



The Boolarra Link

MEN'S SHED GRAND OPENING

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Darren Chester, Federal Member for Gippsland, cuts the tape

Over four years since it was first proposed at a BCDG meeting, the Boolarra Men's Shed has been officially opened, bringing to conclusion a long process involving many frustrations dealing with red tape pertaining to site acquisition, planning issues and building permits for both the actual shed and then the internal fit-out.

On Wednesday, 27 February 2013, State Member for Morwell Russell Northe and Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester performed the official opening duties. Russell Northe unveiled the signage acknowledging Sponsors and others involved in the project

memorate the event and also to express interest in shed activities – over 120 people signed the Visitors Book

Men's Sheds are a Men's Health initiative and their motto is "Shoulder to Shoulder", and to quote from the latest AMSA Newsletter - "The Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) is now the largest male-based representative and "not for profit" organisation in the nation and is still growing rapidly. Men's Sheds have as their primary objective, to advance the health and well-being of male members and provide a safe, friendly environment where men feel they belong and are able to work on meaningful projects in the company of other men."

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and Darren Chester cut the tape. There were many other invited guests representing sponsors, trades, Local and State Government Departments as well as a good crowd of community members. Win TV was also in attendance.

The shed has been fitted out by local tradesmen as well as the shed members and their handiwork was on display, along with machinery and equipment purchased to equip the shed and many community donations.

In Men's Shed tradition, the opening ceremony was followed by a BBQ and morning tea. Guests were able to sign a Visitors Book to com-



*Men's Shed sub-Committee of the BCDG and hard workers
Back Row - Doug Black, Mick Schiller, Jeff Henderson, Pat McAllister, Matt Clough
Front Row - Michael Watt, Lawrie Havrillay, Geoff Dunkley*

BOOLARRA'S 11th FOLK FESTIVAL WOWS THE CROWD



Crowd enjoying the good atmosphere at the 11th Folk Festival

The day dawned bright for the eleventh Boolarra Folk Festival, and the activity in the town parks early in the morning of Saturday, 2 March 2013 was indicative of all the effort that contributes to a successful festival. Rick Teychenne, fresh from bushfire duties at Omeo, was organizing the main stage, Maurice Papa climbing on his ute to hang sponsorship signs, Wendy Stewart arranging the information tent and Kathy and Tim Ryan delivered loads here and there. The festival began with the Friday night event at ARC in Yinnar which was so well attended, patrons had to be turned away. The ARC Switchroom is a cosy venue with superb acoustics. The tables were also filled at the pub for the Open Mic. Event on Saturday night where the audience was very encouraging of new talent. When wandering amongst the festival market, the sponge and water stall run by the Scouts was a popular activity for dads and their boys with a chance to aim and splash. It is a highlight of the market that so many of the stalls are run by interest groups and charities within

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The healing tent

it's always a friendly and family atmosphere. The music seemed well received with people coming and going from the park area as it suited them. A dance move was added to the school drumming with many children participating whilst others waited eagerly to take to their drums. The main stage acts included the expressive folk sound of Lucy Wise and Mischa Herman and The Stiletto Sisters displayed their energetic romany-style music in full costume. The crowd close to the stage could be seen dancing to The Dukes of Despair, and Karavana Flamenca helped celebrate the close of the festival.

The weather was pleasant with a gentle breeze which erased the memories of last year's rain affected event. The festival is an important feature in the local and regional calendar and now attracts many groups who make a weekend of it in Boolarra - extended families, tourists, campers and friends. We hope that you enjoyed the day and look forward to your continued support.



Crowd at the market



The always intresting drumming performance of the Boolarra Primary School

Anyone who would like to get involved is welcome to ring 0459 219 329 or email boolarrafolkfest@internode.on.net.

Kate Reiske
Publicity Co-ordinator

BOOLARRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Another year, with lots of new challenges and opportunities.

Christmas Carols went very well, with a lovely night. I couldn't believe the number of kids that appeared when Santa appeared in the CFA truck. Thanks to Garryelle Rose and all the other people who assisted in making it such a great event. Garryelle has indicated she will be standing down as co-ordinator of the Carols, so if anyone is interested in assisting in any way, please contact myself or another member of the Development Group.

Likewise, Roz Carstairs has been co-ordinating the Boolarra ANZAC Day celebrations for several years and has indicated that she would like someone else to take on this role. Both Roz and Garryelle are happy to provide handover and support to assist the changeover.

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 is now operational (see separate report). More training will be made available in April and we are keen for more participants to assist in the operation.

- Our Bushfire Memorial Gazebo including table and seating has been constructed in Railway Park. The BBQ has just been installed and the construction is now complete except for some minor works on guttering, landscaping and fascia work. It has been pleasing to see the usage the facility is already getting, as it further enhances the facilities in the park and provides additional opportunities for groups to enjoy the beautiful surrounds.

- The Men's Shed is operational now and the enthusiastic sub-committee has been busy with the interior fit-out and connection of services in preparation for the grand opening (see separate report). They should be very proud of their efforts and persistence in bringing this concept to fruition. 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. Quantum has now finished their formal involvement with the group and deserves recognition for their great efforts in establishing the activity and assisting to structure it in a sustainable format. The Development Group has had discussions with the Salvation Army and they have very kindly donated \$1,320.00 towards the operating costs of the Youth and Space activities for 2013. For the duration of the multi-purpose building refurbishment, they have moved their

activities to the Hall.

- Recently some major funding became available from the Victorian Government for artistic projects based around Small Town Transformation. A concept developed by Abbas Mehran has been submitted and the Development Group has agreed to be the lead body for the project, in partnership with other local businesses and organisations and has also approved in principle the commitment of some funding towards the project.

- The community art show will be run once again in June/July. This provides the opportunity for everyone to put in something they have created. The emphasis is on participation and we encourage people to share their creations.

- The Development Group aims to run a community forum shortly to get the views of residents and groups in Boolarra and district on our collective priorities. As a community, we have received some wonderful support in recent years from organisations such as the Mirboo North Community Bank, the Mirboo North Community Foundation, International Power Hazelwood, Latrobe City and various state government departments. Our aim is to work closely with groups such as these to achieve major improvements in facilities and programs for our community. If we have a community plan with established priorities and strong partnerships, it is a powerful tool in achieving our dreams.

Colin Brick
Secretary



Tracy Anderson serving at Boolarra Koffee Kart

Boolarra Koffee Kart



The Boolarra Koffee Kart is a Community Development Group initiative to establish a community enterprise that provides training and employment opportunities to local residents of all ages and generates income for local groups and the community. It is now up and running, having operated successfully at a number of local events. We jumped in the deep end to kick it off by catering to the Great Victorian Bike Ride in Traralgon and Mirboo North. This gave the group a much better feel for the realities of operating the Kart and identified a few shortcomings in our procedures and equipment that have now been addressed.

This has been followed by attendance at a number of other events including the opening of the Old Mill Site in Boolarra, Australia Day and the Red Hot Summer Tour in Traralgon, which have all gone very well. By the time this goes to press the Kart will also have operated at the Folk Festival. Applications have also been submitted for a range of events across the region over the coming months.

This has enabled the group to gain a greater understanding of the manning required, the amount of milk, coffee and other consumables required and to become familiar with the set up and clean up procedures.

The group has put a lot of effort into establishing rates for hire of the Kart for events. The Kart has to operate as a business, with quite a few overheads and labour input involved in a day's operation, so the group has to be quite selective in when and where it operates, to ensure it remains sustainable.

Expressions of interest for the position of Kart Co-ordinator have been requested in signs at the shop and at the time of writing interviews have been scheduled for the position.

Further training is intended for people who are interested in working on the Kart and details will be made available once times and locations have been determined. The group is also seeking volunteers looking to undertake important, worthwhile and enjoyable community work.

