



The Boolarra Link

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Boolarra Community Development Group



Despite the rain a successful community event day was held again on Easter Saturday. It was a great time for people in town to come together, have a chat and enjoy peering through the various garage sales around town in the hope of a bargain. The rain required a shift to the Memorial Hall with the outside porch providing the stage for some of our local musicians. A great performance from The Reel Deal and the magical songs of Kindred kept those near the Memorial Hall entertained and the Koffee Kart was on hand for hot drinks. The wonderful volunteers from the CFA served up their delicious bacon and egg rolls and sausages. Thanks to them for all the work they do. Of course the highlight for many of the smaller folk was the appearance of the Easter Bunny to dispense chocolate eggs. As it turns out there were just too many children this year very keen on eggs to hold the planned egg hunt so the Easter Bunny gave them out individually. Note to Bunny next time more eggs!

The day was organised by the Boolarra Commu-

nity Development Group. Thanks to the Community Bank, Mirboo North and District for sponsorship to cover the costs of the day and for Latrobe City Council staff assistance in completing the necessary permits and paperwork.

Pat Francis.



Note to Bunny ...next time more eggs!



Aleeah and Cora-Lynn.

Boolarra Girls Represent the Victorian Indigenous team

Seventy girls and boys represented Victoria in the Australian Indigenous Championships. This was a 5 day tournament between January 10 and 15 at Tallebudgera Queensland.

Aleeah and Cora-Lynn Munnich who play for Boolarra Netball Football Club were selected for the Under 14 Victorian side. Aleeah was in the U14 Blue Victorian side and Cora-Lynn was in the Green Victorian, which were in two different divisions.

They were very hard games in hot conditions, however the under 14 team were successful and won the semi-final with a nail biter to place a spot in the Grand Final. They lost the Grand Final however for Victoria U 14 – Division 1

being the second best in Australia is an amazing accomplishment.

This competition happens yearly, and the players get to meet other Indigenous players that play for SSN as well as play with other amazing Victorian players.

Aleeah and Cora-Lynn would also like to thank Boolarra Football Netball Club, Budjeri Napan Sports Committee, Latrobe City Council – DREAM Grant, Moe & District Netball Association, Webster's Butchery Yinnar, Belle Banne, Boolarra Shop, Netball Victoria and many other friends and family that purchased raffle tickets and donated to the raffle.

Anne-Maree Stever.

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Boolarra and District Historical Society

Our open days were busy these past few months with visitors from near and far; one group came from Bundaberg, QLD. Our Facebook run by Tony and Linder Minter is gathering them in. Good weather is a help, too, and Boolarra is the prettiest in Autumn.

We caught a glimpse of wartime suffering and the pressures of emigration at our March meeting. John Lubawski, a well-known teacher and support person in Boolarra, led us into his family saga from their origins in Poland, through their emigration to Pennsylvania, USA where John's father, called John as well, was born, then their return to Warsaw to defend their country in WW1. Life settled down for a short time till Poland was invaded by Germany and the Soviet Union in 1939 dividing it between themselves for a couple of years. The Germany army, under Hitler's Nazi government, launched a surprise attack in June, 1941, against the Soviet Union, razing Poland, Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. John's father was a blacksmith and joined the Polish cavalry. The Germans surrendered only in 1945. The Lubawski family was pressured by both sides. After the war they moved all around Europe looking for work without papers or passports. To emigrate from Europe they had to go back to Poland to get their papers. John by this time was five and they managed to get a passage as refugees to Australia on a boat called "General Black". His mother, Cecilia, chose Australia because it was the farthest country from Europe. They settled finally in Morwell having saved up enough deposit for a two bedroom home that housed the parents and their large family. John says Australia is indeed God's own country. Our thanks go to John and Robern, his wife who helped him in the research for this talk.

Our next meeting in April was an excursion to

the Old Boolarra Pub. Neil and Sue Clutterbuck gave us a thorough history of the pub and its architectural styles through the years. They have collected photos, maps and architectural drawings to preserve its history. We were then taken on a tour of the hotel rooms and gardens. Our respected member, Betty Fox, remembered her days boarding there as a young school teacher. When six o'clock closing ceased it seemed time to leave and find a quieter residence. Sue and Neil spoke very highly of the previous owners, Jeanie Heinitz and Smokey Dawson, who had the artistry and skills to make these changes. It has moved from being a hotel to a café and now to a private residence that is a credit to this town. Sue and Neil were most generous hosts.

