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What is Brataualung Forest Park?

Signs have gone up recently along Budgeree Rd near and at English's Corner (where Budgeree Rd meets Grand Ridge Rd) announcing that the area is now part of the Brataualung Forest Park. I was curious know what this was about. Brataualung Forest Park is a new conservation reserve, that was launched on 14 July 2018. The name recognises that the reserve area is part of Brataualung Country of the Gunaikurnai people.

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Community group for the Brataualung Forest Park.

Storm with Heavy Rain and Winds

On the 9 and 10 June the storm left damaged trees, and flooding behind in Boolarra. Many roads had been closed by fallen trees at times with no way out of Boolarra. As going to press Boolarra had no electricity and mobile coverage for more than 24 hours. The clean up will continue for some time.



The Railway Park lost several trees near the Skate park, lucky this time they all fell on the former railway track and did not damage the Skate Park or Bike Track. Photos by Sylvia Sauppe.



Flood Photos provided by Tom Riske.



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What is Brataualung Forrest Park?

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The first handback of 1,200 hectares of land for

the new conservation reserve was completed

in 2017 and forms

part of the land that

has been declared the

Brataualung Forest

Park. Parts of the park

are near Gunyah, a

little near Wonyip and

about 40% bounded

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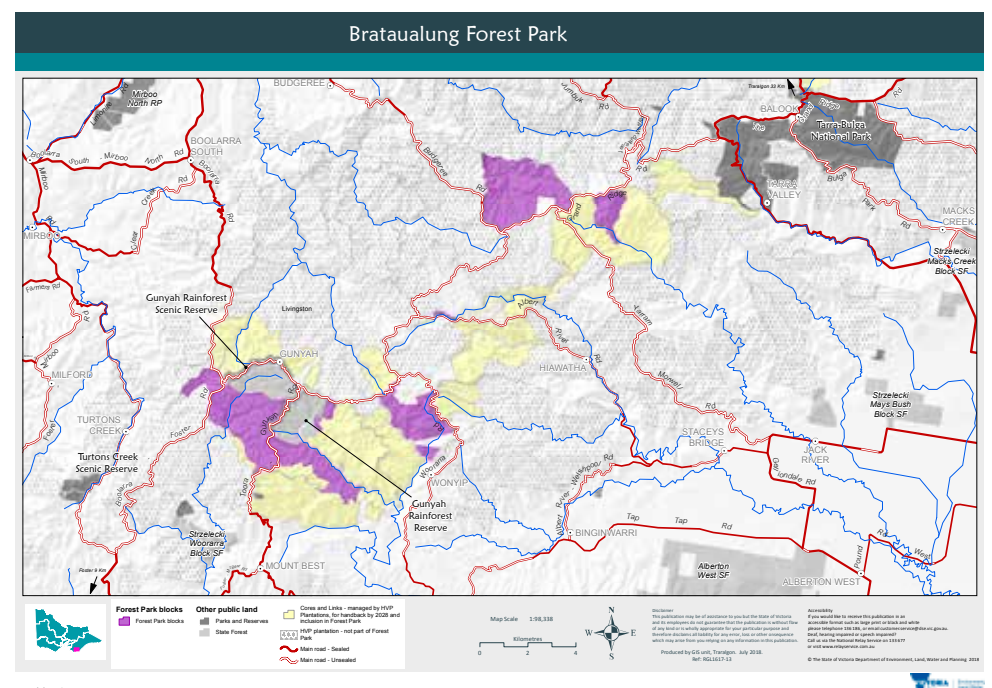
Grand Ridge Rd.

The new 2,390

hectare park protects

important areas of

cool temperate rainforest and damp forest. It provides habitat for significant species including Slender Tree-fern, Koala, Powerful Owl and various Burrowing Crayfish. The community has been advocating for the improved protection of forests in the Strzelecki Ranges since the mid-1990s, and reflects what can be achieved by persistent lobbying by local community groups. Currently the focus appears to be on recovery and conservation, with limited information about public access. The map of the park can be found at <https://www.forestsandreserves.vic.gov.au/initiatives/brataualung-forest-park>.



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Date: 5 March, 2022. It's free and it's in Boolarra!

Jobs that we need volunteers for—only an hour of your time between 10am-6pm

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Max Rudolf Sauppe (Rudi)

28 April 1922 - 2021



Rudi was born as second son to Curt and Anna Sauppe in Hartmannsdorf, Saxon, Germany, on 28 April 1922. As a young child his father became sick, and Rudi was sent to Bavaria to a children's home. After his father had passed away Rudi went back with to mother and brother in Hartmannsdorf. Young Rudi was quite a hand full for his mother as she struggled to provide for her sons.

Rudi finished school at 14 to do his bricklayer apprenticeship. In WWII he served in the Navy, though Rudi managed to stay out of direct conflict as much as possible in serving on supply ships. After the war, back home at a Saturday's dance he met the young widow Anni Heintke (Backmann) and they got married on the 11 March 1947.

Due to the difficult political and work situation in the Russian sector of East Germany Rudi went to the West near Hamburg (Glinde) in North Germany, to find work and build a house for his family. His wife Anni and son Christian joined



Rudi with wife Anni.

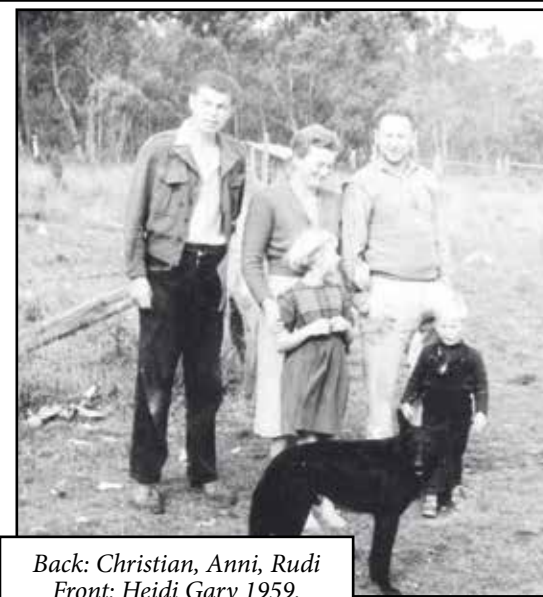
him in the west just before the border to the east had closed. Here daughter Heidi was born in 1951 before Rudi signed up to be part of the crew to build in Australia the Briquette factory in Morwell. He arrived in Australia, January 1952 with other German workers.

Rudi decided here in Australia is the right place to raise his family and arranged for Anni and the children to join him in Australia. Rudi bought some bush land in Boolarra to settle with his family. He had some partners on the farm and was able to pay them out after selling part of the original farm to make what is today known as Sauppe farm. Only one week before Anni arrived with the children he received the letter from Anni informing him of when they were arriving. So Rudi with the help of some friends build the first house on the farm in a few days, to have a home for his family as he was still living in the workers camp in Morwell. In 1956 the youngest son Gary was born.

