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Australia Day 2023 in Boolarra



Another enjoyable and sociable Australia Day for Boolarra. After the run of hot weather we had been experiencing, it was good to get a cooler day for the event, although we weren't expecting the slight drizzle we got for half an hour or so. Speaking to Ian Gibson, who had done a bike trip up to Mirboo North, he said that it was quite heavy rain, and quite cool up there, so as in all things in life, perhaps we should count our blessings.

Numbers seemed to have been down a bit from normal with between 80 and 100 people. Speaking to other organisers in other towns, this seemed a bit across the board, possibly because of the day falling on a Thursday, with people making a long week-end of it, and parents preparing for the return to school on Monday. Certainly early on the number of kids seemed to be down this year, and those that were there were happily ensconced on the playground, so we didn't stage the kid's games this year, although by the time the presentations were being done the numbers had increased.

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The multi award winning Boolarra Folk Festival made a magnificent comeback during the first weekend of March with thousands of people enjoying the

return of this free celebration of music, art and craft, food and community.

The festival opened on Friday, March 3 with a standing room only event held at the ARC in Yinarr. Local performers Frolic and Detour, Kindred and Doit Doit lined up with Nick Charles and

Among the highlights for families was the Clydesdale horses and cart from Somersleigh Farms who were kept very busy leading excited children around the beautiful park. (Photo: NANO NANO).



Coalville Road for performances of outstanding musical skill and creativity.

The crowd was already building steadily by mid-morning of Saturday, 4 March. The marketplace of 100 stalls was a huge attraction for many enthusiastic people. The atmosphere was as vibrant as the products on display.

The food stalls offered a diverse range of options and clearly satisfied festival goers with operators staying open longer than anticipated to cater to hungry customers.

The practitioners working in the Healing Tent were quickly booked out and greatly appreciated.

The music kicked off at 10.30am and offered hours of excellent entertainment. Regular festival goers came early prepared with rugs and chairs to set up their spot for a day of great music amongst the magnificent gumtrees of Centenary Park.

Bands such as Half Cut Hicks and Hip Pockets inspired much joy and dancing amongst the largest crowd the festival has ever seen.



There are many people to thank for such a successful festival. (Photo: NANO NANO).

Neighbourhood Watch Latrobe City, local Victoria Police officers and Matt Ryan and the Proactive Policing Squad supported the event. The volunteers and committee members assisted with the safety and smooth running of the festival. A big thank you to Dave Grima, Darrin Cornell and the Clutterbuck family for their wonderful local support. And our major sponsors, FRRR, Loy Yang B and Latrobe City Council and Bendigo Bank, ensured that we enjoyed a first-rate, free community festival.

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The Grand Ridge Rail Trail runs between Boolarra and Mirboo North for approx 14.4km through forest, farming land plantations. It is considered one of Victoria's best trails.

The Rail Trail is Crown Land owned by DELWP and managed by the Grand Ridge Rail Trail Committee and maintained by the Wednesday Warriors, together a group of volunteers based in Mirboo North.

The volunteers are from Boolarra - Mirboo North and surrounding areas and are mixed group of men 60-86 years with a variety of past and present professions.

The volunteers meet every Wednesday at 8am, plan works implementation for various projects and then head off in groups of five or six to their designated projects.

Some of these projects include clearing fallen trees over the Trail, clearing the gutters off leaves and debris, restoring tables and benches, and mowing the grass picnic areas.

The volunteers enjoy morning tea break at 11am then finishing their projects and returning back to the sheds at 12pm.

Some of the projects listed below have been completed and others are still work in progress.

1. The culverts under the Trail are designed to allow water to pass through to stop erosion; they were constructed with expert bricklayers and construction workers in the 1860's as shown in the next page. There are approximately 36-38 culverts along the Trail - we have exposed and cleaned debris and over growth from culverts no.1, 10, 11, 26 and 27 we are slowly getting to the others over the next year.
2. We have just installed the concrete

mile post in their correct positions; these were along all the railway line starting from Melbourne to Mirboo North as per photo.

3. 'The Meadows', a large vacant overgrown area approx. 2.5km from Boolarra that has now been reclaimed for public use; there is an under cover eating area with tables which chairs and has wheelchair access, and also there's a mowed grass area allowing walking access around the river. There are bench seats at prime viewing areas and work in progress for a bike and walking track around the entire outer perimeter.

So for now please remember that the Grand Ridge Rail Trail is there for anyone and everyone so come and enjoy.

Just a small note if your looking for great camaraderie and working in the great outdoors come along on Wednesdays at 8am at the shed in Inglis Street Mirboo North

And a special thanks to the two councils South Gippsland and Latrobe City for their support and assistance over the years.

*John Collins,
President,
Wednesday Warriors.*



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However a lovely time was had by all who attended, and it was great to meet some people new to town, and to catch up with some who used to live here and had come back for the event. With the assistance of the sound system from the Boolarra Memorial Hall, we were even able to present a reasonable rendition of the National Anthem. The volunteers on the BBQ started at 7.30am to ensure the hungry masses were very well catered for, and everything went very smoothly. A special thanks to the Rotary Club of Traralgon, who provided several volunteers; they were greatly appreciated. Well done also to Chris Wareham for bringing the Koffee Kart along and providing free coffees to the masses, and to the Boolarra Football Netball Club for allowing us the use of their trailer BBQ.

A big thank you also to the staff at Latrobe City, especially Wendy Hrynyszyn, for their assistance in working through the approvals maze to stage the event in a COVID-compliant manner and supplying a range of extra signage, bins, and even a cleaner for the day.

Boolarra Community Recognition Awards are nominated by people in the community who like to take the opportunity for recognising the efforts of people who have in their own individual way worked for the benefit of the community.

Ann Morgan has been a stalwart of the Boolarra Historical Society for many years, and has made

a significant contribution to the quality and accessibility of the historical records and material maintained by the Society.

This knowledge and experience has been put to great use on behalf of the community this year in collating the stories and photos that make up the entrance signs for the Grand Ridge Rail Trail. Lyrinda Carter has been nominated for her hard work and commitment to the Boolarra Community Hotel.

Through difficult times, Lyrinda has put in hundreds of hours of unpaid labour at the Hotel, and always provides a friendly, down-to-earth presence, and this award reflects our appreciation of the efforts she has put in.

The volunteers of our local CFA Brigade play a critical role in keeping our community safe, and their efforts are greatly appreciated by the whole town. Rob Franssen was chosen by his peers in the Brigade for recognition for his hard work and commitment to the Boolarra CFA Brigade over many years as most worthy of this Community Recognition Award.

Another summer season done and dusted, with a very successful Christmas Carols and now Australia Day. Now we move onto the 20th Boolarra Folk Festival on 4 March. Then on Easter Saturday, 8 April, we have an Easter Egg Hunt in Railway Park for the kid's, and a Community Garage Sale and Car Boot Sale, along with Music in the park.

Finally on 13 May there will be a Do it for Dolly

fundraiser at the footy ground (Boolarra Memorial Park), with stalls, activities, music, car displays and much more. So plenty coming up to look forward to in Boolarra.

