



The Cheap Train Trippers at the Geelong Station

THE CHEAP TRAIN TRIPPERS

One day Richard Gair hobbled into the Post Office and announced that it was time that all the seniors got off, or rather on, their bottoms and went for train rides to use these free rail vouchers that they get each year. Gwenda, who is always looking to help do something other than Post Office work as long as it's interesting, jumped on board. So the Cheap Train Trippers was born with Richard timetabling and Gwenda talking to interested persons, the first journey was worked out.

Wow, a day trip to Apollo Bay for lunch - fish and chips of course!

Saturday, 4 May 2013 was chosen and we all set our alarms for 4:00am when we went to bed on the Friday night.

This is how the day unfolded. Four cars left Boolarra at 5:30am heading for Morwell to catch the 6:10am train. Thank goodness the trains have toilets. Unfortunately, when you're a Grey Nomad and you haven't got a 5 year old to show you how to lock the toilet door you find yourself being interrupted by other passengers who need to go. After our second experience we thought toilet by twos may help.

At Pakenham the test for togetherness occurred. How to keep 13 senior people from separating whilst going from train to bus? [Continues Page 3](#)

Friends of the Upper Morwell River

On 22 March 2013 the official re-opening of the Morwell River Falls occurred. The CEO of Latrobe City, Paul Buckley, introduced the Mayor, Sandi Kam, who thanked all those involved in rejuvenating the Reserve and announced that the Falls were once again open. Russell Northe MLA for Morwell, and Councillor Darrell White also attended, along with representatives of the business and community groups who had been important partners in this endeavour. The President of FOUMR (Friends of Upper Morwell River), Catheryn Thompson, thanked Kevin Roberts from Latrobe City for preparing the Falls Management Plan and the dedicated small group of workers who have toiled for over 5 years to enable



Left: Paul Buckley, CEO Latrobe City, Sandy Kam, Mayor, Latrobe City, Catheryn Thompson, President FOUMR, Russell Northe MLA at the Falls Opening.

Above: the view of the Morwell River Falls



this opening to occur. Everyone enjoyed morning tea provided by Latrobe City. This really was the fulfillment of the goal the Friends set, to have the Falls reopened. We gained some new members on the day and our membership is up to 25, a great achievement.

From here we will cut back on the major works and concentrate on maintaining what we have done. Our April 2013 working bee, as usual in the rain, was our last big project, to erect signage and shelter at the entrance. John Parker's tractor was invaluable and Paul, with help from Mac and Alan, got the poles into position.

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A team of people assisted the 100+ residents to plot their findings on large maps of both the Boolarra Township and the Boolarra District.



Unfortunately, the SIREN TESTING proved to have UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS. As was the case when the siren was sounded in the 2009 fires, many of the residents of Boolarra did not hear the siren either inside or outside.

The plotting of all addresses in and around Boolarra where the siren could not be heard will form the basis of our application to gain additional sirens at strategic points around Boolarra to ensure that the majority of our residents can hear it.

Several people spoke to me about hanging up their landline because they thought that the SEWS sound (Standard Emergency Warning Signal) was a prank call. Please be aware that the SEWS sound and the words "Emergency, Emergency" will always precede the emergency warning on landlines.

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Dave O'Brien

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Initial plotting indicated that the **PHONE ALERTING SYSTEM both with MOBILES and LANDLINES was an OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.**

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*Photos left and below:
Boolarra residents at Boolarra's Emergency Alerting System
Testing Feedback Session at the Boolarra Memorial Hall*

BOOLARRA'S EMERGENCY ALERTING SYSTEM IS NOW OPERATIOAL

From page 1 THE CHEAP TRAIN TRIPPERS

To our amazement everyone got on board. At Southern Cross things got a little hairier. Our sums took a major turn. We discovered our 13 was really 14. Seems the counter wasn't counting herself. This only helped to support the breakfast problem, but Richard had it all in hand. "Meet at this point at the appropriate time. OK, off you go".

Heck. What a worry. Could 14 grey nomads all arrive at one point at the right time? No. Some went for a sit down breakfast, some went to another takeaway shop and some went to Hungry Jacks and had egg and bacon muffin or roll and an espresso coffee for \$2.00 with your seniors card.

Our train to Geelong was due to leave platform 8s, which seemed like miles away and still we were behind time. The search went out and finally found the 14 scattered along the platform and heading to 8s. The train trip to Geelong was quite uneventful and the change to the Apollo Bay Coach went smoothly because by now we were starting to act like sheep (following the leader).

Arriving at Apollo Bay we had 1 & 3/4 hours to get everyone fed and of course lost. Some even found the beach, some bought cards, papers, but especially ice-creams, not to mention jewellery.

2:45pm was the departure time. Meet at 2:30pm at the coach stop. Where are they was the call at 2:35pm.

Finally, 14 boarded the coach.

The return trip was a reverse of the outward trip. All the fun on the return bus trip was at the expense of the driver. The first incident was a loud bang and a terrible noise. This ceased with the air conditioning system being turned off. The driver settled back into doing what he was meant to be doing, but up the road a bit he pulled off the road and deserted us. We could only assume he had better phone signal from the other side of the big bunch of trees. Boy he was in a hurry to get there though. The second incident was to find our

coach captain from Southern Cross to Pakenham was under guidance. You all know what happens when a guy has to take orders from a gal! (Use your imagination). However, we arrived at Morwell at 10:00pm and car pooling got us back to Boolarra.

The group comment, "Where are we going tomorrow?"

The cost of the day was food and purchases. What a deal.

The Next Cheap Train Trip.

This might appeal to the ladies more than the men but it's up to you.

We are planning to do a trip to Melbourne late in June 2013 and visit the Hollywood Costumes Exhibition at Federation Square and maybe visit Monet's Gardens at Art Gallery on St Kilda Rd.

Anyone interested in joining us for this, please come into the Post Office and get your name on the list with Gwenda. The cost of this will be concession \$22.50 and adult \$26.00 and it will cost \$15.50 with concession at the Costumes Exhibition and with your free Senior train voucher it makes for a cheap day out. The plan is to leave Morwell on the 8:00am train on a Saturday.

Take a sandwich if you please or buy something at one of the many cafes. If you just want to go to Melbourne to do some shopping, then that's fine too, then meet up again later. The possibilities are endless.

We are also putting into the pipeline an overnight train trip this year sometime. Echuca or Warnambool seem like good places to go.

We are doing this to encourage all you Seniors and Pensioners to use your free vouchers that you get each year. Like us, many just stow them away in the cupboard until we get the next lot and on it goes. Let's have some fun while we can.

Hope to see you soon.

GwendaPitter



BOOLARRA ANZAC SERVICE



The Boolarra Anzac Service was held on Sunday, 21 April 2013 at the RSL Memorial opposite the Hall. For those who attended, a beautiful Autumn day greeted them. Les Maher, Senior Vice-President, Morwell RSL ran the service. Our guest speaker was Bayley Charalambous, a student at Lavalla Catholic College. Bayley is the Gippsland winner of the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize. Bayley has had an interest in war history from an early age and has quite an impressive collection of memorabilia.

His award meant he visited Turkey, France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Bayley spoke about the experience of visiting the theatres of war and the consequences of war upon servicemen and their families.

Roz. Carstairs read out the names of the 29 Boolarra servicemen who lost their lives in the field in WW1, WW2 and Korea. Roz. also read out a piece about the Women's Land Army on behalf of Natalie Roy who was a past member of the Women's Land Army in Boolarra. Natalie's service was recognised in Canberra in 2012, the 70th anniversary since their formation. Members



Photo Left: some of the flowers which were laid during the ANZAC Service

were presented to the Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

During the service wreaths and flowers were laid by Red Cross, Women's Land Army, Morwell RSL, Morwell RSL Women's Auxiliary, Boolarra Memorial Hall, Department of Veteran's Affairs and Latrobe City Council. Boolarra Primary School children made some wreaths and placed them on the memorial at a later date. After the service everyone enjoyed a cuppa in the Hall.

To keep this Anzac service continuing, the BCDG (Boolarra Community Development Group) are seeking someone who is interested in organising the service for 2014.

If you are that person just contact
Roz. Carstairs 0429 383 686 or
Tracy Anderson on 0408 038 769



After 20 plus years of good old fashioned service and thousands of sausages later, Colin has officially settled into the life of his well earned retirement!

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Please do not worry, Webby's famous sausages recipe has been passed onto Brett and he will continue the snag tradition!



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The muddy conditions slowed progress but Paul was able to finish off the next day. The undercover seating is a good vantage point and it will be a meeting spot which provides information about the site.

On 26 May 2013 we are going to meet at Apex Park to see what can be done to protect the area from damage by irresponsible ‘hoon’ drivers. Recent damage has cut the ground up and destroyed any drainage channels. If we get our usual winter rains the area will become a boggy mess unless holes can be filled and drains constructed. This area was a pleasant picnic and camping spot with toilet block and picnic tables, but vandalism over the years destroyed all that. The Apex Club had developed the park and used to maintain it. In recent times the Parkers have taken on the role of slashing and rubbish removal. It is popular with campers and fishermen and should be another asset for the community. We intend to develop a plan of action to present to the DEPI (Dept. of Environment and Primary Industry) and see how we are received. We will of course need some money to get going so need to see if there are suitable grants available. We'll keep you posted on our progress.



Denise Schiller



Alex and Brendan Richards climbing the stairs at Morwell river falls.



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Boolarra Community Development Group

On Tuesday, 28 May 2013 the Boolarra Men's Shed held a public meeting to establish itself as a separate entity from the Boolarra Community Development Group.

