



The Boolarra Link

Going

Going

Staying!



Due to changing circumstances four members of the Boolarra Link committee have resigned from their positions at the last AGM (thanks for your services Mark, Jan, Lois and Joy). We welcome one new member to our committee (Rosemary, Alan and Gary who has volunteered as the sub editor). The role of public officer, treasurer and advertising officer is held by one committee member (thanks Luke) and we need a new President and Secretary.

Lois has kindly offered to stay on as an acting secretary, and we have heard from some interested community members who are willing to help out.

We will be happy to have anyone that can help either in a small or big way, you do not have to have previous experience.

All the current committee members are doing

a lot of work to ensure that each addition of the Boolarra Link is produced every three months. Boolarra is a great town to live in but this can be even better if the residents are informed about the community and its events. So it is important that the Boolarra Link is Staying.

I want to thank everyone who helps out with the paper. All who submit articles for their club, group or other interests, if you are a regular contributor or only do it once, the photos and articles we receive from the community make the paper much more interesting.

A special thanks to all who send in their articles in on time, this makes our tasks much easier.

*Sylvia Sauppe
Editor the Boolarra Link*

Community Bank's Inaugural Grants Presented



Last week's Community Grant Presentation night for the Mirboo North and District Community Bank was a great success. Thirteen community organisations from across Mirboo North, Boolarra, Yinnar and surrounding districts shared in grants totalling over \$35,000.

These grants came from the profit made by the Community Bank in only its second year of operation, an exceptional achievement for a new branch. Chairman of the Community Bank's Board, John Harris emphasised that returning its profits to the community in the form of such grants was the primary reason for the Bank's existence. 'Our ability to award this level of grants in only our second year is due to the strong support of our individual, business and organisation customers, which we hope will continue to grow' John said.

Directors who represent each of the three communities assisted by presenting the cheques to their local organisations. A wide cross-section of organisations received

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EMERGENCY ALERTING SIREN READY TO SOUND

BOOLARRA GETS COMMUNITY ALERTING SIREN

Boolarra is one of the 39 towns (23 of which are in the Dandenong Ranges) across Victoria where a COMMUNITY ALERTING SIREN will be piloted this fire season.

This siren will enhance other warning methods such as emergency services websites, emergency broadcasts on ABC radio, Sky News and other community radio stations, the Victorian Bushfire Information Line, telephone trees, doorknocking and the telephone-based emergency alert system.

WHAT EMERGENCIES DO COMMUNITY ALERTS COVER?

When an emergency is likely to have an immediate or life-threatening impact a warning will be issued. These warnings will automatically activate the community alert siren. The possible emergency could cover bushfires, floods, severe storms, hazardous materials or anything that could have an immediate or life-threatening impact on our community.

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY WARNING SIREN SOUND LIKE?

It is the existing CFA SIREN.

HOW WILL WE KNOW IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY OR JUST THE CFA CALLING FOR MEMBERS TO RESPOND TO AN INCIDENT?

CFA members are alerted of incidents by their pagers that they all carry with them. However if the paging system goes down the local brigade will activate the siren to alert members of an emergency. In this instance the CFA Siren will sound for 90 seconds and stop.

It there is a community emergency the siren will sound continuously for 5 minutes.

**CFA BUSINESS – 90 SECONDS
COMMUNITY ALERT – 5 MINUTES**

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Emergency Alerting Siren ready to sound

WHAT DO I DO IF I HEAR THE EMERGENCY ALERT SIREN?

If the siren sounds continuously for 5 minutes you must seek further information immediately from a source such as the emergency services' websites the Victorian Bushfire Information Line or emergency broadcasters such as community radio stations, ABC Radio or Sky News.

DOES THE SIREN MEAN I SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY EVACUATE?

No. If the community alert siren sounds for 5 minutes, residents should immediately seek further information.

WHERE DO I SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION?

You can seek information from:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

www.ses.vic.gov.au

Victorian Bushfire Information Line – 1800 240667

VICSES Information Line – 132500

ABC local radio – FM 100.7 - AM 828

Stereo 974

Sky News Television.

WHEN WILL OUR COMMUNITY ALERT SIREN BE READY FOR USE?

Upgrades to sirens in the 39 pilot towns will be completed by the end of January 2013.

WILL WE GET ADDITIOANAL SIRENS FOR BOOLLARRA?

A "Community Emergency Warning Siren" committee was formed after a public meeting held in the Boolarra Memorial Hall earlier this year. Due to this committee's actions Boolarra has been included in the pilot program. At a meeting with the three people responsible for setting up the community alerting sirens project across Victoria, (included the Fire Services Commissioner of Victoria, Mr Craig Lapsley), we made them fully aware that the existing siren was unable to be heard in all areas of the township of Boolarra and in the area bordered by Bunderra, Darlimurla, Todds, McIntosh's and Hurst roads. Our committee will be continuously fighting to have at least 2 other sirens erected that will allow all our residents to hear it clearly.

Roslyn Carstairs



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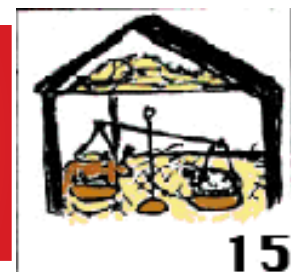
Dave O'Brien

Chair of the "Emergency Warning Siren Committee"

REMEMBER if the siren sounds

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5 MINUTES - COMMUNITY WARNING



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2013 Boolarra Community Celebration

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

On Saturday, 26 January 2013, from 8:30am until 10:00am in Railway Park we will be providing egg and bacon sandwiches and snags, tea and coffee and some drinks for the kids. We'll raise the flag, sing the anthem, have some fun activities for all the family and generally have a good time!

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

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

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

Colin Brick

Boolarra Community Development Group 5163 1212

Australia Day Boolarra Community Award

We wish to recognise _____ for his/her community contribution.

(Please describe their contribution in 25-30 words)

Nomination By:

Seconded By:

(Nominations to be submitted by 12 January 2013)

2013 Australia day Program

Commence breakfast 8:30am

Commence activities 9:00am

Hopscotch

Skipping

Quoits

Sack Races

Gumboot throwing

Talking to the friends you haven't
seen since ...

Australiana trivia

Flag raising 9.40am

Present certificates 9.50am

National anthem 10.00am



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Community Bank's Inaugural Grants Presented

grants. Branch Manager Alan Bannister and members of staff also attended to join in the celebrations.

The complete list of 2012 Community Grants awarded was:

Mirboo North Primary School: 'Growing Our Community', \$5024.75

MN Playgroup & Toy Library; 'Barkchips for Playgroup', \$451.00

Friends of Lyrebird Forest Walk : 'Emergency Markers', \$2289.00

Mirboo North & District Historical Society: 'Modern Filing System', \$4726.00

Mirboo Community Shed Cooperative: 'Health & Safety in the Shed', \$1750.00

Walter J. Tuck Recreation Reserve Committee: 'Sunscreen Roller Blinds', \$1528.00

Boolarra Folk Festival: 'Folk Festival Office Setup', \$2000.00

Boolarra Men's Shed: 'Acquisition of Hand Tools', \$500.00

Boolarra Link: 'Sustainability and Development', \$1000.00

Boolarra Memorial Hall Committee: 'Special Storage', \$1639.00

Yinnar & District Lions Club: 'Lions Club Storage Facility', \$5080.00

Community Music Victoria: 'Fiddlehead Festival, Yinnar', \$5000.00

Hazelwood Cemetery Trust: 'Provision of Waste Bins', \$1000.00

Alan Bannister Branch Manager



Australian States
And Territories
Word Scramble



Australia is made up of 6 states and 2 territories. Can You unscramble the clues below to find the names of the states and territories?

1. nqsnæuedl _ _ _ _ _
2. aaisanmt _ _ _ _ _
3. wen hutso ewlas _ _ _ _ _
4. iocavtir _ _ _ _ _
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7. raulisntan cialatp irrytote _ _ _ _ _
8. rneeswt altariasu _ _ _ _ _

BOOK LAUNCH



Roslyn Carstairs at the Book Launch

The book "They Gave Their Today For Our Tomorrow" was successfully launched on Remembrance Day 11/11/2012. The book pays tribute to the 29 servicemen from Boolarra and District who paid the ultimate sacrifice in war. Twenty soldiers from WW1 are listed on the Memorial Park gate, eight from WW2 and one from Korea are listed in the Memorial Hall. Local resident and keen historian/researcher Roslyn Carstairs spent approximately 2 years gathering the information needed to put the book together. The Department of Veteran's Affairs gave a grant to assist in the printing of the book which is much appreciated.

The Boolarra & District Historical Society supported Roslyn with the grant application. Many of the servicemen's family and friends were present at the launch. Roslyn gave an outline of the work it took to get the book to the printer. Roslyn also recounted some of the poignant stories and facts that emerged as she did the book.

Then the book was officially launched. You may know some of these brave men:

WW1 - Trooper Francis David Amiet, Lance Corporal Ernest Edward Austin, Lieutenant David Black, Private Harry Booth Eagland, Sergeant Edward Robert Furniss D.C.M, Private William Hall, Private James Travis Halliday, Private John

Thomas Holmes, Trooper Adolphus Kitson, Private Frank Theadore Mauer, Private George Howard Mayell, Private William Burnside Pennycuik, Corporal William Thomas Primrose, Trooper Edward Robert Radburn, Lance Corporal John Lewis Rennick, Private Lionel Antoino Cooper Richards, Driver Clifton James Spargo, Private Sydney Joseph Statham, Lance Corporal Henry Charles Taylor, Private Francis McBain Tucker.