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

Boolarra Trail Blazers



We have continued to meet and walk together during this difficult time (and we always keep 1.5m apart).

It has been great to talk and to keep fit, however it has been great to be able now to share morning tea. We hope to be able to go for the occasional walk some place different soon, but in the meantime meet each Thursday at 9am at the Football Oval.

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Boolarra Garage Sale and Car Boot Market

A community wide Garage Sale will be held on Easter Saturday 8 April, from 9.00am to 2.00pm, and a Car Boot Market in Centenary Park. In Railway Park an Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the morning, and there will be a BBQ and free music during the day.

To register for a Garage Sale or the Car Boot Market:

- Pay at the PO.
- Fill out the Booking Payment Form
- For Garage Sales,
 - provide us with a list by email of 2-3 of your bigger items, for publicity purposes.
 - Details of your property location, to enable inclusion on the map.

Stallholders will be allocated a site in Centenary Park. The event will be widely advertised in local media prior to the day, and maps of the Garage

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Sales locations will be available on the day, from Centenary Park.

Healing Tent

We had a successful Healing Tent at the Boolarra Folk Festival this year. Those who attended enjoyed the relaxed, nurturing atmosphere the Healing Tent provides.

The Healing Tent is about giving those who are willing the opportunity to try alternative Healing modalities. This year included Numerology, Reiki, Kinesiology, Tarot card readings,



Boolarra South Landcare Group

We finally had our forest walks to see the Greater Gliders in January and February. The tour I went on was in January and we had a good clear evening. We went to forest near Mirboo North by very back roads but apparently we were not far from Lyrebird Walk and the Highway. Sadly we were not near the nest boxes so I don't know why we didn't go to the ones near Boolarra. The ones in the area we visited are on HVP land and they would not allow us access. The track was quite steep and gravelly with some big wash outs, much easier coming back up hill than sliding down! It was daylight when we started so we needed to wait until it was dark for them to emerge. We did manage to spot five Gliders coming out of hollows pretty high in the canopy.

Kurnai College students have made some nest boxes of various sizes which they have donated to us. We will have to decide where and how to place them. Apparently some of the Glider nest boxes have the Gliders at home during the day and birds at night so they are popular.

There is a new Landcare Facilitator and Project Manager, Caroline Hammond. She will work for Landcare three days a week and for Latrobe City Council on two days.

Boolarra South Group Vice President Steve Mansfield passed away on Thursday 2 March at LRH. Steve worked hard at working bees and stopped only very reluctantly when we insisted. He spent many hours on his ride on mower and made the nest boxes we put up in the Mill Site. Condolences to Lori and family, R.I.P. Steve.

Denise Schiller.

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Thank You to all the Healers, volunteers that helped with the setup, those who helped with the pack up, and at reception.

We are planning to have a small Healing Tent Team at each of the Boolarra Markets, the first starting on 2 April 10am to 2pm.

We will have Trudi with Tarot card

readings for the first Boolarra Market day, Sunday 2 April.

Trudi's readings were very popular at the Healing Tent at the Boolarra Folk Festival, and she was booked out early, so many missed out.

Hope to see you there!

Garyelle Rose.



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Anni Sauppe

Anni Elisabet Sauppe born Backmann on 11 April 1924 in Wittgensdorf, Germany to Elsa Friedav and Fritz Bernhard Backmann.

Anni grew up in Germany near Chemnitz. While a school girl she helped out in the family dairy. When she left school she worked on a farming property and as a seamstress in a factory.

Anni married very young Karl Heintke. Unfortunately Karl lost his life while their child Chris was still a baby.

Later Anni met Rudi Sauppe at a dance; after they got married she followed Rudi with Chris to West Germany before East Germany closed its borders.

They settled near Hamburg, where their daughter Heidi was born. Her husband Rudi got an offer to go to Australia to work with the Overseas Construction Company.

As in Germany life was very difficult in the early 50's, they took the offer of going to Australia to give the family a better life. Rudi went first and Anni followed with the two children several months later.

With a nine months old Heidi, and nine year old Chris, Anni boarded a train to Italy and boarded a ship to Australia.

Rudi had bought bush land at Boolarra for the family. The letter which Anni had sent with

their arrival date was delivered only a few weeks before Anni and the kids arrived. Rudi still managed to build the first house with the help of some friends ready for the new arrivals. Clearing the bush land to make it farm land was a lot of hard work by Rudi and Anni. They managed to build up a dairy and raised pigs. Their son Gary was born several years later. Not being able to speak a word of English, it was difficult to shop, and communicate in the community - Anni had to point out what she wanted after she gained enough courage to enter the shops in Boolarra. A few times she had difficulties to make the shop assistant understand what she needed, later in life Anni was able to see the funny side of those situations. Anni made do with what they had, the old Pfaff treadle sewing machine was often put to good use to dress her family.

With no electricity Anni would roll her eyes when people asked "What did you watch on TV?" and Rudi would say, "Oh we have a kerosene TV."

The first thing she wanted when they got finally electricity connected in the mid 60's was an iron, she detested having to use the old heavy irons heated on the stove top to do her ironing which she was passionate about, so that the family always looked neat and tidy.

Anni was very house proud, they had never had

expensive new furniture, but everything was clean, neat and tidy, spick 'n span, a place for everything.

Outside her work on the farm she was involved with the CWA in Boolarra, they enjoyed the outings to the German Club in Morwell, later in life she was part of the Boolarra Bowling Club.

Anni loved all of her family and Oma to all of the 11 grand kids and 20 great grand kids and six great, great grand children. By whom she was loved.

And she was loved by us all.

Anni Passed away early hours of Friday morning, 13 January 2023.



BOOLARRA GARDEN CLUB

Boolarra Garden Club held their meeting in February in the beautiful garden of one of our members. We discussed potential locations to visit for this year and had some great suggestions that cater for all interests. Dates are not confirmed yet as it depends on bus availability for some of the

trips, however we can car pool for local venues. Some suggestions are: Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, Melbourne Flower Market, Clear View Open Garden (Mirboo North), Cranbourne Botanic Garden, Picardy Gardens (Neerim South), Pots Galore Succulents (next to Gardenworld Springvale), Laurie Collins Sculpture Gardens (Jindivick), Broughton Hall (Jindivick). Anyone is welcome

on our trips and suggestions of gardens to visit are always appreciated. Contact Jill Simmonds 0499 922 355.

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Boolarra Wool Group

Our ladies have been utilising the facility of the Multi Purpose building again since mid-January and have enjoyed a few celebratory shared lunches which are varied and delicious.

Rosslyn is knitting golly dolls for the Churchill Market stall.

Kate is challenged with a Paula Pereira cardigan pattern, courtesy of Judith, in a lovely silk and wool mixture. Thanks Judith.

Kerryn has continued her blanket of left-over sock wool and has completed an ingenious quilted bookcase for her very lucky daughter, which includes family photos and favourite titles.

Denise is patiently sewing in the ends of colourful rugs made by Glenys for charities.

Marietta completed a lovely shawl for her daughter in law.

Sue J. is taking a break from knitting up her stash of spun wool and is making a multi-coloured corner to corner crochet rug.