This is a great development for the town and it got me to thinking about the purpose of the Development Group.

The Development Group's charter is to seek to promote the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Boolarra and District in accordance with the wishes of the community.

This role involves a wide range of activities. The Boolarra Folk Festival was first established under the auspices of the BCDG; after a couple of successful years it was realised that the scope and the size of the organisation of the Festival warranted its establishment as a separate entity and it has gone from strength to strength, working closely with the BCDG when appropriate.

The Men's Shed is similar in many respects. It was always envisaged that once up and operating it would be incorporated as a stand alone entity. The BCDG's role was to act as the mid-wife during the birthing process. I don't think Jeff and Val and Liz and the others involved appreciated how difficult the process would be, to overcome the red tape. However, they stuck to the task and the shed is now operating and getting good attendances. Again I'm sure there will be close interaction with the BCDG into the future, as there are great synergies available for training opportunities or community work such as the finishing off work the Shed is doing to undertake at the gazebo in Railway Park.

The Boolarra Youth and Space provides an example of an activity that was established outside of the BCDG and then came under our umbrella. The Boolarra Youth and Space was established by Quantum and provides activities to young people in town on a monthly basis. When Quantum

funding was running out they approached the BCDG to see if the activity could be auspiced under the Development Group and we were delighted to do so, as we saw it as a very worthwhile activity in its own right and also as a very valuable entree to the youth in the community.

The Koffee Kart has been established by the Development Group to provide training and employment opportunities to locals and a financial return to the community and is still feeling its way in terms of its operating regime and structure. It is possible at some point in the future that it will be in a situation where it makes economic and organisational sense for it to operate independently.

Other activities of an annual or ad hoc type will remain the province of the Development Group. These include Australia Day, Christmas Carols, the Art Show, following up on Digital TV, community infrastructure and liaison with Latrobe City and other Government bodies.

A key element of the Development Group is that it can provide support for community activities or projects proposed by individuals or groups. If you have an idea you believe will enhance our community feel free to come along to our meetings. Give me a call and I will include your item on the agenda.

Over the past few years the focus of the BCDG has been on fire recovery projects. With the completion of the Multi-Purpose Building and (soon) the gazebo in Railway Park, this phase is coming to a conclusion.

Therefore, it was very timely when the Mirboo North Community Bank (MNCB) proposed holding a community forum to assist them in understanding community needs and priorities. Their experience in other communities has been that this assists them in their grants program, but also enables the fostering of partnerships which

have enabled some fabulous community developments to be implemented.

Tracy, Colin and Rob met John Harris (MNCB) and Herb Smith (YDCA) to determine the format and purpose of the forums and two sessions have been held on 18/4/2013 and 2/5/2013, at the Bowling Club.

Ian Gibson facilitated the first session and really energized the discussion and over 400 ideas were nominated from the community audience of 25-30 people. At the second forum attended by around 20 people there was the opportunity for each person to nominate their priorities. The most popular choices were then discussed and evaluated and groups established to develop an initial project plan on how to bring the idea to fruition.

The identified priorities were:

- **Development of a major indoor sporting facility at the Recreation Reserve,**
- **Refurbishment of the old PO building for community purposes.**
- **Development of a community co-operative.**
- **Development of a co-ordinated management and maintenance process for public land along the upper Morwell River. (Falls, Apex Park, Primrose Park, The Old Mill Site and Jack Richards Park)**

It has been an invaluable process for the BCDG and a timely one, as the projects that have taken a lot of our time and energy since the fires are now largely complete and it provides us with a view of community priorities and a process for commencing work on a number of the priorities. The process will facilitate future submissions for funding.

We are also looking at plans to hold a Youth Forum in the near future.

Colin Brick, OA

Secretary

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The sale of spring bulbs raised \$87.20 and Bev's Fashion Parade in May brought in \$124.45. Our next fund raiser will be on Monday, 12 August 2013 at 10:30am in the Multi Purpose Building – the Big Cake Bake. This has been very successful in the last 2 years – last year we raised over \$350.00 from the morning tea and sale of slices, muffins and cakes. Please mark this date on your calendar and come along to enjoy home baked delectables and raise funds for Red Cross!

Also mark Monday, 9 September 2013 at 2:00pm for the next Fashion Parade – winter stock will be discounted and new season spring and early summer fashions will be available.

Finally, a huge 'thank you' to the Yinnar Scouts, who once again helped in March with the 'Red Cross Calling' appeal, door knocking in both towns. Their efforts raised just over \$1,000.00, which is a remarkable result. We are very proud of these young people and their commitment to community service!

Glenys Morgan
Treasurer



Red Cross members and visitors at
Bev's fashions



A creature The Garden Club met on
their travels

April saw us heading in the other direction. At Darnum we saw two gardens. The first of these on a town block had many rare perennials and lovely fuschias. This garden would have been at its best in spring or early summer as some things had finished flowering and they had not enjoyed the long dry summer. The next garden was on 2 acres and it was largely natives interspersed with succulents and then closer to the house more varied plantings. There were intriguing sculptures, gravel paths and no lawns. It had some great raised hexagonal timber beds, mainly for the vegetables, and a very large totally wire-covered orchard.

From there we went to Yarragon South to another very large garden. The garden sloped down to a dam and a creek and ended in a natural fern gully leading into the forest. Ornamental trees were a feature here with unusual birches planted in copses, a copper beech walk and lots of other really beautiful trees. The orchard was extensive and the veggie garden full. There were quite a few varieties of berries and a row of Kiwi Fruit. Roses and Dahlias dominated the beds in the lawn. The sheltered setting for this garden was picturesque and we had a really great day of conducted tours from passionate gardeners.

In May we visited Yarram and the Yarram gardeners were once again generous hosts. Sarah

BOOLARRA GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club has again been out and about visiting lovely gardens. In March the Garden group went to Sale to visit two 'city gardens'. The first of these was closely planted and had some very creative ornaments and mosaics. The second was a surprise as it contained a number of unusual tropical plants. A number of high brick walls had been constructed to provide the micro-climate necessary and there were even bananas almost ready to pick.

was our guide and took us to four gardens, again all quite different. We had our morning tea and lunch on Anna's big veranda and tried to do justice to the lovely cakes and scones on offer. The mild weather added to the enjoyment and of course we came home with the usual collection of cuttings.

In June we are off to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Cranbourne for a good look at Stage 2 of the development there. If you would like to join us



Garden Club members admiring the
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Denise Schiller.



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The Boolarra South Landcare Group has been very busy. We have now hosted more than 20 Workshops as part of our Caring for the Country Community Action Grant program. Dr. Rolf Willig conducted a very popular evening from which all came away with a much greater knowledge of owls. The walkers met a Tawny Frogmouth at the start of the track (which we now know is not an owl) and we managed to get a Boobook to answer the calls which Rolf projected.

On 10 April 2013 Max Sargent provided the next interesting Field Day on local frogs and told us about the Frog Rescue Service. This res-

in pet shops. We have a science student from Monash who is using the Old Mill Site and our fauna study as part of her degree requirements. She is going to design a survey method to determine the presence of native animals, especially Koala, Quoll and Bandicoot. Another student is going to collect scats and monitor habitat and establish the presence of wildlife by these methods. The scientists extract the DNA from the scats and can even identify animal families from the samples.

We have purchased some Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) units to ensure that we know the location of our sightings and cameras. Another purchase was a generator to enable us to run the computer at the Mill site. Thus we can use the Power Point and boil the urn and even provide light if we need to. This has been very successful at our evening events.

In May we had help from TAFE students and Year 11 students from Mirboo North Secondary College planting seedlings for Koala habitat and some more wetland plants for the frogs.

Ken Harris, David Stickney and David Mules from the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists conducted a bird survey on 17 May 2013, which was followed by sausages, bacon and eggs which Tony cooked for us. The rain stayed away while we

walked and there were 25 different species of birds identified in the forest in one and a half hours. We will repeat the exercise in spring when more birds are about. On 25 May 2013 Stan Glowacki



A visitor to a Landcare camera in the Boolarra State Forest.

At Landcare Workshop on Koala habitats held in Boolarra Hall.



cues mainly the frogs which come down from Queensland in the bananas. They go in to quarantine as they can carry a fungus which can infect our local frog populations and are then sold

of Jeeralang Apiary gave us lots of information on native bees, beekeeping and pollination.

As well as the workshops, we are still doing maintenance around the Old Mill site. Our cameras have been restricted for a few weeks because the DSE is doing some burning in the area. We have also had a 4WD bashing through the bush, so inconsiderate of any planting we might have or our camera sites. If you witness any irresponsible behaviour in the area, we would appreciate your reporting it to the Police. It is not permitted to cut firewood in this part of the bush either and we would like people to obey the law in this regard.

We have found this project has involved members of the community who are not Landcare members, but wish to know more about the environment and it's fauna and flora, it is especially rewarding when we see families with children coming along to these events. We hope we have helped to encourage an interest in the environment.

Denise Schiller,
Publicity officer, Boolarra South Landcare

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BOOLARRA OPEN GARDEN 2013

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As we are now holding the Open gardens bi-annually, 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. Plants can be dropped off at my place - 128 Bunderra Drive (if nobody is home please leave them in the carport).

Jill Simmonds
Co-ordinator Boolarra Open Gardens
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WEEKEND AT TARRA VALLEY

The last camping trip with the group from Boolarra was to Tarra Valley Caravan Park. There were 16 of us this time and a great group they were too

We arrived in dribs and drabs on the Friday afternoon and set ourselves up. After checking the Park out and anxiously waiting for everyone to turn up, we got the fire going and most of us settled down in a big circle for happy hour and dinner. Poor Mark had to leave us and Emma and go to work saying he'd be back in the morning.