In the following years he cleared most of the farm. They milked cows, sold the cream to the Mirboo North Butter Factory and bred pigs for the market. Rudi worked as a bricklayer at the power stations. Rudi specialized in fire brick works to build kilns in several states in Australia, he also worked as road crew for the shire. Then late in life he worked as carpenter at Loy Yang. Rudi and Anni where involved from the beginning of the German Australian Club Astoria in Morwell where they went to many dances and social events. Sometimes after the dance bringing friends home after the event to roll up the carpet and continue the dance in there Boolarra house. He was active until his health prevented Rudi to participate.

His family remembers the trips to the beach they took as good family times together. Rudi loved his German shepherd dogs (Tiger and Timba) which he trained at the Morwell dog club and won many obedience prizes with them. There were several tracking dog events held at the farm with participants from the Morwell and Melbourne dog clubs.

He joined the Commonwealth Freemasons Lodge in Mirboo North in 1977. Rudi is remembered for his strong accent, of course, and admired



Back: Christian, Anni, Rudi
Front: Heidi Gary 1959.

for his ability to conduct ceremonies in the language. And that Rudi laid a lot of the bricks for the extension that was built in the late 80s. Rudi was Master 1992, he was a mentor to others, and active until his health prevented him to participate in the evening outings.

He enjoyed going out with his boat for fishing trips with his friend Hans and some camping trips with Anni after his retirement. In 1996 Rudi and Anni moved away from his beloved farm in Boolarra to Churchill, as Anni wanted to be closer to shops and healthcare.

With his declining dementia Rudi moved back to the Boolarra Farm in 2015 to be looked after by his son Gary and his family.

Rudi's family, looking back on the 99 years of life that Rudi has lived:

- Wife Anni,
- Three children Christian, Heidi and Gary,
- 11 grandchildren,
- 20 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren with many partners and families.

Sylvia Sauppe.

Rudi looking over his Farm.



Say not in grief 'he is no more' but
in thankfulness that he was.
- hebrew proverb



Boolarra Community Development Group

As I write this article, I am conscious of a substantial paradox in the message I am aiming to get across.

On the one hand the Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG) has a number of exciting projects and community events in the planning stages.

On the other hand, the BCDG and a number of other institutions within the community are critically short of community volunteer input which could force some organisations and services to go into recess, and management of some facilities to be taken out of the hands of the community.

On the positive side, planning is underway for the development of a number of rose gardens at the entrance to Centenary Park, featuring enhanced signage. Latrobe City has drawn up plans, and we are awaiting the formal specifications so we can begin seeking quotes for the work. This will be largely funded by the Mirboo North and District Community Bank, and the Latrobe City Small Towns Capital Funding.

As an offshoot of this, we are also seeking to identify the significant trees within the township, and label them.

The Boolarra Community Development Group welcomes ideas from the community to enhance Boolarra. Recently we have received two great proposals that we are working on.

The first suggestion related to installing historical signage at Railway Park, so that the many visitors who take advantage of its facilities and beauty can also take away some awareness of the story of Boolarra. We're very conscious that Railway Park is in danger of becoming 'cluttered' however we believe that the proposal, of an information panel either side of the rail-trail archway inside the park, and further information panels inside the gazebo, will not only look good but also provide a great historical perspective. We have spoken to the Boolarra Historical Society and they are putting together content (words and photos) for the signs. We are also hoping to put up some signage at the Budgereef Hall.

The second suggestion was to brighten up the township at Christmas by

'lighting up Boolarra'. Again, the suggestion was approved. As a starting point it was decided to concentrate on lighting up Railway Park and a number of buildings adjoining the park. We have written to a number of organisations who manage these building seeking their agreement, the intention being that we will purchase the lights and they will put them up and then store for the following year.

A number of people have asked me recently when we were planning to have another community garage sale and car boot sale. Our previous one was almost two years ago, so there is quite a bit of demand out there. We discussed it at our last meeting and agreed to look at something around mid-November.

Rick Teychenne (Boolarra Folk Festival) and I have had some informal discussions over the past 12 months about staging an informal community post-COVID event, to get people out and about again. Today he sent me an email tentatively proposing something in late-November, and I suggested that this would fit well with the community garage sale, so we will have further discussions and keep you informed. However, all these projects and events take volunteer time and effort. Our last three BCDG meetings have had a maximum of five committee members, and our April meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. We badly need new blood; especially people who are willing to assist in organising and staging events such as the Community Garage Sale, Christmas

Carols and Australia Day. We also would welcome someone able to do the administration on the financial grants we arrange on behalf of the community, and someone willing to be the minutes secretary.

None of these jobs are onerous, but without people willing to pitch in then I query whether the BCDG is viable.

But let me be clear; the BCDG is not the only organisation in need of fresh blood and volunteer assistance. The following organisations have all been mentioned to me in the last month as being in urgent need of assistance.

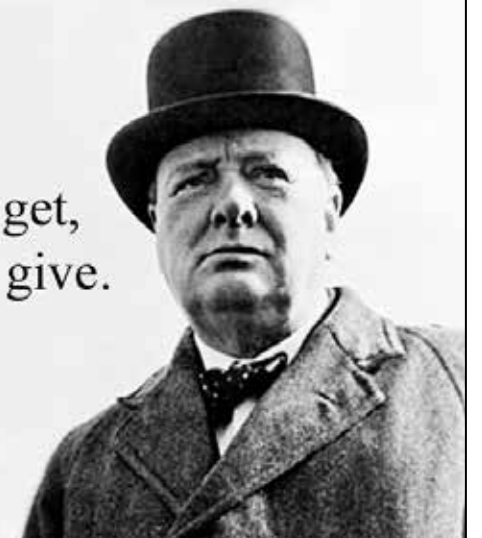
- **Boolarra Memorial Hall** - Volunteer and financial
- **Boolarra Multipurpose Building** - Committee, and facilities
- **Boolarra Link** - Financial and volunteers
- **Boolarra South Landcare** - Average age of volunteers at last working bee 70+ (Their role includes the upkeep of the Old Mill Site)
- **Boolarra Folk Festival** - Ageing Committee and volunteers
- **Boolarra Cemetery Trust** - Ageing volunteers, and shortage

I apologise if any of these organisations feel I have misrepresented them, as I am only passing on what I have heard in casual conversation. Boolarra is a great place to live with a beautiful environment and a wealth of facilities and activities available. But it takes sustained community effort to achieve and maintain these things, and we all need to consider how we can contribute.

*Colin Brick,
Secretary,
Boolarra Community Development Group.*

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Winston Churchill



Boolarra Food Swap

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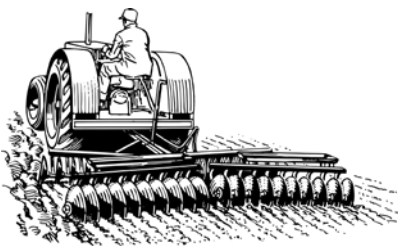
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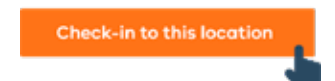


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Boolarra Memorial Park

After a very quiet 2020 it is great to see the reserve getting used to its full capacity again, with cricket, netball, football and equestrian activities resuming.