Elizabeth has knitted lacy shawls in cotton for family members whose skin does not appreciate wool. Lex is mini knitting with the smallest needles made from florists wire and beads.

Judith has fashioned several exquisite cotton dish cloth/hand towels in Bendigo cotton from Purl Soho patterns.

Brenda has moved to a home in the Western Districts but keeps in touch and has completed another multi-coloured star shaped crochet rug.

Lois states she is very slowly knitting a vest for herself in an olive green colour which she hopes will be finished in time for winter.

Anne L. has almost finished her latest scarf.

Marg is fashioning more socks as gifts for friends.

Sue J. is knitting a lace scarf in a pattern from Sue C. The yarn was spun from alpaca fleeces donated by Roz Carstairs. Thanks Roz for thinking of our

Group.

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.



Many hands light work.



Kerryn quilt, below.



Lex mini knits, above.



Glenys rugs, above.



Marietta wrap, left.



Judith cloth, above.



Elizabeth shawl, right and wrap, left.



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Community Foundation's Education Support Awards Evening

In early February the Community Foundation announced its education support awards for 2023. Eight local students who are just starting courses at University and TAFE this month received awards to assist in this transition.

"The Education Support awards are aimed at supporting the upfront costs students face in taking up University and TAFE courses - they can cover everything from laptops to books or materials, from bonds to travel expenses," said Rob Kiddell, Chair of the Community Foundation. "This is the tenth year of the program and over that time more than \$200,000 has gone to almost 100 students."

Rob noted that the Community Bank, Mirboo North & District has been a strong supporter of the Education Support Program from its inception, including setting up a perpetual fund within the Community Foundation, whose earnings now go into the Program each year.

"In addition, for the second year the Community Bank has generously sponsored a two-year Education Support award for two students heading to University," said Ruth Rogan, Executive Officer. "These students will receive financial support of \$3,000 in their first and second years of their University Course - a total of \$6,000."

At the Awards Evening Jan Head and Marg Thomas, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Community Bank, Mirboo North & District, took the opportunity to give these awards to Hayden Anders and Jorja Oddy.

"The Education Support Program does a wonder-



Education Support Program recipients: Rob Kiddell (Chair of Community Foundation), Tonya Wright, Marg Thomas (Vice-Chair of Community Bank), Liam Williams, Flynn Burgess Pincini, Carlene Seales, Jorja Oddy, Rosie McNamara, Nikita Giardina, Hayden Anders, Jan Head (Chair of Community Bank) and Diana Mueller (Director of Community Foundation).

ful job of supporting local students taking the step into University or TAFE. The Community Bank is delighted to be able to support the program and local students," said Jan Head.

Rob Kiddell and Diana Mueller also congratulated and gave Education Support awards to Eli Wright, Rosie McNamara, Carlene Seales, Nikita Giardina, Liam Williams and Flynn Burgess Pincini who are taking up courses in nursing, engineering, science, business, IT, childcare and beauty therapy. They emphasised that these awards are not only about financial support, but that they reflect the support of the community in the education of local young people.

In addition to financial support, the Education Support Program provides support for local students facing the other challenges involved in this transition, like moving away from home and their existing support networks.

"In collaboration with You thrive Victoria, we give local students access to a rural youth network, a peer-to-peer mentor and a rural youth leadership

program. We are delighted that Hayden Anders and Flynn Burgess Pincini will take up these opportunities in 2023," said Ruth Rogan.

The students and parents gathered for the awards evening had the opportunity to hear from two different speakers about the journey ahead. Angelo Saridis, newly appointed Executive Officer of the South Gippsland and Bass Coast LLEN, kept everyone guessing about his own journey and had some great tips for how to think about the future.

Local student and alumni of the Education Support Fund in 2021, Chloe Palmer, also shared some practical tips on how to survive the first few years of student life - everything from buying groceries to reaching out to your lecturers for feedback.

Chloe, who is doing a Bachelor of Design (Animation) at RMIT, was funny and heartfelt; and her final message to the transitioning students as they face this exciting next step was 'be kind to yourself'.

If you want to find out more about the Education Support Program, look at our website www.mirboodistrictfoundation.org.au/apply-for-a-grant/education-support/

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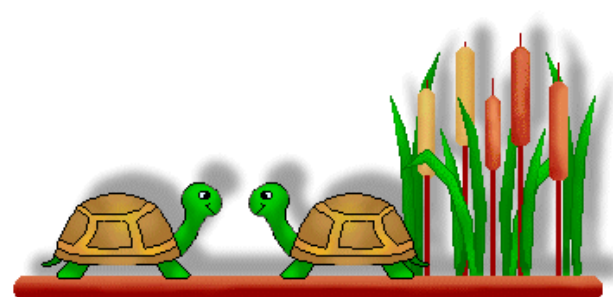
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March 2023

It has been a reasonable quiet summer for the Brigade to date, with La Nina giving us some very unusual weather patterns over the past months. We have had four callouts in our own Brigade area and have provided support to three incidents in neighbouring communities.

Fire Danger Period still in force

Regardless of the weather we are having, we are still in the declared Fire Danger Period (FDP) and must continue to be aware of the Fire Danger Risk each day. The Australian Fire Danger Rating helps you to understand the potential risks if a fire should start and how it might behave so that you can plan accordingly and enact your Fire Plan. There are two signs in Boolarra – one at the Post Office and one at the intersection of Monash Way and Bastin Street as you come into town. These are updated daily by a Brigade member. Remember, no burning off is permitted anywhere during the FDP. If you are on rural property, keep an eye on any past burn-offs you may have had – there is the potential for these to re-ignite if the conditions are right. If you live in the town, you may NOT burn off at all. These are Latrobe City Council by-laws. However, wood fired BBQs and a small fire for warmth are permitted, providing it is not a declared day of Total Fire Ban for our fire district and all requirements are met. (Latrobe City Council Local Law No. 2 - Community Amenity 2016 Page 46 Items 99, 100 and 101).

Replacement for Tanker 2

At the end of 2022, we said 'Goodbye' to our Tanker 2 (previously Mirboo East tanker) and received a newer tanker as a replacement. Since then, we have been training to get used to the slight differences in how the new one operates and drives. Having the second tanker (located at the Boolarra South satellite station) means that we can have a greater number of appliances and firefighters at any incident as required. A number of our members live up Boolarra South way and can respond that appliance as needed. Our old tanker has been refurbished and will be located at the West Sale Training Ground.

Training

Our Brigade trains every second Monday night from 7pm to maintain our fire-fighting skills, develop new leaders and reinforce the strong teamwork we have in our Brigade. Training also helps us build the skills of new Brigade members, as well as helping them to build relationships in our community. We often have neighbouring Brigades train with us and we usually post on our Facebook page so that our community

is aware of what we are up to and why a number of tankers are cruising around town. The focus of our training shifts, depending on the time of year. On Sunday mornings, we complete radio testing, vehicle overhauls, AED checks, station cleaning and hydrant checks around town. We are at the station from 9am until about 10.30am and are happy to help out community members who need advice or have any questions about fire related matters.

Fund-raising BBQs – Folk Festival



and Easter event.