It was great listening to all the different things that everyone had done over time. Very interesting trips some of them had done. Oh No! Huge big drops of rain started to fall which caused a mass exodus into the caravans. Thankfully someone thought of the firewood and dragged it under the table so it wouldn't get so wet. Good on you Edgar and Roger. Then what else could you do but go to bed. The camp was very quiet after that.

Next day dawned brightly and some were up early and others got up when they felt like it. Some went for walks, some read the paper and others mingled. Great!

After lunch it was decided that a trip to The Tarra Bulga Park would be a reasonable thing to do. So leaving Jack, John and Jill and Roger behind to get the salads ready for tea, the rest of us went on our way. We had a lovely time checking out the falls and swing bridge before heading back to camp. We took over the camp kitchen. Our salads were fabulous and the company great. We had a lot of laughs and all decided not to leave it so long till the next trip and while everyone was in that frame of mind, the next trip was decided on. We got up the next morning and started packing up and drifted off towards home again. It was a fabulous weekend.

Our next trip is on 31 May and 1 June 2013 weekend at Rawson Caravan Park and on the Saturday night we will dine at The Stockyard, which is just next door to the Caravan Park.

The next one after that will not be until later in the year. There are other things going on in the meantime.

Until next time, happy camping.

Gwenda Pither



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There is now a diary for groups to put their events into so there will be no doubling up. Just ask. 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 and we will put it on the counter for everyone.

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 and sell them for a small price.

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

Rug up and stay warm this Winter. Try to keep the colds and flu at bay.

Cheers for now.

Gwenda, Roger and Staff.



CUTTINGS FROM THE YINNAR COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Yinnar & District Community Garden hosted Penny Woodward at an aromatic herb workshop on 7 April 2013. The workshop was attended by 45 people, who listened to Penny's descriptions of the virtues of herbs as she passed around a plentiful supply of herbs from her garden, which we could smell and taste. Penny had many of her books for sale and they are beautifully illustrated productions. The photos show Penny Woodward and the group as they explore the herbs in the community garden.

The garden Working Bee crew have been busy installing the new greenhouse - from a kit, quite a job with all the nuts and screws involved, and paving the undercover area in preparation for further developments. Perhaps a pizza oven is on the cards. As well as that, plantings of winter vegetables have gone in and we are looking forward to another bountiful crop.



Echinacea Flower & Lady bug by Paul Gorman



Penny Woodward and Jan Thomson in the Community Garden is by Catheryn Thompson

The next workshop in the Community Garden is Biodynamic - Practical Preparations: Sunday, 7 July 2013 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Learn how to construct a biodynamic compost heap. For this workshop the Community Garden is in need of a large square, or 6 small bales, of wet (rotting) hay and 2 trailers of manure.

Other upcoming workshops for 2013 include: Propagation, also Preserving and Weaving with natural dyes & materials.

All Workshops are planned for the first Sunday of the Month 1:30pm – 3:30pm.

If you can help or for further information, please contact: Catheryn YinnarCG@telstra.com, or mob. 0435 048 153.

Catheryn Thompson

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RELAY FOR LIFE – INDIVIDUAL FUND-RAISER

I've been a part of the Boolarra Stompers Relay For Life Team for the past 3 years; this year, unfortunately, I'll be unable to participate in the walk because of an injury I suffered due to overzealous gardening 2 months ago, so instead of walking I've decided to have my head shaved and I'd be very appreciative of any donations, large or small, to assist me in raising funds for this very worthwhile cause.

I've lost too many friends far too young, also some family members due to cancer, and the funds raised over the years by volunteers and fund raisers like you and I have helped to improve the life expectancy and quality of life for so many. Please help me in my quest. There will be more information in the weeks to come.

*Thank you in anticipation.
Lois Thornton.*

Boolarra Post Office Natters

Football is about half way through for this year, so "Come on the Dees".

Winter is here. We had a mixed autumn and it ended miserably with the really cold days.

But we did get some lovely days as well along the way and people flocked to the park on the week-ends. It was great to see different family groups enjoying Mother's Day in the park. The new Gazebo is getting a work-out as well and that's a good thing. There are just a couple of small jobs to get done to finish it right off.

I hear that there are lots of things happening about the place at present, different groups keeping active in their fundraising and so on.



the horse and jinker rides at the Folk Festival. Some of the Stompers rostered themselves on to help out that day and I thank you all for that. We also had an Easter Basket Raffle as well as a Mother's Day raffle. The latest was a morning tea at Boolarra and we had a really good turnout. The results of all these events are pleasing to say the least. We are working on the next one which should be in August so keep a look out for a notice about it.

We have quite a few members again this year but the invitation is there to anyone who would like to join us. The more the merrier and you are helping to raise money for Cancer Research. You can do this yourself online or come into the Post Office and see Gwenda. It only costs \$20 per person and you get a shirt for that. This year's shirts are made of nice fabric so should be cooler as they will breathe better.

This year's Latrobe Valley Relay is on 19 and 20 October 2013 at Gaskin Park, Churchill, starting at 4:00pm. It's a lot of fun with lots going on during the night. Remember last year we won the "Miss Relay" contest. Good on you Phyllis, you did us proud.



Gwenda and Merietta drawing the raffle.

Boolarra Stompers

The year is really getting away from us again. So far we have had a few fundraisers and all have been a reasonable success. We started with the Pie Drive and as is usually the case, we sold lots of pies from Out of Dough. Our next was a book sale, from all the books that people have donated to our cause. We must thank Robern for being the cashier on that day. We then decided to have another sale on the day of the Folk Festival and did very well. We were also very lucky in that we had money donated from



Cuppa for Cancer day at the Boolarra hall

We have an ongoing 5 cent coin box on the P.O. counter and that keeps on filling so please remember to save those little coins and donate them to us. We still have some books left to buy as well.

Okay, that's it from me for now. I hope everyone rugs up for the Winter. Let's get out there walking to get our bodies used to it by the time the Relay happens.

Stay warm and I'll catch you on the flip-side.

Gwenda Pither

Team Captain for the Boolarra Stompers.

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CHARTER OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL GIPPSLAND



2013 New members of Charter of Soroptimist International Gippsland

Three years after the idea was first raised, we had the official opening/ Charter of the Soroptimist International Gippsland on 26 May 2013. We were honoured to have the President of Soroptimist International in the South West Pacific Siew Yong Gnanalingham from Malaysia as our official guest. Also Latrobe City Mayor Sandy Kam gave a speech and toast. SI Victoria Region President Sue Whitehead was also present and many past Presidents and Honorary members.

Gippsland was first introduced to Soroptimist International after the 2009 fires. SI members and clubs from around Australia and the world raised money to support a community affected by these fires. Gippsland was chosen and local projects as well as individuals were supported in bushfire recovery work.

This led to the idea of establishing a club in Gippsland and Maggie Mitchell, the SI Victoria Region Extension Officer started the process of running meetings to raise awareness and interest in a local club.

Soroptimist International Gippsland is a community service club that supports women and children and it will be a great asset to the community. The name Soroptimist was coined from the Latin soror meaning sister, and optima meaning best. Soroptimist is

often interpreted as 'the best for women'. From the founding of the first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California, in 1921, through to the present day where over 3000 clubs are flourishing throughout the world, Soroptimists have continued to strive to achieve 'the best for women' in every sphere of their lives.

Even before the club was chartered, various fundraising activities have been undertaken over the years with the proceeds supporting local organisations including Fitted for Work, the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency and Latrobe Valley Palliative Care Fundraising Association.

A very successful fundraising event was held last year at Monash University for the SI South West Pacific - Birthing in the Pacific project. Attendees were educated on the difference between first world births and third world births, including a tour of the midwifery teaching suite.

The club has a diverse group of members who in their own right are amazing women. They are women who selflessly donate their time to supporting women and women's causes. SI Gippsland is in very good hands to lead the Club into their inaugural year with Samantha Brick as President, Joanne Ramselaar as Secretary and Wendy Ritchie as Treasurer.

Meetings are held at the Churchill Hotel on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 5:30pm. New members are most welcome.

For more information call Samantha Brick on 0427 824 722 or email sigippsland@gmail.com.



Left: Cake for the official opening of Soroptimist International Gippsland

Alan, Jan, Colin, Jinny, Daniel and Samantha at the opening of the Soroptimist International Gippsland



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Soccer:

Unfortunately, we did not have sufficient senior boys to field a team but some of our senior girls recently competed in a soccer tournament. Despite only having one seasoned soccer player our team did extremely well. They lost three games but were very competitive and even managed to win a game. The girls supported and encouraged one another, learnt from their mistakes and improved in every game they played.



Girls' Soccer tournament Caitlin, Kelsey & Lydia enjoying a break between soccer games

Ms Twomey helping out at the Working Bee



Working Bee:

We had such a sensational turn up one Sunday that all the jobs we had listed were completed. It was wonderful that so many of our families gave up some of their valuable weekend to help make our school grounds safer and more attractive. Extra big THANKS to Emre & Meila's Mum, Kristy who

managed the school security and job allocations and to Samantha & Tom's Mum, Ruth our Gardening Co-ordinator who worked out how much soil we needed and what planting would be undertaken. This was a great team effort.