Our researcher, Ivan Haustorfer, from Boolarra South, has taken on the subject of the wealthy land owner and agriculturalist, Molesworth Green, who came to this Boolarra South at the turn of the 20th century, bought five farm holdings and set them up as model farms with tenant farmers. Ivan's material is new and interesting and Green's friendship with Rolf Bolderwood adds a new dimension to this local story. We thank him for his interesting talk.

Boolarra and District Historical Society meets at 2.00 pm 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 1st Sunday of each month from 2.00 to 4.00pm or by appointment with the above members.

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Lance Corporal Norman Rothery Gair

Norman Rothery Gair was born in Melbourne in 1917, the eldest son of Reverend Thomas and Mrs. Hannah Gair. (Norman was the uncle of the late Richard Gair formerly of Boolarra). As a young man Norman worked as a jackaroo on one of Goldsborough Mort's Stations and then later had his own farm at Boolarra.

Norman enlisted in the army on 3 July, 1940. After training Norman was transferred to 2/22nd Battalion who were part of 8th Division. Further training took place at Sydney. Norman embarked at Sydney on 10-04-1941 and disembarked at Rabaul,

New Britain. The 2/22nd Battalion became part of Lark Force whose role was to defend Rabaul and the airfields of New Britain, as well as provide early warning of any Japanese attack. The Japanese landed on New Britain on 23-01-1942 and outnumbered the troops of Lark Force by more than four to one. Norman was later captured by the Japanese and became a prisoner of war aboard the ill-fated ship, 'SS Montevideo Maru'. This ship was transporting 852 Australian prisoners of war (2/22nd Battalion) and 208 civilians to Hainan Island in the South China Sea when it was spotted by an American submarine 'USS Sturgeon' which then torpedoed the ship unaware it was carrying prisoners of war and also civilians.

Lance Corporal Norman Rothery Gair was one of those on board the 'SS Montevideo'. He was 25 years old.

The location of the wreckage of this ship that sank off the Philippines had remained a mystery until just recently after more than 80 years after it was torpedoed.

The search for the wreckage ended in April this year when a team of researchers and defence personnel found the Japanese transport ship 'SS Montevideo' at the bottom of the sea. At over 4000m in depth, the wreck lies deeper in the ocean than the Titanic.

Now many families have a sense of closure in knowing where their loved ones lie. There is now a place where families can lay a wreath, have a moment of prayer and say their farewells.

LEST WE FORGET.

Roz Carstairs.

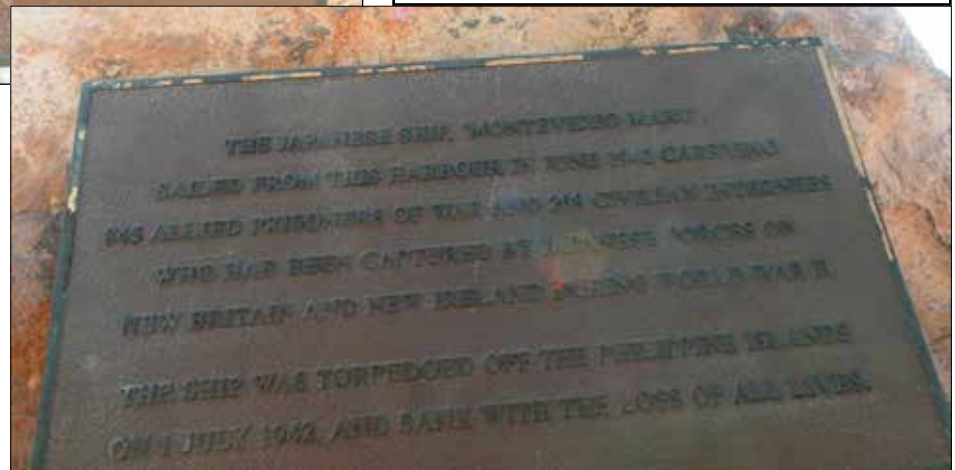


Memorial at Rabaul for the lives lost on the Japanese Prisoner of War ship "Montevideo Maru". The ship was sunk and all on her perished. Lance Corporal Norman Rothery Gair was aboard.