With the return of the Folk Festival this year, it was all hands on deck to run a BBQ, as usual. This is our major fund-raising event for the year and, once again, thank you to all who supported us by buying a sausage in bread or an egg and bacon sanga. The funds raised will be used to purchase additional equipment to help us keep our community safe. Congratulations to the Boolarra Folk Festival committee for the organisation of a great day that showcases our lovely community. They have done a sterling job over the past twenty years - thank you for all your hard work. The Brigade will be running another BBQ at the Boolarra Community Easter event on Saturday 8 April. Drop in and see us while you are checking out the bargains – we can sell you a snag and a drink and provide information to help you keep yourself, your loved ones and your property safe in the event of a fire.

The Brigade will also be supporting the Do It For Dolly event at the Recreation Reserve in May – keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information closer to the date.

Junior Fire Brigade Information Session 20th March 2023

Until the onset of COVID, Boolarra Fire Brigade had a very strong Junior Brigade programme running on the alternate Monday night to our training night. After a hiatus, we are keen to get this up and running again so we plan to hold an



information night for interested young people and their parents/carers from 7.30pm Monday 20 March 2023 at the fire station, with a view to recommencing at the start of Term 2 if there is sufficient interest.

The Junior Volunteer Development Programme focuses on building leadership and teamwork skills, along with practical skills such as using pumps, draughting, water delivery from the tankers, map reading and radio communications, safe workplace practices. We use a modified version of basic firefighter training to achieve this. We have four senior members who are registered as Junior Leaders and all have current Working With Children Registration. At Boolarra, the programme is offered to young people who have commenced Year 7 up to 16 years of age. We look forward to meeting potential junior members at this evening. If you have any questions about the programme, please contact Simon Pickett (0447 696 631) or Di Billingsley (0408 173 637).

Di Billingsley.



Boolarra Book Club

We meet the first Monday of each month at 2pm at Robern's.

We have a couple of places available so if you enjoy a good book, discussion, films (and the occasional outings).

Contact Robern on 5169 6494 about joining.

Books are the best thing in this difficult time.



Robern Lubawski.

Boolarra

Verandah Jammers

This group meet on the front verandah of the Old Pub each Sunday at 1.30pm.

We play our ukuleles, have a sing and enjoy a laugh.

If you have an interest in music (or just want to sing) please contact Libby Robertson 0408594798 or Sue Clutterbuck 0437348366.

Libby Robertson.

Police Report

There have been several opportunistic thefts lately in Boolarra and Yinnar and it is a reminder to lock up your property. Do not leave your vehicle unlocked or valuables, keys etc. in the car, whilst parked at the shops or post office or overnight as this just invites thieves to break into your car and steal them. Remember to lock your house, sheds, garages and other buildings up overnight or when you go out or away and secure your valuable items. Leaving the buildings open or valuable items lying around again invites opportunistic thieves to come and steal them. It's a good idea even to lock your front door when you go out into your backyard to do some work as thieves have been known to try doors during the day. Some of the tricks they use are to switch your power off then re-attend the next day, if the power is still off they know you are not home, or if someone answers their knock at the door they will say they are looking for a lost pet or were coming to visit 'Joe BLOGGS' etc. at the address and then leave.

If you see any suspicious person or vehicle please report them to Police, either by calling me, the Police Assistance Line 131 444 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000, even a little bit of information could be the final piece in the puzzle to solving a crime.

Please remember when you see an emergency vehicle stopped on the side of the road or moving slowly along the road with its blue and red lights flashing you are required to slow to 40 km/h when passing the vehicle. This applies to both sides of the road unless there is a physical barrier separating the road. This applies for all Police, CFA, FRV, Ambulance Victoria, SES and Vic Roads vehicles (Vic Roads have magenta lights).

Cheers

Matt RYAN

Boolarra Police Station.

Performing Arts Workshops in Boolarra

Boolarra locals Margie Mackay & Gilbert Douglas (DOUGLAS & MACKAY) are offering fortnightly workshops in physical theatre, performance, puppetry & contemporary dance. Separate workshop times will be offered to different age groups. If you would like to explore a range of performance styles & build your skills in a safe & friendly environment - these workshops are for you! All abilities welcome, LGBTQI friendly & no experience necessary. We will be exploring the text: Conference of the Birds to create a theatrical performance involving all ages for a public 'showing' in mid Winter.

COST: Workshops are by gold coin donation

WHERE: Boolarra Memorial Hall.

WHEN: Fridays 1st & 3rd of the Month.

KIDS: Afternoon workshops from 4 - 5.30 pm (10 -15 yrs) of age.

ADULTS: Evening workshops (16 - 106 yrs) 7 - 9pm

Our 1st workshops will be held on Friday 14th April

If you would like to sign-up or for more info please contact us at: douglasandmackay@inet.net.au

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**Mirboo North & District
Community Foundation**

Get Involved with the Community Foundation

Would you be interested in giving back through the Community Foundation's Board? The perfect opportunity is here, as we are seeking two new Directors to help us build stronger communities through giving, facilitating and investing across our district (which includes Boolarra, Mirboo North, Dumbalk, Thorpdale, and Yinnar). The Community Foundation is a charitable grant-making organisation which was established in 2010 to invest the \$5M proceeds of the sale of the Mirboo North community aged care facility. Our model is a perpetual one, where only the earnings are used for charitable purposes benefiting the community, with the capital or

endowment being maintained forever. We like to explain this model as something which is akin to a community superannuation fund, where every year funds go back to our community.

We are best known for our grant-making with more than \$1,600,000 having gone into the community through grants and sponsorship over the past 13 years. This included a significant grant of more than half a million towards the redevelopment of the Mirboo North swimming pool.

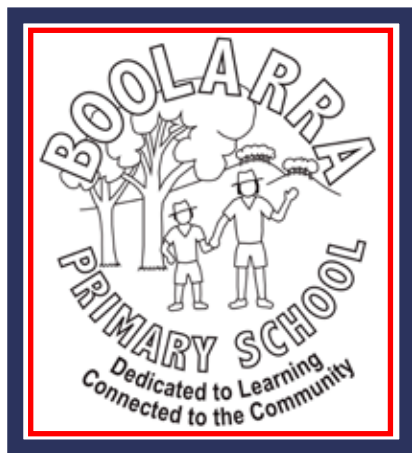
We also support giving in other ways, receiving donations and gifts from wills, and ensuring that these have an impact in our area through community organisations or charities doing amazing things. For example, when the Senior Citizens group in Mirboo North decided to wind up, their remaining funds were donated to a 'Seniors Fund' whose earnings are now being distributed annually to the benefit of the older adults living in our community.

In 2021, investing in the community included

our first impact investment. The Community Foundation built a state of the art medical facility which is leased to a local bulk billing medical practice. This investment has a financial return but also a huge social return for our district, in that it ensures affordable, accessible healthcare for our communities.

If you are interested in applying, have a look at the Director Application Information sheet on our website and submit a written application by Friday 17 March.

If you have any queries, reach out to our Executive Officer, Ruth Rogan on 0418 301 092 or email ruth.rogan@mirboodistrictfoundation.org.au



New equipment

At Boolarra Primary we have some new play equipment. There is a giant checkers game in front of the Multi Purpose Building, that lots of the kids play with.