Colin Brick
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australia day

Boolarra celebration

Another great Australia Day celebration at Railway Park in Boolarra with around 150 people turning out to enjoy an egg and bacon sandwich and a chance to have a chin wag with friends they don't run into often. In the lead up to the event, we were discussing options if it happened to rain. Wouldn't that have been a nice problem to have, after over a month with no rain? It was perfect weather and the freshly mown park looked a treat. The trees have grown now and are very attractive shade trees that are greatly appreciated by the crowd. The kids had fun with the games organised by Samantha Brick, including sack races, egg and spoon races and gumboot throwing. The older crowd members were kept on their toes by Australian Trivia questions.



The Australia Day breakfast

The CFA and other volunteers started at 7:30am to ensure the hungry masses were very well catered for. There were collection points for people to donate funds to the Tasmanian Fire Appeal (through the Salvation Army, in sealed tins so we don't know the amount) and \$232.00 to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund. This generosity reflects people's appreciation of the support we received after the fires in 2009. The day was also featured the Boolarra Community Development Group Koffee Kart providing tea and coffee to the crowd. The Kart seeks to provide training and employment opportunities to locals and to provide a source of income to local community groups. If you are interested in booking the Kart for an event, contact Tracy Anderson, on 0408 038 769. Cr Darrell White spoke movingly of the significance of Australia Day and the values it represents and how these are reflected in our community. Russell Northe, MLA made a surprise visit as part of his busy Australia Day schedule and congratulated Boolarra on what we have been able to achieve as a community. There were a couple of brief community announcements on topics of great importance to the town. Dave O'Brien from the Boolarra CFA advised that an emergency siren has been made operational in Boolarra and explained the significance of a 90 second and a 5 minute siren blast. For the longer blast, residents should take action to acquaint themselves with the nature of the emergency and then take appropriate action for



Recipients in recognition of their significant contribution to the community:

From left to right: Russell Northe, MLA, Sherie Howard, Shirley Carnes, Cr Darrell White, Ruth Kinghorn, Todd Birkbeck, Marietta Herni, John Parker, Wendy Stewart, Ray Stewart

their safety as per their personal emergency action plan. TV reception continues to be a vexed question in Boolarra and Val Henderson gave a brief rundown on the current situation and requested people collect and complete surveys detailing the nature and timing of the interruptions they suffer. The surveys can be dropped at the PO for collation and submission to the appropriate authorities. There were a large number of nominations for Community Recognition Awards this year. This reflects the enthusiasm people have for being able to have their friends' efforts formally acknowledged in front recipients in recognition of the significant contribution to the community: of an audience of their peers. It was a terrific range of recipients this year, with a number of the quiet achievers acknowledged, along with a number of people who have been closely involved in key community activities such as the CFA and the Boolarra Folk Festival. A special mention should be made of Todd Birkbeck. He had advised during the week that he would be unavailable to receive his award in person, as he was in Licola with the Boolarra CFA strike team. Fortunately, the situation improved in Licola and he was able to make an early return to attend the ceremony; a great photo opportunity was lost, as Todd had arranged for his sons to receive the award on his behalf, but it was great to see how much it meant to Todd to make the effort to be there personally.

Congratulations to the following recipients in recognition of the significant contribution to the community:

Marietta Herni

Through her tireless efforts to improve Boolarra as a community over many years. Over the past three years she has instrumental in the construction of the new gazebo and in co-ordinating activities and equipment for elder people in the community.

Shirley Carnes

In the establishment of an U10's Football Team. Almost singlehanded she organised league affiliation, players, coaches, parental support and equipment. The joy and enthusiasm of our young girls and boys on the field is a tribute to Shirley's endeavours.

Sherie Howard

Throughout almost 20 years of involvement at Boolarra PS. Her achievements include fabulous photograph of school activities, valuable contributions to the Building and Grounds committee, especially the gardens around the Budgeree Building, and the establishment and management of our Equestrian team.

John Parker

For his tireless efforts over many years in maintaining Apex Park. Through his efforts the Park remains a wonderful community asset for camping and recreation.

Ruth Kinghorn

For her giving & loving nature and her generous contribution to the community across many spheres. She is a jack of all trades, always prepared to assist in any way she can, and always with a smile.

Todd Birkbeck

Making the entire Boolarra community a safer place through his role as Captain of the Boolarra CFA. Hundreds of hours are committed on management and operational duties at brigade and group level to ensure the community's



The kids enjoying the Games

needs are achieved.

Ray Stewart

Ray has always been a man of vision. In 2002 he had a special vision and the skills and energy to bring the Boolarra Folk Festival to fruition. After ten years, Ray is still the spiritual leader of the Festival and its success is his monument.

Wendy Stewart

In her quiet, unassuming, practical and thoroughly determined way, she has been as instrumental as anyone in the ongoing success of the Boolarra Folk Festival.

Another great Australia Day.

Colin Brick, OA

Boolarra Community Development Group



BOOLARRA MEMORIAL HALL INC.

The Hall is looking good at the moment. Always busy with various groups, it continues to support the community. At the moment the Hall is used regularly by the Exercise Group on Monday 9:30am-10:30am and Table Tennis on Fridays 10:00am-11:00am. I think they may be looking for more players at the moment. Just stroll down on a Friday and you'll get a game. Cook and Chat are on some Tuesdays 11:00am-1:00pm, Boolarra Youth Group weekly, usually on a Friday after Theatre Group. Boolarra and District Youth Theatre Company (BanDyTC) are on Friday 4:00-5:00pm junior students and 5:15pm-6:15pm for senior students. This group is going from strength to strength and always encourages new members. They have regular coaching in the art of theatre so just pop down on a Friday and find out what happens.

In between the regulars are the parties, weddings, wakes, folk festivals, meetings, information evenings, art exhibitions and many more.

The Hall fees are very generous and try to cater for every group and its needs. Main Hall hire for a big function is \$150.00 with a \$100.00 deposit up front. This fee covers all facilities the Hall has including the sound system (if required) which needs to be operated by a trained person (this may incur a cost) and also booked at the same time as the Hall booking is made.

Most groups operate on a session basis which is \$10.00 per hour. For a full list of hire charges, please view in the booking register at the Top Shop.

Please ensure you write your booking in on the date you want, together with your phone number. Hall meetings are held every two months on a third Thursday at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, 18 April 2013.

Enquiries may be made to Roz Carstairs Secretary on 0429 383 686 or Roborn Lubawski President on 5169 6494.

*Roz Carstairs
Secretary*

ANZAC SERVICE

The community of Boolarra and District are cordially invited to attend an ANZAC Service at Boolarra on Sunday, 21 April 2013 at 10.00am. The service will be held opposite the Hall at the R.S.L. All ex-service men and women are particularly encouraged to attend.

This Service has been organised with the assistance and support of the Morwell R.S.L. During the service there will be an opportunity to lay a wreath/flowers. The service will be followed by a light morning tea at the Boolarra Memorial Hall. If the weather is inclement the service will be held at the Hall.



*Roz Carstairs
Organiser*

THANK YOU

No doubt you all saw the horses and wagon doing laps on Saturday during the folk festival.

A lot of fun was had by people of all ages.

All the proceeds made from these wagon rides were kindly donated to the Boolarra Pre School and the Boolarra Stompers (Relay for Life team).

On behalf of the kinder and the Stompers I would like to say a huge thank you to:

Ian Richards, Merv Allen, Neville Gilpin and the clydsdales Jay and Max!



Ian Richards wagon owner-driver



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Whilst the Boolarra shed is primarily for men as the quote suggests, it is hoped to hold invitational days for ladies if enough interest is shown and subject to availability of manpower to run them. Youth mentoring will also come under the availability category. Plans are already afoot to hold a men's health session, conducted by our own Dr. Margaret Costello.

Some of the Projects in the planning stages include chicken coops, planter boxes and Christmas decorations as fundraisers, as well as park tables

as a community initiative. The shed may undertake paid projects as



Above: Some of the crowd of over 120 people who attended the Opening

Left: L-R Jeff Henderson, Russell Northe, Member for Morwell, Darren Chester Federal Member for Gippsland speaking, Cr. Darrell White

Below: Stan & Marg Niddrie cooking the BBQ at the Opening.

funds need to be raised to enable the shed to be financially self-sufficient. It is also planned to equip the shed for activities other than woodwork, e.g. welding and metalwork activities.