The inscription reads as follows:-
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The Japanese ship "Montevideo Maru" sailed from this harbour in June 1942 carrying 845 Allied Prisoners of War and 208 Civilian Internees who had been captured by Japanese forces on New Britain and New Ireland during World War II. The ship was torpedoed off the Philippine Islands on 1 July 1942 and sank with the loss of all lives.



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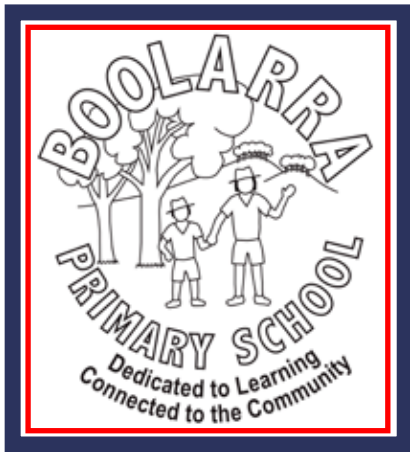
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Boolarra Trail Blazers

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.

Phone John Lubawski on 5169 6494 or just turn up.



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Enrolments for 2024 are currently being taken. We welcome families to come and learn about our School. We are offering personalised school tours with our principal, Susan Duncan at a time that is convenient to you. Please call on 5169 6471 to book a personalised tour. Boolarra Primary School prides itself on meeting the social, emotional and academic needs of all



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- A strong and active student leadership program.
- A stunning and spacious outside environment that provides a range of independent play activities including building blocks, drawing, Lego, chess, checkers, table tennis and a variety of ball games.
- Breakfast Club that includes free snack and lunch items available every day to all students.

After school care.

Susan Duncan,
Principal,
Boolarra Primary School.

Bookfair

At Boolarra Primary we had Bookfair. It was run by Jo Cardillo. There were lots of interesting books as well as some little knick-knacks. Lots of kids came to get stuff. The kinder kids came to see it as well. There was also the colouring competition. Lots of kids wanted to win but not all of them finished in time to enter. There were six winners for a \$10 voucher at the bookfair. It was



a tough competition with lots of good colourings. Six people won. Congratulations to myself, Ivy, Gewalin, Jackson, Isabelle and Violet. The book-fair was a blast and everyone loved it.
By Scarlett.

I was surprised I got a ticket for book fair. I got a Bad Guys book. The book is funny, and I am glad I got the ticket.
Gewalin.

Poetry

This term we have had a learning focus on poetry. Our students wrote Haiku poems.

There once was a dog named Murphy
Who happened to tell lots of furphys
He fell off a rock
And broke his new watch
And that is the end of his story.
Callen.

There once was an old lady named Barb
Who liked eating lots of carbs
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BURNING ISSUES BOOLARRA CFA NEWS

Home fire safety

With winter weather well and truly here, have you considered what you and your loved ones would do if there was a fire in your home? Do you have a plan to escape? A safe meeting point outside? Have you practised your plan? Whilst most people have a very clear plan for a response to bushfires, many have not planned their response if there is a fire in their home. There are a number of things you can do to prepare yourself and your loved ones so that your reactions can be quick and safe. Use the Home Escape Plan information below to identify safe exit points from every room in your home, locate a safe meeting point outside and identify any potential risks so that you can remove or minimise them. Make sure everyone who lives in your home knows and has practised the plan. Remember to review and update your plan on an annual basis so that you can adapt it as your circumstances change. Many homes would have had their wood fires going already. Firefighters respond to numerous chimney fires every year that start from fireplaces and wood heaters. In 2021, CFA firefighters responded to 130 chimney fires, almost half of which occurred during the winter months. It's a good idea to check and clean your chimneys once a year to remove the build-up of creosote (a highly flammable black tar-like residue). If you are not sure, contact a member of the Fire Brigade or a professional chimney sweep.