WW2 - Private Cyril Robert Ashleigh Bolton, Private Thomas Arthur Bolton, Private Arthur Deane, Private Charles John Deering, Lance Corporal Norman Rothery Gair, Private Joseph Muncaster, Private Cyril Thomas Peter, Flying Officer Eugene Victor Roy.

Korea - Private Harold Bolitho.

You may purchase the book at this stage at the Boolarra Post Office, Shell Garage Yinnar, Boolarra Museum (open 2-4:00 pm first Sunday of the month), Collins Booksellers Traralgon or contact Roslyn direct 0429383686.

Roslyn Carstairs



Wreaths at the Remembrance Day memorial

REMEMBRANCE DAY

11/11/2012



Lyndon Giles talking at the service

Boolarra had its first Remembrance Day service for about 10 years at the RSL Memorial opposite the Hall. The service was conducted by Lyndon Giles from Morwell RSL. Lyndon is himself a returned serviceman from the Vietnam War. With a clear, sunny day at hand about 30 people from the community and beyond, paid their respects to those who served in war.

Wreaths were laid by Morwell RSL, Department of Veteran's Affairs and the community. Those who had a poppy were invited to put them on the Memorial.

As the Last Post rang out across the town the people stood in respectful silence until the flag was raised by Bill Peter (a nephew of Private Cyril Thomas Peter of Boolarra who served in WW2 and lost his life as a POW in Java).

Light refreshments were served in the Hall and people had an opportunity to reflect on what Remembrance Day meant to them.

Roslyn Carstairs

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BOOLARRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

It's great to see some real progress being made on a number of the projects that the group has been working on over the past couple of years.

- The Koffee Kart has been outfitted and hopefully by the time this edition comes out will have provided quality coffee at the Great Victorian Bike Ride in Traralgon and Mirboo North and at the opening of the Mill site in Boolarra. Some additional training has been undertaken and further training opportunities will be provided. The steering committee is still refining the structure of the ongoing operation and is keen for community input.

- Our Bushfire Memorial Gazebo has been constructed in Railway Park, with a BBQ and table and seating still to be installed. When completed the gazebo will further enhance the facilities in the park and provide additional opportunities for group to enjoy the beautiful surrounds.

- The Mens Shed is up now and the enthusiastic sub-Committee is busy with the interior fit-out and connection of services. They have had a number of items of equipment and furniture donated and received a grant from Mirboo North Community Bank for the purchase of tools and equipment. Feel free to drop in at any stage for a chat and look around if you see the doors open.

- The Boolarra Youth and Space activity continues to provide activities on a monthly basis for youth from Boolarra and Yinnar. The group has been getting 20-25 attendees on a regular basis and we are very pleased to be able to assist the ongoing sustainability of this group. For the duration of the multi-purpose building refurbishment they have moved their activities to the Hall.

- Hopefully in 2013 we will be able to introduce a Produce Swap market, where people can bring along their surplus home produce (vegies, fruit, eggs, jams, etc) and swap it for other peoples produce. I think it is a great idea for making more efficient use of the output from our gardens and also a great way to bring people with similar interests together. People interested in participating can contact Tracy Anderson.

- Our abominable TV reception is still in the news (Yes, Michael Watt, we're looking at you!). Val Henderson has done a great job pursuing this issue with the polities and public service and Cathleen Dodds has also been exerting her considerable influence. As a result of their endeavours, ACMA have recently sent down a crew to undertake a technical assessment of our transmission. As a result of analysis done at the Henderson's and the Dodds' residences they have identified that there is a serious problem with the performance of our repeater tower and have formally registered the problem.

While this doesn't resolve the issue, at least it moves the process along from being anecdotal complaints from people with no technical understanding, to a formally registered and identified issue that we can put pressure on to have corrected.

- Finally, thank you to Roz Carstairs for inviting the committee to the launch of her book telling the story of the men from Boolarra and District who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defence of their country. A number of committee members attended the short and moving ceremony held on Remembrance Day and I think all who attended appreciated the tremendous commitment of those young men and also the emotional commitment by Roz in compiling and relating their stories.

Colin Brick
Secretary

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In October, we held our last fund-raiser for 2012, "Bev's Fashions". Attendance numbers were down on previous occasions and we raised \$90.00. These funds will be spent within Australia, for individuals and families in need.

On 10 December 2012, we will have our Christmas lunch, which is an opportunity to reflect on the past year and thank the ladies who have worked so diligently on raising funds to help people in need.

This year, we are all 'bringing a plate' and will celebrate at the home of Charlie and Natalie Roy.

Our first fund raiser for 2013 will be the sale of Spring Bulbs. This had been very successful in past years and you will be able to pick up your catalogue from the Post Office in early February. March is "Red Cross Calling" month and the Scouts from Yinnar and Churchill will be door knocking again.

On behalf of Red Cross, we thank you for your generous and on-going support and wish you all a safe and happy Festive Season.

Glenys Morgan
Treasurer



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I recently had the pleasure of opening the Old Mill Site at Boolarra with Federal Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester on Saturday, 1 December 2012. The Old Mill site at Boolarra was established in the 1880's and has operated in Foster Road for many years. As a part of the bushfire recovery in Boolarra the Boolarra South Landcare Group has been developing the site of the Old Timber Mill in Foster Road adjacent to the State Forest. This has been a very big project for a small group to undertake.

The Boolarra South Landcare Group has spent a total amount of well over \$100,000 mainly funded by grants for the redevelopment of the Old Mill Site. Following on from this great project the Boolarra South Landcare Group has been awarded with the Caring for our Country Community Action Grant for Revegetation, Habitat and Biodiversity Improvement, monitoring of Flora and Fauna in the State Forest surrounding the Old Mill Site. I would like to congratulate the Boolarra South Landcare group on the wonderful work they have done with the redevelopment of the Old Mill Site in Boolarra.

The Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG) held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 22 August 2012. I would like to congratulate all office bearers of the Boolarra Community Development Group on their appointments including Chairperson Tracy Anderson and Vice Chairs in Mark Cooke and Doug Black. Also congratulations to long serving Secretary Colin Brick along with Treasurer Paul Dodds and Assistant Treasurer Gwenda Pither.

The Boolarra Community Development Group does a wonderful job in representing the community of Boolarra & District and I wish all associated with the Group every success during 2012/2013. Some of the recent accomplishments of the Boolarra Community Development Group have been establishing a Men's Shed, establishing a community enterprise, annual garden open day, Australia day ceremony and awards and advocacy for improved TV reception and emergency response.

As we enter the summer period it's a timely reminder and important that fire plans are now in place and ready to be implemented in the event of a fire. I also want to acknowledge the efforts of all our local CFA Brigades and volunteers who do such a marvellous job in supporting and protecting our communities. Of course the fire events of 2009 are very much at the forefront of our minds and one will never forget the incredible and tireless efforts of our local CFA crews during such a traumatic time. We do hope that the summer of 2012/2013 will be a quiet time for the Boolarra CFA.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, I also want to remind everyone to nominate outstanding community members for Citizen of the Year awards for local Australia Day events. I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. I hope 2013 brings much joy and success to you and your family. Please be extra vigilant on our roads, to ensure we all get to and from our destinations safely.



AROUND THE TRAPS WITH ROGER RABBIT

Gun amnesty. Wow. Less noisy crackers heading through the bush to harm us poor critters, making it safer for all of us to move around the bush.

We all hope the silly humans have learnt a good lesson and leave our bush the way it should be. Not black and ugly.

About seven years ago the human chiefs in Latrobe City issued a road system based on distance. Australia Post about three years ago sent out a piece of fire lighting material to advise

all of us, in burrows and tree stumps that the rural mail drop points were no longer relevant. Unfortunately, all the furry and feathered critters have not changed their numbers.

Mrs Wombat was speaking to the mailman the other day, who, advised her, that the contractors are wasting too much time sorting the mail without the correct address and are thinking of sending all incorrectly addressed mail back to the sender. Mrs Kanga told me that she altered her address early but had to keep yet her Bank and Council to alter their records. The postman thanked all who have done the changes but

hopes others would get the job completed.

Mr Fox commented on how small the Alpacas in Church Street look without their coats.

Well I'd better hop along now and get to wrapping the Xmas presents.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

From Roger and Mrs Rabbit



Rudolph Cupcakes

These Rudolph cupcakes are a chocolate cupcake variation with a lovely Christmas twist! The kids will enjoy helping you to decorate them and they will certainly enjoy helping you to eat them. They look good enough to serve at a Christmas party, too.



Ingredients:

makes 24 (can easily be halved)

225g margarine
200g caster sugar
50g cocoa powder
200g self raising flour
4 eggs
3-4 tablespoons of milk
200g milk choc chips
200g plain choc chips
100g unsalted butter
150g icing sugar
Red glaze cherries

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180C/gas mark 4.

Cream together the butter and sugar. Add the eggs one at a time.

Sift the flour and cocoa powder into the bowl and fold into the wet mix. Add a little milk if needed.

Line 2 bun tins with cupcake cases and fill each with a spoonful of cake mix.

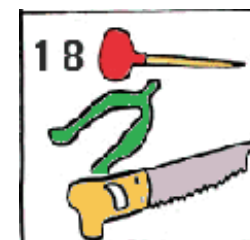
Bake for 10-12 minutes.

Put aside 48 plain chocolate chips for decorating the cupcakes.

Melt half of the remainder of the plain chocolate in a microwave. Drizzle onto greaseproof paper into antler shapes. Repeat with the rest of the plain chocolate.

