Pot-
ter, James Holmes
(Coach), Jacob Car-
nes, Ella O'Kane,
Reuben Van Zu-
lyyn, Thomas Burt,
Lachlan Smith.
2nd row from left:
Quin Aveling,
Declan Gregor,
Caleb Gregor.
Front row from left:
Maddison Smith,
Tyson Cameron,
Jude Carnes and
Quinn O'Kane*



The club would like to thank Hawthorn Football Club, V Line and Rod King for the tickets and rail transport to the Hawthorn versus Greater Western Sydney match at the MCG earlier in the year. Approximately 60 junior players & adults attended this game which was very well organised by Jody O'Kane.

The Boolarra Football Netball Club would like to thank their valuable sponsors for Season 2012 and ask that you get behind these businesses as they support our community club.

Pro Rent, Tony Antonelli Accounting, Lincon Hire & Services, Boolarra Pub, Anish Parekh The Good Guys, Mirboo North & District Community Bank, Slater & Gordon, Boolarra Fish Farm, Gibson Groundspread, Latrobe City, Owen Transport, Yinnar Community Hotel, Morwell Club, Boolarra Post Office, Trafalgar Mens & Boyswear, Asclear, Tradeweld, Valley Trophy Centre, Soroptimist International, Strzelecki Plumbing, J Smith Motors, Monacellars Wine & Spirits, Palms Apartments, Prosper Valley Excavations, Valleywide Tree Services, Windmill Ag, Riviera Display Kitchens, Mirboo North Golf Club, Kennedy Haulage/ Driffield Quarries, Prosper Valley Gravel, G & C Plasters, Out of Dough, Willaton Transport, BJ Bennett & Co Real Estate, Onsite Machining & Pipeline Services, Benson Timber & Hardware, Latrobe Valley Funeral Services, Bellebanne, Gatts Panel Works, Willys Bobcat Hire, Ken Grigg Tax Agent, Homepak, Norm Oliver Butchers, GM Conveyancing, Young Signs, Pazzaz Printing, Latrobe Eyecare, Samantha Brick Health & Massage, Russell Northe, McDonalds, Morwell Tenpins, KFC Churchill, Future Flicks, Massaro Motors, Alfresh 2 Go, LV Core & Saw

they now play Yinnar on Sunday, 2 September 2012 in the 1st semi Final at Mirboo North.

The Thirds under joint coaches Thomas Beamish & Shane Colbert finished 9th with wins against Morwell East (twice), Thorpdale & Yallourn North but also had several very close games that could have gone either way. The team also had several injuries during the season but look forward to a strong 2013 season as they do not lose many players from this team. The Under 10's, under Coach James Holmes, playing in the Traralgon & District Junior Football League also had a good season, they are 2nd in that league and are picking up the skills and developing into the future senior players of our club. The team has shown great improvement from Round 1 through to the end of the season and numbers also picked up on the way, which is great for the future of the club.

The club recently held their 2012 Best & Fairest with the following winners:

Seniors Best & Fairest – Matthew Dyer
R/U Best & Fairest – James Dyer

Reserves Best & Fairest – Robert Beamish
R/U Best & Fairest – Josh Wilson

Thirds Best & Fairest – Jack Battersby
R/U Best & Fairest – Josh Anderson

*Darren Napier
Treasurer of the Boolarra Football Club*