Now that facilities such as kitchen/administration area, water and toilets are all connected and operational, the sub-committee are planning for shed activities to commence in earnest



Above: Acknowledgement sign for valuable help

For inquiries regarding these and opening times, either call at the shed, if someone is there, or call Jeff Henderson on 5169 6218.

Thanks to Tammy Richards from Fitzard Fotos (www.fitzardfotos.com) who provided photos for the Folk Festival, opening of the Mens Shed and Kindergarten.

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Russell Northe MLA

Member for Morwell

As 2013 begins, I'd like to wish all community members a Happy New Year and I hope that the festive season was an enjoyable time with family and friends.

The year has certainly gotten off to a great start, with attendance at our local Australia Day celebrations being well attended by people of all ages. It was terrific to see all involved enjoying the festivities to commemorate our great nation. It is always great to see such exuberance when it comes to celebrating our national events and this year's Australia Day events were no different.

I made my way to a number of community events during the course of the day and all were fabulous services and a testament to the many organisations who host such wonderful occasions. Australia Day is also a time to recognise the fabulous community service that so many dedicated people give to our communities each and every single day.

It was another great Australia Day celebration at Railway Park in Boolarra with around 150 people turning out. Luckily I had the opportunity to depart the Yinnar and District festivities and arrive just in time for the award ceremony in Boolarra. I'd like to congratulate all the winners of Boolarra Community Recognition Awards received on Australia Day. It is fantastic to see our local residents being actively involved in the community and duly recognised for their contributions.

A big well done to the following recipients: Marietta Herni, Shirley Carnes, Sherie Howard, John Parker, Ruth Kingthorn, Todd Birkbeck, Ray Stewart and Wendy Stewart.

I recently had the pleasure of officially opening the Boolarra Men's shed with the Federal Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester. As part of the

Coalition Government's 2010 election commitment, the Boolarra Men's shed received \$25,000 in funding to assist in the establishment of this wonderful facility.

In partnership with other financial contributors, along with the amazing efforts of the Men's Shed working committee, Boolarra and District now has a vitally important facility and service at its disposal.

We acknowledge those other financial partners including FRRR in collaboration with the Pratt Foundation, The Salvation Army and Mirboo North and District Community Bank.

Men's Sheds play a significant and practical role in supporting local men with the provision of skills, along with helping connectivity in their communities and mainstream society.

On the same day as the Men's shed opening, I joined with Darren Chester to speak with residents about matters of importance to individuals and local organisations.

On 7 February I had the opportunity in Parliament to note the 4th Anniversary of the Black Saturday bushfires along with the Delburn Complex fires that heavily impacted the Boolarra and Yinnar communities.

In particular, our local CFA brigades were well recognised for their extraordinary efforts during those fires and I'm pleased to see that the Boolarra CFA team has grown even stronger since that period of time.

The Boolarra Community Development Group and the Boolarra and Yinnar Community Recovery Committees were also of course instrumental in the aftermath of these fires.

I again pass on my best wishes and thanks to those who have played a key role as our communities recover, whilst we also remember the lives lost and the families and communities who endured this tragedy.

Gluten Free

What is all the fuss about? We have all been hearing about gluten free this and gluten free that. What does it mean? Basically it covers a wide range of physical disturbances stemming from an intolerance to gluten which is found in wheat, oats or barley. Simply put, gluten is the binding substance that allows these grains to stick together or allow them to stretch like in bread that rises as you bake it.

For many, this gluten causes severe digestive problems and they must avoid it. The reasons for this becoming more and more common are very speculative, ranging from too much use of antibiotics to grains being made from GMO crops. Whatever the reason, the problems associated with it seem to be spreading. For many people, gluten manifests itself as inflammation, either of veins or joints or intestinally. Myself, it manifests itself as vascular inflammation resulting in elevated blood pressure issues. Stay away from wheat and my blood pressure is normal. Eat wheat and it sky rockets to the point that doctors want me to use prescription medication to control it. I simply avoid wheat.

You will find two recipes of delicious foods that you can make wheat free for your family in this edition on page 16 and 18. You can also find excellent choices for wheat free items in your local stores in the health food sections. I like to cook, therefore, I usually try to make things from "scratch". Let me know what you think of the recipes. Have fun making them, sharing them and enjoying them!



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BOOLARRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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*The Boolarra Historical Museum is open
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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 in-
formation on our activities can be obtained
from Mengar Hibbins (5169 6216), Judy
Webster (5169 6351) or Beth Price (5169
6241).*



MEDIA RELEASE

Demolition completes the project

7 February 2013

All media enquiries: Jenny Hammett 5177 4793 or 0448 905 833

The demolition of the Boolarra Water Treatment Plant is the last step of a major Gippsland Water project that has increased the water security for the residents of Boolarra.

Gippsland Water contractors will soon begin the task of removing; water treatment buildings and infrastructure, an untreated water storage basin, and two off-take weirs that were used to transport water taken directly from Walkleys and O'Gradys creeks prior to treatment. This will be followed by 12-months of weed monitoring at the site.

The Boolarra Water Treatment Plant has not been used since a 9km pipeline to provide a more secure water supply to Boolarra was installed in the first half of 2012. This pipeline links Boolarra to Yinnar's water supply, which comes from the Moondarra Reservoir and is treated at the Morwell Water Treatment Plant.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) owned land has been leased by Gippsland Water since the treatment plant was constructed over 30 years ago. Gippsland Water will be returning the former site of the Boolarra Water Treatment Plant to the DSE following the plant's demolition and weed monitoring program.

For more information about Gippsland Water, visit www.gippswater.com.au.

Authorised:
David Mawer, Managing Director



DIGITAL TV ISSUES

Digital TV outages still continue to plague our free-to-air viewing, unless you're lucky enough to have your aerial high enough and tuned to Mount Tassie!



The Canberra based technician who visited Boolarra over three days late last year has still not been able to tell us whether the problem detected has been diagnosed and therefore fixable. At the Australia Day breakfast, many residents voiced their displeasure at the quality of our digital TV reception and Television Outage forms were handed out for completion and return to the Post Office. Unfortunately and disappointingly, only four have been returned to date, which is a very small number considering the number of unhappy TV viewers there are in Boolarra and surrounds.

Without the support of the community, it is very difficult to provide ACMA (Australian Communications & Media Authority) with a true reflection of how abysmal our TV reception is. Digital TV outage sheets are available at the Post Office, can be returned there once completed and a new one picked up. These WILL be collated and forwarded to ACMA.

Without the community support/evidence, we will be banging our heads against a brick wall. People are quite verbal when discussing it, but they need to be prepared to fill out the sheets to make a difference! We need the community's contribution to make this better for all.

Val Henderson

Football is about to start for this year so "Come on the Dees".

This year has just begun and there's 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.

TV reception still not fantastic is it? There have been forms set up and handed out for you to fill in when the dropouts occur. There are more at the Post Office for those who have run out of space or those who have not yet got the forms. Please do this small thing for the benefit of the whole community. All it takes is a tiny bit of your time.

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 finally 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. Soon it will be full of market stalls and music when the Folk Festival hits town. We all hang out for that, don't we?

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 and don't always think to look for cars.

Congratulations to the families who have new babies joining them.

We keep going over this next problem. We get mail with insufficient address to be able to deliver. But we try our best. It would be very helpful to us if people encouraged family and friends and businesses they deal with to use the correct postal address, which is not necessarily their street address if they have a post box.

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

Have a very happy and safe Easter break.

Gwenda

This edition was put together in Germany, Thankyou to Max Sauppe for your extra help so that I can produce the Boolarra Link from the distance in time



Cook and Chat Group

Every 2nd Tuesday in the month this group meets at the Boolarra Memorial Hall Kitchen to share different ideas and recipes. Everyone is welcome to come along, cost is \$5.00 per session and this includes a lovely lunch with a friendly bunch of people. Last year we had a couple of outings, one day to the Prahran Market in Melbourne and one day at the Koonwarra Cooking School, where we learned to make sourdough bread and crumpets. They were delicious!