Every cloud has a silver lining and the bonus for us was that the year off has left the main oval in very good condition, although we do have an ongoing problem with Cape Weed, which is very hard to eradicate.

The Football Club and the Parks Committee have been fortunate in receiving some funding from Latrobe City and AGL to upgrade the lighting of the oval. Anyone who has been down to the social rooms on a Thursday night for a meal and has seen the conditions the players train in will agree that this is a pressing need. Well done Josh Wilson and John Cargill for their persistence in achieving this outcome, which should happen in early June after numerous supplier delays and complications.

The Park has also purchased and installed a new toilet over at the equestrian centre for use on training and event days. This has been something that the equestrian clubs have had as a very high priority for a number of years. Thanks to Dave Grima for hooking the system up, and also for his efforts over a couple of years

in putting aside toilet facilities for a project that didn't quite come to fruition.

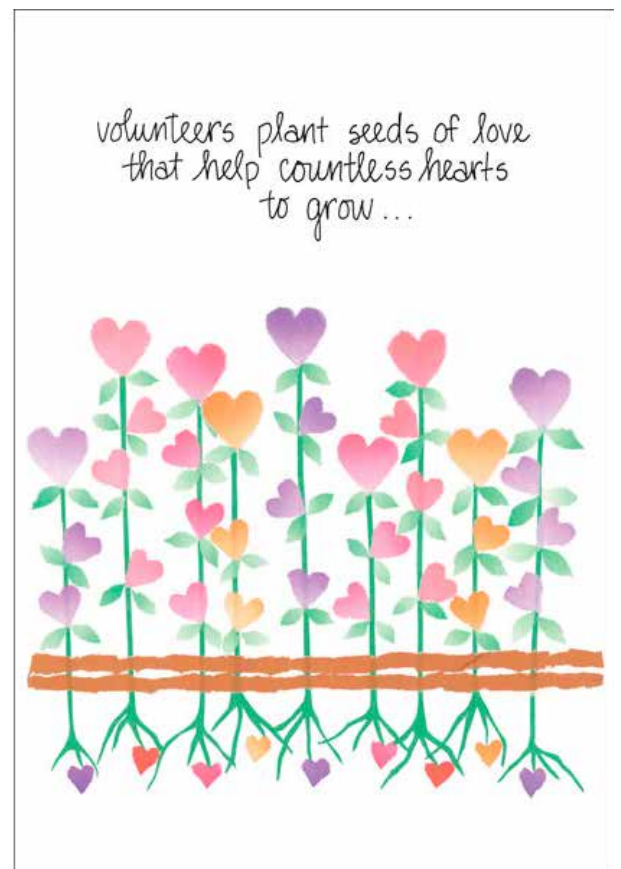
Earlier this year Ken Williams passed away. Ken has had a very strong involvement with the park, dating back to the seventies, and since he retired around seven years ago had taken on the role of 'grumpy old man' down at the reserve. Over that time Ken has devoted at least a day per week on mowing, cleaning up, planting and general maintenance of the reserve. The result has been very plain to all Park users as he has really had the reserve in great condition, and he has made ongoing maintenance a lot easier by cleaning up to allow mower access to all areas. If you saw Ken down at the Park while he was working, he was always up for a good chat as well.

When the new equipment shed was built, Ken quickly claimed it as his domain, organising the lighting, shelving and general layout of the shed, and woe betide anyone who stepped out of line. Ken's efforts have been greatly appreciated by the Parks Committee, and by all users of the Park, so in recognition it was decided to name the shed Ken's Shed. Last Saturday a small ceremony was held attended by Ken's family and friends and members of the Parks Committee to unveil the sign.

The Memorial Park has an area of around 30 acres that it leases out. The current lease expires at the end of October and applications for a new three-year lease are invited. See advertisement. Finally, the Committee of Management of

the Boolarra Memorial Park is appointed to three-year terms by the State Minister for the Environment. The current committee's term of office expires in November this year, so we will be inviting applicants for the new committee. Nine people are formally appointed. During the next committee's term of office the reserve will celebrate it's 100th year, so people interested in helping to plan and organise an appropriate celebration would be very welcome, either as part of the formal committee, or on an event sub-committee.

*Colin Brick,
Secretary,
Boolarra Memorial Park.*



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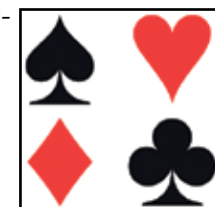
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On 20 May the Victorian State Government handed down its budget for the 2021/2022 financial year. It has been interesting to observe State Governments around Australia and the Federal Government deliver their budgets in the midst of a global pandemic. Unfortunately the debt levels being reached are quite concerning and here in Victoria our State debt is expected to reach \$156 billion by 2025.

The State Government's big ticket item was the investment in mental health services which comes on the back of Royal Commission into Mental Health in Victoria. This inquiry clearly showed the system is broken and to the Governments credit they have recognised this. The reality is we have to get to the point where people and families are able to access mental health services in their local community and when they need it.

In terms of Budget outcomes from a local perspective, the State Government has committed \$10 million for the Morwell Food Manufacturing Precinct which is located next to the Bega Cheese yogurt processing plant on Princes Way. The works include upgrades such as the connection of power, water and sewage along with building better access to the site to

help facilitate the movement of heavy vehicles and manufacturing equipment. When complete the site will accommodate up to 44 prime industrial lots and reinforce Gippsland as a food and fibre stronghold.

In my budget reply I highlighted the importance of ensuring that local people have the opportunity to participate in not only the construction phase of any State Government works in our region but ongoing employment opportunities as well. Hopefully that will be the case. As with any Budget there were a number of initiatives that I had hoped would be supported by the Government but unfortunately they missed out. For example, we now know that Yallourn Power Station is set for closure in 2028 and the native timber industry is also set to shut in 2030 and the potential loss of jobs are real and come on top of the previous closure of Hazelwood Power Station and Carter Holt Harvey timber mill in Morwell, yet there is still no plan or transition plan for the Latrobe Valley to indicate what industries and jobs will fill the void that will be left with these closures.

I was disappointed that support was missing for upgrades to the Latrobe City Sports & Entertainment Centre which could play a host role for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup if the facilities were redeveloped to meet modern standards. Other projects such as the Lake Narracan housing development precinct, a Latrobe Valley Drug Court and a hospice and improved palliative care services were

overlooked in the 2021/2022 Budget which was disappointing also.

And during May I had the pleasure to call past Boolarra Primary School and say hello to teachers and students from both Boolarra Primary and Yinnar South Primary Schools as they participated in a Do it for Dolly Day which seeks to raise awareness around bullying. The students undertook a range of activities throughout the course of the day and I was very impressed at their level of knowledge and participation. There were many highlights but for me it was the commitment from the children as to how they could take individual actions that could stop bullying from occurring in the first place. Thank you to Principal Sue, teachers and students for their hospitality on the day.

Boolarra Verandah Jammers

This group have been meeting on the back verandah of the pub for quite a while. We play our ukuleles, have a sing, enjoy a laugh, on Sundays at 1pm -3pm.