Due to the need to work quickly it is best to make the icing in two parts. Melt 100g milk chocolate and 50g of unsalted butter in the microwave. Stir in 75g icing sugar. Cover 12 of the cakes.

http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/rudolph_cupcakes.htm



FRIENDS OF THE UPPER MORWELL RIVER



New gate and former crew

12:00 noon, BYO lunch and tools, helpers welcome.

Latrobe City's engaged engineer Alan Lewis (from the Grand Strezlecki Track) to assess the state of the tracks and submit a report. In summary his report states that the tracks are sufficiently constructed to meet the Level 4 requirements which are suitable for this type of reserve. This was good news for the Friends who are hoping to have the Falls Reserve re-opened VERY SOON and this natural treasure of healthy riparian vegetation, mountain ash forest, cool temperate rain forest and amazing water flows will at least be signposted by Latrobe City as a great tourist destination for the broader community of Boolarra and the region.

Denise Schiller

Have you visited the Morwell River Falls recently?

If not you really should go and see this beautiful part of the river. Wonderful steps have finished the track to the top falls and have really improved the safety and access. The track to the top falls is quite steep but we have cut it in to the bank and spread some gravel and it is a good level 4 standard. There is a picnic table on the Morwell River Road side of the falls. Access from Frontage Road is easy as it is close to the river. HVP have improved Frontage Road so you don't need a 4WD and there is a good picnic area at the end of the road.

The Friends of the Upper Morwell River are actively involved in keeping this area healthy through weed control, riparian forest protection, litter control and track improvement. We have also provided some facilities for visitors with better signage, a picnic table and seats. Our working bees are held on the last Sunday of the month at



New stairs at the Morwell River Falls



New Info Board for the Falls

BOOLARRA BOOK CLUB

We have had another great year of reading books, sharing ideas, learning about other cultures and just plain enjoying one another's company.

Our last two books have caused us to have a cultural night on Germany and then Australia (lots of fun on Cup Eve) and our final book for the year will be "The Journey to the Stone Country" a wonderful Australian book on the ancient heart of our land, with some wonderful insights into the original people of this land.

We have chosen some very interesting books for next year – we have nine books, one film and an evening to share our own books with the group. We are finishing our year with a Christmas tea and celebration at one of our member's homes.

If you would like to come or to learn more about us please ring Robern on 5169 6494.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy lots of reading.

Robern Lubawski

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GTK News - Country Night a Great Success

On Friday, 9 November 2012 around 70 people filled the Old Scout Hall (Glory to the King Christian Community) for the annual Country Night presented jointly by GTK and the Co-Operating Church.

This is the fourth year that the night has been held at the hall and as usual it was a great night of entertainment and fun.

The evening began with a BYO barbeque, with cooking duties expertly performed by John Lubawski. Whilst not everyone came for the BBQ, those who did enjoyed the time of fellowship.

At 7:30pm it was time to begin the evening's entertainment. Bill Armstrong lead a band of musicians, each of whom took a turn to present a bracket of numbers, often with the audience singing along. The general feeling was that this was a group of people who simply love music and enjoy sharing it with others. The occasional forgotten words simply added to the fun.



Bill Armstrong and some of the musicians at the Country Night held at Glory to the King Christian Community on 9 November 2012.



It's great to see this annual event growing and getting even better each year.

Because of unavoidable circumstances, there will not be a service at Glory to the King Christian Community on Sunday, 23 December 2012. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Boolarra and surrounding district a blessed, safe and happy Christmas.

*Rev. Lynn Fowler
Senior Minister
Glory to the King Ministries International Inc.*



Some of the audience at the Country Night held at Glory to the King Christian Community on 9 November 2012.

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BOOLARRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Earlier this year we heard from John Ryan of Morwell whose family worked for many years in the timber industry in Noojee. This October we continued the timber theme with Jim Kee, member of Yarram historical Society and former employee of Hancocks, who worked most of his life in the Eastern Strzelecki Ranges. Jim started his employment in the early '70s in the Alberton Shire Lands Department working with road-making equipment.

In the Late '80s he went to work in Conservation, Forest & Lands now the Department of Sustainability and Environment on road construction work. Forestry work was then taken over by private firms like Hancocks and Jim continued maintaining tracks in the Strzeleckis'. Originally in the 1900s these hills around Gunyah, Ryton and Balook had been opened up and cleared for farming. People living there had to farm on the steepest slopes. They spent many years clearing trees and then bracken. Gradually by the 1940s these farms became uneconomic to run and families moved away. Then the government began the reforestation program which now is in private hands. Part of Jim's work involved clearing the original old roads and tracks that were overgrown, naming the roads and putting up signs. His crew has made walk trails into the waterfalls to give public access. Jim led photographic crew Ray Barber & Ian Wacey, authors of '250 Victorian Waterfalls', into the Strzeleckis'. There is now a good track into Ebie Falls and to falls near Vic Love's property up near the junction of the Budgereer and Grand Ridge Road. There were quite a few school sites and halls in

the Eastern Strzeleckis' that were abandoned and overgrown. Now sites like the Johnstone Hill School have good historical information signs.

Jim advises travellers never to use GPS in these areas. GPS doesn't know how to distinguish good roads from bush tracks. He told stories of people driving over precipices following the GPS instructions.

Jim Kee now uses his knowledge of the Strzeleckis' and his building skills to help Yarram Historical Society. They now have a home for their records and historical materials in the old Murray Goulburn Building in Yarram. BHS members were invited to the opening of the new museum on 17 November 2012. We are most grateful for Jim's informative talk and kind invitation

The Boolarra Historical Museum is open on the 1st Sunday of each month from 2:00-4:00 pm, or by appointment with the Secretary, Mengar Hibbins (5169



Full view of Ebie Falls



Ebie Falls with Ted Watkins, dog & friend

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

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Russell Northe MLA
Member For Morwell

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

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Wildflower display in the Boolarra Cemetery.



The cemetery has not been mown recently and as a consequence the wildflowers have been stunning. Above is a photo showing a mass of Trigger plants. They get their name from a small arm that is attached to the flower and when a bee, fly or butterfly lands on the flower to gather nectar the arms swings across and wipes its pollen onto the body of the insect. It also picks up pollen from other flowers that will then pollinate the flower it lands on.



Close up photo of a bee about to land on a Trigger plant flower. The blue arrow shows a "trigger" that has wiped an insect with pollen and the red arrow shows a "trigger" that has not.



Blue Sun Orchid photographed in the cemetery

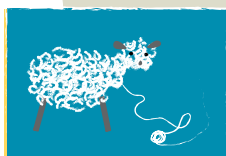
Cemetery Trust Report

The shingle roof of our gazebo was damaged by the strong winds and storms of winter. After a thorough examination, it was decided to replace the timber roof with a colorbond version, and it blends beautifully with the existing timber structure.

At the November 2012 meeting of the Trust, it was decided to use the services of Jodie Duckworth to set-up the website for the cemetery. Jodie has previously established websites for Welshpool, Drouin and Drouin West cemeteries and has just completed a website for Leongatha cemetery. The website for Boolarra should be completed by the beginning of 2013 and will be a wonderful source of information for people checking their family history.

All meetings of the Cemetery Trust are open to the public. They are held on the stage area of the Memorial Hall and commence at 7:30pm. The dates for 2013 are: Wednesday, February 20th, April 17th, June 19th, August 21st (AGM), and October 16th.

*Glenys Morgan
Secretary.*



Boolarra Wool Group

Our winter travellers have all returned home, hence our Thursday numbers have swelled and so has the chatter.

Kate enjoyed an extended holiday in Europe; while Kay spent her holiday catching up with friends in China. Other members enjoyed basking in the warmth of sunny Queensland.

Lori is still knitting her beautiful socks (many to

order). I reckon she would make the Guinness Book of Records with the number of socks she's completed over the past few years. Many of our number have been knitting for children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and with our families growing all the time we'll never be short of a project and if we run out of garment ideas, there's always toys and dolls to fall back on.

I knitted my first pair of gloves in winter and found the experience so enjoyable that I've completed another 2 pair and they make good presents.

Other members have made scarves, hats and jackets.

We celebrated with a special lunch and a glass of 'bubbly' on Oakes Day, with most of us donning hats to mark the occasion.

We're happy to welcome Lorna Snell to our group and we're sure Lorna will enjoy many happy days with us.

Very big thanks to the Bowling Club for allowing us to use their premises while the Multi-Purpose Building is undertaking renovations; we meet there every Thursday from 11:00am and enjoy a shared lunch.

If you would like more information about Wool Group, my phone number is 0400 722 716.

Lois Thornton.

Seen in the Boolarra State Forest just of Corky's Track????????????





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BOOLARRA SOUTH LAND- CARE GROUP



Our Caring for our Country Community Action Grant for revegetation, habitat and biodiversity improvement in 15 hectares of State Forest has been used to provide a number of workshops which have been held on Saturday mornings. We



have been pleased with the interest these have engendered and there will be more to come.

Thus far we have had Peter Stellar helping us identify and manage weeds and he has sprayed for blackberry, ragwort and thistles. Malcolm Grant walked us through the forest assessing habitat and looking at ecological change after the bushfire. Ken Harris provided expertise identifying flora and fauna and Luke Smith showed us how to monitor the wildlife. We have also looked at wombat health and vegetation improvement. Each workshop finished with the barbeque lunch, a chance to socialize and enjoy the gazebo.

On 15 November 2012 a Field Day was held at Gleasons and Minters farms looking at landslips - prevention and management. This event was a Landcare network event and so we had a lot of interest from other Landcare groups, especially after the wet winter and the number of landslips through the Strezleckis.