Cross Country:

Our team not only ran brilliantly at the Yinnar & District level but also behaved in the exemplary fashion we're accustomed to seeing from our students. Nine of our students finished in the top 13, which was most impressive. Eve and Cater performed extremely well in their first ever District Cross Country placing 13th and 14th respectively in the 9 and 10 year age group. Emre placed 3rd,



Carlene & Lexi helping to tidy up the school gardens

Ella 6th and Isa' & Lydia 7th in their respective age groups. These girls are all likely to now go on and represent the Yinnar & District Schools in the Zone Cross Country to be staged on 6 June 2013.

Breakfast at School:

This is a very pleasant, social way to start the school day. Everyone makes the payment (the use of lovely manners) with very little prompting required. We are very grateful to Mrs. Liz Black who co-ordinates this program and to Tyson's Mum, Lydia and Ms Karen Twomey's Mum, Lois Thornton for their regular assistance. Our Junior School Councillors do a superb job managing the toast production and spreading.

Earn & Learn:

Last year we got some fabulous resources through this initiative. If you shop at Woolworths please collect stickers and put them in the box near the office or the one marked Boolarra Primary School at Woolworths in Churchill. We also got some great sports equipment through the Coles initiative last year so hopefully this will run again. Meanwhile, if you shop at Ritchies in Churchill, please collect one

ANZAC Day inspired Poems written by two of our grade 6 girls

Lest We Forget - by Kelsey

My darling wife, don't you cry
Your hubby is alright
Brother, it's okay
I'm finally safe
Baby don't be scared
For I'm watching you up here
Sister don't you worry
I know I left in a hurry
But don't you see I was pleased
With my work there
Please don't be mad
I promise I'm not sad
Oh please stop crying
Don't you see I'm flying?
I was your big man
Only 25 years old
Now I'm your angel
Getting to watch your future unfold
Your big boy
Is sitting on a cloud
Your darling angel
Has never has never been so proud
Your loving dad
Has never been so safe
For your angel
Is, at last, in my Father's embrace.

Dead of Night - by Lydia

Worried men going to war
Providing for their family no more
Oh so poor
Oh no more
Showing bravery as they enter the fight
Soldiers lying dead in the night
Dying of wounds and deadly fright
Soldiers lying dead at night
Reinforcements are here
Our saviours have come at last
But that doesn't matter to us
We're already lost in the past
Home we come
Our family's at last
But we are still living in the past
I lost my leg and my eye
But it hurt more to say goodbye
To my dead soldier friends
GoodbyeGoodbye

School Captains laying our wreath at the Yinnar ANZAC Ceremony



of our Community Benefits cards as the funds generated through this program buy books for our Library.

Whole School Production:

At the end of term three we will stage a musical production in the Boolarra Memorial Hall. This will feature all our students with our grade 5/6s taking on the key roles. We are currently exploring whether we will re-vamp a production undertaken in years gone by (such as Murder Most Fowl or Super Kids) or stage "Kids in Space". The grade 5/6s will help us to make this decision.

*Leanne Emond
Principal Boolarra PS*

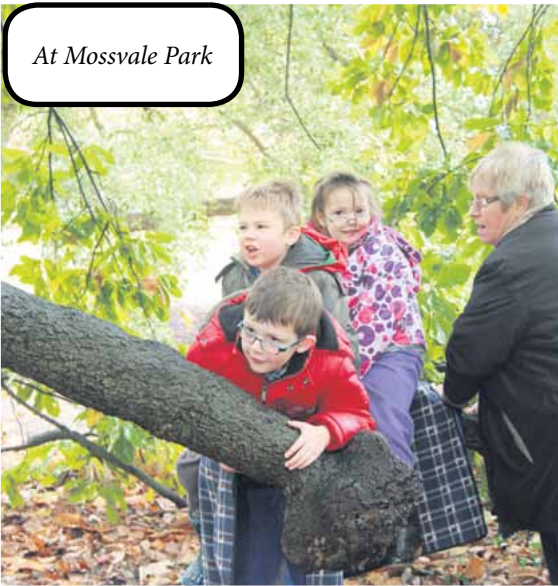
BOOLARRA PRE-SCHOOL

An action packed term one and start of term two for the Boolarra pre-school has seen a great amount of new things for all the children to learn and do. I never stop being amazed at what a great job Miss Jess and Mrs. Williams do at the kinder and what a huge range of new activities they come up with.

On 28 February 2013 we had a visit from the Victorian Government Responsible Pet Education Program (Dog Safety Session). The lovely dog handler, Berry, taught the children the correct way to approach dogs and their owners.

On 6 March 2013 Alex's pony (Rosie) paid a visit to the kinder, much to the excitement of all the children and to Rosie who was rewarded with a piece of bread from each child. Both children and pony were very well behaved. Alex even got to demonstrate how he's learnt to lead his pony.

At Mossvale Park



On 23 March 2013 our first working bee was held and went very well, new wood chips were laid, new sand for the sandpit, a huge amount of gardening and the outside blind anchors are now installed and in use. A very hard working bunch! Thank you to:

Rachael Maxwell, Emma Carter, Emma McDonald, Lisa Hamilton, Linda Coney, Neville Richards, Steve Thomas, Miss Jess and the helpful kids for working so hard and getting everything done.

28 March 2013 was the last day of term one and of course Easter time. The first half of the day was filled up making beautiful bunny ears and egg baskets. The children then got to enjoy an Easter egg hunt complete with treasure maps around the pre-school grounds, filling up their newly created baskets much to their excitement.

On 30 April 2013 the Pacific Smiles Dental Nurse paid the pre-school a visit, bringing along with her Dr K. Roo. This session saw the children being taught the correct way to brush and floss. They even got to play 'dentist' with the toys that attended.

A Mother's Day lunch was held on Thursday, 9 May 2013, which involved the children prepar-



Alex, Ruby, Millie, Gage and Angus awaiting the start of the Easter egg hunt

ing a beautiful lunch for all the mums. It looked, smelt and tasted fantastic! Afterwards all the mums were presented with beautifully painted flower pots, complete with a small plant, planted with love from their child and a beautiful hand-made card.

The opening of the Multi Purpose Building on 14 May 2013 was a nice day out for the kids. They were all very well behaved and made sure they tested out the outdoor play equipment.

Our Mossvale Park excursion on 16 May



Mother's Day lunch

2013 was a very cold and wet one, however, all the children were well rugged up and the sun shone long enough for them all to check out the

trees and plants located in the beautiful location. All the children were given a bag with their name on it for collecting any little treasures they found while exploring and the bags came back to kinder full to the brim with all sorts of leaves, seed pods and bark.

Our fundraising has kicked off for the year with Cadbury chocolate boxes and pre-school t-shirts, along with our Trivia Night and sausage sizzle. A huge thank you to all the parents who have sold chocolates and bought t-shirts.

With over 100 people in attendance, our Trivia night was a huge

Kids playing dentists



success!

A huge amount of raffle and game prizes meant a lot of people went home with something.

Thanks to Colby and Julie for doing the MCing and scoring, without them we wouldn't have been able to have the night.

A HUGE thank you to the kinder mums that baked things for the supper, helped out in the kitchen on the night, helped set up tables and stayed behind after the night had finished to clean up. All your help was greatly appreciated.

Tammy Richards

We would like to send a huge thank you to the following businesses for their kind donations:

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BOOLARRA'S BURNING ISSUES BOOLARRA CFA NEWS



CFA's visit to Licola

A JUNIOR BRIGADE IS BEING ESTABLISHED.

The Boolarra Fire Brigade is in the process of establishing a Junior Brigade for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 16 years. The leaders who have undergone specific training are Todd and Michelle Birkbeck, Simon and Miriam Pickett and Di Billingsley. As well as covering fire-fighting skills the teenagers will experience team building and life skills activities. The program will incorporate the Community Breakout Program for year 9 students at the Mirboo North Secondary College. An information evening will take place in the near future for both interested teenagers and their parents. For more details contact please Todd or Michelle on 5169 6756.

BRIGADE MEMBERS INVITED BACK TO LICOLA

Recently members together with their families spent an enjoyable 3 days at the Licola Lions Camp. On numerous occasions over the past and previous fire seasons our members and fire appliances have joined Strike Teams and manned the Mobile Communication Van to help defend Licola. As a good will gesture the Licola community invited the Boolarra brigade to Licola for a long weekend. Two members of the Licola brigade acted as tour guides and took us to places rarely seen by the general public. Everyone who

participated had a most enjoyable time.

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Many of our members have been participating in a range of fire fighting courses during the past few months to learn specific skills needed to combat a range of different types of fires. Courses have included Class A Foam, Suppress Wild Fire, Hazmat Awareness and BA Skills Maintenance.

BOOLARRA'S EMERGENCY ALERTING SIREN TESTED

By the time this edition of the LINK is published our Community Emergency Alerting System Testing Program will be completed and the results will be published elsewhere in this edition. However, I would like to thank all those who have contributed so heavily to making it all happen including Russell Northe, our local Member, who played a major role.

HAVE YOU CHANGED THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE ALARMS?

With the onset of winter the likelihood of house fires increases significantly. Please ensure that your chimneys have been cleaned and the batteries in your smoke alarms have been changed. As a service to the elderly and the disabled in our area our brigade members will happily come to your home, inspect, clean and change the batteries in your smoke alarm if you are unable to do it for yourself. If you

need assistance please call Dave on 5169 6462 and it will happen at no cost to you.

BOOLARRA + CHURCHILL COOK BBQ AT IGA / MITRE 10's 1st BIRTHDAY

Recently our brigade members together with members of the Churchill Brigade cooked sausages at IGA – Churchill to help celebrate the first anniversary of the Mitre 10 section of the store. Both brigades were able to keep the proceeds after IGA donated all the sausages, bread and sauce. Readers are reminded that our brigade receives money each month from IGA when people nominate the Boolarra Fire Brigade as their preferred local group as part of their Community Benefit Scheme.