If you have an interest in music (or just want to sing), please contact me, Libby Robertson, 0408 594 798.

Winter may create a problem re: weather, venue or not being around (or COVID!).

So, contact me and we can take it from there.

Libby Robertson.



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BURNING ISSUES BOOLARRA CFA NEWS

Your winter fire plan

As we move into the chilly winter months and stoke our wood fires up, it is timely to remind residents check that their chimney flues are clean and the fireboxes and bricks are in good condition. Check and test your smoke detectors to make sure they are working properly. Consider your fire plan in the event you have a house fire. Do you have a plan? What are your exit points? Where is your agreed safe place to



gather in the event you have to evacuate? Does everyone in your family know what to do? It is always good to have a plan that everyone in your home knows so take some time over dinner one night and prepare.

Brigade responses

Whilst the Brigade has had less incident callouts, we have responded to a number of structure fires and motor vehicle accidents over the past few months, working with neighbouring brigades to manage these. With wet weather and slippery roads, please take care when driving, especially on the unsealed roads in the area. Drive to the conditions at all times please.

Brigade elections

The bi-annual Brigade elections were held in April with office bearers for the next two years being appointed who will take up their roles from 1 July 2021. After seven years as Captain, Di Billingsley has stood down and Simon Pickett will take on the leadership of the Brigade into the future. Other office bearers are as follows: 1st Lieutenant – Rob Franssen, 2nd Lieutenant –

Brett Ciantar, 3rd Lieutenant – Steve Plath, 4th Lieutenant – Bec Jessup and 5th Lieutenant – Michael Boka. Mel Haigh takes on the role of secretary with Garry Healey as treasurer and Stu Orr as Safety Officer. Di Billingsley has taken on Community Education.

The Brigade extends grateful thanks to Mary Orr for her work as secretary over the past years.

Brigade Training

Training continues every second Monday night with a good number of members attending. We have a number of new members who are currently developing their firefighting skills and doing a fantastic job. They will be excellent additions

to our volunteer ranks. We recently hosted 10 members from Morwell Fire Brigade and two from Churchill, engaging in a joint training exercise that involved a simulated MVA (motor vehicle accident) where qualified crew members donned BA (breathing apparatus) to perform skills maintenance. The exercise involved map reading, communications, simulated containment and extinguishment of a car fire and bushland, location and management of casualties and draughting water from a dam. Churchill CAFS (compressed air foam system) tanker also attended, allowing all present to refresh their skills on this specialist appliance. We will continue to engage in shared training with neighbouring brigades over



the winter months.

Juniors

After the interrupted year last year due to COVID-19, our junior Brigade is running again with nine members. They meet on the alternate Monday night to senior training and are thoroughly enjoying being back. The focus is on developing teamwork and leadership amongst our juniors, using modified firefighting exercises and drills. They also practise map reading and radio communication skills.

As always, the members of the Boolarra Fire Brigade appreciate the support of the Boolarra community. New members are always welcome at the Brigade and there are a number of roles that individuals can play within the organization, both operational and non-operational. For further information contact Di Billingsley 0408 173 637.



COVID-19 Checking in with QR Codes

Checking in at venues and facilities helps with contact tracing and keeps Victoria safe and open.

Why do I need to check-in?

When you check-in, you create a record of the time and date you visited a venue.

This means that if there is a COVID-19 outbreak, contact tracers can quickly access your contact information and get in touch with you, if you've visited a public exposure site.

Where do I need to check-in?

Venues must use the free Victorian Government QR Code Service for record keeping.

Venues must make reasonable efforts to provide an iPad or other device for people who do not have access to a device, or use alternative record keeping system (such as pen and paper) when it is not practicable for a person to record their attendance using QR codes or where there is a technical access issue for QR codes.

What if I'm only dropping off or picking up from a venue?

Current Chief Health Office directions require that anyone attending one of the Venues or facilities must check in, regardless of how long you spend at the venue.

This applies to everyone, whether you are an employee, customer or other visitor attending the venue on work duties.

It also applies to:

delivery drivers doing pick-ups from venues.

customers picking up items via 'click and collect'.

If in doubt, just check in. It's quick, easy and free – and will help keep your loved ones and the community safe should a COVID-19 outbreak occur.

What information is collected when I check-in?

The only details you are required to provide when using the Victorian Government QR Code

Service are your name and phone number. The QR Code Service will automatically record the date, time and location of your visit.

How is my information used?

Your check-in details are only used or shared for contact tracing purposes if there is a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case at a venue you have visited.

Your personal information can only be used by health authorities to help manage an outbreak of COVID-19.

If there's no outbreak at a venue you've been to, your check-in details will be deleted after 28 days. If your details have been provided to the Victorian Chief Health Officer to help manage an outbreak, they can be held for more than 28 days if that information is needed for contact tracing purposes. Your details won't be used for marketing or any other purposes.

Read more about how your privacy is protected when you check-in online.

Do I need to download anything to check-in?

If you have a newer smartphone, you most likely can just use your camera.

If your phone doesn't start the check-in process

automatically, you must download the Service Victoria app.

What is a QR code?

A QR code is a link that your smartphone camera can recognise.

In this case, it will activate the check-in for the venue you are visiting.

What if I don't want to check-in?

If you are attending a venue or facility where record keeping is a requirement, you must check in.

This ensures that in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak, contact tracers can quickly access your contact information and get in touch with you if you've visited a public exposure site.