Fire hydrants near your home

YOUR HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Draw your home floor plan in the grid and mark all the exits.
- Identify two ways out of every room.
- Decide on an outside meeting place, such as the letterbox.
- Practise your home fire escape plan regularly with the whole family.
- Keep this plan handy to remind everyone of the safe exits in case of fire.

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During the winter months we tend to get more shed and house fires. If you live in town there should be a fire hydrant within 100m of your house. We use the hydrants to get a supply of water, as we need a lot of water for structure fires. Go for a walk and find out where the hydrant is that is closest to your house and make sure it is not obstructed, is clearly marked with a white post with red top. If the hydrant is blocked, or covered over with grass or other material it will slow down our fire-fighting efforts. If you have

any concerns with your fire hydrant, let the Fire Brigade know.

Onlookers

For any fires or any other emergencies in town, or anywhere else, please be mindful of not parking your car close to the incident, as oncoming emergency vehicles need room to park and for hoses to be laid out or ambulances to get their gear out, etc. Sometimes onlookers stray a little too close and can complicate the incident as it makes it harder to identify who are the owners or residents and who is just standing around. It may also be a safety concern at a fire; smoke is toxic and there are also invisible fumes at fires that extend beyond the visible smoke range.

'Do it for Dolly' community event

It was great to see so many people at the footy ground recently for the 'Do it for Dolly' community event organised by the Boolarra Community Development Group. We spoke to a large number of people about home fire safety, and many kids (and quite a few adults) enjoyed squirting water from a fire hose, having a look inside the tanker and sounding the sirens. Well done to the organisers of the day and to the community for supporting such an excellent cause.

Brigade Training

The Brigade continues to train fortnightly, maintaining our skills so that we are able to respond effectively to protect our community. We regularly have neighbouring brigades join us at Boolarra and in May, we sent a crew to Yallourn North to utilise a 'hot fire' training prop that was located there for a period of time. Our newest member was able to practise his firefighting skills in 'real life' scenarios and experience the effects of working in heat and flames.

Boolarra Brigade recently hosted a Merton Group training exercise at the football ground. We had Yallourn North, Yinnar South, Hazelwood North, Morwell and Moe brigades attending. It was a bit of fun with tankers moving water from one wheelie bin to the next in a wagon wheel type configuration trying to get a continuous cycle of water going around the



loop. There was lots of communication (yelling "water on") and signalling going on in an effort to achieve the end goal.

Give us a hand – join our Brigade

Our Brigade is always on the lookout for new members and there are many roles that people can fill. We always need operational firefighters – especially people who can turn out during the day but there are also a number of support roles that can utilise the skillsets that people in our community have. If you are new to Boolarra, it is a great way to meet community minded people and get to know the local area. If you have some spare time, volunteering with CFA is a way you can fill that. We understand that volunteers give what they can, when they can, and our Brigade is friendly, welcoming and inclusive. We provide a supportive space to learn new skills and we manage to have a quite a bit of fun along the way. Please pop in at the station any Sunday between 9 and 10 am and have a chat to us about how you can give us a hand to keep our community safe, or contact the Captain, Simon Pickett 0447 696 631 or 1st Lieutenant, Rob Franssen 0439 327 104.

*Di Billingsley,
Community Education Officer.*



Korean War 1950-1953



Private Harold Bolitho.

This year marks the 70th commemoration of the end of the Korean War.

The Australian Army was primarily represented in Korea by the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) which arrived in Pusan on 27 September, 1950. It had been stationed in Japan as part of the British Commonwealth Occupying Force since 1946. At the time of the outbreak

of hostilities in Korea, it was greatly under strength. The Battalion was soon boosted by 1010 officers and men, doubling its numbers. One of these soldiers was Harold Bolitho, the son of Ern Bolitho who was the manager of the Boolarra Butter factory owned by the Barrow Brothers. Harold had already served in the Army during World War II as a Signaller from 1943 to his discharge in 1946. Harold then enlisted for service in the Korean War on 29-08-1950.

Harold embarked from Sydney aboard the 'SS Taiyuan' to Kobe in Japan where he underwent training until he disembarked at Korea in 1951.