At our next meeting on 12 March 2013 we will have a demonstration of the "Thermo Max", an appliance which does "everything", so that will be interesting! Please book a place for this one!

All welcome - 2nd Tuesday at the Memorial Hall Kitchen from 10:30am til 1:00pm.

Enquiries to Marietta on 5169 6355



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Destination (at last, the real) Ebie Falls, November 2012



My first sighting of the remarkable main cascade'



Some members of the Friends of the Upper Morwell River (unofficial trip) enjoyed the short walk in and great scenery



Thanks to Alan Hall for these photos



How to get there (courtesy of Google Earth). Note: Roads are very much improved but 4WD still recommended'

The smaller waterfall image below is included for a bit of a funny reason: because I once ran this picture with a special article a few years ago in the Link, saying that it was the (Eb) Falls, but really, it isn't, as I discovered later. Apologies to anyone. Mistaken identity: a nice little waterfall at the junction of the East Branch that I previously believed was Ebie Falls – but really tiny compared to the real thing!



To All Group Activity Organizers

If you are one of those people who organize fundraising events for clubs and groups etc, some of us think that having a book at a central place for your perusal would alleviate the regular occurrence of clashing with others and therefore making your event better responded to. Boolarra and surrounding area is a great community for supporting functions and causes alike and there is always some fundraiser or other happening and seeking support.

This book would have dates of fundraising events etc. that are happening in and around our town. It could also work for raffles. We all want our particular fundraiser to get the best response possible, but when two or three other things are happening at the same time, then we all miss out and end up with little to show for our efforts. It would also make it easier for the people of our town to plan their budget around it, so making it fairer all round don't you think?

If you want to use this book then it will be based at the Post Office from the beginning of March 2013.

I hope you all take advantage of this and together we can make it work.

Gwenda

BOOLARRA ART EXHIBITION 2013

Art is within all of us. Following our first successful Art Exhibition, the Boolarra Community Development Group is determined to have another such event this year.

We encourage all members of the Boolarra community to get involved in some kind of creative activity. Take free art courses available in Boolarra and other close areas or choose a subject of your interest and take wonderful art classes at ARC Yinnar. Take out your paintbrushes, pencils, easels, craft, woodwork, pottery clay, cameras and any other art related hobby equipment and get working on your latest masterpiece.

We are planning to have our Art Exhibition around the middle of this year. Please feel free to give us advice, let us know of your concerns, problems we might have had last time and so on. Our first art event was very well received and it was amazing to see the quality and range of exhibits from our talented community, with a great opening night and a steady stream of visitors through the Exhibition over the weekend. It is hoped that we will have a whole new show this year to be viewed by many and voted for.

Abbas Mehran - On behalf of the Art Exhibition Subcommittee of the Boolarra Community Development Group.



BOOLARRA CEMETERY TRUST

We now have a website! Jodie Duckworth, of Virtual Admin. Support Team, met with Trust members at the Cemetery and at the meeting held on 21 November 2012. The website can be found at www.australiancemeteries.com and contains the details of all burials at Boolarra with a photo of each grave. We are thrilled with the excellent job Jodie has done and it was up and running before Christmas. The website will be updated annually.

We still have funds available from our grant and plan to mark the handful of graves as yet unmarked with a small plaque. We also want to provide some historical plaques at some significant graves.

We are currently in the process of arranging all original records and documents relating to the Cemetery in chronological order, then copying them and collating them into binders and also in disc form. As there are over 120 years of records, this task will take some time to complete!

The Cemetery Trust meetings are open to all members of the community and we welcome new ideas and constructive criticism! Our meetings are held on the stage of the Memorial Hall and commence at 7:30pm. The meetings for 2013 are Wednesdays as follows:

- 20 February
- 17 April
- 19 June
- 21 August (Annual General Meeting)
- 16 October

*Glenys Morgan
Secretary
5169 6721*

BOOLARRA BOOK CLUB

Once again we meet to discuss books (and other exciting matters). We meet at 4:30pm for coffee, chat and discussion and have a light tea together afterwards.

We have an exciting list of 10 books to read, one night with a film planned and another night to share a favourite book. We sometimes have a special activity together, such as a fancy afternoon tea or special food related to a book.

Come along and join in the fun. Enquiries contact – Robern on 5169 6494

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Most Impressive!

We have been extremely pleased with the excellent behaviour, attitude and application demonstrated by our students during the first weeks of the school year.

Welcome

We have fourteen new preps, our largest intake for some time. We also are pleased to have Grace (of grade 5) join us.



Enjoying pancakes provided by members of the Cooperating Church Group

Staffing Arrangements:

The P/1 class of 19 students will be taught by Ms Finley Smith and Ms Tanya Chalmers, the 1/2 class of 17 students by Ms Cheryl Hilton, the 3/4 class has 23 students and is taught by Ms Taryn Sands and the 5/6 Class of 20 is taught by Ms Tammy Estcourt. Ms Jo Dryden will take all students for BluEarth classes. Mr John Duck will provide Athletics coaching in preparation for the School Sports. Art classes are provided by Ms Karen Twomey. Ms Lisa Papa, Mr Herb Smith, Ms Pam Rogers & Ms Danni-Elle Kyle will provide additional classroom support. Our Business Manager, Ms Sharon Moule will be in the office three days a week and the Principal Ms Leanne Emond will fill in on the days she does not work.



Our Grade 4_5_6s

Industrial Action:

As part of the current dispute there is a ban on

teachers working beyond a 38 hour week. Our staff decided that, as much as they strongly support the AEU case for better pay and conditions for teachers and support staff, reducing their hours will impact negatively on the learning outcomes

for our students. What is being done instead is to reduce administrative meeting time as much as possible and to keep a record of all the extra work that is done beyond the 38 hours and publish this in any available forums. This way we can highlight how much unpaid extra work teachers routinely undertake. This is being reported in the school newsletter each week.



Enjoying each others' company at the Welcome Gathering in the Park

Welcome Get Together:

To provide an opportunity for us all to meet and greet new families, we had a Welcome Gathering in Boolarra Memorial Park in the second week of term. Our Vice School Council President, Luke Potter, presented our 2013 student leaders with their badges of office.

Uniform

Lots of our students received an icy-pole as a reward recently as they were in full uniform!

Fire Drill:

We had the quickest and most efficient evacuation ever when we practised our emergency procedures for the first time this year.



Ready to cool off in the pool

School Pool

Our pool provided a welcome relief from the heat during the first weeks of term.

School Goal:

This year, in an effort to increase our students'

engagement and sense of connection to the school, we are trying to give them more responsibility with regard to their learning, personal development and general school operation. As a result our senior students are taking responsibility for new areas such as setting up the shade structure in the pool and phoning to seek parent help with pool supervision and proof reading the Newsletter.



Jordan & Paige with some of the equipment we received from the Coles & Woolworths Shopper Reward programs

Sensational New Resources!

Thanks to our students' families and members of our community, we received some excellent equipment through the 2012 Coles Sports for Schools program and the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. This included lots of Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) equipment for the P/1/2s to use and Maths and Science equipment for all our grades. We are very grateful to everyone who collected shopping vouchers on our behalf. We also receive much appreciated funding from Ritchies in Churchill through their Community Benefits program. Anyone who shops in Ritchies and doesn't have a card is invited to collect one from the school office.

Free Fruit Friday:



Some of the P_1 Students enjoying blueberries on Free Fruit Friday

Unfortunately the funding for this program ceased last year. Fortunately we still have a little money left in this budget line so our students all got to enjoy some delicious blueberries recently. These were provided by our new student Grace's Mum, Di, at a bargain price (which means the little money we have left will go even further!).