Dave O'Brien
Community Liaising Officer

Palindromes

e.g. A man, a plan, a canal – Panama!

The word palindrome is derived from the Greek palíndromos, meaning running back again (palín = AGAIN + drom-, drameîn = RUN). A palindrome is a word or phrase which reads the same in both directions (ignoring punctuation). Some more examples are:

Rotor

Don't nod

Dogma: I am God

Never odd or even

Too bad – I hid a boot

Rats live on no evil star

No trace; not one carton

Was it Eliot's toilet I saw?

Murder for a jar of red rum

May a moody baby doom a yam?

Go hang a salami; I'm a lasagna hog!

Satan, oscillate my metallic sonatas!

A Toyota! Race fast... safe car: a Toyota

Straw? No, too stupid a fad; I put soot on warts

Are we not drawn onward, we few, drawn onward to new era?

Doc Note: I dissent. A fast never prevents a fatness. I diet on cod

No, it never propagates if I set a gap or prevention

Anne, I vote more cars race Rome to Vienna

Sums are not set as a test on Erasmus

Kay, a red nude, peeped under a yak

Some men interpret nine memos

Campus Motto: Bottoms up, Mac

Go deliver a dare, vile dog!

Madam, in Eden I'm Adam

Oozy rat in a sanitary zoo

Ah, Satan sees Natasha

Lisa Bonet ate no basil

Do geese see God?

God saw I was dog

Dennis sinned

Racecar

Radar

I give you a group of three. One is sitting down, and will never get up. The second eats as much as is given to him, yet is always hungry. The third goes away and never returns.

Answer Page 17

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the commencement of our historical endeavours. In 1983 a history group was set up by the Boolarra Centenary Committee to research and gather historical material to display at the 1984 centenary celebrations. We had the old Boolarra School at our disposal and very little equipment, but a gathering of photos and memorabilia from local families and groups produced a wonderful exhibition. Roz Carstairs set up a school corner with a copperplate blackboard design and old desks were used again by those past pupils lucky enough to have kept their figures. Original photos were copied and returned, a complex and time-consuming task in the days before computers and digital printing. This is the basis of our present collection and most of the original history committee are still active members of the Boolarra Historical Society. We are fortunate to have such loyalty and commitment.

Among our tasks of keeping up the museum and recording historical information about our district we are also often called on to provide family history for a growing number of researchers. Ancestry.com may have something to do with this. Two recent enquiries are illustrative of this ancestor thirst. A keen family historian from Leura, NSW, rang the primary school to find information about her grandfather who was a head teacher there in the 1920s and whom she had never known. She was referred to the BHS. Using the dates she gave us (1921-1924) we were able to find a school photo of 1924 with her grandfather, William Gordon Dawson, holding his young daughter who turned out to be



This photo is of the Boolarra State School in 1924. The man on the right holding the baby is Mr William Gordon Dawson, head teacher from 1921 to 1924.

see the place where her grandfather taught. She met us, by chance, as it happened and spent a pleasant time at the old school, fleshing out her research which will appear in an article interstate. Here is her letter of thanks:

"It was lovely to finally meet you. It was also lovely to meet Mengar Hibbins. Could you please thank her for opening up the old school for us and letting us look around. It was a real treat for me to see where my grandfather taught. It was wonderful to look at all the exhibits you had set up and to see the old desks and blackboards. I am so pleased that that has all been saved.

Thank you also for allowing me access to your collection, including taking photos. I really appreciate it.

Thank you also for sending these photos to me. They are terrific.

Unfortunately, only the bottom half of the Presbyterian Church photo has come through. If it is not too much trouble, could you please send it to me again?

Once again, many thanks for your generosity in sharing your history with me.

It is something I will always remember."

(PS. Does anyone have a good photo of the Presbyterian Church? BHS)

From Finley NSW came another family researcher: the great granddaughter of the man who ran the Old Boolarra Pub in the 1880s, Patrick Clarke. Although the hotel is still there records are a great deal harder to come by as the school rolls only begin around 1906 and licensing records have gaps in them. Still, we could find some records, particularly from the Yinnar Centenary History, as Patrick Clarke sold what was to be called the Club Hotel to Thomas Scanlon and then took over the Yinnar Hotel which had been built by the Wicks family after the first one burnt down. The Yinnar Museum has a sort of honour board of hotel proprietors too. It turns out that the Scanlon family bought up several



William Gordon Dawson, headmaster of Boolarra State School (1921-1924)

our researcher's mother. Naturally, Sue, our researcher, was moved. As Mr Dawson was a public spirited man his signatures and handwriting appeared not only on the school roll but also in the minutes of the Progress Association. He was also active in the Presbyterian Church. Copies of all this material was sent to her by email and post. Within a few weeks Sue and her husband had made the long journey to Boolarra just to

properties of Patrick Clarke in Boolarra, a fact we deduced from several old town maps in our collection. We are becoming better at the detection work!

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

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BOOLARRA CELEBRATES MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE RESTORATION

The redeveloped Boolarra Multipurpose Building was officially opened today by Member for Morwell Russell Northe, who said the bushfire recovery project would provide modern community meeting areas and consulting rooms for the community's General Practitioner.

Representing Deputy Premier Peter Ryan at today's opening, Mr Northe said the \$524,000 restoration project, identified as a high community priority in the *Boolarra Bushfire Recovery Plan*, involved repair work, upgrades and improvements to the existing facility.

"The redevelopment project has retained the building shell but reformed the internal layout to improve access, storage, food preparation areas and install new toilets," Mr Northe said.

"The original building had previously been used by local groups for various meetings and was home to a number of consulting rooms for a part-time GP. These services are vitally important to the community and this has been recognised with works delivering modern community meeting areas and consultation rooms."

Mr Northe said in addition to the many services provided through the Boolarra Multipurpose Building, the site was also used as the local recovery centre following the 2009 bushfires.

"Realising the facility offered greater potential for a wider range of services to support this bushfire-affected community, its renovation became a key priority of Boolarra's Bushfire Recovery Plan," Mr Northe said.

"The restoration of community assets at Boolarra is a testament to the strength and capability of this local community which has undergone a shocking ordeal, picked itself up, organised itself, created a plan and rebuilt."

Mr Ryan congratulated Latrobe City Council for their sensitive renovation of the building, and the Boolarra community for their efforts to get their town back on its feet following the bushfires.

"The devastating bushfires destroyed 44 homes around Boolarra, along with many other properties and fencing in and around the township, including the much cherished Lyrebird Walk as well as the Grand Ridge Rail Trail to Mirboo North," Mr Ryan said.

"The Lyrebird walk is now as beautiful as ever and the Grand Ridge Rail Trail has also been restored with \$1.6 million funding from the Victorian Coalition Government and a lot of dedication and hard work by community volunteers," he said.

Mr Ryan said the Coalition Government had contributed \$250,000 towards the project through its \$4.6 million *Community Infrastructure in Bushfire Affected Communities program*, with the *Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund* providing the remaining \$274,375.

Media contact: Russell Northe 5133 9088

*Members of the Multipurpose committee with
Russell North at the official opening*



News from Bool- arra and District Youth Theatre Company

This year we have focused on Puppet Theatre. The junior and senior groups worked with Dan Clancey to create their own scripts which would then be used with the puppet character of their choice. Once the youth had polished the lines that they created for their performance they started to perform with themselves as the puppet. We then invited Rhonda Melhuish to work with the youth and the volunteer parents and a colourful array of very individual puppets were created. The senior group wanted Muppet style puppets, which were made and the senior group personalised. We all arrived at Mirboo North Arty Gras on Saturday, 11 May 2013 with youth dressed in costume while Clayton Cupples and Dan Aveling held the new banner (made by Lisa Papa and Kath Aveling) we marched in the parade. We had a beautiful sunny day for the puppet show

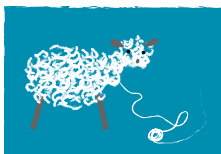


and a large crowd gathered to be entertained. Thank you to all the volunteers and the parents that made sure the youth were there on time.

Our Theatre company is able to run due to the generous support of the Mirboo North & District Foundation. Our next performance will be in September, so keep an eye out for posters. We will resume our Theatre sessions on 19 July 2013 at 4:00 -5:00pm for juniors and from 5:00 – 6:15pm for seniors at the Boolarra Memorial Hall.

Please ring Garryelle Rose on 5116 5163 if you would like to join our Theatre Company, or come along and see what we do- the 1st session for new members is free.

Wool Group Yarning



It's nice to be back in our permanent home of the Multi Purpose Building. The very large windows let in lots of lovely sunlight, very handy for keeping us warm as well as creating lots of light to work on our particular projects.

We would like to thank the Boolarra Bowling Club for opening up their club rooms for us and looking after us so well during the Multi Purpose Building's refurbishment. We were always made to feel welcome and we appreciate their generosity, special thanks to Tony Snell who was there on the dot of 11:00am each week to open up for us.

The knitting of the strips for the blanket for the fistula sufferers have all been completed and Lori has kindly offered to crochet them all together for us; well done to all the ladies who participated in this project.

Some of us have also enjoyed some social activities together; a bus trip to the city to see Driving Miss Daisy, which we all enjoyed, then another one closer to home in Traralgon to see The Girls in Grey. We were all most impressed and moved by the great, but sad story and excellent performance of the 4 actors. We finished off the evening very nicely with a cuppa and chat at 'Qu Bah' in Mid Valley. I'm sure we'll be looking forward to more trips to the theatre in the future, thank you Kate for organising them.