In 1951, Australian troops participated in two major battles in one of which, Harold became a casualty. This was the battle in Kapyong Valley. The Australians dug into the hillside to fortify their position against the enemy. The Australian troops were tested time and time again by a



United Nations Memorial Cemetery Korea.



Harold's plaque at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery, Korea.

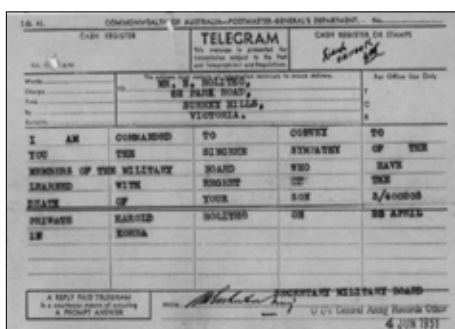
determined Chinese army. Late in the afternoon of 24 April, 1951 Harold was grievously wounded and sustained multiple wounds to his head, arms and legs resulting in his death on 25 April 1951. Harold is buried in the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea.

Lest We Forget.

Roz Carstairs.

Background to Korean War 1950-1953

The Korean War was the first war in which a world organisation played a military role. The war was a major challenge for the United Nations. The war began on 25 June, 1950 when



The telegram sent to Harold's father to tell him that his son had died.



The 3RAR awaiting to disembark from troopship 'SS Taiyuan'.

troops from communist ruled North Korea invaded South Korea.

The UN called the invasion a violation of international peace and demanded the communists withdraw. After the communists continued fighting, the UN asked its member nations to give military aid to South Korea. Sixteen UN countries of which Australia was one, sent

troops to South Korea and 41 countries sent military equipment, food and other supplies. The war ended on 27 July 27, 1953 when the UN and North Korea signed a truce.

Roz Carstairs.

Hill 355 or 'Little Gibraltar' in Korea 1952. The 3RAR were operational around this hill.



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School Days at Boolarra South -

Part 3

Frank McNamara



Frank McNamara.

The fifth teacher at Boolarra South was Francis (Frank) Hubert McNamara who taught at the school for only one month, during June 1915. He was 21 years of age at the time. Frank McNamara came to prominence in 1917 when he won a Victoria Cross while serving with the Australian Flying Corps Squadron No. 1 in Egypt. He was the only Australian airman to receive a Victoria Cross in World War 1.

Frank McNamara was born in April 1894 at Rushworth, Victoria. He was educated at Rushworth local school and Shepparton Agricultural High School before being appointed a junior teacher in the State Education Department in March 1911. During 1913 and 1914 he studied at the Teachers Training College, Melbourne. After graduating with a Diploma, his teaching career included being a temporary teacher at

four schools in Victoria during 1915, including at Red Bluff, Mordialloc, Koo-wee-rup North and Boolarra South.

McNamara joined the senior cadets while still at school and in 1913 and was mobilized on the outbreak of World War I to carry out garrison duty at the Queenscliff and Point Nepean fixed defences. In August 1915, following completion of his teaching career, he was selected for the military aeronautics course at Point Cook Flying School where he graduated as a pilot and was posted to No. 1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps. No 1 squadron sailed for Egypt in January 1916 but McNamara continued on to England where he was attached to No. 42 Squadron. He then returned to Egypt as a flying instructor with No. 22 Squadron, before rejoining No. 1 Squadron.

In March 1917 the allies were planning an attack on Gaza and an important Turkish railway supply centre known as Junction Station which was subjected to repeated air attacks by No. 1 and No. 14 Squadrons. On 20 March an Australian aircraft from No. 1 Squadron, piloted by Captain Doug Rutherford, was forced to land after being hit by ground fire. A large group of enemy Turkish cavalry, which was close by, had seen his aircraft land and galloped towards it. McNamara, who had been on the same raid, and had been badly wounded after encountering heavy anti-aircraft fire, was on his way home to get help. He saw what was happening and despite his severe leg wound decided to attempt to rescue Rutherford. He made a safe landing beside Rutherford who at once climbed aboard McNamara's aircraft. However, McNamara's plane was a single seater, so Rutherford could only stand on the lower wing and hold onto the wing struts. His weight made the aircraft very lop-sided and his presence in the airstream added extra drag on one side. Owing to his leg wound, and these extra problems, McNamara was unable to control his plane on