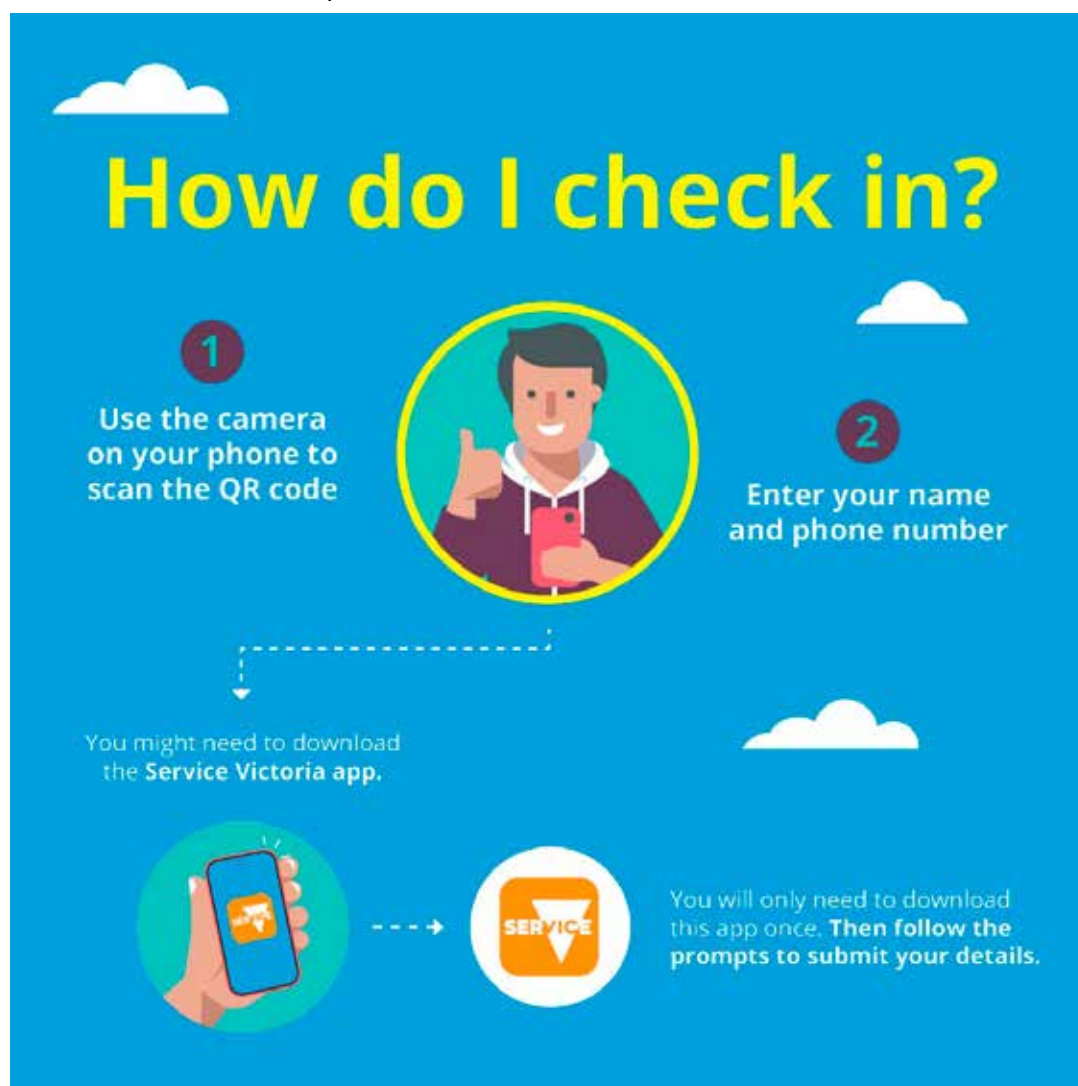
What penalties apply to businesses that fail to comply?

Authorised Officers will issue an on-the-spot \$1,652 fine and may be prosecuted in court for non-compliance.

Who can I call if I need help?

If you need help call the Victorian Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 675 398

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/qr-code-check-in>



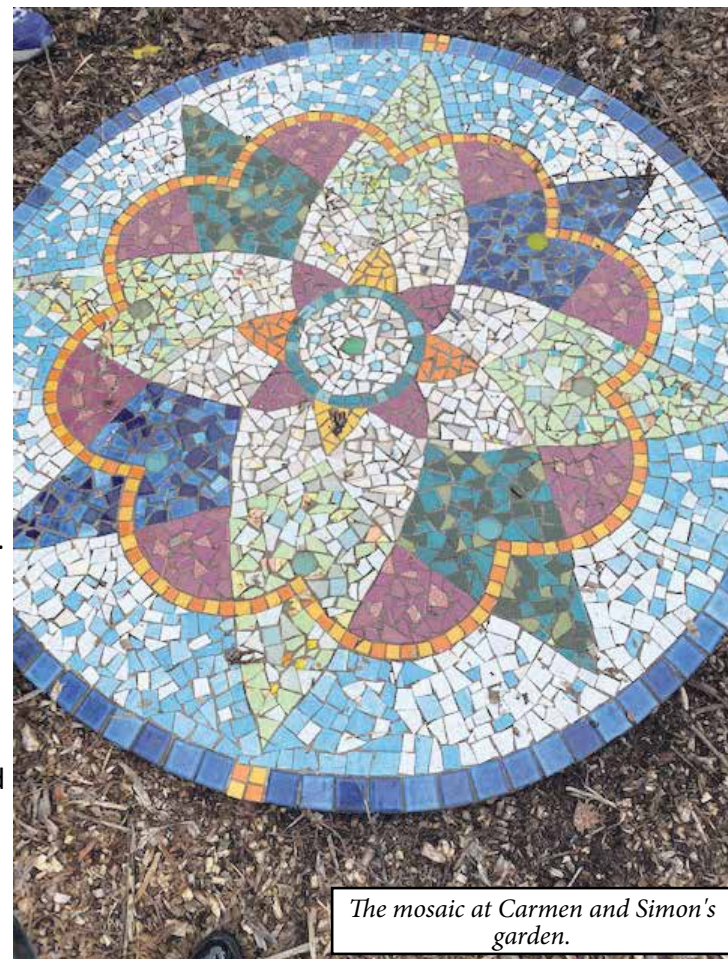
BOOLARRA GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club has been able to resume activities in 2021 so happily we are out and about again.



Sophie, Marge and Thelma admiring the vegetable garden.

At the planning meeting it was decided that we would visit local gardens and take cars rather than the bus. Spencer Olsen's terraced garden where he has strawberries, raspberries and all manner of vegetables and trees thriving keeps him very busy. The group enjoyed sharing afternoon tea and catching up with each other after inspecting all Spencer's amazing work. We also paid Simon and Carmen a visit and saw how their garden had changed since it was part of the Boolarra Open Gardens. All gardens are a work in progress and change and grow but new features had appeared including a mosaic and a great fire pit. The cloud pruning and pleached Blackwood walk, paths curving down the hill and up around the brick vegetable beds gave us a nice walk. Of course, once again a delicious afternoon tea looking across to the rail trail. The planting here



The mosaic at Carmen and Simon's garden.

has created such an enclosed space you don't know the garden is here and you need to walk around to reveal all its treasures. A trip to Lakes Entrance is being planned for spring but before that happens there are more local gardens in store for us. If you are interested in joining the group for a monthly outing contact Jill, details on the Link contact page.

Denise Schiller.



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We still have a few Post Office Boxes available and remember, if you live in town then you are entitled to a reduced rate because there isn't a town mail delivery.

You may set up an email notification with us when mail is awaiting collection (Mail2Day).

Mary & Shannon & Team

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Boolarra South Landcare Group

Landcare Australia works for more trees and it is encouraging to see farmers taking care of waterways and revegetating the land. Controlling weeds, especially blackberries and ragwort is constant and we have been trying to control these and some bracken at the Mill Site too. We still have concerns about campers especially at Apex Park which is further from surveillance. Using the river bank as a toilet is still occurring and rubbish unfortunately left for others to clean up. Corrections Victoria are not back working on community projects and so

mowing at the Mill Site takes up quite a bit of our volunteer time. That means tracks are not getting as much attention as we would like. We had a

fire in the composting toilet and we were very fortunate that damage was confined to the rotating bins. This was caused by perhaps a match or something alight being thrown in to the toilet and because it is dry and gaseous exploding. This was we think deliberate and very sad. Thanks to Gary we have fixed it and we have an operational toilet again, but it adds to our costs and is such a waste of time and effort. We have been able to meet and have our working bees and hope we are not restricted again. National Tree Day is coming around again and we would like to involve the community again in this. Last year it was a case of just pick up some trees and go off in to the bush and plant them, but it did enable us to get the trees in the ground so that was a plus. Alison has been involved in Indigenous Training with Glawak and the Landcare Network is engaging more with the Indigenous community and learning about the environment and their traditions. Their knowledge about slow burning fires is a valuable tool for all Victorians to embrace as we have to learn new ways to manage our land. Come and help us maintain your forest, 10am on the second Saturday of each month, just two hours of your time would make a difference.