The checkers board was put in about a year before we got the actual checkers pieces.

We also have little trikes. The trikes are ridden in the basketball court because it is the biggest space. The little preps go zoooooom but the trikes are a little bit too small for the senior class. There are hurdles in the sizes small, medium and large and are really fun to jump over.

The volley ball/badminton and the beanbag chairs are most likely the favourite out of them all. The beanbag chairs are definitely the favourites and the building blocks actually. As you have read, Boolarra Primary has gotten lots of new equipment.

Football Clinic

On 23 February, we had a Football Clinic. For the 3-6 girls preformed the drills with a lady named Lucy, whilst the 3-6 boys practiced drills with a guy called Mike. They were from the Victorian Football Program and came all the way from, well, all over Victoria.

Some of the drills we learnt were called, dribbling, The Ronaldo Chop, stopping, turning and other basic necessities for that you need to learn to play football. My personal favorite skill that we learned was scoring goals. The easiest was definitely dribbling and the hardest was dodging. My best friend Matilda's, favorite drill was scoring through gates.

Later on, we played a game named The Mini World Cup; it was boys against girls but since there were two courts they divided the teams in



two. The teams were; New Zealand (boys), New Zealand (boys), Argentina (girls, the team I was in), and Japan (the other girl team). First, we played against New Zealand, which we won, then, we played against New Zealand 2.



I'm 99.9% sure we won that one too, but if you ask the boys on New Zealand, they will tell you a different story. My favorite part was accidentally kicking people.

Overall an amusing hour of football. We were all exhausted and starved by the end of it. 10/10, would most definitely do it again.

Ryleigh Cardona.

Somers Camp

When I went to Somers Camp, I was nervous but all the staff made everyone feel welcome and they were all super nice. On the first day we didn't do any activities because we were settling in and making new friends. But once we reached day two we started doing activities such as the big swing, which is where you get clipped on to a rope and you get pulled up, but then you swing down like a swing. It was amazing! I felt like I was flying through the sky. We also did environmental studies which is where we learn how to protect the environment, flying fox, abseiling and archery. Lots of others as well. The food there was really good although the bread was stale; my favorite dish was burgers. They were really delicious! How were they - super yummy.

But on day six we got to have a visitor's day where my mum and brother came to visit. I showed them around and all the activities we had been doing. I was really excited but sad that I was going soon because it was a great experience, except I wanted to see all my friends and family back home. So, when I got on the bus home I had mixed feelings about leaving. Overall it was really fun but also very challenging. I would go back if I had a chance.

Swimming sports

Not long ago I entered the swimming sports at the Churchill Pool. I went in our Principal's car to get there and on the way I felt like I had butterflies in my stomach. It didn't take long for the

swimming sports to start when we got there.

The first stroke was freestyle my stroke. I was so nervous that I had to take 20 deep breaths to calm down. Luckily there was two heats for the girl's freestyle and I was in Heat 2. That means I was second and I got to watch and see if I could do this but then I realized that I was only here for the experience and went to my lane and went for it. I didn't get a place but I didn't care I had one stroke left.

My next stroke was breast stroke this was the one I cared about the most but again I'm only doing it for the experience. This time I wasn't in Heat 2 - I was in Heat 1 - and breast stroke was straight after freestyle so I took three deep breaths stepped up to my lane and dived in. I swam as fast as I could and gave it everything I could! On the last lap I started to get really tired but I knew I couldn't give up and pushed even harder. I touched the wall and ended up coming second.

The whistle blew and we all quickly got out of the pool and received our times. we all lined up in order from who got

the quickest time to who got the slowest time. My time was 1.05. After getting my time written down another student and I were waiting for our principal, when we immediately got told it was time for relays. We weren't going to do a relay because there was only two of us. Then something amazing happened - Lumen Christy wanted to do a relay with Boolarra but there was only two of us and three of them. Luckily the other student didn't want to so I got to go. It was very exciting. The four of us lined up at our lane. "One, Two..." the lady called and blew her whistle. We all pushed so hard and then it was my turn, I pushed and pushed. To be honest doing two laps of freestyle was harder than I had remembered. I made it to the end, tapped the wall and got out quickly. I was really happy with myself! and got out and had shower, got dressed and went back to school. I was pretty happy with what I did. I have never actually competed swimming comps before so I was really happy. The best news is that I made it to the next level in breast stroke. This is a moment I will never forget.

Matilda.



CDRC South Ward

Early notification of Road Flooding in Storms - Can You Help?

Many roads in Latrobe City's South Ward are prone to flooding during or after heavy rain, including major traffic roads.

Flooding of an unlit road after dark can create a difficult and dangerous situation for unsuspecting drivers. Trying to back up and turn around can lead to more difficulty and danger.

Residents living on roads prone to flooding can be the first to see that road flooding is occurring. The South Ward Community Disaster Recovery Committee (SWCDRC) is working to facilitate a system to enable residents to easily and quickly notify of road flooding, enabling the earliest possible action to minimise difficulty and danger to road users.

If you live on a road in South Ward

which carries through traffic and is prone to flooding, and you would like to know more about how the project would work, we would be very glad to hear from you. Just email your contact details and information about the relevant flood prone road to southwardCDRC@latrobe.vic.gov.au with the heading 'Road Flood Notification Project' and we will contact you to discuss.

John Harris,
SWCDRC Chair.



Driving into this in the darkness.



University of the Third Age

Mirboo North & District Inc

Why should you join a U3A?

These are the top reasons people join U3As:

- Meet new friends
- Pursue your passions
- Find new interests
- Join a community
- Get fit



U3As keep your brain stimulated, improve your fitness and increase social activity.

The University of the Third Age (U3A) movement began in France in 1972 to provide learning and social opportunities to those in their 'third age' – the time of their foray into retirement. It is now an international movement aiming to encourage mostly older people to freely share their interests, knowledge and skills. In Mirboo North, it does not preclude anyone over 18 from participating in some great activities and it is run entirely by volunteers.

The term 'University' is used in the original sense, meaning 'a group of people who meet to share their love of learning'. The present-day concept of a university with its associated notion of selectivity and academic rigour doesn't reflect the nature of U3A.

We offer a range of courses and activities, of varying lengths, that are held in venues throughout our area.

Memberships are great value and entitle you to enrol in as many courses as you like. We offer memberships for a year or by the term, as well as options allowing members to take courses at other U3As. Besides, your membership is portable all over Gippsland!

Contact us:

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Telephone: 0402 207 272.

Email: secretary@u3amnd.org.au

Website: www.u3amnd.org.au

Social Media

Contact us on: Facebook

We are always on the lookout for tutors/facilitators.

If you have a skill you would like to share, we would love to hear from you!



Mirboo North and District Inc.

Courses and Activities we held in term 1, 2023

- **Sozial, new skills: Parlez-vous Français?** Beginners, Learn2Teach2Learn, Pub Quiz and Coffee
- **Outings, Stepping Out: Lunch at Wild Food Farm**
- **Tenpin Bowling**
- **News in Review at the pub**
- **Fitness, Sport: Water Aerobics, Table Tennis**
- **Art, Craft: Exploring Still life Drawing, Terrific Textiles**
- **Games: Mah jong, Canasta, Scrabble**

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Sunday 10am -11pm

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- Pizza eat in or take away, every day between 11am and 8pm.