the rough ground and crashed it badly on attempting to take off. Both McNamara and Rutherford were uninjured in the crash. They both then set fire to McNamara's aircraft and returned to Rutherford's two seater plane, which by this time was close to capture by the Turkish cavalry. McNamara managed to climb into the pilot's seat while Rutherford went to start the engine. While McNamara provided cover fire with his revolver, Rutherford swung the heavy four-bladed propeller to get it going. Fortunately, the engine fired at the first attempt and Rutherford jumped into the passenger's seat as McNamara gave the aircraft full throttle.

Despite some damage to the struts and fuselage, and with McNamara fighting pain and close to unconsciousness from loss of blood from his leg wound, he managed to get them off the ground safely. He then flew back about seventy miles to their home base at El Arish where he carried out a safe landing. Soon after landing, McNamara lost consciousness from loss of blood and after an allergic reaction to an injection given to him. For his brilliant rescue, carried out under extremely hazardous conditions and under heavy enemy fire, McNamara was awarded his Victoria Cross. Following World War 1, McNamara held many senior positions in the Australian Air Force including as a squadron leader, a wing commander and an air vice marshal. He was the commanding air officer of British forces at Aden during 1942 to 1945. He retired from the RAAF in 1946, and was then a member of the London National Coal Board from 1947 to 1959. He died in the UK in 1961 at the age of 67.

The story of Frank McNamara's life is given in a book titled 'McNamara VC A Hero's Dilemma' by Chris Coulthard-Clark which was published in 1997.

Ivan Haustorfer

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It has been a particularly busy year for the shed. Last year, following the successful receipt of a grant from FRRR, we ventured out to get quotes for the job. As we could not obtain any quotes, bar one, which was very expensive, (and rising) it was decided that we had the expertise to



Coffin.

tackle the job ourselves and be able to complete it within the parameters of the FRRR grant. Under the expert eye of Ric Johnson, we have completed the task and are now in the process of kitting the area out to make it suitable for most metal fabrication jobs.

At a recent meeting it was agreed that when we were in a position, we would initiate an open day, inviting all members of the community to come along and see the wonderful facility we have in Boolarra. Also, subject to obtaining the necessary insurance cover, we would like to run training courses in woodwork and metalwork at the shed, which would be open to all members of the community.

We are very grateful to have received a grant from OSMI, which was used to purchase a sharpening machine, which will be used initially to keep our tools up to scratch and later to offer a sharpening service to the community.

The range of items made in the shed encompasses furniture repair and restoration, manufacture of park benches, coffee tables and properly certified coffins.

Our members also worked with BCDG to install new historic signage in Railway Park plus we carried out restoration work on the tables and benches in the newer BBQ shelter in Railway Park, which were not presenting



Coffee Table

well to visitors to our lovely town.

A membership drive will be ongoing as we have lost a couple of members in recent times. Sadly, in 2022 year, we mourned the passing of John Stewart of Budgerie, a stalwart of the shed, whose vast knowledge he was keen to pass on to members. He mentored many members, allowing us to gain confidence in working with various tools and equipment at the shed.

We are open on Monday and Wednesday from 10am until 4pm, so feel free to drop in for a tea or coffee and perhaps take a look around our woodworking and metalworking areas.

Be on the lookout for our own Garage Sale coming up in a couple of months.

*Neil Cartwright,
President,
Boolarra Men's Shed.*

Mirboo North Art Show on pause until 2024

The annual Mirboo North Art Show has been a strong feature of Gippsland's arts program for almost 40 years. Having started back in 1981 as a fundraiser for the Mirboo North Primary School, it grew over the decades to become a regionally recognized art show. Over time the Mirboo North Art Show was supported strongly by local and regional artists, who enjoyed the excellent curation, professional judging, strong sales and significant prize money.

This achieved twin objectives for the Mirboo North Primary School: it allowed the School to build connections with the community, the arts and to showcase creativity, as well as raising significant funds for the school to provide for new



equipment and resources.