Flowering gum at the Mill Site.




Working at the Mill Site.



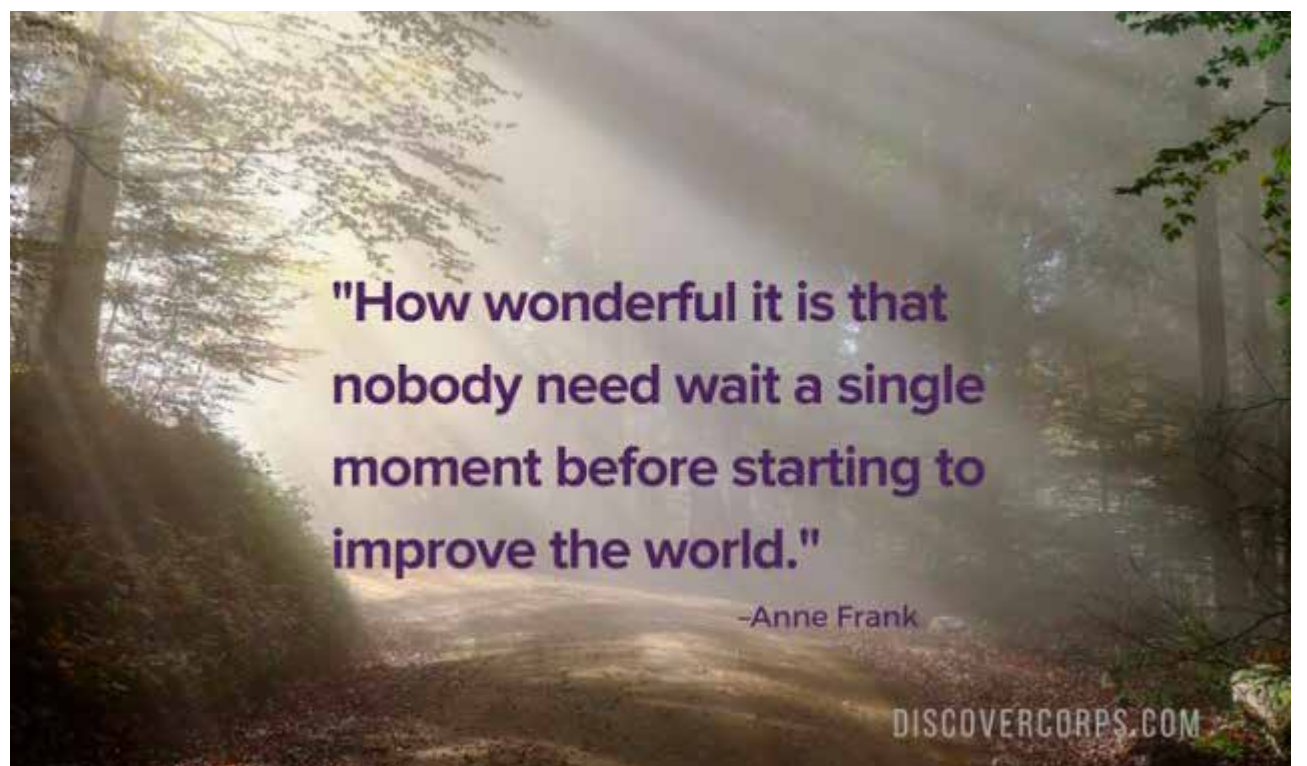
Working at the Mill Site.



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WOOL GROUP YARNING



Lori's mat.

Boolarra Wool Group

Elizabeth is still knitting for twins, gradually increasing the size. We are pleased to report that they are thriving and now considered 'normal size' not little preemies.

Anne T. feels as though she has been unproductive; however, she has started a jumper for herself that she hopes to complete within the decade and has completed a few adorable beanies for an expected grandchild.

Lois continues to work on a luxurious poncho in various shades of dark blue, soft wool.

Anne L. Burgundy's bed socks for her daughter are almost complete.

Kate finished a pair of socks that were a little tricky to match and eventually found some quiet time to put together a knitted doll and add gloriously unruly hair. Now for the extensive outfitting.

Denise feels she has been very unproductive as she was not happy with the socks she is working on and has unpicked them and started again from scratch. Lori was sympathetic and kind enough to gift her a lovely pair from her stash.

Lori continues with socks as the orders keep coming in for winter. She has completed an extraordinary Starburst mat as well as several baby items, with the rainbow jacket considered a par-

ticular winner.

Marietta continues with socks and an attractive greenish mustard coloured cardigan for herself.

Marg is continuing slowly with socks, occasionally in the car, as like a few of our group she has managed a little jaunt away from home while COVID restrictions consider it safe to do so.

Our meetings continue in the Multi Purpose building each Thursday from 11.30am.

Interested new members are very welcome. BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided.

Kate Cartwright.



Lois's poncho.



Kate's doll.

Elizabeth's quilt and baby wear.





(see attached pics 1: Bush Tucker Feast)

In honour of Volunteers Week which was celebrated across the country from 17 to 23 May 2021, we'd like you to meet our team. "As individuals volunteers are stars – but collectively they make up an amazing constellation for our organisations and communities" (James Breene). Our current committee is made up of president: Cath Thompson, secretary: Rosemary Abetz-Rouse, treasurer: Sari Anderson, committee members:



Shirley Crutchfield.

land at the rear of the YCG and is supported by GLaWAC and a community development grant from OSMI.

Cath Thompson.



Bush Tucker Feast.

The Yinnar Community Garden's 10th Birthday was held on 27 March 2021. Thirty people attended bringing with them dishes that featured a native bush food flavouring. The food was laid on a long table and Cath thanked 'Food For All Latrobe Valley' an initiative of the Latrobe Health Assembly, for funding the event.

We held a sharing circle where people talked about how they'd incorporated bush flavours into the foods that they'd brought along. Many people had received Brushtail Bush Foods packets of lemon myrtle, mountain pepper-leaf and mountain pepper-berry, native mint and native thyme. Some had even experimented with strawberry gum. It was a great way to celebrate the tastes of the bush and what grows in Gunai Kurnai country.

There was a huge variety of mains and desserts. Breads, a murnong and sea-celery taster, roo burgers, native spice vegetarian patties and biscuits, native spinach pesto, salads with kangaroo apple, lillypilly jam cakes, Guerny's pear cider and mulled wine and much more. We toasted to a decade of volunteering and an array of grants that have co-created this artistic, organic and inspirational garden.

A special thank you to Paul Jamieson for picking up his guitar and singing beautiful melodies that warmed our hearts during the celebration.



Deb Morrison & Catheryn Thompson.