On Thursday, 23 May 2013 some of our group travelled to Fish Creek to take in the Tea Cosy Festival and what a varied and interesting display

it was and well worth the drive; thank you Carla for being our chauffeur. The many varied and diverse tea cosies was amazing. This event will be taking place again next year and some of our members are already thinking up ideas so we can submit entries for the 2014 exhibition.

New members are always welcome to join our friendly and welcoming group of ladies; all that's required is a membership fee of \$10.00, then \$2.00 each week to cover the cost of tea, coffee, sugar, rent etc. and to bring along something to share for lunch.



Scarfs etc. made by Jan Thomson



AROUND THE TRAPS

"Deary Deary me" cried Mrs. Rabbit as another man made machine screamed up the Mirboo North Rd.

"You know Mrs. Wombat" said Mrs. Rabbit, "that's the tenth machine with four wheels (and not all of them on the road) that's gone past since 8 hares and 15 freckles (time) today".

"They seem to go faster than those F1 maniacs" said Mrs. Wombat, who loves her new TV big screen.

"Hi all" called out Mrs. Wallaby. "Have you all noticed the new skating rink? (Fishers Rd). The Posties, who are skilled drivers, are able to practice their hand-brake turns".

"Changing the subject" said Mrs. Wombat, "I've had a lot of trouble finding my way around with all this smelly white stuff (smoke) about and staying around with humans in green gear using flaring things to heat up our food, which I may say, I prefer cold".

"And may I say the result makes it hard for me" interjected Mrs. Wallaby, "to get through the thicker growth as a result".

"Anyway girls, must hop along. See you all later" said Mrs Rabbit.

"Bye Bye," chorused the friends.

Answer from page 8
A candle

Answer from page 14
**Stove, fire,
smoke**

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Boolarra/Yinnar Youth-Space and Place



Barista training at the Youth-Space and Place

Boolarra Koffee Kart Barista Training.

During the Month of May ten of our Youth from Space and Place undertook Barista training and will soon donate some of their time to volunteering on the Koffee Kart at various up and coming events. This will give them a chance to practise what they have learnt and at the same time contribute to the future running of the youth group. Their voluntary time proceeds will contribute to the running of the Boolarra/Yinnar Youth-Space and Place activities and hall hire costs. This has been a great opportunity for them.

A big thank you must go to the Boolarra Community Koffee Kart for this to happen. Special thanks to Mrs Tracy Anderson, Koffee Kart Co-ordinator and the Boolarra Community Development Group Committee for making it happen. Also to the people who participated in the training. We hope to conduct a few more in the future, so if you are interested come along to our Youth Group nights and find out more and join in.

We are Moving Back to the Multi-Purpose Building

The Boolarra/Yinnar Youth-Space and Place group have been meeting at the Boolarra Community Hall while refurbishment has been undertaken at the Multi- Purpose Building. Now the refurbishment has been completed and just in time for winter the Youth group will move back to the Multi-Purpose Building.

As from the Friday, 21 June 2013, the next Space and Place shall take place from 6:00pm-9:00pm at The Multi-Purpose Building

Date for the future Youth Space and

Place will be as Follows:

Friday 19 July 2013 6:00-9:00pm.

Friday 16 August 2013 6:00-9:00pm.

Friday 20 September 2013 6:00-9:00pm.

Friday 18 October 2013 6:00-9:00pm

Friday 15 November 2013 6:00-9:00pm

Friday 20 December 2013 6:00-9:00pm.

Please put these dates in your Diary.



Learning how the machine works to make.....

All youth from the Ages of 13 yrs to 17 yrs from Boolarra and Yinnar are welcome.

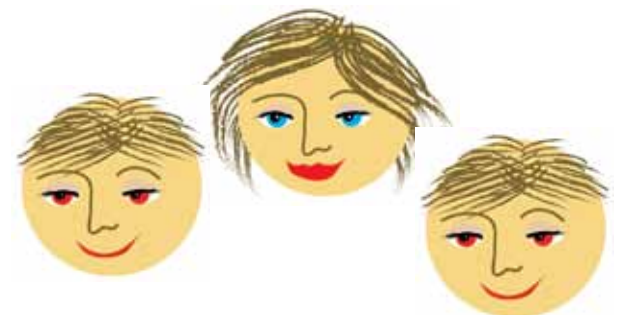
We have some volunteer parents who supervise during this time and I would like to thank them for donating their time to help out on Friday nights. Any other parents or adults wishing to get



.....a good cup of coffee


involved with the youth are most welcome. (A Working With Children check will be required).

For further information you can contact. Mr Patrick McAllister on 0428 989 420 Boolarra/Yinnar Youth-Space and Place Acting Youth Liaison Co-ordinator.



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GTK NEWS

First an apology. Due to an unexpected crisis, we were not able to go ahead with our pre-Mother's Day fete as planned. The crisis was averted, but not before we had cancelled the fete. We apologize to anyone who was disappointed and we hope to hold a great fete next year.

OUR FIRST AUSTRALIAN AFFILIATES

Glory to the King Ministries has affiliated ministers in 20 different countries throughout Africa and Asia, and we are delighted to announce that we now have our first Australian affiliated ministers, Pastor Don Cawley and Apostle Judith Garden-Cawley from Werribee. Don and Judy have really caught the vision of this ministry and are keen to work with us to expand the ministry here in Australia. At the time of writing we are making plans for their ordination.

RELATIONSHIPS SEMINAR

A "Building Better Relationships" seminar will be held at Glory to the King Christian Community on Saturday, 27 July 2013 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. This seminar looks at the ways to get the most out of your relationships, whether with your life partner, your family, your friends, or your work colleagues. There is no admission charge, but an offering will be taken.

MID WEEK WORSHIP

Thursday nights are our worship nights at Glory to the King Christian Community. During the winter months, these will be held in a private home. If you would like to join us to worship on Thursday nights, please call for details. You do not have to belong to GTK to join us for worship.

PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA

Are you a Christian who is concerned about the direction our nation is heading? We want to see Christians come together across denominational boundaries to pray for this nation. Our Pray For Australia meeting is held on the second Monday night each month and we would love you to join with us. Please phone for details.

COFFEE AND QUESTIONS

Do you have questions about the Bible, the



Work continues on the new orphanage in Liberia

Christian faith, or GTK specifically? Beginning in July we will be holding an informal "Coffee and Questions" Bible study at Annie's Coffee Shop (formerly the Scarey Fairy) next to Ritchies in Churchill. The meetings will be on the second Monday of each month from 10:00am to noon.

OVERSEAS AID

From the beginning of July 2013 the name of Glory to the King Ministries International Inc. Overseas Aid Fund will change to Glory Aid. Apart from the new name being much easier to remember, we hope that we will be able to develop the contacts necessary to also do some humanitarian work here in Australia, as well as overseas.

In the last three months we have sent \$750.00 to help three children's programs in Uganda. One of these used the money to provide clothes for the children, another to provide food and also help with the teachers' wages. The third runs an innovative program in which they buy piglets, which

because it trains the children to take responsibility both for themselves and for another living thing. Our donation enabled them to buy another batch of piglets to expand the program.

We have also sent \$1000.00 to an orphanage in Liberia. They had bought land and were beginning to build, only to find that there had been a legal mix-up and the person who sold them the land did not actually own it. They were in danger of losing both the land and the building they had begun on it, but our donation helped them to sort through the legal problems, secure the land and begin building again.

LOOKING FOR FUNDRAISERS

Can you smile? Do you have one or two free days each month? We are looking for happy, outgoing people to join our volunteer fundraising team. If you are interested, please contact us.

REV. LYNN MINISTERING OVERSEAS

In August 2013 Rev. Lynn Fowler will be off to the USA for three weeks ministering in Florida. She has also been invited to be the keynote speaker again this year at the Asian Christian Workers Seminar, this time in Sri Lanka. Dates for this have yet to be finalized, but it will probably be in September 2013.

NEW MAGAZINE

We are launching a new quarterly magazine, Glory Australia, which will showcase the work of GTK both here and overseas, as well as containing teaching material. If you would like a free copy, please contact us.

*Rev. Lynn Fowler
Senior Minister
PO Box 432 Churchill 3842
Phone 5169 6788*

Children in Uganda happily show off their new clothes



are given to the older children to raise. Each child has full responsibility for his/her piglet, to make sure it is fed and cared for. When the pigs are big enough, they are sold and the proceeds used to buy more piglets, with the balance going to help support the children. We love this program,

BOOLARRA MEN'S SHED SHAVINGS

Over the past three months, saw blades singing and nail guns knocking have been the order of the day on Mondays and Wednesdays, as the industrious band of "Shedders" keep on working on the internal fit-out of the shed.

Thanks to some generous giving, canny conning and spectacular scrounging, necessary supplies have regularly materialised at the shed enabling walls to be insulated (some donated by Lou Sigmund) and lined, benches and cupboards built and a myriad of other tasks carried out.

Regular attendees have included Doug Black, Lawrie Havrillay, Jeff Henderson, Steve Mansfield, Pat McAllister, Barry Shorter, Leonard Rutkowski, Stan Niddrie, Lou Sigmund, Ken Williams, Eddy Webster and Michael Watt with several others attending when health and other commitments allow.

Stan Niddrie (now known affectionately as Cookie) has donned his apron several times and cooked BBQ lunches for the guys and morning and afternoon tea breaks have been the opportunity for some laughs and discussion (along with a bit of planning!) and problem solving for what ails the world.