Work has been intense at the Old mill site, especially as things have dried out. Wednesday mornings has seen a dedicated group of workers very busy. We have weeded, planted, mowed and mulched and Brent O'Brien cleaned up a lot of the rubbish with his big machine which saved us many hours. The DSE has cleared the tracks of fallen trees and burnt the debris from recent storms. Malcolm and the TAFE students have continued building and maintaining tracks and have worked around the toilet on the retaining walls. All of this is in readiness for a grand opening.

The Honourable Darren Chester M.P. and Russell Northe M.P., both great supporters of our endeavours, will open the Mill site on Saturday,



1 December 2012. The 9:30am opening will be followed by brunch which will include tea and coffee from the Boolarra Trailer. We hope that those who have watched the transformation over the past few years will join in the celebration.

The opening does not mean that we think we have finished but it is a chance to look at what has been achieved and to say thanks to all the supporters of the project.

Denise Schiller
Publicity Officer

Photos on this page show
Landcare members and
friends at the recent work-
shops



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Breakfast at School

Ms Liz Black and our Junior School Council does a fabulous job providing toast, juice and porridge for those with good manners on a couple of Wednesday mornings each month. This makes for a lovely socialising opportunity for our students and has the school smelling very pleasantly of toast!



Visiting Show

Ms Cheryl Hilton arranged some great shows for us this year. The most recent was "The Spirit of Polynesia". This incorporated dance and music and highlighted the importance of learning about heritage and the power of self-belief and respect. Our students clearly enjoyed this performance.

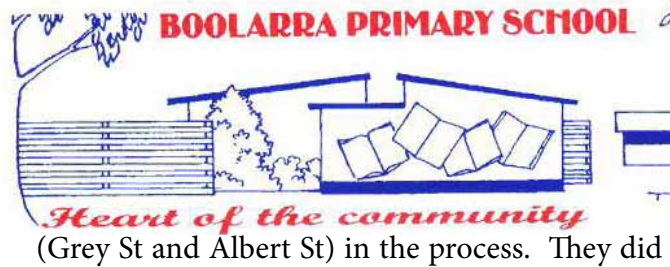


Office Management:

We are delighted that Ms Sharon Moule, who has been acting as our Business Manager, has now been substantively appointed to this position. Sharon works in our office on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays.

Bike Ed' Challenge:

Our fabulous team placed 6th in the field of 14 schools that competed in the Regional Final, beating both the much larger Latrobe Valley Schools



us proud.

Bandanna Day:

Canteen is a cause near to the hearts of many folk at our school. Junior School Council raised \$218 selling bandannas. We are grateful to Kath Kershaw for organizing these for us.

Gardening Blitz:

Everyone pitched in to tidy our gardens one afternoon recently. A band of dedicated gardeners work every Wednesday lunch time with parent Ruth Heislars to keep our vegies and herbs thriving. We were very fortunate to receive some do-



nated gardening goods from Bunnings Morwell.

Life Skills/ Kitchen Project

We obtained funding to establish a kitchen in a former storage room. Our students have identified what work needs to be undertaken and what resources we need to get this up and running. We will be tapping into the expertise of the Boolarra Community Kitchen team to assist us.

New Resources:

With the credits we received from the Woolworths/Safeway voucher scheme we've ordered some great Maths and Science equipment (balance scales, magnifying glasses, display boxes, counting blocks and lots more). Thanks to everyone who collected vouchers on our behalf for making this possible!

Cricket Season

Mark Smith from Cricket Victoria ran work-



shops for all our students. We clearly have some very talented cricket players

Musical Treat

Our students also recently enjoyed the performances of the visiting Kurnai bands. This really got everyone's toes tapping!

Pre-Schoolers' Transition Program:

Our 14 incoming preps are now participating in a range of visits to the school to help build their readiness for this next important step in their education. They all appear ready and eager!

Special Treat:

In recognition of a fabulous year the school paid for all the students to travel to Thorpdale Primary School to hear from and meet celebrated children's author, Michael Salmon. This expedition



also allowed our students to socialise with the students we go on camps with.

End of Year Concert

This is set for Thursday, 20 December 2012 from 7:30pm in the Boolarra Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend; we ask for a gold coin donation on entry to cover the cost of the hall hire. Every grade will be performing a dance routine they've developed with our Dance Teacher, Ms Tanya Chalmers and some songs developed with Ms Heather James throughout fourth term. We'll also present some special awards. It should be a very entertaining evening.

Leanne Emond
Principal Boolarra PS





Superb Fairy-wren

Scientific Name: Malurus cyaneus

Facts and Figures
Minimum Size: 13cm
Maximum Size: 14cm
Average size: 14cm
Average weight: 10g
Clutch Size: Three to four.

Small insect-eating birds

Did you know?
Male Superb Fairy-wrens have been labelled as 'the least faithful birds in the world'. Females may be courted by up to 13 males in half an hour, and 76% of young are sired by males from outside the social group.

Calls
The Superb Fairy-wren gives a series of high pitched trills, which are given by both sexes. The male often extends these trills into song.

What does it look like?
Adult male Superb Fairy-wrens are among the most brightly coloured of the species, especially during the breeding season. They have rich blue and black plumage above and on the throat. The belly is grey-white and the bill is black. Females and young birds are mostly brown above with a dull red-orange area around the eye and a brown bill. Females have a pale greenish gloss, absent in young birds, on the otherwise brown tail. The legs are brown in both sexes. Males from further inland and in the south-west of the range have more blue on the back and underparts.

Where does it live?
Superb Fairy-wrens are found south of the Tropic of Capricorn through eastern Australia and Tasmania to the south-eastern corner of South Australia.

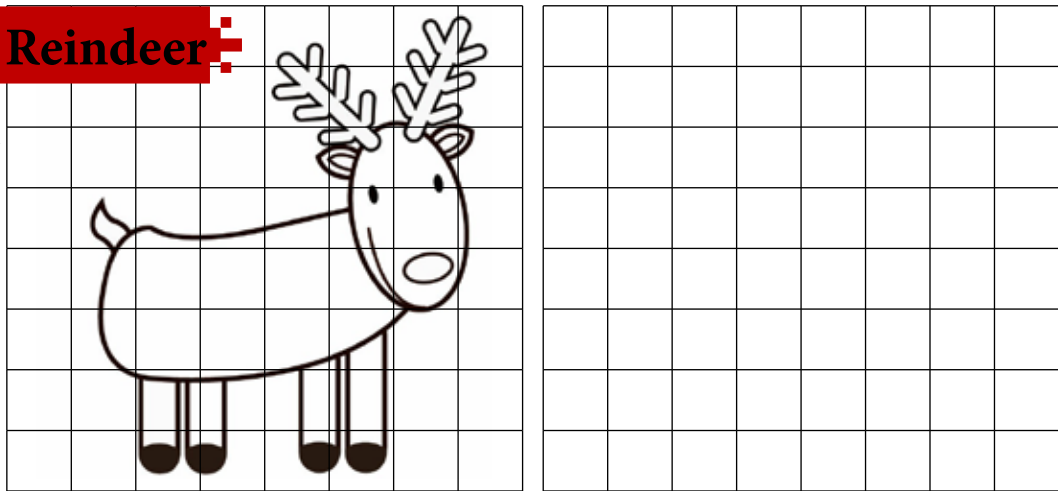
Habitat:
Seen in most habitat types where suitable dense cover and low shrubs occur. They are common in urban parks and gardens, and can be seen in small social groups. These groups normally consist of one dominant male and several females and young birds.

Feeding:
Superb Fairy-wrens feed on insects and other small arthropods. These are caught mostly on the ground, but may also be taken from low bushes. Feeding takes place in small social groups.

Breeding:
The nest is a dome-shaped structure of grasses and other fine material. It is usually placed in a low bush and is constructed by the female. The female incubates the eggs alone, but both sexes feed the young. Other members of the group will also help with the feeding of the young.

Copy the Reindeer

copy the picture using the grid as a guide. You might find it easier to copy one square at a time. count the Squares carefully.



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ENJOY!!

Thank you to JAMES STANUSZEK of Ohio for creating the illustrations and to "ROBIN WOOD" of Missouri, for a copy of the Game!!

Answers on page 22



BOOLARRA STOMPERS



Well, our Relay actually happened this year. It wasn't very warm but at least it wasn't stormy like the last two years. Thanks to the Pony Club for the loan of their tent, we stayed nice and warm.



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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 ? 2013. YEEEEHHHH.

Have a very Merry Christmas and the best New Year ever.

*Gwenda Pither
 Team Captain for the Boolarra Stompers.*



We had 29 team members this year, two of whom were from America. Sixteen took part in the event and the two Americans said they would do laps up and down the aisle on the plane as they were on their way home that day. During the night the Relay Committee had organised for hourly activities and we managed to participate in all but 2 of them. We actually won the Miss Relay event. (This was a cross dressing event) That was so funny. Our "Phyllis" looked beautiful and knocked the socks off the younger contestants.

We've had a few fundraisers and raised lots for the Cancer Council of Victoria for research and for support for people going through the traumas of it all. This year's total was over \$5,280.00. Fantastic effort by all concerned and big thanks to everyone who supported us. The Latrobe Valley total was over \$100,000 again.

We did well with our fundraising and there is our fundraising box on the counter all the time for donations and all your pesky 5 cent coins. We are selling second hand books at the Post Office. We also get some plants from time to time from overcrowded gardens which is great. The more we sell, the more money we raise for cancer. 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. You will be helping to get rid of cancer. Wouldn't it be nice.



POST OFFICE Natters

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

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.

TV reception is 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 is looking lovely with the trees covered in leaves for the Summer. It makes a lovely vision when families are at the playground. Have you noticed that the new gazebo is getting fairly close to completion. That will be a nice area to have a picnic or barbie on a nice day or even a not so nice day.