Deb Morrison, Lisa Anderson and Sue Schmidt. A special thank you to : (Pic 2) mosaic artists Lisa and Sari who've been decorating the amphitheatre steps with seasonal and elemental motifs and a compass since October last year. Working Bee attendees and all who've contributed to the maintenance of the garden especially during the tough COVID times, a big thank you to (Pic 3) Deb and Cath for ongoing gardening and (pic 4) Shirley for her care of the worm farm. Last but not least the consistent and reliable (pic 5) Rosemary Abetz-Rouse for her secretarial work.

(see attached pics 2: Lisa & Sari Anderson, 3: Deb Morrison & Cath Thompson, 4: Shirley Crutchfield and 5: Rosemary Abetz-Rouse). An exciting development for us at the YCG this year is the establishment of a Bush Garden that will feature Gunai Kurnai indigenous plants. The reflective space will be on the native title



Lisa and Sari Anderson.



BOOLARRA FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDATION CLUB M.G.F.L. 1935
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Boolarra Football Netball Club - Football Update
Well winter is upon us and so is another COVID lockdown. We got seven rounds into the season and unfortunately just before our game against Stony Creek we find ourselves in an all too familiar situation.

Up to the lockdown we've had mixed results in the football. The Seniors have only managed the one win despite playing some really exciting footy, just being able to sustain it for longer periods in the game seems to elude us. The boys were really setting themselves for the clash vs bottom of the table Stony Creek, to try and breathe some fresh confidence and form into the season. The Reserves are sitting equal sixth on the table with three wins and three losses, the team's depth has been stretched to the limit the last few games with injury and unavailability hounding Coach Cleaver. Hopefully the COVID break will allow some players to get their bodies right and return

to the field.

The Under 11s are ticking along very nicely with two wins and two losses. Coach Stanton recently held a training/bonding night at the Boolarra Pub for the team where the kids had a great feed and went through some team tactics, which will pay dividends as the season rolls on. We are still looking for more players, its not too late to come and join. If you have a child that's looking to get involved in footy and have some fun then contact Eddy Stanton.

Mick Murden has started Auskick for 2021 and is still really keen to sign kids up. All kids between 5-12 are welcome to join, no experience needed but fun is compulsory. The fee is \$85 however the



Club will reimburse \$50 of that. Contact Mick or the Club for more information or to join.

We recently held Bogan Bingo at the Club which was a huge success, the 100 strong crowd of Bogans had a great night with plenty of laughs. Surprising to see most didn't need to dress up to fit right into the theme. Congratulations to the winners on the night, special mention to the Ringa Ding Ding - King Ken Towt for taking out the grand prize of biggest Bogan. The Club is doing \$15 Thursday Night meals starting at 6pm. Apart from the incredible value the best part is everyone is welcome. You don't need to be



a member of the Club to come down and enjoy the friendly hospitality, warm toasty fire and cold beverages. We love seeing new faces, so come down for a feed from Chef John Batista and crew. We have secured some state government funding for some new LED lights for the football oval, which will vastly improve the lighting on the ground. For too long we have had sub-par lighting, which hinders training and is also a safety hazard.

The Club would also like to thank our hard-working team behind these new projects and grant applications as we push forward to improving the infrastructure and facilities.

Currently we have some empty roles/jobs at the Club that need filling ASAP. Amongst those we are looking for a Canteen Manager and Trainers/Physio. If you are willing to put your hand up and fill one of these roles, please contact the Club.

We are always looking for more volunteers and helpers at the club, we are a small community Club and rely on locals to fill roles. Please do not hesitate to come forward if you think you can fill a role at the Club. No matter how small. President Simon Buglisi and Netball President Gabrielle Francis-Foreman are very eager to get more people into roles at the Club to ease the burden on long serving volunteers that have taken on too much. Now more than ever we need people stepping up to lend a hand and do your bit for your Club.

You can keep up to date with all Club news via our Facebook page Boolarra Football Netball Club.

Simon Buglisi.



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Boolarra Football Netball Club

Due to COVID-19 lockdown our season had to be updated for Senior Football + Netball Fixture (as it stands 9th June 2021) please keep informed on our facebook page as changes can be made depending on COVID-19 regulations:

- 19 June v Toora (H) (Originally Round 11)
- 26 June v Yinnar (H) (Originally Round 12)
- 3 July v Morwell East (A) (Originally Round 13)
- 10 July v Stony Creek (A) (Originally Round 8)
- 17 July v Foster (H) (Originally Round 9)
- 24 July v Tarwin (A) (Originally Round 10)



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The Boolarra Football Netball Club would like to thank their valued sponsors for Season 2021 and welcome all new sponsors that have jumped on board since last season. We ask that you get behind and support these businesses as they support our community club.

We are also always on the hunt for new sponsors. Darren Napier once again is leading the sponsorship drive, if you would like more information on packages don't hesitate to contact Naps.

Club sponsors are:

MC Civil and Landscaping, Prorent, Tony Antonelli Accounting, Australian Solid Fuel Testing, Strzelecki Engineering, Boolarra Community Hotel, Mirboo North & District Community Bank, Devtree Pty Ltd, Narellan Pools, Valley Tyre Service, Gibson Groundspread, Latrobe City, Yinnar Community Hotel, Boolarra Post Office, Boolarra Store, Jims Building Inspections, Tradeweld, Valley Trophy Centre, Strzelecki Plumbing, J Smith Motors, Monacellars Wine & Spirits, Prosper Valley Excavations, Cervis Equipment, Riviera Display Kitchens, Mirboo North Golf Club, Kennedy Haulage/ Driffield Quarries, Prosper Valley Gravel, Out of Dough, Willaton Transport, BJ Bennett & Co Real Estate, Benson Timber & Hardware, Latrobe Valley Funeral Services, Gatts Panel Works, Norm Oliver Butchers, Bellebanne, ETU, Gippsland Printers, Café 3869, Mirboo North Hardware, GM Conveyancing, Young Signs, Websters Butchers, Samantha Brick Health & Massage, Russell Northe, McDonalds, Alfresh 2 Go, Bob Jane T Mart Traralgon, Evans Petroleum, Icon Sports, Pizza HQ, TK Excavations, Morwell Bowling Club. BMW Electrical, Stockdale and Leggo Leongatha.



Boolarra Bowls Club

The 2020/21 Pennant Bowls season has

come to a close and we would like to thank all of those who have come down to the Club and supported the teams throughout the year. The Club is very lucky to have a fantastic group of sponsors, social members and regular visitors who add to the vibrant atmosphere and make the club a special place to be.

Due to COVID-19 the club was unable to finish all Club games or have Presentation Night for the 2019/20 season resulting in a dual Presentation Night on 14 May 2021 in the function room of the Yinnar Hotel. We were lucky enough to have the trusty James Holmes as our bus driver for the night and we can definitely vouch for the exceptional meals that the Hotel provided. The night proved to be a success for the younger bowlers winning a large share of the spoils which has led to some spirited banter from the more experienced members vowing revenge next year, the younger bowlers are quite confident of continuing their winning ways.