A few more donations have come in for which the fellas are grateful, including an extensive Woodworking Magazine library donated by Noel Trembath from Yinnar, a couple of different wood lathes from John Battersby and Tom Howard, a band saw, laminate trimmer and bench saw from Tom Bice, even a wood heater was donated by John Cargill but, unfortunately, parts to repair it to a serviceable level are no longer manufactured.

A couple of local contractors have donated use of their machinery and time to carry out some works on the site – thanks to Stan Williams and Rusty McGlade and also a helpful grader driver. Bunnings Traralgon have also been very generous with their donation of materials from their scrap



*Executive and Committee members elected at the Boolarra Men's Shed Inaugural AGM.
Back Row, Committee L - R, Pat McAllister, Eddy Webster, Lawrie Havrillay, Barry Shorter (absent Mick Schiller)
Front Row, Executive L - R, Doug Black, Secretary, Jeff Henderson, President, Michael Watt, Vice President, Lou Sigmund, Treasurer.*

bin, as has Gippsland Mowers Traralgon, whose donation of crate material has seen the wall lining completed (and saved them tipping fees!).

Shhhhhh – funny funarkling! Two members are off to Specsavers, so we hear, – apparently they misjudged the height of a roller door 🙄

The inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Boolarra Men's Shed took place on 28 May 2013 and the following Office Bearers and ordinary committee members were elected until 30 June 2014.

Executive Members:

President - Jeff Henderson

Vice President - Michael Watt

Secretary - Doug Black

Treasurer - Lou Sigmund

Ordinary Committee Members:

Pat McAllister, Mick Schiller, Lawrie Havrillay, Eddy Webster and Barry Shorter.

If you're interested in joining the merry band, come along armed with a joke or a yarn for Monday mirth or Wednesday witticisms – hours 10:00am to 4:00pm.

BOOLARRA -YINNAR EXERCISE GROUP



*Photo right:
Sheila and Kath from
the Exercise Group*

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

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

Our active group is still meeting regularly for a 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.

We enjoyed the company of Sheila who was resident in Yinnar with her son and daughter-in-law for 6 months, during which she witnessed the birth of her second Australian grandchild and developed a wonderful relationship with her two year old granddaughter and the extended local family. The group wished her bon voyage with guess what? - Cake.

Recently a member of the group was involved in a Pain Management Rehabilitation Program in Melbourne and because of the exercises and routines provided by Kathleen was able to cut her time in hospital in half due to the quality of this local program. She needed to simply modify some exercises and to slow her pace down to be able to continue to enhance her rehabilitation program and reduce her pain levels. Routine exercises such as these reduce pain and increase flexibility in bodies that are getting a little older and little creakier.

Come and join us if you too could benefit from more activity.

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

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



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

Correction:
*In the last edition
the photo on the
front page omitted
the name of
Steve Mansfield
(standing second
from right), our
apologies to Steve.*

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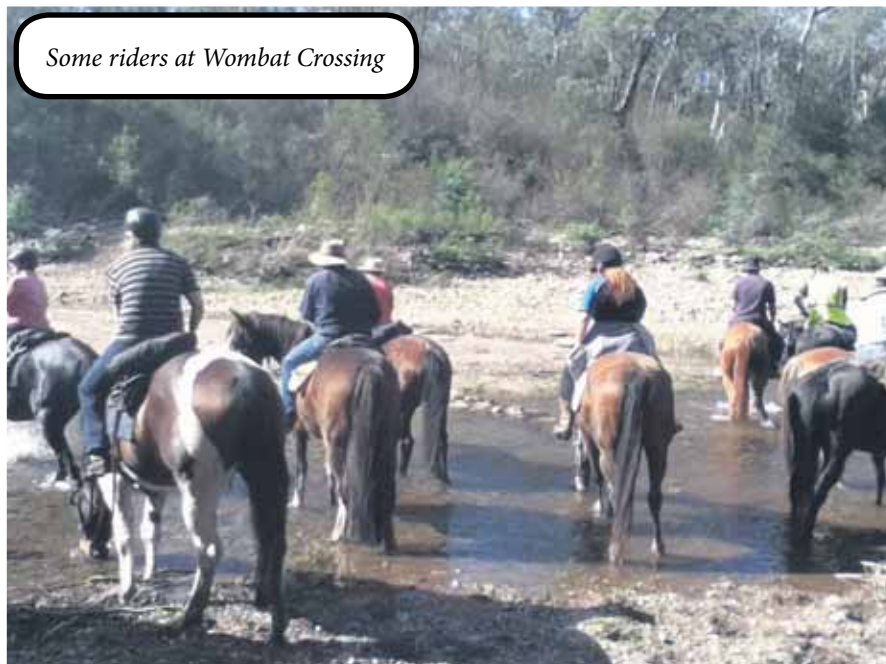


How time flies! It is now June and so many adventures have already taken place.

Unfortunately our January 2013 ride planned for Wombat Crossing was postponed due to the Bush Fires in the area at the time, while the February 2013 ride took in Boolarra South with Alison and Janine leading the ride. A nice easy ride, although very warm, around the Eastern Branch was enjoyed by all who took part and Keith had the BBQ lunch cooked on our return. Thanks Keith.

March 2013 was the month to trek from Boolarra South to Tarra Bulga in an all day ride (9 hours), followed by a beautiful home cooked dinner at Tarra Bulga's Guest House before turning in for a good nights sleep. Morning dawned oh too soon for some, others were ready for the ride home (another 9 hours in the saddle). We would like to thank everyone involved with making this weekend such an enjoyable event and we sincerely thank Alison and Keith who acted as back up crew on both days with vehicle and float ready if needed.

Some riders at Wombat Crossing



A number of riders took part in our Snake Island ride in April 2013. This ride involved taking 120 head of cattle from the foreshore at Port Welshpool over to Snake Island. Our members, however, did have the expert guidance from the cattlemen who undertake this ride on a regular basis. It was a fantastic experience and we felt very privileged to be able to participate in this ride. A few have already got their sights set on going back over in June/July 2013 to muster the cattle and bring them back from the island. We would

sincerely like to

thank the cattlemen for their guidance and hospitality and making everyone feel like they were part of the family.

Our Wombat Crossing ride took place in April and from what we hear, while Boolarra was basking in clouds, those of us up at Wombat were basking in sunshine. Some decided to camp over Saturday night in preparation for Sunday's ride, some opting to arrive on Sunday. 14 Riders took part in this ride which proved at times to be challenging, however, the scenery, old river beds, creek crossings and undulating bush is what it is all about. It was spectacular. This area will definitely be on our calendar for the future.

The May 2013 ride offered a little for everyone and Mick didn't let anyone down, with his well known "Mystery Ride" leaving from Kings Road.

We have some amazing rides planned with hopefully our best still to come (in the planning stages), a weekend in the high country, with camp oven meals, tales of the bush from stockmen from the area, camping under the stars, riding through some of the most beautiful bush areas known to man and there's always a chance to catch a glimpse of a brumby or two along the way. This weekend will be a great get-away for everyone, riding or not riding.

Happy riding!

Di Sharman
Treasurer



BOOLARRA CEMETERY TRUST

We have recently had framed (to Museum standards) an historic document from the cemetery's past – circa 1904 or 1905 – of the "Rules, Regulations and Scale of Fees". Funding for this came from the grant we received from the Victorian Government's Local History Grants program. The finished result is very impressive and we will be presenting it in due course to the Boolarra Historical Society, for safe keeping in their Museum. A copy of this document will be displayed in the Gazebo at the cemetery.

The next two projects to be undertaken will also be funded from the Local History Grants program. We plan to identify significant graves in the historic Monumental Section, with relevant information about the person concerned – e.g. the first person to be buried in the cemetery; the oldest person to be buried in the cemetery etc.

The other project is to interview older members in the community about their memories of the cemetery in earlier days. These interviews will be preserved in print as well as on disc format.

Glenys Morgan
Secretary



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HAPPENINGS AT THE BOWLING CLUB

First of all we lost our very good friend and member Tommy Gilpin, who was made life member a few months before his death on Easter Monday.

A few weeks later we learnt of the death of Ian Hinds in Queensland. Ian along with Tommy were both ex Presidents of the club as well as Secretary in Ian's case.

On a brighter note Division 4 travelled to Traralgon R.S.L on 16 February 2013 and beat Trafalgar to advance to the final on 2 March 2013. The final coincided with the Boolarra Folk Festival and some of our members had to help at the Festival and missed out on supporting Division 4 in the final at Yallourn, despite their disappointment, that soon changed when the news came through that Boolarra had won the final and promotion to Division 3. Well done everybody.

On 19 April 2013 we held our presentation night, which turned out to be a great success with the girls doing a magnificent job with the meal and table settings. Two days later on 21 April 2013, ten members went to the Yallourn Bowling Club to the West Gippsland Presentation Day. Bob Allen, our President, accepted a shield for Division 4 winning the final. Perhaps we can swap it for Division 3 next year.

Over winter the club has a variety of working bees which will make life easier and safer in the summer, including the erection of shade cloth along the edge of the Green. Quite a few of the younger members are giving up their time to do these various jobs and we appreciate their efforts, thanks guys!!

On a final note, the club has elected 4 new Life Members; there will be more details in the next edition.

Yours in bowling



Presentation Night Awards - Eddie Dudek, Cliff Prior, Bob Allen, Joy Prior, Sean Peter, Abbas Mehran, Stan Williams,

BOOLARRA NETBALL CLUB

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and support our Netball and Football teams. We always welcome the arrival of new players, officials and volunteers, so we would encourage anyone who is interested to come down to a game, have a look around and get involved!