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.

Be aware drivers, of school children on our streets and crossing the roads. We need to look out for them. They can be unpredictable.

What I would like to see is more people using the buses. LV Buslines gave us a lot more buses to fit in with people's needs and its wonderful to have a bus late in the day. 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. We have the timetables at the Post Office.

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From the beginning of September this Post office has been closing for lunch from 12 noon to 12:45pm. It seems to be working well without too many hiccups.

Once again we have the Lions Christmas cakes. They are a handy pantry item at this time of the year for unexpected visitors or even for gifts.

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

*Heave a very happy and safe Christmas break.
 Gwenda*

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SI Victoria Inc Region

world country – Australia – and in contrast the situation in a third world country Papua New Guinea. Across the globe Soroptimists are supporting and contributing to our Project – “BIP” – Birthing in the Pacific which provides training and essential equipment for birthing attendants and mid wives.

In 2012 our fundraising has been successful at Bunning's Traralgon and via raffles. We have allocated the proceeds to “Fitted for Work”, VAC-CA / women's refuge and to Latrobe Valley Palliative Care Fundraisers Inc. supporting their programmes through which women help other women to reach their potential.

The great news is that we have enough members signed up to go ahead and request we be formalised as a fully fledged club in the Soroptimist International organisation. We plan that the Charter Ceremony will take place in the first half of 2013, at a time which suits the Federation President to attend.

Should you wish to become a member and be included at this time – the birthing of a Club – please let me know. As a member you will contribute much to the Club and projects and by your participation – helping SI to make a positive difference for women and girls locally and internationally.

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SI Nove 2012 Dinner Alana & Mauren

The Gippsland Soroptimist International Group held a very successful Dinner function at Monash University. Our two guest speakers presented challenging information on birthing in a first

professions, working through service projects, to advance the status of women. More information is available on the Internet www.sorop.org www.soroptimistinternational.org

The coming meetings are:

Wednesday, 12 December 2012 Dinner meeting at 6:00pm at Dal Mondo, Traralgon.

Wednesday, 16 January 2013 at 6:00pm Morwell Bowling Club.

Wednesday, 13 February 2013 at the Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Breed Street.

For more information contact: Samantha Brick on 0427 824722 or samantha.brick@bigpond.com

BOOLARRA TRAIL BLAZERS

We have had a great last term with lots of visits, lunches and talking. We have walked at Traralgon Railway Reserve, the Traralgon Winery (great lunch too), Raesona's beautiful gardens (with morning tea and scones) and a very stiff walk up at Boolarra South (lovely gardens and a fabulous morning tea).

On the other Thursdays we have built up our fitness levels by walking around the oval and in our very own State Forest. (This year the orchids at the cemetery were stunning.)

We will finish the year with a local walk through the forest and a Christmas Morning Tea at John's. We have a great group but there's always room for a few more. If you are interested please ring John on 5169 6494, all you need is a pair of sneakers and maybe some laughs.

John Lubawski



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Our Christmas stock has arrived and just for intrest we have some different things this year.

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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 also get plants from time to time from crowded gardens. The proceeds for these items are going to our local Relay for Life.

Wonder what our Summer will be like this year

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.

Our Christmas closing days are – Closed : Dec 25th 26th 29th 31st and Jan 1st

We wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and hope the New Year brings all good things.

Cheers for now,

Gwenda, Roger and Staff.

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Youth Theatre

The Boolarra Memorial Hall was full and buzzing with excited youth on Friday afternoon 26 October 2012, as they prepared for their full dress rehearsal, getting ready for the big night ahead and their chance to 'shine' on stage. Dress rehearsal completed, the Boolarra and District youth enjoyed a feast fit for a king, prepared by Gabrielle and team.

With satisfied bellies they took turns to be 'made up' by Sue Thompson, Claire Cartwright and others. After looking in the mirror, Bella Papa said to me 'I don't look like me, it's scary' and she was right. I had to take a second look to recognize Bella and not see Fagin, who she played in the junior youth production, Oliver with a twist.

The hall began to fill with parents, siblings, grandparents and other community members carrying picnic hampers to go with the theme food glorious food.

But first, the seniors performed, while the junior group patiently waited backstage. Dan Clancey, our theatre producer, production manager and sound and lighting wiz made sure that parents and committee members would be in for a surprise. The senior group 'blew me away' with their poise and confidence in 2 pieces they put together themselves.

The 1st play brought in a Shakespeare theme in today's world – with it's mod cons and gadgets, fast food and technology – it made you stop and wonder what sort of a world have we created?

The 2nd performance was around the world in 8 scenes with 3 chairs. I loved the interaction and the way these 4 youth made the stage come alive.

There are normally 7-8 youth who attend the senior group, but the 4 who performed Maddi Papa, Anne Marshall, Hayden Jones and Tessa Anderson captivated the audience, made us laugh and made me proud. I was very impressed with how professional the improvised acts had become.

Dan Clancey has been working with the youth every Friday afternoon throughout the school terms, teaching the junior and senior groups different drama techniques to prepare them for this Gala public performance. For some of the youth this was their 1st time in front of a live audience.

Next we thanked all those who had put in endless hours on a volunteer basis. Special mention to Lisa Papa, Lydia Cameron and Simone Oberdorfer for costume making and to Heather Ellery who led the sewing workshops and for all the extra hours she spent to make sure our youth were looking their grandest. Also to Ruth Kelly and Kristy Mills on sets and props-making, Fagin's lair and the London street come to life. Claire Cartwright also helped paint sets and helped Sue Thompson make our youth into stars.

The senior youth then performed Shake A Tail Feather with rock 'n' roll skirts made by Heather and petticoats from Heather's extensive wardrobe. Hayden looked and acted the part in a black suit (trousers dyed the day before) and a skinny tie. The girls danced and sang with guidance from Tessa Liberi who played guitar and also sang. Tessa is a local professional vocal trainer who came on board in 3rd and 4th term and worked with both groups to give them a professional edge and improve voice projection.

Then in came the junior group, one behind the

other from both sides of the stage, dressed in costumes made to measure, singing Food Glorious Food. The younger audience loved that the performers were so close you could almost touch them and it gave the audience a good chance to see close up how much love and effort had gone into creating their costumes - dresses, aprons, bonnets, caps, skirts and shawls, vests and shirts, velvet suits with tails and capes. At the end of the play, the audience were left asking for more! They finished with Om Pa Pa, then back on stage for photos.

What a wonderful night! The lighting and sound was fantastic, thanks to Dan Clancey and Brett Van Horn. What a wonderful audience, pitching in at the end - tables cleared, glasses washed, chairs and tables stacked away and the floor swept. Thank you!

Thanks to Galen Toman (my son) and Andrew Drake for the photos and video footage, which will go onto DVDs which I'm sure the youth will watch time and time again. The feedback we have received is very positive - great show! A credit to all those involved. Bring on 2013! AND WE WILL !!!

Thank to the generous support of Mirboo North and District Community Foundation, Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company (Band-DyTC) will commence on Friday, 8 February 2013 and run with the school terms. Have you thought about enrolling your youth?

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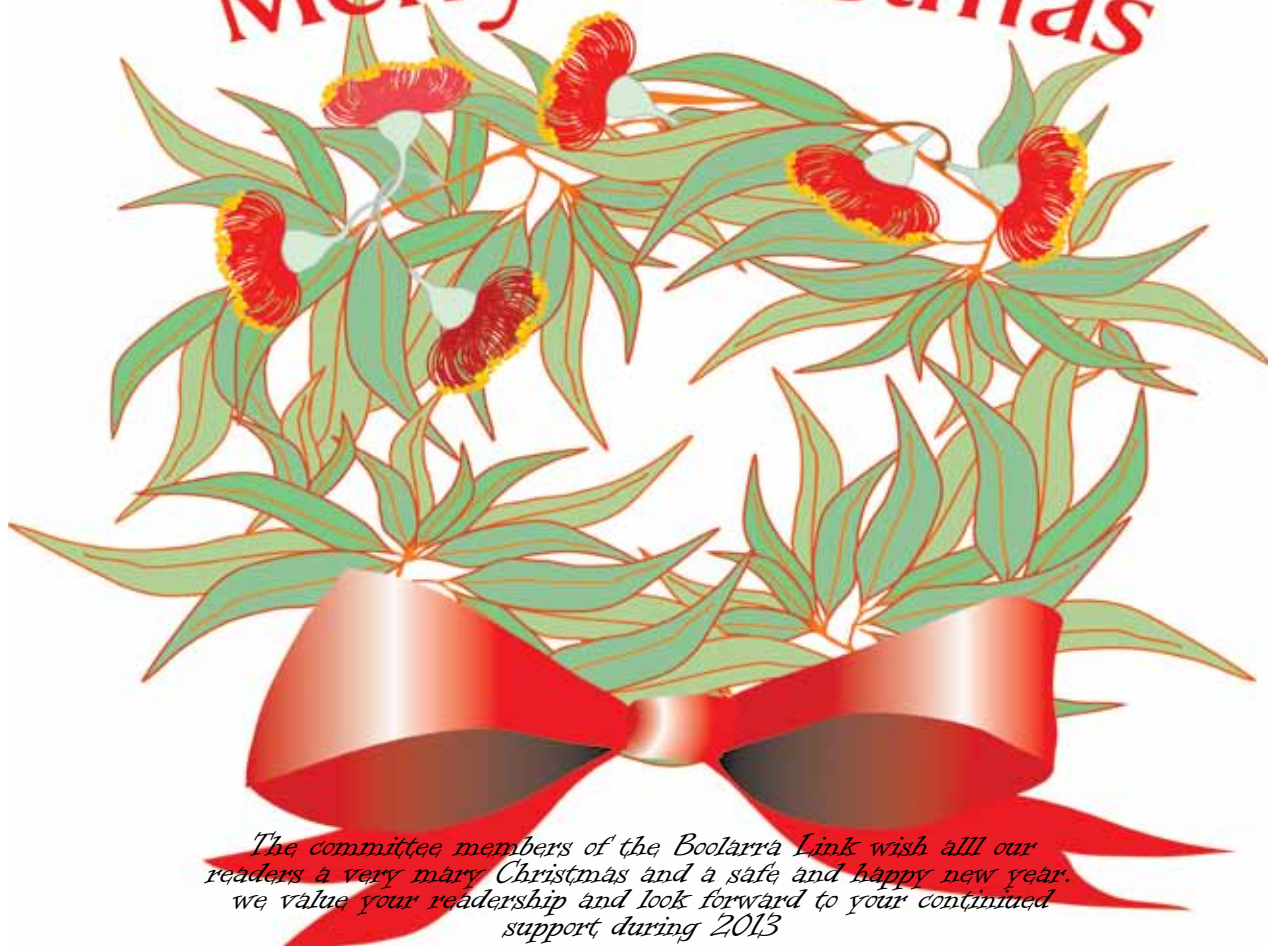
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Merry Christmas