Traditionally linked to Mother's Day weekend in early May, it was after a two year break over COVID that the Art Show returned in a winter setting in July 2022. Its enthusiastic return in its 39th year provided opportunities to refresh some of the format reflecting the different season, as part of the newly developed Mirboo North Winterfest.

While the school's passion for showcasing local and regional art works remains, it has had to pause celebration of the 40th year of the Mirboo North Art Show until 2024. This one-year break will allow the new committee to transition into the management of the fabulous but complex event, linking in with local artists and the local community.

In the interim, the school's creativity is not dampened as its fabulous art teachers work out how they will showcase the art works of their students at the Mirboo North Winterfest. Keep an eye on the socials @Mirboo North Primary School for the reveal of this year's amazing art works and how the school will be part of the Mirboo North Winterfest.

If you would like to become involved in the new fundraising group at the School (whether to work on the 40th Art Show or more generally) please contact Julie at the school on 5668 1375.

The School will appreciate any amount of time

from parents, carers and connected community members, in planning fundraising projects, attending meetings or giving a helping hand at events or fundraising days. From little things, big things grow!

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 0408 594 798 or

Sue Clutterbuck 0437 348 366.

Libby Robertson.



Boolarra Wool Group

Our ladies are enjoying the comfortable Multi Purpose Building and enjoy a shared lunch on the first Thursday each month. It is always a treat as our number includes some very good cooks.

We recently increased our fee to \$5 per session which includes coffee or tea with bring your own lunch and we would very much like to welcome new members with an interest in yarn crafts.

Rosslyn continues to knit toys and golly dolls for the Churchill market stall.

Kate has completed a snuggly V neck sweater for her eldest daughter in a stunning turquoise shade of yarn thanks to Val's stash. It is a very welcome addition to the wardrobe on these chilly evenings.

Kerryn has been visiting her family and enjoying catch up time with Oliver, so minimal craft time.

Denise continues with socks at a steady pace as is suitable for this relaxing hobby.

Marietta is working on another lovely shawl for a daughter and modelled at shoe & tell, a vintage coat that resurfaced recently which has been worn to many party nights over the years.

Elizabeth has almost completed a cream wool jumper in an intricate pattern that may be gifted to a lucky niece and has also spun enough alpaca to create something nice as the next project.

Lex has completed a felted, upright mouse and has plans to continue with mini wicker-look furniture made with a stash of cotton gifted by Laurie .

Judith has a very classy grey sweater, in Bendigo yarn, close to completion for Branco, isn't he fortunate?

Anne L. is working with a lovely Burgundy yarn making bed-socks for her daughter which will be much appreciated.

Marg has at last settled on a pattern for her scarf after many trials. It is growing magnificently and is in off white yarn gifted to our group and spun at

Fibre Naturally Woollen Mill.

Anne T is relaxing with cross-stitch at present which she has framed beautifully to decorate her home.

Laurie has been very busy completing UFO's (unfinished projects) including a multicoloured shawl and a baby blanket from left over sock yarn, socks of course and a delightful shimmery fine kid mohair scarf in a Feather and Fan pattern or Old Shale Stitch.

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.



Ann T framed.



Marietta vintage coat.

Judith homespun scarf.



Lori sock wool scarf.



Lori kid scarf.



Lori sock wool shawl.



Kate turquoise.

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Budgeree Hall

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It has been a very busy wedding and other private events at the Budgeree Hall over the warmer months. We have been so excited to host many weddings, engagement parties and special birthdays. Many of our brides have been so kind to share their beautiful photos with us. You can see these on our Facebook page "Budgeree Hall Functions". It is always so surprising how each couple decorate the Hall and it looks so beautiful and so reflective of their personalities. 100% of the hire fee of the Hall goes towards improvements and maintenance of our historic building and providing free or subsidised events for the community.

We are excited to announce that the 139th Budgeree Christmas Tree will be returning this year. This will be a free community event sponsored

by the Budgeree Hall Committee. Save the date Saturday December 9 into your diary. 6pm start with a family picnic and BBQ. Usual BBQ fare will be available to purchase or bring along your own picnic. We are also excited to announce the famous and fabulous Strzelecki Stringbusters will be providing the entertainment. We have booked a warm summers evening, so fingers crossed. We have heard that Santa may call in with lollies for the young and young at heart. Watch our Facebook page "Budgeree Hall" for updates and more details.