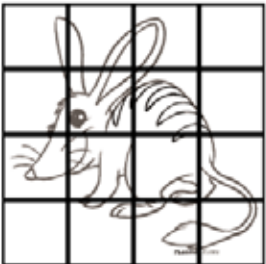
Leanne Emond
Principal Boolarra PS

The Bilby is disappointed to find only black and white easter eggs in the forest so to cheer up the Bilby could the children colour in the eggs in lovely bright colours. Amongst the eggs is a plain white egg they could create their own colourful pattern on this.

FUN & GAMES PAGE



Bilby Grid



How good is your eye? Use this guide to try and draw this small bilby much bigger in the squares below. When you are finished, take it to school to show your teacher.



The hatching of the Boolarra Easter Chicken

Bunnies

- 2-1/2 to 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 package (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 egg



Put the butter, the sour cream and water in a small saucepan and heat, but do not cook. Cool to tepid then add the remaining ingredients. Put in a kneader. If thick add more water. Let it rise double and cut into 16 equal parts. Baking tray lined with baking paper and cut the ears with scissors.



Then, the eyes can be put, such as pepper grains. Bake at 375° for about 10 minutes or until golden brown.

Boolarra Pre-school 2013.

Pre-school has kicked off for the year with 12 pre-school (4 year old) and 9 pre- kinder (3 year old) students.

Welcome back to the lovely teachers Miss Jess and Mrs Williams.

We've had a visit from some lovely little furry pets already, much to the kids delight, and there are already some lovely paintings, drawings and creations being sent home.

A big thank you to the 2012 committee:

President: Tracy Anderson

Secretary: Rachael Maxwell

Treasurer: Gabrielle Francis

Fund raising co-ordinator: Emma Read

Our new 2013 committee was elected on Tuesday, 19 February 2013.

President: Tammy Richards

Returning as secretary: Rachael Maxwell

Treasurer: Lisa Hamilton

Fund raising co-ordinator: Tammy Richards



Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13 March 2013, 2:00pm at the pre-school.

Meetings will be held every month, 2:00pm at the pre-school, (ongoing day to be decided after the first meeting) notices will be posted a week or so before each meeting.

Pre-school fundraising will be kicking off soon so keep an eye out for us!

A huge thank you to:

Dan Aveling Remedial Massage and Boolarra Post Office for donating things that will go towards our fundraising this year.

Tammy Richards



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GTK NEWS

EASTER

Again this Easter Glory to the King Christian Community will hold a special service of worship and Communion at 3:00pm on Good Friday. If you would like to take time out to celebrate the true meaning of Easter before getting stuck into the chocolate, we invite you to join us at the Old Scout Hall, Corner Young and Bastin Streets, Boolarra.

FETE

Glory to the King Ministries International Inc. will hold a pre-Mothers Day fete at Glory to the King Christian Community (the Old Scout Hall) on Saturday, 4 May 2013 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. GTKMI and other Boolarra community groups will have stalls, including crafts, food and trash and treasure. There will be face painting for the kids, cosmetic demonstrations and makeovers, photos with your Mum, fashion parades and other entertainment throughout the day. We will also be running a kids colouring competition in the lead up to the Fete, with the prizes awarded on the day. Look out for a flyer in your letterbox with more details.

WEBSITE

The Glory to the King website is growing all the time. We have now begun to include pages for our affiliated pastors in Africa and Asia. Check it out at <http://glorytotheking.net> and while you are there sign up for our free newsletter.

OVERSEAS AID

A big thank you to all who support our appeal days for our Overseas Aid Fund. So far this year we have been able to send \$1000.00 to the Philippines for emergency relief after Typhoon Bopha which tore through the island of Mindanao in December, taking over 600 lives and leaving



Photos: Philippines1: Distributing relief aid in the Philippines

thousands of people homeless. We have also been able to send \$500.00 to a home for abandoned children in India which was so desperate for support that a further day's delay would have seen the children go hungry and another \$500.00 for community based orphan support programs in Kenya.



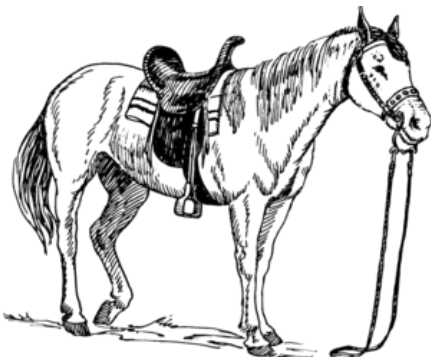
Philippines2: The remains of a family's home after Typhoon Bopha

Because we are a tiny organization with limited support these amounts are necessarily relatively small, but where they would achieve very little here in Australia, in developing nations they can do a huge amount of good.

*Submitted by Rev. Lynn Fowler
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BOOLARRA CREWS SUPPORT ABERFELDY FIRE

During the past several weeks fire fighters from Boolarra have joined Strike Teams to fight the Aberfeldy Fire where they have protected Licola and surrounds. Several members have volunteered on more than one occasion with Todd Birkbeck acting as Strike Team Leader once and Crew Leader on others. Other members to assist were Rusty McGlade, Simon Pickett, Michelle Birkbeck and John Edwards. Di Billingsley worked in the ICC at Heyfield and Mark Petty was the Manager of the Mobile Communications Van located at Licola. Dave O'Brien organized things from home in the Morwell Group Duty Officer's role.

The Boolarra and Boolarra 2 Tankers and our Ultra Light have been at the fires as part of Strike Teams on several occasions.

BOOLARRA IS ALWAYS COVERED

When tankers are required to leave our area as part of Strike Teams the Morwell Group activates a "Step Up" procedure of other tankers to ensure all areas have tanker coverage. If the Boolarra Tanker is required to leave the area as part of a Strike Team Boolarra 2 Tanker is relocated to Boolarra from Boolarra South.

BOOLARRA SOUTH STATION USED FOR FIRST TIME

Our new station at Boolarra South was used for the first time in "anger" on 4 January 2013 when a fire re-ignited in a previously burnt pile of logs and prunings on a property on the Grandridge Road at Boolarra South. Our quick fill pump was set up at the new station to re-fill the Boolarra, Boolarra 2 and the Mirboo North Tankers as well as our Ultra light.

IGA CHURCHILL STILL SUPPORTING US

For many years, at the end of each month, Churchill's Ritchie's IGA has sent the Boolarra Fire Brigade a cheque for the purchase of new equipment. Locals who shop in the Ritchie's store and who have nominated the Boolarra Fire Brigade as their preferred recipient through the "Community Benefit Scheme" are responsible for us receiving the much-appreciated cheque each month. The brigade thanks both Ritchies and the locals who shop there for their contributions. If you would like to assist please register your name and nominate the Boolarra CFA as your preferred "Community Group" at Ritchies where you will be allocated with your own "Community Card".

BOOLARRA TRAINS NEW MEMBERS IN MINIMUM SKILLS

The Boolarra Brigade together with the



Churchill and Hazelwood North Brigades have conducted a Minimum Skills Program for new fire fighters wishing to join the CFA. The program that was conducted at the Boolarra Fire Station on Monday evenings during January and February has seen 12 (including 6 from Boolarra) pass their Minimum Skills assessment thus qualifying to become CFA fire fighters.

BOOLARRA FIRE SUSPICIOUS

A quick thinking motorist used a blanket to minimize the spread of a grass and scrub fire that was burning on Monash Way between the Morwell River and the Morwell River Road on 24 January 2013. The motorist was able to slow the fire until the Boolarra and another 3 tankers arrived to completely extinguish the blaze.

Lt. Michelle Birkbeck, acting in her first role as Incident Controller, managed the incident most capably and was able to prevent the fire spreading into Jack Richard's property. A Fire Investigator attended the scene as it was deemed suspicious.

HVP TRAINS OUR MEMBERS IN PLANTATION FIRE FIGHTING

Two experienced HVP fire fighters, Maarty Krygsman and Jimmy Key, recently visited our station to train us in "Plantation Fire Fighting". The pair brought with them both HVP's newest fire truck and a slip-on unit. Our members learnt much from their visit and would like to express our gratitude to them.