The committee members of the Boolarra Link wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. we value your readership and look forward to your continued support during 2013



Twiggy's Tweets

#Christmas.

" 'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring..." except for, A WOMBAT! Well we are nocturnal you know, what do you expect? And in our teenagehood we like nothing better than to jump and rush and bite everything in sight, including the bars of our nightcages, making the house shake and echo sensationally (who cares if Jean can't sleep), and after all, tis the season to be merry, is it not?

#Spring.

"Spring is sprung, the grass is ris.
I wonders where the birdies is.
They say the birds is on the wing.
Ain't that absurd?"



You could have fooled me, I reckon at least half of them have been through this house since 1 September 2012 . Much tweeting and twittering here! In those terrible storms when most of our town was without power for about 30 hours many baby birds would have lost their tiny lives having been buf-feted out of the nest with parents unable to locate them or abandoning them. The lucky ones are found and brought to Jean's. Or, as in one case Jean drove to Leongatha in that storm to fetch two magpie babies who'd been found on the roadside and picked up by a caring passer-by, instead of being left to be run over or preyed upon, as is sadly too often the fact.

This season we've also had baby boobook owls, barn owls, tawny frog-mouths (which are not actually owls, contrary to what a lot of us assume) and then there were kookaburras, galahs, and rosellas. Injured birds are often in shock, cold and dehydrated and many die within the first twelve hours of arriving at the shelter. They often have internal injuries or infection of some kind to which they would likely have succumbed anyway. The priority is to keep them warm (their average body temperature is 40degrees C) and quiet so they can recover from the shock, then hopefully they will pick up and want to eat and drink.

#Kangaroos.

We have four little fellers in pouches(bags) in here at the moment. When I first arrived I was a pinky and had to live in the hothouse (animal equivalent of humidicrib) but these guys all came in with some fur and able to survive with just heatpads under their pouches. They are very shy when they first come in and when not being fed hide away out of sight. They quickly become attached to Jean and we wombats all have a good laugh when the roos are big enough to have some time on the floor after a feed and within minutes they're all scrambling to get back on her lap together. (Of course we do this too, but we are far cuter, they are all long gangly legs and tails and awkwardness tee hee.)

It is SO important to stop and check any animal you see lying on or by the roadside: Recently one of Jean's helpers stopped to check a dead roo on the Darlimurla Road and found a half-eaten joey by its mother's side. If ONLY the driver had stopped when they hit the roo... what that baby suffered doesn't bear thinking about.

#Twitpic.

by Twiggy@TwiggyWombat#IN-JEAN-IUSwildlife



This is me with one of my best admirers, Lexie, who goes to Boolarra Primary School.



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ALL WELCOME



This month marks our first twelve months as the Boolarra & District Horse & Trail Riding Club Inc. and what a year it has been!

Our rides this year have been limited to around 2 to 3 hours in duration due to unfit horses and riders just getting back into the saddle. We have covered areas around Barktown Road, Morwell River Road, Darlimurla, Martin Walker Park, Kings Road Yinnar, Wirilda Park Tyers, Reeves Beach at Woodside and despite the unpredictable weather that we have experienced, all our planned monthly rides have taken place with good attendances and great fun had by all those participating.

We received our \$5,000 cheque from Shell Australia for the 'Shell Community Drive' Competition and we sincerely thank Shell Australia and Dave & Jan at Yinnar Fuel & Farm Supplies. Without them this would not have been possible. Great job guys and thank you so much. This money has been put aside to assist with developing our own 'Home Base' & 'Training Centre'.

Speaking of our 'Home Base' & 'Training Centre', we have lodged an Application with the Boolarra Memorial Parks Committee to use the '2nd Oval' for our 'Home Base' & 'Training Centre' and have recently submitted a 'Concept Plan' for their consideration. Hopefully a positive answer is not too far away.

Thanks to Dave T, our website is up and running, and anyone wishing to catch up on what is happening, check out our ride calendar, ride reports, and photos etc. can log onto www.mindprobes.net/boolarra.htm for all the latest information.

We now have our official Club Logo and Polo Shirts, which no doubt you will see around town. We decided to break tradition, in that some members wanted black and others wanted colour. We have the best of both worlds black base with contrasting colour option.

A certain well known local identity is very keen to get involved in the Club and get a 'Chuck Wagon' up and running. Anyone interested in being part of the Club are more than welcome, you don't have to own a horse or even ride for that matter, just travelling around to the different venues, hanging out at the camp, going for a bush walk, having a BBQ lunch and chatting is so relaxing and a great way to meet new people and enjoy the great outdoors. We are currently on the search

for an older type trailer that may be sitting around and not used anymore that could be used as a base for our 'Chuck Wagon'.

2013 will see our rides step up a little to include, Snake Island at Port Welshpool (fully booked out), Boolarra South to Tara Bulga, and Boolarra South to Foster, all of which will be two day rides through water and bush with an overnight camp out. There is also an overnigher being planned at Wombat Crossing (near Valencia Creek). There will also be additional rides planned around the local area to cater for those members who don't have access to a float, or feel they are not quite up to the two day rides at this stage.

2013 will also see us concentrate on setting up Training/Horsemanship Days/Clinics in addition to our normal monthly rides, to benefit both horse and rider.

Looking back, our Club has achieved so much in such a short time. We knew there was a need out there in the community for a non competitive horse sport, however, we have been overwhelmed with the amount of enquiries received. Our membership numbers and the positive feedback we have received from new members riding with us for the first time.

Membership currently stands at 50, with ages ranging from 9 years to 70 years plus. Fantastic friendships have been formed, and the support shown within the Club is nothing more than amazing. One just has to look around when out on a ride at all the smiling faces, the friendly chatter, the laughter and the joking about, to realise that getting this Club up and running has definitely fulfilled a need in the Community.

From all of us at Boolarra & District Horse & Trail Riding Club, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and please stay safe and have fun.

Happy riding!

Di Sharman

Treasurer

Boolarra & District Horse & Trail Riding Club Inc.



YINNAR GENERAL STORE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY



*The old Yinnar General Store
(June 1959).*

information about the day:

When we started researching the history of the Yinnar General Store in 2010 we found that sadly little was known about its history. There were no

known records of when it was built or who built it and only a couple of photos which were kept at the Yinnar & District Historical Society. Since then we have been collecting any information and photographs that we could find. It was only in September this year that we discovered an article about the opening of the store which was in December 1912, we were so lucky to have found it in time to celebrate such a big milestone and we have now got enough information to write a little history book about the first 100 years of the store's life. Here is a little history about the store:

The building which stands at 44 Main Street Yinnar on the corner opposite the Yinnar Hotel was originally built as a branch of John Hall's Universal Emporium which was located on the corner of Tarwin Street and Commercial Road in Morwell. Due to the success of his Morwell store and the rapid advancement of the district of Yinnar Mr. Hall announced in the Morwell Advertiser that he planned to build his new Yinnar store in September 1912 and began building works in October. The building was completed by Mr. Thos. Symons in the beginning of December 1912, it was a 'splendid brick structure' of 70x30 feet.

The opening celebrations of the store were held on the evening of Wednesday, 4 December 1912. About 200 residents of Yinnar, Morwell and districts assembled in the new building for the purpose of 'dancing a branch of the Emporium open'. A local pianist Mrs Fitzpatrick provided grand music whilst Mr. Patrick McEvoy who would often sing at local events contributed a song in his usual style. The duties of M.C. rested on the shoulders of Mr. J Underwood. At the rear of the building, in a huge marquee, an excellent spread was arranged by Mr. Cooper. On 13 December 1912 an article in the Morwell Advertiser announced that the store was now officially open for business with large consignments of new goods arriving daily. The store was known as John Hall's Universal Emporium (Yinnar).

In May 1919 after many years of being in direct competition with the Universal Emporium the Vinning family (Mr & Mrs Arthur Vinning) purchased the store and moved their already well established business 'Vinning Bros' into the building. Although the store's main signage still said 'Universal Emporium' the store became known as 'Vinning Bros'. The Vinnings would deliver newspapers, groceries and farm supplies throughout the district and were paid by monthly account. As they traded through two world wars the Vinnings were known to be very accommodating during hard times. On the 30 March 1950 Mr and Mrs Vinning announced their retirement from active participation in the business and it was then managed by their son Ellis Vinning. In July 1953 it was announced that Ellis Vinning and Mr. Roy Faulkner became partners in the Vinning Bros. enterprise.