- Bands every Saturday night, 7 pm to 11pm, entry free.

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- Parma night every Wednesday night - Thursday kids eat free with adult meals.



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School Days at Boolarra South -

Part 2

Frank Williamson



Frank Williamson 1912.

The second teacher sent to Boolarra South was Frank Samuel Williamson who arrived on 23 January 1911. He was about 45 years old when he arrived. On arrival, he immediately reported to the Education Department a lack of school furniture and aids he needed. He was quoted to say that he needed these "to make my teaching interesting to the wild children I have commenced to teach". He completed his teaching at Boolarra South on 15

April, 1911 after about a 12 week period. Frank was a renowned Australian poet.

Frank Williamson was born in Fitzroy in January 1865, and attended Scotch College. In 1882, at the age of 17 years, Frank was appointed as a teacher at Flemington State School and in 1883 moved to North Melbourne State School. Williamson taught at Wesley College from 1888 until 1894. He was popular as a junior master and was known as Long Bill. He had a reputation for being an excellent master, especially in English. However, his classes were said to be very informal and easy-going for the boys. Williamson moved to Sydney in 1894 to join the teaching staff at Newington College. In 1902 he returned to Wesley to teach, to coach rowing and cricket and to serve as an officer of cadets. His bouts of heavy drinking made it difficult for him to keep his teaching positions in the early years. In 1904 he was dismissed from Wesley College for drunkenness. The rest of Williamson's teaching career until retirement was spent as a locum in the Victorian Department of Education. He was a temporary head teacher in fifty-four rural schools in Victoria between 1905 and 1930, usually staying only a few months at each. The schools were at locations extending from Lavers Hill to Bonang, however the majority of his teaching positions were in Gippsland.

Frank Williamson had an interesting creative career and was a well known poet during the period of his teaching. Williamson appears to have written his best poetry in middle life, being inspired by the scenery of country Victoria at places where he taught. It is likely that some of his best poems were written during his period at Boolarra South.

A collection of 28 poems by Williamson were included in a book entitled Purple and Gold, which was published in 1912, the year after he left Boolarra South. His best known poem, The Magpie Song, appeared in several anthologies over the

next two decades. The first verse of The Magpie Song includes the line "'Tis the magpie's wind-blown music where the Gippsland rivers flow". The first edition of his book, which was printed in England, had several misprints, but these were corrected in a second and enlarged edition published in 1940, which contained fifty-five poems. It was published with a foreword by Sir John Latham, the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. He saw "a lyrical quality of delicate beauty" in Williamson's work. Percival Serle, an accountant, scholar and poet in Melbourne at the time, considered Williamson "a strange case of an educated man writing a fair amount of verse of small merit until in middle life something blossomed in him and he wrote half a dozen quite beautiful poems".

On his retirement from the education department at the age 65, the Commonwealth awarded Williamson a literary pension and he spent the rest of his life in Melbourne where he had many good friends. He died in Melbourne on 6 February 1936 at the age of 71. He never married. Over six feet tall and well proportioned, Williamson was said to have 'carried himself like the proverbial lord'. He was well known in Australian literary and scholastic circles. In later life he was a great singer of his poems. He was noted as a brilliant conversationalist, described as the "golden talker", and belonged to a discussion group in Melbourne called 'The Heretics', which included Bernard O'Dowd, Marie Pitt and Frederick Sinclair, all prominent academics at the time.

Ivan Haustorfer.

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Boolarra Community Development Group

As we begin to move on from the many impacts of the COVID pandemic the BCDG has remained very active.

An important aspect of our recovery as a community is to encourage and support each other to resume social interaction and get on with the new version of a normal life.

We have recommenced a number of our regular activities. Christmas Carols was a very enjoyable evening. A big thank you to Borderline for donating their time for the evening, and doing a great job. Well done also to Sue Webster and Donna Mack for organising the event, thanks also to the helpers on the BBQ, and to Clayton Cupples for helping out at short notice organising the sound gear, and of course to the CFA for their vital role in transporting the big red jolly man.

Australia Day also went well, albeit numbers were down, which seems to have been the case at a number of towns around the area. Further details are available in a separate report.

The monthly food swaps organized by Sue Webster on the third Sunday of the month in Railway Park continue to go from strength to strength. Numbers are very good, and an amazing variety of food and produce is bought along to share each month. It is also a lovely social occasion with plenty of time to chat, and it has been great to meet a number of newcomers to the community.

The Boolarra Memorial Hall has been facing financial issues, especially in the payment of their ongoing insurance. The BCDG has agreed to assist them in paying the outstanding accounts. We are also looking at a range of activities to increase usage of the Hall. Initially we are looking at running a trial of three Sunday markets starting in April. We are also considering other ideas such as workshops, concerts, film nights and workshops. Anybody who has any ideas for suitable activities, or is able to help out, is more than welcome to contribute.

We are also keen to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Input has been sought from local indigenous people and we have involvement from VACCA (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency). The celebration will include dance workshops and a music program, flag raising, a traditional owners smoking ceremony, and children's activities include creation of decorations.

Following on from the success of last year's Easter Saturday Community Day we are once again putting on a range of activities. In Railway Park, Boolarra from 9.30am to 10.30am on 8 April there will be an Easter Egg Hunt with heaps of chocolate eggs for the kids to collect. Please note,

it's best to keep your dogs on a lead or at home as chocolates are not good for our canine friends.

In Centenary Park from 9am to 2pm you can for-

age for a bargain at the Car Boot Sale. Heaps of different items and plants on offer. From there you can also purchase (for \$2) a map to all the local garage sales to be held on the day (9am to 2pm) throughout Boolarra. The handout will also include information about the bigger items on offer at the various garage sales.

From 9am to 1pm, in Railway Park, grab a CFA BBQ sausage, have a chat with friends and compare bargains. Also, enjoy the free live music in the park throughout the morning. The event is organised by the Boolarra Community Development Group, with support from the Community Bank, Mirboo North and District, to bring the community together. For more information contact Colin Brick, Chair, BCDG on 0455 121 259.

On Saturday 13 May, we are assisting Donna Mack stage a fundraiser for the Do it for Dolly Foundation. This will be an all-day event at the Boolarra Recreation Reserve, with market and food stalls, music, car displays, and much more. We are also looking to develop a website, providing details local features of interest, events, links to other local websites and Facebook pages and a community directory. Input from the community on format and information to be included would be greatly appreciated. We see this complementing the Facebook page that Donna Mack coordinates.

One concerning issue that has arisen in recent times and which was widely discussed at our last meeting was the huge increase in local crime recently, not just in Boolarra but in rural areas generally. Matt Ryan expressed his frustration at the attitude of the local community which does nothing to help themselves or the Police in

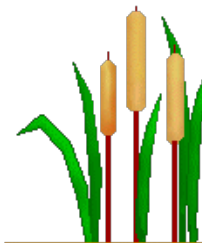
tackling this issue. Matt suggested that if people would take the fundamental precaution of locking their houses and cars a great proportion of the thefts would be prevented.