The Club would like to congratulate all the winners below on their competition victories:

Season 2019/20:

Men's Champion - Stan Williams
Runner Up - Russell Peters
Women's Champion - Pam Allen
Runner Up - Angela Mazou
Men's Pairs - Graeme Colbert and John Cargill
Mixed Pairs - Stan Williams and Sue Richards.
Club Person - Jackie Baker

Season 2020/21:

Women's Champion - Joelene Laukens
Runner Up - Pam Allen
Men's Champion - Graeme Colbert
Runner Up - Dorry Caldwell
Men's Pairs - Bob Allen and Travis Baker
Mixed Pairs - Stan Williams and Sue Richards
President's Handicap - Joel Anderson
100 Up - Joel Anderson
Novice - Travis Baker
Club Person - Joel Anderson.

Boolarra Bowls Club would also like to congratulate Joelene Laukens and Trevor Whelan for the arrival of their beautiful baby girl Sophie. The Club members are looking forward to seeing young Sophie regularly when her mum comes down to have a roll in the new season.

*Travis Baker,
Secretary,
Boolarra Bowling Club.*

The Boolarra Link Community Directory

Organisation	Contact Name	Phone	Organisation	Contact Name	Phone
Anglican and Uniting Churches	Lubawski	5169 6494	Churchill Neighbourhood Centre	Abigail	5122 2955
Boolarra Book Club and Blazers Walking Group	Robern Lubawski		Cooperating Church	Brenda Burney	5122 1480
Boolarra Bowling Club	John Lubawski	5169 6494	Cricket Club	Jack Cleaver	5169 6428
Boolarra Cemetery Trust	Travis Baker	0416 087 305	Exercise Class	Kathleen Millett	5122 2591
Boolarra and District Horse and Trail Riding Club	Roz Carstairs	0429 383 686		or Kate	5169 6592
Boolarra CFA	Nicky Stewart	0412 448 789	Folk Festival	Rick Teychenne	0408 696 243
Boolarra Community Development Group	Di Billingsley	0408 173 637	Friends of the Upper Morwell River	Denise Schiller	5169 6425
Boolarra Netball / Football Club	Colin Brick	5163 1212	Grand Ridge Rail Trail	John Collins	0428 124 554
Social Rooms	Gabrielle Francis-Foreman	0417 975 082	Justice of the Peace	Matt Gleeson	0427 696 461
Change Rooms	Simon Buglisi	0411 142 375		Gwenda Pither	0427 963 385
Boolarra Historical Society		5169 6507	Latrobe CC Fire Recovery	Heather Farley	5128 5648
Boolarra Multi Purpose Building	Linda Minter	5169 6507	LaTrobe TaeKwon-Do	Dave Proctor	0402 270 347ss
Boolarra Play Group		0447 996 702	Municipal Emergency Response Officer	Lance King	5128 5426
Boolarra Pre-school	Sue Warren	0429 941 905	Local Emergency Action Plan	John Harris	0431 972 672
Boolarra Primary School	Teresa Wareham	0408 542 691	Memorial Hall	Roz Carstairs	0429 383 686
Boolarra Quilting Group	Emma Read	0423 369 948	Memorial Park	Colin Brick	5163 1212
Boolarra Friends of the Red Cross	Susan Duncan	5169 6471	Men's Shed	Michael Watt	5169 6286
Boolarra South Landcare	Linda Minter	5169 6702	Open Garden Day	Jill Simmons	5169 6516
Boolarra Tennis Club			Pilates	Kathleen Millett	5122 2591
Boolarra Verandah Jammers	Glenys Morgan	5169 6721	Police	Matt Ryan	5169 6222
Boolarra Wool and Spinning Group	Denise Schiller	5169 6425			0458 839 886
Boolarra and Yinnar Community Recovery Committee	Sue Clutterbuck	0437348366	Pony Club	Secretary	boolarraponyclub@gmail.com
Boolarra Youth Theatre Group	Lois Thornton	0400 722 716	Quilting and Silk Dyeing Group	Linda Minter	0447 996 702
Budgerie Hall			Russell Northe	Russell Northe	5133 9088
Catholic Church	Colin Brick	5163 1212	Scouts	Daiel Cook	0423 495 977
	Tania Brown	5169 6466	Soroptomist International	Samantha Brick	0427 824 722
	Leanne Potter	0429 111 192	Stroke Support Group	Paul Howells	5623 5598
	Fr James Fernandez	5134 2849	Wildlife Assistance	Jean Quick	5169 6606
	or Denise Schiller	5169 6425	Yinnar & District Judo Club	Sharon Taylor	0418 681 245
				Peter Brimblecombe	0409 402 459
			Yinnar Community Garden	Catheryn Thompson	0435 048 153
			Yoga	Kristy Mills	0475 376 015

What's on.

For contact information please refer to the Directory above.

Church Services in Boolarra and Yinnar

Catholic Church

Tarwin Street, Boolarra

Mass at 10.30am on 2nd and 4th Sunday in Boolarra and 10.30am on 1st and 3rd Sunday in Yinnar.

Liturgy at 10.30am on 2nd Tuesday of the month

Anglican and Uniting Churches in co-operation

Tarwin Street, Boolarra

1st Sunday 11.00am and 2nd Sunday 10.00am in Boolarra

3rd Sunday 11.00am and 4th Sunday 10.00am in Yinnar

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Groups and Organisations Meeting Times.

Monday

Exercise Class - 9.30am, all ages, Boolarra Memorial Hall.

Book Club - 8.00pm, 1st Monday of the month.

Men's Shed - Between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

CFA - Every 2nd Monday from 7.00pm - skills training at the station - prospective new members welcome

Quilting and Silk Dyeing Group - 2nd and 4th Monday from 11.00am - Multi Purpose Building.

Red Cross - Monthly 1st Monday at 1.00pm, The Boolarra Store

Tuesday

Yoga - 6.00pm-7.30pm Gentle Class. OR 7.15pm-9.15pm Advanced Class. Primary School/Multi Purpose Room.

Pilates - 9.30am, Multi Purpose Building.

Wednesday

Men's Shed - Between 10.00am and 4.00PM.

Yinnar & District Judo Club - during school terms from 6.15pm - 7.30pm, Yinnar Recreation Reserve.

Thursday

Playgroup - 9.30am-11.30am, Multi Purpose Build.

Wool Group - 11.30 am-3.30pm, Multi Purpose Building.

Blazers Walking Group - Meet 9.00am, Boolarra Recreation Reserve.

Boolarra Memorial Hall - Bi-Monthly 3rd Thursday at 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

Boolarra Community Development Group - Monthly 3rd Thursday at 7.00pm, Memorial Hall

Chair Yoga - Thursday 9 to 10 am Contact Kristy

Friday

Exercise Class - All ages 10.00am, Yinnar Memorial Hall.

Sunday

Historical Society - 2.00pm-4.00 pm, 1st Sunday of the month, Boolarra Historical Museum

Pony Club Rally - 2nd Sunday of the month, Recreation Reserve

CFA - 9.00am - 10.00am - Radio testing / equipment maintenance

Boolarra Verandah Jammers - 1.00pm-3.00pm, playing Ukulele every Sunday. Boolarra Community Hotel.