In September 1959 Geoff and Joan Mosley pur-



The current photo of the Yinnar General Store.

chased the Vinning Bros. store along with Ian and Winifred Jones. The store was renamed the Yinnar General Store the same year. During their time the facade of the building was changed with decorative elements of the original facade removed and a modern straight front verandah replaced the old. In 1967 Ian and Win went on to open the Churchill Newsagency.

In late 1976 the Yinnar General Store business and freehold were purchased by Herb and Janette Smith. Herb and Jan are still very active members of the Yinnar community.

In 1984 ownership was passed to Marg Bassee and her mother Gwen Lucas then in February 1984 it was leased to Laurence and Johanna Cleary.

In March 1987 ownership was passed to the Linton family (Ray and Bernice Linton along with their children: Julie, Greg, Peter, John, Mark, Trevor and Sarah). The family also later purchased the neighbouring post office and they renovated the facade of the building in the late 1980s/early 1990s which made the store once again a feature of and a hub for the town. The store was mainly run by Bernice, Julie and Greg Linton with Julie and Greg both putting in 23 years of service. The family played a big part in the community over the years and still continue to do so today.

In November 2010 the Yinnar General Store business was purchased by Matt and Merrin Dennis. In their two years in the store they have made quite a few changes with the introduction of a range of gifts and locally made wares, the return of a community newspaper, the Yinnar News, and a new community notice board which was installed on the side of the building. They are currently working on opening up the back section of the store to hold a historical exhibition for the store's 100th anniversary which will be later used to house a range of new products. They are also working on a small history book about the store which they hope to release for the centenary.

YINNAR GENERAL STORE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY:

All are cordially invited to come along and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Yinnar General Store, also known as 'Universal Emporium' and 'Vinning Bros' which was opened in December 1912.

Do come along to enjoy a splendid assortment of entertainment!

~* STRZELECKI STRING-BUSTERS *~

~* HISTORICAL EXHIBITION *~

~* BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED *~

~* IN STORE SPECIALS *~

Festivities will commence from 11:00am in Main Street, Yinnar.

Those who attend can rely on spending a very pleasant time!

Bring your family, bring your friends and share your memories!

We have also a facebook page www.facebook.com/yinnargeneralstore

Best wishes,
Merrin



Boolarra Memorial Park

The committee's three year term of office expired in November 2012, so a public meeting to elect a new committee has been held. The committee was delighted at the strong turn-out, with around 25 people attending and a committee of 12 people being elected. The committee manages the reserve and its facilities in the interests of the community of Boolarra and co-ordinates the use of the facilities by the different user groups and the general public.

The new committee is:

Chair

John Cargill

Secretary

Colin Brick

Treasurer

Paul Dodds

General committee:

Russell McGlade

Jackie McGlade

Keith Holmes

Jack Cleaver

Lawrie Havrillay

Ken Williams

Gary Mills

David Tompkins

Sandra Robertson

If there are any issues at the park, feel free to discuss them with any of the committee members.

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 than ran from the switchboard. He undertook some preliminary works to make the installation safe and to get two of the light towers functional. Quotes have been received on the work to be done to fully resolve the problem and to get all the towers operating and we are also considering options to provide flexibility for future developments in the park. Unfortunately, there are no cheap options, so we need to carefully consider the best approach, balancing our current finances with potential future developments.

The Boolarra Trail Riders Club have recently tabled a proposal to develop some new facilities at the reserve using No 2 oval, with a staged development plan, and these have been accepted in principle.

Following the upgrade works on the change rooms complex, including the netball change rooms, the canteen, and the umpires room and the construction of the new toilet block, there was still some funding left over. The committee is looking at utilising this to erect a storage shed at the reserve to house equipment such as our ride on mower and tractor. This will be far more practical, economical and should simplify some of the maintenance work undertaken at the reserve.

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.

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





If we remember back to earlier in the year, an auction fundraising event was held at the Boolarra Football Club rooms and a BBQ put on the next day by the Trail Riding Club to help the team of 4 riders from 'Mooses Gooses' raise the money needed to enter THE RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER event.

Due to the success of these and all of the kind donations made, the team were able to add an additional 4 riders which I was lucky to be a part of. The Mooses Gooses team want to take this opportunity to thank the Boolarra Community for their support in helping raise the money needed to allow them to do this ride and at the same time help an organisation that is so important to so many. It was an experience we will never forget.

Not only was this ride a great opportunity to raise money for a great cause but the personal achievement by each rider, that have not done a great deal of riding to just finish was amazing.

The event had 1,609 riders, which in turn raised over \$6.2 million for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. The rides participants left Albert Park Lake in Melbourne and cycled over 200 km through some of Victoria's most picturesque country side, to camp overnight in Healesville, enjoying some great food and live entertainment before riding back to Melbourne for an emotional finish on Sunday, cheered on by hundreds of spectators.

The Peter Mac organisation put on their web site: '2012 is the inaugural Ride in Victoria and in one year; it became the largest single fundraising event in Australian history. The Ride draws thousands of participants from across Australia and brings together communities of cancer survivors, cyclists and supporters who train and fundraise for months in order to participate in the annual two-day, 200 km journey through Victoria. Funds raised by The Ride will be put to use immediately, to support a range of cancer research programs at Peter Mac, which include melanoma.'

For the 'Ride To Conquer Cancer 2013' the Boolarra Fire Brigade is entering a team of 4 riders (but have 7 interested) and in doing so we have a target of \$10,000+ to raise. To help raise this money any proceeds raised from the scrap metal bin will go towards this cause, so everyone get rid of all your metal, also the money donated by Ritchie's for the community benefit scheme and of cause the Boolarra Folk Festival. Any other assistance to help us achieve this goal would be very much appreciated, please contact Todd on 0429 696 757 if you can help.

Todd Birkbeck.



BOOLARRA'S BURNING ISSUES CFA NEWS

CFA SUNDAY – a huge success.

CFA stations across the state were opened to the public on Sunday, 26 November 2012 to allow people to view equipment and to seek advice on any

fire issue.

Over 80 locals visited the Boolarra Station during the day to collect newly published fire related pamphlets and booklets and to discuss the forthcoming bushfire season. Eighteen people visited our new satellite station at Boolarra South where similar advice was shared.

HOME BUSHFIRE ADVICE SERVICE

Free at home advice on Bushfire Safety is available from CFA. This is a service that has been introduced in response to the 2009 Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission recommendation to provide individual on site advice to people. A typical visit takes about 90 minutes and is followed up with a written report within about a week.

This is a one on one service that is completely confidential and aims to give the household-er the peace of mind in knowing that their property is as fire ready as possible. If you

need free advice on how to prepare your property, or advice in preparing or reviewing your bushfire plan please call Gippsland Fire Safety Officer Rachel Allen on 0400 696 382 to make an appointment for your free and confidential Home Bushfire Advice visit.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN BURNING

In the past few weeks some people in the Morwell Group fire area who have been attempting to clean up their properties before the fire restrictions come into force have allowed their small fires to spread necessitating fire brigades to be called. These people have failed to take the necessary precautions before and during burning. In two of the instances police have laid charges under the CFA Act. Our brigade has a fire fighting trailer set up for members of the community to use free of charge for when they are lighting fires. Please be careful and thoroughly check the weather forecast before lighting any fire.

CAN I or CAN'T I?

Brochures are available at the fire station detailing what you are allowed and not allowed to do both in and out of the Fire Danger period. Questions such as "Am I allowed to have a BBQ on a day of Total Fire Ban?", "Can I mow the lawn on a day of Total Fire Ban?" or "Can I burn this small pile of leaves and sticks in the Fire Danger Period?" Some answers may surprise some people.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BRIGADE?

Brigade members were delighted to have 5 people indicate their willingness to join the brigade ranks at our Open Day activities held recently. These people will complete a "Minimum Skills" training program in the near future before they can venture onto the fire ground. If you would also like to toil for long hours in stifling 40-degree heat fighting potentially dangerous bush fires to protect our community please let me know. Remember the upside is that you get free bottles of water and it beats the hell out of Jenny Craig diets for weight loss! (Ha Ha)

GORDON BOLWELL MEMORIAL TROPHY

Each year all brigades in the Morwell Group (Morwell, Churchill, Hazelwood North, Driffield, Yinnar South, Yinnar and Boolarra) compete in this competition. Judges make their decision based on the presentation of the trucks and the equipment stored within, the presentation of the crews outfitted in their PPE and a number of skill based and timed tasks that crews have to perform. This year the competition was conducted at our new Boolarra South satellite station. This year the shield was narrowly won by Hazelwood North with Boolarra a close runner up.

Dave O'Brien

Brigade members discuss tactics for the Gordon Bolwell Memorial trophy exercise.



The Boolarra Tanker 2 crew discuss tactics for the Gordon Bolwell Memorial trophy exercise. Pictured from left to right are Peter Morrison, Operation Officer Shane Mynard, Bruce Billingsley, Chris Littlejohn and John Edwards



COMMUNITY GARDEN COMES INTO FLOWER



MEDIA RELEASE: 12 November 2012

Large crowd attend the garden launch November 1212

On Sunday, 18 November 2012 the Yinnar & District Community Association held a Community Celebration to launch the newly completed Yinnar & District Community Garden.

The Celebration started at 12:30pm with a free BBQ lunch and live music with local musician Rosemary Abetz-Rouse and Friends. Visitors made their way to the back of ARC Yinnar where they were greeted with a garden tour. Ceremonies began at 1:30pm with Special Guest Nancy Morgan from ABC Gippsland Garden Talkback.