TODD RECEIVES AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

Congratulations is extended to Todd Birkbeck, our Captain, who was awarded a plaque at the Boolarra Australia Day celebrations for the contribution he has made to the Boolarra CFA during the past year. Well done and thank you Todd!

A RELATIVE QUIET FIRE SEASON FOR US

Locals are to be congratulated for their due diligence throughout this fire season.

Members of the Boolarra brigade are instructed on "Plantation Fire Fighting Techniques" used by HVP.

However, until we receive many inches of rain we are still in a very dangerous bush/grass fire environment. Please continue to take care and keep your eyes open for any suspicious behaviour by people that may result in a fire.

Dave O'Brien

Gluten Free Marinated Tomato Salad

The key to this salad is to marinate for at least 4 hours in the refrigerator, then remove from the fridge to come to room temperature for one more hour.

Also, there will be left-over salad dressing/marinade – just use as is on other salads, maybe adding fresh lemon or more red wine vinegar.

2 Red tomatoes or 1 cup quartered cherry tomatoes

2 Yellow tomatoes or 1 cup quartered yellow grape tomatoes

2-3 Tbsp. roughly chopped red onion

2-3 Tbsp. roughly chopped fresh Basil

2-3 Tbsp. roughly chopped chives

Salad Dressing Marinade:

2 Tbsp. Organic Red Wine Vinegar

3 Tbsp. Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Juice of one small lime

Salt and fresh cracked pepper to taste

To a bowl, add the chopped tomatoes in equal size chunks. Add in the chopped red onion and basil. Mix up the dressing and pour over the salad. Toss to coat well, check for seasonings and refrigerate

MORWELL RIVER FALLS RESERVE RE-OPENS

The Friends of the Upper Morwell River are so pleased to be able to invite the Boolarra Community to the re-opening of the Morwell River Falls Reserve on Friday 22 March 2013 at 12:30pm. Bring a picnic, chair or rug & enjoy an afternoon Celebration at the Falls.

When the Friends of the Upper Morwell River first formed in 2007, they were the Friends of the Upper Morwell River Falls. This title reflected the priority of the members for a focus on re-opening the Morwell River Falls.

Many of you would know that the Falls were closed due to lack of maintenance as the old Prison Farm had been the labour source for the Falls & other projects along the river. With the closure of the prison farm, the Falls fell into decline. The Friends formed out of a desire to see this valuable tourist & community asset re-opened.

Thus began 5 years of hard work whereby the Friends controlled weeds, re-instated tracks, got grants for: signage, gravel and a picnic table and benches and finally the steps for the final descent to view the main drop.

As well as this, there was liaison with the three land managers involved with the site. Latrobe City Council is the committee of management for the Reserve & the NEIP (Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan) with help from Mike Answerth & Kevin Roberts put the Falls Reserve Re-opening firmly on the agenda. DSE Crown Land manage the western water frontage and Hancock Victoria Plantations lease land in the area. HVP have been helpful with the delivery of gravel, cutting of pine regrowth & signage for the Silver Mine.

An extensive management plan for the Falls was prepared by the Friends and along with media and letters the focus on the Morwell River Falls has remained in the public eye as an asset too good to lose.

There are so many people who have helped save the Falls from being removed from community access, and you know who you are and we are all grateful. The Morwell River Falls is a landscape of great beauty with wet forest of mountain ash, three cascading falls, good quality riparian vegetation and some very large old growth trees

that are wondrous examples of what once was. In winter there is a dynamic display of fungi and there are a number of cool temperate rainforest indicator species. There are now benches spotted throughout the reserve where you can take in the beauty of the place (with special thanks to Mick Schiller & the Wednesday Warriors from Lyre-bird walk for the benches).

The signage at the falls (main entrance picnic spot) includes some historical photos showing how much the Falls were valued from the 1900s onward as a tourist destination and now the Falls may again feature in eco-tourism guides locally and regionally. The Friends have established a facebook page that you can LIKE – search under “Friends of the Upper Morwell River”. Please share photos or stories of the Upper Morwell River on this page. We are particularly interested in any



bird or animal sightings – especially platypus of which there have been a number of sightings at the Falls.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the hard work of a core group of people who have got their hands dirty, attended meetings and held the faith that one day the Falls would again be officially opened.

These people are: Phil Piper, Kate Jackson, Alan Hall, Zorka Kcova, Brian Mclure, Mick & Denise Schiller, Mick Crowley, Sue Webster, Paul Jesse, John & Jill Parker and Catheryn Thompson.

There are other members past and present who have helped in a variety of ways and we hope to see you all at the:

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2013 FALLS OPENING PICNIC CELEBRATION.

MEET AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE PICNIC SPOT,

MORWELL RIVER FALLS AT 12:30pm.

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Be prepared for a walk or swim or just to BE in nature, cos it's time to party!!

Catheryn Thompson

President, on behalf of the Friends of the Upper Morwell River Inc.



"A strangely reflective, even melancholy day. Is that because, unlike our cousins in the northern hemisphere, Easter is not associated with the energy and vitality of spring but with the more subdued spirit of autumn."
Hugh Mackay

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During February, we sold Spring bulbs to brighten our gardens. The Red Cross receives 40% of the total sales and these funds are used here in Australia to help people in need.

March is "Red Cross Calling" month and we have collections tins at the Boolarra Post Office, the Top Shop, the Churchill Bakery, Anne's Café at Churchill and the Strzelecki Bakery in Mirboo North.

For those of you who have been asking, the next "Bev's Fashion Parade" will be held on Monday, 13 May 2013. More details regarding this popular event closer to the date!

Boolarra Friends of the Red Cross meet at 1:00pm in the Top Shop on the second Monday

of each month (unless it is a public holiday, when we meet on the 3rd Monday). At our February meeting we were happy to welcome a new member, Kerryn. Membership is \$5:00 annually and we are always very happy to welcome new members to our small, but dedicated, band of volunteers.

You may wish to help the Red Cross, but are unable to attend our meetings or fundraisers, due to work or family reasons. Here is a way you can help raise money and it won't cost you anything! In the last 5 years, Red Cross has raised \$50,000:00 from the sale of used postage stamps. Gwenda has generously agreed to be the collection point for your used stamps – please trim

the paper ¼ inch around the stamp and where possible, include the round post marks. Leave your used stamps at the collection box in the Post Office and we will forward them on to the office in Melbourne. They also collect postcards, badges, phone cards and old notes/coins from other countries. This is a new, but ongoing, fundraiser that you can help with to raise much needed funds!

Glenys Morgan
Treasurer
5169 6721

Gluten Free Button squash recipe Sautéed Button Squash

Cooking method

20g butter or margarine

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 clove garlic, peeled and finely chopped (optional)

500g small button squash

½ teaspoon dried basil or 1/3 cup fresh chopped basil

¼ teaspoon dried chives or ¼ cup fresh snipped chives

2 medium-size tomatoes, chopped

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon black pepper

Easy Sautéed Button Squash Recipe:

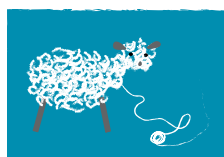
1. In a heavy frying pan, heat the butter and oil, add the garlic if used, and cook, uncovered, over moderate heat for 30 seconds being careful not to burn them, then add the squash, tossing to coat with butter and oil.

2. Sprinkle the basil over the top. Cook, tossing occasionally, for 5 or 6 minutes, or until the squash is just tender.

3. Add the tomatoes, salt and pepper. Heat through, toss, and serve.

(Note: It is important to add the salt at the end. If used early in the cooking, it releases moisture from the squash and makes it too soft.) Tip: Try the following variation: Omit the olive oil and basil, increase the butter to 2 tablespoons, and add 1/4 cup snipped fresh dill.