The other local behaviour that makes his job difficult is the reluctance to report the crime to police, on the basis that the police won't be able to do anything anyway. Reporting incidents assists in three ways. It helps build up a profile of what is happening, and may assist detection, or an argument for more resources. It also means that when a culprit is apprehended police are able to match the incidents for prosecution purposes.

Another area of concern has been the neglect of areas of iconic public land managed by organisations such as Latrobe City, DEWLP and VicRoads. These areas include Apex Park, Primrose Park, Fox's Hole, Jack Richards Park and the Old Mill Site. Discussions are being initiated with various stakeholders to try and achieve better outcomes, in keeping with our community expectations.

Finally I would like to note the valuable contribution that Latrobe City, the Community Bank Mirboo North and District, and the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation make in supporting a wide range of activities and projects within the community. I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous support that Rotary Traralgon have been providing.

Colin Brick, Chair.



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From fitness programs to sporting clubs, from the aged care residents to local youth, the Community Bank has supported many health and wellbeing activities over the years.

One of our proudest days was when the Board announced a \$100,000 contribution to kickstart the fundraising campaign of the Friends of the

Mirboo North Swimming Pool. Today, the community and visitors enjoy a beautiful pool with modern facilities.

We also loved the day that we went to see the Tovertafel at work at the Mirboo North Aged Care. This is a very clever projector system that projects interactive games onto a table. As well as providing fun to the residents, the Tovertafel has many therapeutic, social, and enriching benefits for the residents.

We support our elderly citizens through other programs as well, such as the Boolarra Exercise Group and the Yinnar Exercise and Wellbeing Group. Both programs enable participants to maintain balance and independence for as long as possible, as well as providing guidance on how to move to prevent injury.

We also recognise the importance of the many sporting clubs of the district. Yearly sponsorship is in place with the larger clubs, with funding

available through our grants program for other clubs.

One of our most recent recipients was the Budgerie Hall, who received funding to be able to continue to offer the Budger-Tea, a very popular and important initiative to support mental wellbeing in the local community.

Do you belong to a club or organisation that is looking for funding to support a project or purchase?

Our Community Investment Program is open 1 March - 14 April. Visit our Facebook page to find out more: @communitybankmirboonorthdistrict We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the committee of the Boolarra Folk Festival for delivering another fabulous day. Our directors and staff thoroughly enjoyed handing out fairy floss, meeting members of the Boolarra community and listening to great music all day!

Boolarra and District Historical Society News

It's so great to have the Boolarra Folk Festival return after those miserable COVID years. The markets were back with intriguing artifacts and scrumptious food and plants to admire; car parks filled up; the school drums beat out the familiar rhythms; crowds settled down before the stage and the music began. It wasn't long before energetic dancers were moved to engage with it too. We at the Old School Museum had our curious visitors too, some from far away. Congratulations to all who planned the program, invited the musicians and worked so hard on the day. It was a wonderful success.

Our year began with a talk by Glenda Mynard, daughter of the late Jack and Pat Lawless of Hazelwood, who gathered the large Lawless clan for a family get-together last month. The Lawlesses (and related Scanlons), originally came from Limerick, Ireland, to the Ballarat goldfield, then took up land along the Morwell River and at Boolarra and Budgerie in the Strzelecki hills. Generations have spread now throughout the Latrobe Valley as farmers, hoteliers, members of local councils, teachers, businessmen and women. Our long-time member was Tom Lawless, Jack's brother, who led us on excursions into the hills to discover deserted pioneer towns like Gunyah, old schools and halls as at Johnstones Hill and farms that were left after the depression and WWII. He was a great source of information. Now Glenda has taken up the baton, which gladdens the hearts of local historians. We thank her for her gathering of the clan and her interesting illustrated history of the Lawless/Scanlon family. In 2022 we invited several guest speakers who worked in Boolarra's Purvis Store to tell us about their experiences there. W.A. Purvis had a large

number of stores around Gippsland, the first of which originated in Moe in 1910. Boolarra's store was in Austin Street, around the corner from the 'Bottom Shop' general store on the Austin and Christian St corner and just past the butcher's shop. Purvis Store was the nearest we came to having an emporium and super market. So it was our pleasure to hear the recounts of two people who worked in Boolarra's Purvis Store in their youth, Stan Mills and Jean Baudendistel. Stan Mills tells of his time there after he left Mirboo North High School in 1952 at the age of 14. Stan lived with his parents in Boolarra and was pleased to be taken on by the manager, Jim Grey. There were five people working in the store at that time: three girls and Jim Grey the manager, and Stan. His first job was to ride his bike around the town collecting shopping orders. This was a pleasant chore as he was a personable young man, fascinated by the local gossip he gathered. Each order had to be wrapped and packed into the correctly named family box and placed in Chungy Briggs' four horse dray to be delivered to the appropriate household. Stan's memories of those days 70 years ago in Boolarra are still vivid and the people he came across were sketched perceptively, and with a gentle amusing flourish. He got ahead in his time with Mr Grey, and Purvis, who had expanded widely after WWII, promoted him to a reliever's job at their Latrobe Valley shops. He never looked back. To remind us of his Boolarra football days, Stan has left his immaculate Boolarra Football Blazer to the Museum. He now lives in Rochester. We would love to have him back for more stories.

Jean Baudendistel (nee Gibson) went to school in Boolarra and worked at Purvis' four years in the late 1950's. She thinks she probably took Stan's job when he left for Morwell in 1956. She too said how interesting it was to visit each house for orders. Jean is a member of the well known

Robbins family. Her grandfather, Bill Robbins, owned the farm that is now D'Amicos' in Limonite Road. She lived there as a young child with her mother while her father was away at the war, then moved into a house in Church Street, Boolarra.

Jean described in detail the layout of the store in Austin Street. There were racks of clothing, hats and haberdashery on the left as you walked into this large shed; on the right, shelves rose to the ceiling packed with groceries. The counter was where customers came in to place daily orders. To reach to the top shelves you used a long handled hook to get the item and then art was to catch it while holding the hook. There were many near misses. It was totally different from supermarket shopping. Personal service was the go. And there were not many packets. Sugar, flour and dried fruit etc had to be weighed put in brown paper bags. Everything else had to be wrapped in paper. No plastic bags in those days! We were astonished, too, to hear Purvis' had no fridge, so they put any perishables they had in Rogers the butchers' fridge next door. Jean now lives in Churchill, has been an active community participant there and a quilting instructor. We thank her for her lively reminiscences.

Boolarra and District Historical Society meets at 2pm at the Boolarra Historical Museum on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome, and information about our activities can be obtained from President Edgar Owen (5169 1566), Secretary Linda Minter (0447 996 702) and Treasurer Tony Minter (0427 101 253). The Museum opens on the first Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4pm or by appointment with the above members.



BOOLARRA FOOTBALL NETTBALL CLUB

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

The Club is really starting to kick into gear now with pre-season in full swing. Our footballers and netballers are training hard in preparation for Round 1 vs Thorpdale at home on 22 April. The Club has scheduled a practice match vs Cowwarr at home on 18 March.