"We are delighted to officially open Stage One of the garden", said Catheryn Thompson, facilitator for the project, "After 18 months of dedicated work we have seen the transformation of a boggy paddock into a beautifully constructed edible garden that the whole community can enjoy".

Elaine Shallue, Sustainable Gardening Australia project manager said, "The project has been enabled by funding provided by Sustainable Gardening Australia & the Helen McPherson Trust which have established 8 community gardens in bushfire impacted areas. Representatives from the Trust looked forward to joining in the well deserved celebrations".

"The launch was celebrated in the midst of the elegantly designed garden with budding fruit trees and flourishing Spring vegies and flowers and the whole community was welcome", said Catheryn, "We'd love to extend our thanks to everyone who has been associated with the project. It's now time to reap the rewards and view the wonderful work that has been put in by so many people"

Following the ceremonies from 2:30pm there was a Musical Garden Show with Jamo the Music Man and Fairy Anasatasia. This jam-packed show full of dance, original children's music and percussion fun had everyone 'grooving' young and old. Paul is a multi-talented entertainer and a successful recording artist with eight albums and a DVD available. His songs have contagious rhythms that had everyone "grooving", young and old. Cost \$5.00 per child (included free face painting by Fairy Anastasia before the show) and \$10.00 per adult. The show was held in the Switchroom at arc Yinnar and Tickets could be purchased on the day.

The Yinnar & District Community Association & the Garden Working Group hoped that everyone who came along to the Garden joined a wonderful day of celebrations.

For further information:
Catheryn Thompson
Yinnar & District Community
Garden Facilitator
Mob: 0435 048 153
YinnarCG@telstra.com



Working group gifts at the Garden launch November 2012



Boolarra - Yinnar Exercise Group



wish The Link Community a Happy and Healthy Festive Season and New Year.

Increasing numbers of enthusiastic individuals continue to benefit from regular participation. Strength, balance and flexibility are maintained and increased with positive benefits including improved posture and continence. The routines are never routine and the music is so catchy you forget that it is a work out.

Everyone is looking forward to our final meeting for the year at Yinnar on Monday, 17 December 2012.

Groups from Morwell and Mirboo North will join Boolarra and Yinnar for a combined festive shindig. 10:30am for an 11:45am lunch. After our workout we will share a not too decadent feast!!!

Boolarra Memorial Hall:

Monday 9:30am - 10:30am

Yinnar Memorial Hall:

Friday 10:00am - 11:00am

Classes for 2013 will recommence on Monday, 7 January.

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

For further information call:

Kathleen Millet 5122 2591 or Kate Cartwright 5169 6592



BOOLARRA FOOTBALL/ NETBALL CLUB

FOUNDATION CLUB M.G.F.L. 1935
WEB SITE: www.boolarrafc.vcfl.com.au

The Boolarra Football Netball Club was recently saddened by the loss of long time member and tireless worker of the club Sandra Kerrigan. Our condolences go out to Sandra's husband Stan (former club president and club life member) son David and daughter Allison and their families. Sandra was recently awarded the 2012 best club person for her ongoing service to the club and especially her great help with the famous club afternoon teas.

R.I.P. Sandra your quick wit & great humour will be sadly missed by all at the club.

On a brighter note the club held there Presentation Night at the Morwell Club on Friday, 21 September 2012 and a great night was had by all that attended.

Senior award winners were:

Best & Fairest -	Matthew Dyer
Runner Up Best & Fairest -	James Dyer
Most Consistent -	Ken Towt
Most Determined -	Daniel Metcalf
Best Utility -	Tyson Leys
Most Improved -	Tristan Salerno
Best 1st Year Player -	Sam Mazou
Most Courageous -	Steven Fox
Coaches Award -	James Holmes & Chris Riseley

Reserves award winners were:

Best & Fairest -	Robert Beamish
Runner Up Best & Fairest -	Josh Wilson
Most Consistent -	David O'Neil
Most Determined -	Chris Sykes
Most Improved -	Rodney Alexander
Most Courageous -	Thomas Beamish
Coaches Award -	Alex Fievez

Thirds (18 & Under) award winners were:

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

Proront, 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

Best & Fairest -	Jack Battersby
Runner Up Best & Fairest -	Josh Anderson
Most Consistent -	Peter Thomas
Most Determined -	Jacob Dudek
Most Improved -	Mitchell Dodds
Best Utility -	Matthew Wigg
Coaches Award -	Max Sauppe

Boolarra Football Netball Club also awarded their Annual Presidents Award Trophy to Tony Giardina for his service to the club as senior coach for this season as well as the previous 3 seasons before this.

Best Club Person was awarded to Sandra Kerrigan for her 25 years of help and assistance to the club.

Life Membership was awarded to John Cargill for his service to the club on the Junior Committee, Vice President, Secretary and Senior Committee Member for many seasons.

Boolarra Football Netball Club held it's Annual General Meeting at the Social Rooms on 23 October 2012. The following committee was elected for Season 2013 - President - Russell McGlade, Vice President - Paul Dodds, Secretary - John Cargill, Treasurer - Darren Napier and General Committee - Peter Rennie, Janet Napier, Simon Buglisi, Lyn Smith, Keith Holmes, Bec Smith, Jody O'Kane, Anne Reiske, Chris Wareham, Peter Day, Faye Taylor, Jackie McGlade, Heather Notting, Teagan Pike, Bob Allen & Stella Ibbetson.

Coaches for Season 2013 are Seniors - Tony Giardina, Reserves - Mark Carnes, 3rds (18 & Under) - Thomas Beamish/ Shane Colbert, 4ths (16 & Under) - Still to be filled but we are talking to a couple of prospective coaches and Under 10's James Holmes. Training started for the Seniors and Reserves on Monday,

26 November 2012 and will be training on Monday & Wednesday up until Christmas. Juniors are also welcome to attend and the club will put on a BBQ after training. The Senior team has recruited several new players for next season - Luke Anedda (Woodside 2012 Senior Coach), Michael O'Sullivan (Allies 2010 & 2011 Best & Fairest) & Mark Van Dyke (Morwell East). The club also welcomes back 2011 Premiership Captain Mi-

chael Cleaver after a year off, Courtney Sherriff after a year off with knee surgery and Robert Fox after ankle surgery. The club welcomes all players and people that are either keen on playing or helping out at the club to pop in and have a chat & meet some new friends at the club and join in the family environment working towards our 1st game for the season against Yallourn North on 6 April 2013 at Yallourn North.

Socially the club will have their annual Frog Race/Reverse draw Raffle in the Morwell River in mid March. Tickets will be on sale and a date set which will be advertised at the Post Office. The club will also have a meet the coaches day which will also be advertised at the Post Office.

Congratulations go out to Boolarra Assistant Coach Matthew Dyer for being selected as WIN Televisions "Off the Bench" Victorian Country Footballer of the Year 2012 in which he picked a prize of \$5000 for his efforts. This is on top of his achievements of representing the Mid Gippsland Football League against Alberton Football League and being picked as Best on Ground, picked as rover in the Australian Football Country League Squad, Player of the carnival in Wagga Wagga in July, Runner up Mid Gippsland Football League Best and Fairest 2012 and Boolarra Best and Fairest 2012. Great achievement Matt!!!!

Darren Napier

Treasurer

Boolarra Football Netball Club



CHRISTMAS SONG PICTURE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Jingle Bells
2. Walking in a Winter Wonderland
3. Santa Claus is Coming to Town
4. Joy to the World
5. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
6. O' Come All Ye Faithful
7. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas
8. Oh, Christmas Tree
9. What Child is This?
10. We Three Kings
11. Deck the Halls
12. I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In
13. O' Holy Night
14. Noel
15. Away In a Manger
16. The Twelve Days of Christmas
17. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
18. All I Want For Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
19. Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire
20. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
21. Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!
22. Silent Night
23. O' Little Town of Bethlehem
24. Silver Bells

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Boolarra Bowls & Recreation Club

The Boolarra Bowling Club is holding a Twilight Bowls night once a month on a Friday night for all those people who want to have a go playing bowls.

Flat soled shoes or bare feet are the only requirement to ensure the green is not damaged.

The members help those that haven't bowled before and everyone enjoys themselves. This is followed by a barbecue tea. Great value at \$10.00 for the game and dinner.



Russell Peters a club coach who has recently completed an umpires course putting his expertise to the test.



Visitors discussing the finer points of the game.

Our opening day on 16 September 2012 was very successful.

The last Sunday in the month Jam Sessions on the 30 September and the 28 October 2012 were both well attended and on the October Session the musicians played outside with a small number of Bowlers using the green, it was a day enjoyed by all.

Pennant started mid-October. Division 4 started off with 4 straight wins, Division 6 is struggling, mainly due to work commitments by members.

The 11 November 2012 was our Invitation Day and was most successful with a great day of sunshine and I must make mention of the fantastic meal provided by 4 of our ladies.

We received many compliments about the green itself, thanks to the dedicated number of members who roll and cut the green and in general look after it. The gardens and surrounds have never looked better, thanks to the Garden Committee.

Twilight Bowls on Friday nights has started and everyone has a good time, with a game of bowls and then a barbeque dinner to follow, any one is welcome to come to this social function night.

If playing bowls doesn't appeal to you, Social Memberships are also available.

The Boolarra Bowls and Recreational Club have a new Constitution. The Constitu-



One of the Boolarra Bowling Club members assisting a visitor during Twilight Bowls.



tion gives the members guidelines and rules for running the Club smoothly.

*Yours in Bowling
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