Your Button squash recipe Sautéed Button Squash is ready now



Boolarra Wool Group

We've started off the year with three members celebrating milestone birthdays (the ones with the big 0 on the end). Glenys has been very busy embroidering signature bears for members to sign as a gift to these lucky ladies, needless to say delicious birthday cakes have been devoured as well. Thank you to all the good cooks who have supplied these yummy treats. We've been doing a vast variety of crafts this year, some of us are doing embroidery; sock knitting always seems to be a popular past time; knitting various garments for grandchildren and friends grandchildren is always happening. Over the past few weeks I've been busy spinning some alpaca fleece I dyed a few years ago, I haven't made up my mind what I'll make with it yet. Some of us have been making blankets for the Fistula sufferers in Ethiopia. We continue to be enjoying lovely shared lunches every week, as well as good conversation and a few laughs. We are a very relaxed, friendly group and new members are always welcome. If you'd like more information call me on 0400 722 716. We are meeting at



the Boolarra Bowling Club from 11:00am until roughly 3:30pm at present, while the Multi-Purpose building is undergoing refurbishment.

Lois Thornton

Socks and rug were both made by Denise Schiller



*To the left
Handspun knitted wrap, Carla; pink variegated scarf, Glenys;
dark blue cowl and beanie, twisted scarf, pink fingerless
gloves, slippers, Jan;
Felted bag, Pam; two hanks of handspun dyed alpaca, Lois*



BOOLARRA SOUTH LANDCARE.

The December break-up spit roast was a fitting finale to 2012 and everyone managed to fit into the Gazebo as rain threatened. We had a very enjoyable and relaxing evening.

Our Caring for the Country Grant Workshops have been keeping us busy for the last few months. They have all been very well attended by locals and Landcare members from further afield. We have had some wonderful and varied activities. The Landslip Day was interesting and we were able to see some quite different slips and discuss their management. The Koala workshop was very informative and we have a much better understanding of our Strzelecki koalas as a result. There are some areas around Boolarra of particular interest. This led us to invite Wendy Wright from Monash University to teach us about detecting Koala scats and mapping their habitat. This will help us place our cameras and sample more scientifically.

DSE maps showing fire activity around Boolarra for the last 30 years means we have areas of forest we can compare and maybe see whether there are marked differences in wildlife populations in more recently burnt areas. We are going to have a research student involved and so our wildlife monitoring has developed somewhat. Another activity we enjoyed was a night walk with some members of the Latrobe Field naturalists to guide us. Ken Henry set up a moth monitoring station which proved most fascinating, attracting about 50 species of moths.

The Mill Site received some extra attention to prepare it for its first wedding. It is looking good as a result of the hard work done by the wedding party. The wedding looked beautiful and the forest made a wonderful background in the photos. The hay bale seating was shaded by late afternoon and really helped create the atmosphere. Thanks to all those involved in the cleaning up and mowing, it was really worth it.

The regular Landcare team appreciated the help because the hot weather has made it a bit difficult to be enthusiastic about working bees! The weed spraying has been continuing and we will keep on with our maintenance as Autumn approaches. There have been a few snakes seen on tracks in the early mornings so keep vigilant if you are out walking, but continue to enjoy the bush.

Denise Schiller



some of the Landcare group setting off on a night walk with the moth station in the background.



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We stock a range of Stationery, Cards, Books, Toys, and Gift ideas. Come in and check things out. Our Christmas stock is arriving and we have some different things this year.

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.

We also get plants from time to time from crowded gardens.

The proceeds for these items are going to our local Relay for Life.

The new notice boards near the boxes appear to be working well.

Happy Easter to everyone.

Cheers for now.

Gwenda, Roger and Staff.

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WHAT'S ON

NEXT WORKSHOP: SUNDAY, 7 April 2013, Switch Room, arc Yinnar 1:30pm – 3:30pm.

“THE JOYS OF HERB GARDENING: Medicinal, Culinary & Pest Control Benefits” with Penny Woodward.

Penny is a passionate organic gardener and a well-known gardening writer and photographer who regularly contributes to the ABC's Organic Gardener Magazine and her own website at pennywoodward.com.au. She is also a panellist on Melbourne's 3CR community radio gardening program (855 AM, at 7:30am -9:15am every Sunday) and has written seven books on edible and useful plants, including Grow Your Own Herbal Remedies, Community Gardens (with Pam Vardy), Pest-Repellent Plants, Asian Herbs and Vegetables, Growing Easy Herbs and Herbs for Australian Gardens.

RSVP to YinnarCG@telstra.com or call Cathryn 0435 048 153.

WORKING BEES

Learn how to manage a sustainable garden **HANDS ON** by attending working bees in the garden on the 2nd & 4th Saturday's of the month, 4:00pm-6:00pm, at rear arc Yinnar.

GARDEN MEETINGS

Participate in planning all aspects of the garden, from what we grow to where we go next & what

workshops we have. Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 5:30pm in the foyer at arc Yinnar.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Community Garden Membership is \$10.00 per year.

Participate in the distribution of garden produce at working bees.

Distribution of any excess produce will be de-



Fresh Vegies in Febuary 2013

tailed on the information board at the shed.

Learn how to manage an organic garden using Integrated pest management principles.

Discounted rates to garden events that have a fee charge, priority access to workshops with limited spaces.

Receive information on upcoming events, workshops & activities via email.

Contribute to decision making about the garden activities via the sub-committee of management.


Have the right to vote for sub-committee of management and/or be elected to the sub-committee of management.

For more info: YinnarCG@telstra.com
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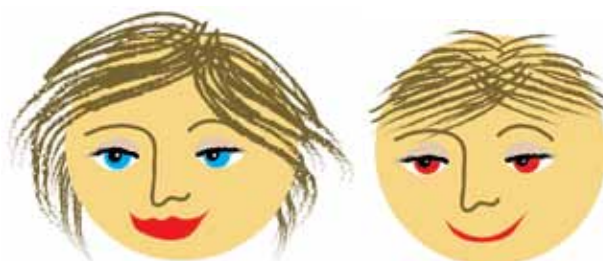
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Rosemary Kidd from www.etsy.com/shop/AwesomeAussieGifts has provided us with her valuable drawings for the past editions. thank you for your time.



Boolarra Open Gardens 2013

10 November from 10:00am – 4:30pm.

Once again the Boolarra Open Gardens will be held. I would like to thank all the garden owners who opened their gardens in 2011 as the day was a great success, with very positive feedback from many visitors on the day.

So far I have five gardens for this year and would need a few more to make the day worthwhile. If you are an interested and think you would like to open, please feel free to contact me for more information. As we are now holding the Open gardens biannually now, I hope that it will be easier to find enough gardens to make the day a success, as over the years many community groups have benefited from the proceeds.

The community plant sale will be held again this year. It will be organized by the Boolarra & District Garden Group and will be held in the park. So if you are dividing or pruning, take cuttings and pot them up.

I will let you know later in the year where they can be delivered to.

Jill Simmonds

Co-ordinator Boolarra Open Gardens
5169.6516



Research last week showed millions of children have no idea about the true meaning of the festival, with one in three believing it celebrates the Easter bunny's birthday.

More than a quarter believed Easter was an anniversary of the invention of chocolate.

And fewer than half knew it celebrated the resurrection of Christ.

from the Daily Star UK.
www.dailystar.co.uk/news/view/129483



BOOLARRA STOMPERS

Are we all refreshed following the Festive Season? We are slowly getting registrations for this year's Relay which is on 26 & 27 October this year. We raised just on \$6075 for the Cancer Council last year and earned the right to choose where our money was directed to. This time we chose The Forgotten Cancers which include Brain, Pancreatic, Intestinal, Lymphomas, Myelomas, Stomach and others that aren't in our faces like some of the better known cancers. Fantastic effort by all concerned and big thanks to everyone who supported us. The Latrobe Valley total was over

\$100,000 again.

We are into our fundraising again for this year and start with the Big Book Sale on 20 February. Our lovely Roborn is taking charge of that and that will be over by the time you read this and we will hopefully have lots more in our bank account. Then we have the popular Pie Drive with the orders and money due back at the Post Office by 14 March. Please make sure you get those orders in on time and we can all have yummy pies in our freezers for the Easter holidays and the cooler weather. We are also running the Easter Raffle as well, with two prizes, 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 gather 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.