We are also pleased to announce the signings of Chris Whiteoak and Simon Noy. Both players will be valuable additions to the senior team and bring good experience to the Club. The football department is still working hard on recruiting and hope to see all our 2022 players on the track ready for Round 1.

In other news around the Club, we recently installed new goalposts on the footy oval thanks to a Latrobe City minor works grant. With the new ones being taller and a little straighter than our old ones, The goal umpires won't have any excuse to get one wrong now. A big thanks goes out to the guys that took a day off work to install them and the guys that did the work for it to be possible.

In addition to this the netball courts will be getting resurfaced for the first time in a long time. This will bring us into line with the best courts in the League and ensure our girls have a safe surface to go their hardest.

The Club is still on the lookout for trainers, Preferably we would like people with some back-

ground or experience in physio/sports training/strapping. However its not a necessity, we would also encourage any nurses or nursing students to have a chat to us. The Club would cover the costs of any strapping, first aid or training courses required along with free membership and entry to all games. Remuneration would also be negotiable for a suitably qualified person. If this is you or someone you may know please contact Simon Buglisi on 0411 142 375 to discuss further. 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. The Club is 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 .

The Boolarra Football Netball Club would like to thank our valued sponsors for Season 2023 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.

Major sponsor - MC Civil and Landscaping Sponsors -

Narellan Pools, Prorent, Tony Antonelli Accounting, Australian Solid Fuel Testing, Strzelecki Engineering, Mirboo North & District Community Bank, Devtree Pty Ltd, A1 Asphaltting, Boolarra Post Office, ETU, Stile Bricklaying, Willaton Transport, Kennedy Haulage, Young Signs, Out of Dough, Monacellers Wine and Spirits, Strzelecki Plumbing, Rachel Buglisi Area Specialist Property Sales, Valley Tyre Service, Mirboo Nth Hardware, Jims Building Inspections, Russell Northe MLA, J Smith Motors, R & A Beamish Ag Fencing, Strzelecki Engineering, Valley Trophy Centre, BJ Bennett & Co real estate, BMW Electrical, Bob Jane T Marts, Stockdale and Leggo Mirboo Nth, Virtue Homes, Boolarra Hotel, Morwell Club Inc, Good Move Conveyancing, BelleBanne, Gatts Panel works, Latrobe Valley Funeral Services, Riviera Display Kitchens, Pizza HQ Churchill, Bensons Timber and Hardware, Yinnar Community Hotel, Gibsons Groundspreads, Prosper Valley Gravel, Tradeweld, Evans Petroleum, Norm Oliver Meats, 38 Forty Café, Gippsland Printers, McDonalds, Alfresh 2 Go



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We have a range of batteries including hearing aid batteries sizes 312, 675, 13, 10.

We stock a limited range of Stationery, Cards, Books, Toys, and Gift ideas,

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

The Boolarra Link Community Directory

Organisation	Contact Name	Phone	Organisation	Contact Name	Phone
Anglican and Uniting Churches	Lubawski	5169 6494	Churchill Neighbourhood Centre	Nathan Brown	5120 3850
Boolarra Book Club and Blazers Walking Group	Robern Lubawski John Lubawski	5169 6494	Cooperating Church		5122 1480
Boolarra Bowling Club	Travis Baker	0416 087 305	Cricket Club	Ben McCormack	0411 988 843
Boolarra Cemetery Trust	Lyrinda Carter	0408337764	Exercise Class	Kathleen Millett or Kate	5122 2591 5169 6592
Boolarra and District Horse and Trail Riding Club	Nicky Stewart	0412 448 789	Folk Festival	Rick Teychenne	0408 696 243
Boolarra CFA	Di Billingsley	0408 173 637	Friends of the Upper Morwell River	Denise Schiller	5169 6425
Boolarra Community Development Group	Colin Brick	5163 1212	Garden Club	Jill Simmonds	5169 6516
Boolarra Netball / Football Club	Simon Buglisi	0411 142 375	Grand Ridge Rail Trail	John Collins	0428 124 554
Social Rooms		5169 6507	Justice of the Peace	Matt Gleeson Gwenda Pither	0427 696 461 0427 963 385
Change Rooms		5169 6507	Municipal Emergency Management Officer		1300 367 700
Boolarra Historical Society	Linda Minter	0447 996 702	Memorial Hall	Roz Carstairs	0429 383 686
Boolarra Multi Purpose Building	David Warren	0429 941 905	Memorial Park	Colin Brick	5163 1212
Boolarra Play Group	Alex Beamish	0438 518 961	Men's Shed	Neil Cartwright	5169 6592
Boolarra Pre-school	Family Services Admin	1300 367 700	Open Garden Day	Jill Simmonds	5169 6516
Boolarra Primary School	Susan Duncan	5169 6471	Pilates	Kathleen Millett	5122 2591
Boolarra Quilting Group	Linda Minter	0447 996 702	Police	Matt Ryan	5169 6222 0458 839 886
Boolarra Friends of the Red Cross	Glenys Morgan	5169 6721	Pony Club	Secretary	boolarraponyclub@gmail.com
Boolarra South Landcare	Denise Schiller	5169 6425	Quilting and Silk Dyeing Group	Linda Minter	0447 996 702
Boolarra Tennis Club			Scouts	Daiel Cook	0423 495 977
Boolarra Verandah Jammers	Sue Clutterbuck	0437348366	Stroke Support Group	Paul Howells	0417 338 816
Boolarra Wool and Spinning Group	Kate Cartwright	5169 6592	Wildlife Centre Nanaste	Trent Mills	0409 346 714
Boolarra and Yinnar Community Recovery Committee	Colin Brick	5163 1212	Yinnar & District Judo Club	Sharon Taylor Peter Brimblecombe	0418 681 245 0409 402 459
Boolarra Youth Theatre Group	Tania Brown	5169 6466	Yinnar Community Garden	Secretary	yinnarcg@gmail.com
Budgerie Hall	Leanne Potter	0429 111 192	Yoga	Kristy Mills	0475 376 015
Catholic Church	Fr James Fernandez or Denise Schiller	5134 2849 5169 6425			

What's on.

For contact information please refer to the Directory above.

Church Services in Boolarra and Yinnar

Catholic Church

Tarwin Street, Boolarra

Service times will be advised in due course when services are on.

Please contact Denise Schiller on 5169 6425

Anglican and Uniting Churches in co-operation

Tarwin Street, Boolarra

1st Sunday 10.00am Anglican Communion.
3rd Sunday 10.00am Uniting Communion.

No Service in Yinnar.

PLEASE NOTE: If there are changes to any Link Community Directory information, please notify the Boolarra Link Editor:
Sylvia Sauppe on 5169 6321
or editor@boolarralink.org.au

Groups and Organisations Meeting Times.

Monday

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

Book Club - 2.00pm, 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 General Class Boolarra Memorial Hall.

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

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, Multi Purpose Building.

Friday

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

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 - 1.30pm, playing Ukulele every Sunday on the front verandah of the Old Pub.