This season we have two Junior Netball Teams playing over at Churchill indoor Netball Competition, 9&Under Team Coached by Gabrielle Francis and an 11&Under Team Coached by Nicky Wallis, we are very lucky to have such keen and energetic coaches for our Junior Girls, who both bring a wealth of experience.

The Junior Netball girls have been improving each week and even though we have not yet won a game, I'm sure a win won't be far away. If there are any girls who would like to come and join our team, please feel free to come and see us at training on Thursday afternoons at 4:30pm at the netball courts, as we still need at least one or two more players for each team.

The Boolarra Football Netball Club would like to thank their valuable sponsors for Season 2013 and ask that you get behind these businesses as they support our community club.

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The Boolarra Football Netball Club was very saddened on the 1 April 2013 by the loss of Past President, Life Member, Player, Committee Member & very passionate supporter in Tom Gilpin. Condolences go out to the Gilpin family and his large extended family at the Football/Netball Club.

On a happier note, with the season just completing Round 7 of the MGFL Season, the Club now has a week off for the Mid Gippsland Interleague carnival where the league plays the Picola Football League at Visy Park in Melbourne (25 May 2013). Boolarra footballers who were selected in this team were Daniel Metcalf, Justin Emery & Michael O'Sullivan.

The Senior Team has had a good start to the season with coach Tony Giardina at the helm again with joint Captains James Dyer & Jordan Cargill. The Club has recruited well with new Assistant Coach Justin Emery, Full Forward Trent Perczyk, Ruckman Mark Van Dyke, Rover Luke Anedda, Defender Michael O'Sullivan. The club also welcomes back Courtney Sherriff after knee surgery.

Round 1 started off well on 6 April 2013 with the Seniors having a good win over Yallourn North 13.12.90 to 4.4.28 at George Bates Reserve Yallourn North. Best Players were D.Metcalf, T.Perczyk, J.Emery, T.Salerno, K.Towt & M.Van Dyke. T. Perczyk in his 1st game with the Club kicked 6 goals & J.Giardina 3 goals.

Reserves also started the season with a big victory 20.20.140 to 3.0.18. Best Players were R. Jennings, C.Sykes, S.Cooper, B.Ellis, S.Buglisi & T.Bye. Goalkickers were R.Jennings 4, A. Burgess & S.Cooper 3 each.

Thirds had a hard fought out loss 16.12.108 to 4.2.26. Best Players D.Brick, L.Lewis, D.Brand, J.Battersby, C.Noy & D.Cooper.

Round 2 was played at Boolarra with the seniors

having a great 6 point win after the siren against reigning premiers Trafalgar with a Jesse Giardina snapshot going through the big sticks on the siren. Boolarra 11.12.78 to Trafalgar 10.12.72. Best Players C.Riseley, J.Elson, J.Emery, S.Boddy, M.Van Dyke & L.Anedda. S.Boddy kicked 3 goals & D.Wilson &

J.Giardina 2 each.

Reserves also sneaked in by a goal 10.6.66 to 9.6.60. Best players R.Beamish, J.Wilson, S.Richards, R. Jennings, J.Battersby & T.Holley. S.Cooper kicked 3 goals. The Thirds suffered another loss 18.12.120 to 1.2.8. Best Players C.Noy, J.Battersby, B.McColl, D. Brick, D. Brand & A. Salerno.

Round 3 was played at Yarragon with the Club's 3rd senior win for the season. Boolarra 14.15.99 to Yarragon 3.2.20. Best Players M.O'Sullivan, C.Riseley, T.Dowe, L.Anedda, J.Emery & S.Mazou. Goalkickers T.Perczyk 3, J.Emery, R.Kelly, S.Colbert & C.Riseley 2 each.

The Reserves also had another comfortable victory 18.6.114 to 5.3.33. Best Players S.Cooper, A.Burgess, R.Beamish, S.Buglisi, A.Clydesdale & C.Sykes. Goalkickers were S.Cooper 7 & M.Carnes 3.

The Thirds tried hard but were beaten 16.12.108 to 0.3.3. Best Players J.Battersby, G.Hall, D.Brick, D.Cooper, A.Salerno & M.Dodds

Round 4 was played against Yinnar in beautiful conditions at Boolarra but was unsuccessful on the football side. Yinnar seniors came from 28 points down in the 3rd quarter to run over Boolarra to win by 7 points. Yinnar 10.13.73 to Boolarra 9.12.66. Best players J.Holmes, M.O'Sullivan, D.Metcalf, J.Cargill, K.Towt & J.Elson. Goalkickers were S.Mazou 3, S.Colbert & T.Perczyk 2 each.

Reserves were also beaten by a better team on the day 12.12.84 to 4.4.28. Best players C.Blackberry, S.Buglisi, D.Reiske, E.Stanton, D.O'Neill & T.Holley. The Thirds also lost to complete the hat trick 12.16.88 to 5.7.37. Best players J.Battersby, D.Cooper, M.Dodds, A.Salerno, A.Van Der Brand & A.Peter. Goalkicker J.Dudek 2.

Round 5 saw Boolarra seniors bounce back with a vengeance against Morwell East at home again to win 15.11.101 to 10.8.68. Best Players M.Van

Dyke, D.Metcalf, K.Towt, M.O'Sullivan, J.Emery & T.Perczyk. Goalkickers were T.Perczyk 5 & D.Wilson, J.Giardina & R.Jennings 2 each.

The Reserves also bounced back from their first loss with a 11.10.76 to 5.5.35 win. Best players were S.Buglisi, A.Fievez, C.Sykes, A.Burgess, T.Holley & S.Richards. Goalkicker was S.Cooper with 2.

The Thirds broke through with a great win against the East. Great teamwork by the boys totally ran their opponents off their feet. 12.9.81 to 5.10.40. Best Players D.Brick, L.Lewis, J.Battersby, P.Thomas, M.Dodds & A.Sauppe. Goalkickers were J.Dudek & B.McColl 3. A.Salerno & D.Brick 2 each.

Round 6 was the match of the round with Mirboo North defeating Boolarra (1st vs 2nd) on the Senior ladder. 19.9.123 to 9.4.42. Best players C.Riseley, J.Dyer, M.Van Dyke, T.Salerno, M.O'Sullivan & S.Mazou. Goalkickers J.Giardina, J.Elson & R.Kelly 2 each.

The Reserves also lost their 2nd game of the season 10.12.72 to 5.3.33. Best Players were D.Reiske, J.Vuillermine, C.Sykes, S.Cooper, C.Sherriff & H.Kite. Goalkicker was S.Cooper with 3.

In a very tight game of football the Boolarra boys ran away with the game in a great last quarter of football to gain the bragging rights at school on Monday 9.13.67 to 6.12.48 best Players P.Thomas, J.Anderson, J.Battersby, D.Brick, J.Dudek & J.Abbey. Goalkickers were J.Dudek 5 & D.Brick 2.

Round 7 saw the Boolarra Seniors bounce back with a convincing victory against Hill End. Best Players were T.Salerno, J.Giardina, M.O'Sullivan, J.Cargill, S.Mazou & C.Riseley. Goalkickers were D.Metcalf, K.Towt & T.Perczyk 2 goals each.

The Reserves dropped their 2nd game in a row & need to rebuild before the next clash 12.12.84 to 4.12.36. Best players were D.O'Neill, K.Foley, H.Kite, R.Beamish, S.Cooper & S.Richards

The Thirds won their 3rd game on the trot with their biggest win for the season thus far 21.20.146 to 2.7.19. Best players A.Salerno, P.Thomas, J.Battersby, J.Anderson, C.Noy & J.Dudek. Goalkickers were A.Salerno 5, J.Dudek 4, P.Thomas & J.Anderson 3 each.



The Boolarra Football Netball Club Socials



For those who would prefer to get involved in the social side of the Club, evening meals are held every Thursday night at the clubrooms after training. Everyone is welcome to come along, mix with people from around the Club and keep informed on all things Boolarra. Social functions are

also featured throughout the season on a regular basis, which is a fantastic opportunity for players, officials, volunteers, members and spectators to come together and celebrate the Club and the local community. The Club had DJ Havana Brown (Local DJ Ross Brown) at the Club for its first game of the season for a night of music and socializing & mixing of fat frogs especially Shizza's great recipe "The Morwell River", of which ingredients shall remain a mystery. On 27 April 2013 the Club had a theme night "It used to be cool" where there were a lot of costumes including Boy George, Brittany Spears, Spice Girls, Angus Young, Rainbow Brite, Musketeers, Power Ranger, Disco Stew, Duff Man & many other bright outfits & guys

with creepy moustaches.

On 1 June 2013 the Club is hosting a dress up night "Bogan Bingo" event run by an external Melbourne entertainment company. The event, a popular function among local Football and Netball Clubs, has received rave reviews and is sure to be a fun night out at the club rooms.

On 23 June 2013 the annual duck race/reverse draw raffle will be held at the Club rooms. 120 tickets have been sold for this event.

6 July 2013 brings the Annual Mid Year Ball which will be held at the Boolarra Memorial Hall. Tickets will need to be pre-booked.

A special mention to local senior footballer James Holmes, who recently played his 250th club game which is a great honour for him and in Round 9 against Newborough at home, he plays his 100th Senior game with the Club. James also coaches the town's Under 10's team with a lot of passion and has a great group of kids to coach.

The Club would like to thank Hawthorn Football Club, V Line and Rod King for the tickets and rail transport to the Hawthorn versus Gold Coast match at the MCG on 25 May 2013. Approximately 60 junior players & adults attended this game which was very well organised by Jody O'Kane.