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 ? 26 & 27 October 2013 at Churchill, YEEEEHAAA.

Have a very Happy Easter

Gwenda Pither

Team Captain for the Boolarra Stompers.



BOOLARRA GARDEN CLUB

The Boolarra Garden Club held a planning meeting in January and worked out our activities for the year ahead.

Our February outing was a "Nursery Crawl" and the highlight of this trip was Kurinda Rose Nursery and gardens at Warragul. Although not the best time for planting, some of us could not resist the temptation and found some unusual plants to bring home. March will see us heading to Sale and we have some interesting gardens to visit. We have had a trip to Sale before and the gardens we saw were quite spectacular; one was a very



old garden which had been renewed by new owners and the other was a much younger but very large garden. We always come home with ideas for our own gardens and learn a lot from the gardeners we visit. We often have cuttings, or indeed plants, from the generous hosts and getting ourselves and our plants home is often a challenge.



If you are a gardener interested in joining us on the first Tuesday of the month contact Jill Simmonds on 5169 6516 for more information.

The garden club visited the garden of Glenda one of our members



Rules of Chocolate Easter Eggs

- If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.
- Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.
- Diet tip: Eat an Easter egg before each meal.
- It'll take the edge off your appetite, and that way you'll eat less.
- If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?
- If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.
- Money talks. Chocolate sings.
- Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.
- The problem: How to get two pounds of chocolate eggs home from the store in a hot car.
- The solution: Eat the eggs in the car park.
- Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous?
- Because no one wants to quit.

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The Boolarra Pony Club

Annual Gymkhana

On Sunday, 3 February 2013, the annual pony club Gymkhana was held at the Memorial Park in Boolarra, on what was generally a fine and mild day, with only a couple of brief showers.

The success of this event and the increase in the popularity each year has come about with the contribution of sponsorship. The Boolarra Pony Club would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Mirboo North Community Bendigo Bank, local businesses within Boolarra and the Latrobe Valley, as well as another two businesses, from as far away as Lakes Entrance, helping out. Latrobe City's contribution was by way of an 'Events Grant' which was very much appreciated. The cost to put on an event of this magnitude is in excess of \$5000.

This horse event is now recognised within the equestrian circles, as one of the best, some of the judges who attended having judged at the Royal Melbourne, Sydney and Hobart shows and the Judges are always complimentary of both our venue and Event organisation. We are extremely grateful to our wonderful and experienced Judges for their contribution to the success of our Gymkhana.

A huge vote of thanks to all the volunteers who helped out on the day. Some were friends and family of club members, a lot were locals who just volunteered to give up their Sunday, to help out and make this

Gymkhana the best in the region.

Many of our local Pony Club members competed successfully on the day and we congratulate all the owners, parents and competitors on their success or enjoyment of the event.

Gary Mills
President Boolarra Pony Club



Dana

BOOLARRA -YINNAR EXERCISE GROUP

Boolarra Memorial Hall Monday 9:30am – 10:30am
Yinnar Memorial Hall Friday 10:00am – 11:00am

We are happy to report that more community members are enjoying the benefits of our active Groups in both Boolarra and Yinnar. Since January, an average of 15 to 20 men and women have fronted up for each session with the satisfying mix of lively conversation, good music and varying exercises.

Our qualified instructor Kathleen thrives on keeping our bodies and minds active by varying the format regularly. Sometimes we incorporate weights, occasionally bands or balls. If I have your interest piqued, please come along and enjoy your first session at no cost.

Everyone is welcome to join our casual group. Come along and join the fun and keep up with the goss.

For further information call Kathleen Millet 5122 2591 or

Kate Cartwright 5169 6592



A few photos of our Christmas break-up which coincides with Tina Jones' 90 something birthday celebration.



Left:
Audrey, Judy and Alan with Tina



Above: Kathleen wishing us a Happy Christmas before we tucked into the sumptuous spread, including an even bigger Chocolate Meringue cake



Left: Presentation of the cake made by Glenis

Boolarra Bowls & Recreation Club

HAPPENINGS 2012 – 2013.

Firstly, and most importantly is the Green and I must say the guys looking after it (you know who you are) are doing a tremendous job and despite the lack of rain it looks marvellous. Over the season, we've had at various times the Over 60's Singles, State Singles, various Tournaments and the compliments from top class bowlers about the green have been coming thick and fast. I would venture to say it would be as good as any Green in the West Gippsland Bowls Division. Congratulations to everybody.

On the Club scene, our Ladies Pairs – Joy and Marilyn got into the semi-finals in the Group stage and Joy got to the semi-finals in the Singles. Terry Parker is our Singles Champion and Phil Smith and Abbas Mehran our Pairs Champions – Congratulations to all those players.

We are steadily getting a list of Sponsors for our club; among these are the Bendigo Bank, Dave Grima (plumber extraordinaire) and Stan Williams our Vice President who is sponsoring a day in March – Sunday 24th. Stan has his own business and is a very valuable member of our Club. On a sad note, a member Mr. Tom Gilpin is having a bad time in Hospital and we wish him well; in January he was presented with his life membership of the Boolarra Bowls Club.

At this stage, (February) Division 4 will be in the Finals and hopefully will be in Division 3 next season.

Yours in Bowling, 0047

Table Tennis

Every Friday morning at the Boolarra Memorial Hall from 10:00 to 11:00am.

Come and join us for fun and laughter, as well as great exercise to your own ability.

We welcome all members of the community to join us for this social, non-competitive exercise program.

\$2.00 per session.

Please contact Marietta on 5169 6355



Boolarra Tennis Club Inc.

This summer we have 2 Junior Teams playing competition tennis in the Latrobe Valley Tennis Associations competition.

Section 5, Bryce Hall, Kyle Alexander, Matthew & Alexander Devonshire and Tim McAllister are having a promising season to date and currently sit on the top of the ladder, Morwell and Newborough proving our strongest and most challenging competitors to date. Well done to these kids and we wish you all the best for the rest of the season and hope to see you in the finals.

Section 2, Dana Flahavin, Tiarne Bayley, Daniel Brick and Gareth Hall, unfortunately, are not having the same success and have struggled this season, after moving up to Section 2 from Section 4. Losing a team member to cricket shook up the teams' normal balance and it has taken them time to get on their feet. The last few weeks has seen them win more and more sets each week, we are proud of their resilience and their efforts and are sure that they will only continue to challenge the opposition teams more and more as they gain more experience at this higher level.

Practice night is Wednesday after School and is open to any children whether they are club members or not (no cost to attend), we welcome all and sundry to come and try the sport of tennis. Most Wednesdays we have a coach available to assist the kids with areas of their game that they want to improve.

Sharing some news from Tennis Australia; they are looking for tournament staff to work at the Australian Open in 2014. If this would be a dream come true, please visit their website australianopen.com.au > Event

Guide > Employment. Applications will be open from 1 – 30 June 2013 (no late applications). For further information, please contact Tennis Australia Human Resources via email: tournamenthr@tennis.com.au.

If you're interested in possibly playing tennis but don't know where to start, phone one of our friendly Committee Members who would be more than happy to assist; Sharyn Giles (Junior Co-ordinator) 0427 619 650, Samantha Brick (Secretary) 0427 824 722 or Barb Webb (President) 0467 696 144.

Lastly, a HUGE thank you to the many local businesses and residents who year after year support our juniors by way of donations towards trophy purchases, without your support we would be lost. We are forever grateful for the support.

Keep enjoying your tennis teams and good hitting.

*Barb Webb
President*

**- STOP PRESS!! -
WE WON!!**

BOOLARRA WALKING GROUP

We continue to solve the problems of the world, share friendship, garden produce and skills. We have started walking already and have had a special walk at Morwell National Park. Two other walks planned are at Mt. Worth and Tara Bulga National Parks. On ordinary days we meet at the Football Oval on Thursdays at 9:00am, where dogs are welcome and it's a great morning for young and slightly older folk.

Enquiries – contact John on 5169 6494. Enjoy yourself getting fit.