Budger-Tea continues every Thursday morning 10:30am-12:30pm. This free community morning Tea is proudly sponsored in 2023 by Mirboo Nth Community Bank. On May 25, Jan, Chair of the Community Bank came out to share a cuppa and a chat with us. It was lovely to be able to show her what Budger-Tea was all about. Chatting to our tea drinkers, Jan, was able to hear how important Budger-Tea was and see how many people in the community were directly receiving benefit from the Banks support. Budger-Tea is for everyone, no matter where you live. We now have regular Tea drinkers from Boolarra, Yinnar, Churchill, Boolarra Sth, and Traralgon. You don't need to

bring anything and it's free. Come to laugh, come to eat, come together.

Local, South Gippsland State Member of Parliament, Danny O'Brien, dropped into the Hall in May to chat and enjoy a scone or two. He shared stories of his own chicken capers and listened to any concerns we had. It was wonderful to see an elected representative take the time to call in. We are looking forward to welcoming back the Monash Medical Orchestra in August. We haven't confirmed a date as yet. Last year we had over 70 people come along to enjoy an afternoon of beautiful classic music, played by extremely talented young students and shared a traditional Budgeree Hall country afternoon Tea. We ask for a gold coin donation on entry for the Orchestra to help with their travel costs.

If you are interested in booking your event at the Budgeree Hall or want more information about what we offer please contact our Events Coordinator, Cindy on 0425 704 334.

*Leanne Potter,
Secretary.*



Boolarra South Landcare Group



Some group members have been successful recipients of Landcare grants to protect threatened species such as platypus and to protect native vegetation and regenerate areas damaged in recent storms. Funding has provided fencing ma-

terials, plants and tree guards and the landholder then has to get to work to build and plant. There is currently a grant available for gorse control and landholders can obtain \$15000 from the Victorian Gorse Taskforce but they must match the monetary amount of any funds received. Grants are open until 30 June and further information can be obtained from Caroline.Hammond@latrobevicgov.au

Landcare Victoria is currently developing a long term plan to establish directions for the next decade and beyond. After community consultation a draft plan outlining a vision, outcomes and priorities is ready for further consultation. We have submitted our group census data to Landcare and stated that our priorities were vegetation protection and enhancement, waterways protection and threatened species protection. Keith continues to monitor the health of the water in the Morwell River each month. The readings go to Waterwatch and are collated there. The health of our river is especially important for platypus conservation and protection of the river banks from erosion is essential. Fencing the banks from cattle is one way we can do this and some grant money has been used by members to fence off the river or creeks and stop sediment washing down. There are also vulnerable native fish in the river so we need to keep it in good

condition. Blackberries at Apex Park have been sprayed and further slashing will be done to try to control them.

Our group trailer is for sale as it is surplus to requirements. If anyone is interested in a good solid work trailer contact Alison Craven on 0408 992 927 and discuss an offer. We gave it a good clean at our last working bee so it is ready to go.

Denise Schiller.





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Community Bank Mirboo North & District funding Boolarra NAIDOC Week

In 2023, as First Nations Peoples' matters are at the forefront of our national narrative, it is with great pleasure that the Community Bank Mirboo North & District, through our Community Investment Program (CIP), is providing funding for the inaugural NAIDOC week celebrations in Boolarra; fostering a greater understanding and awareness of First Nations Peoples' culture at a local level.

The Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG) was awarded \$2,500 for the staging of the NAIDOC week celebrations; an important week of celebrations of survival and culture for First Nations Peoples across Australia. Discussions with the local Boolarra First Nations Community indicate that this event will help in breaking down barriers, assisting in developing new understandings and relationships. First Nations culture will be accessible for all – local Traditional Owners' stories, culture and land management practices.

The week includes creative workshops for young people, a NAIDOC dress up Ball with live First Nations music, a local dance group, and a First Nations film marathon. The week of workshops (coinciding with school holidays) allows for broad participation in daytime activities - creating decorations and costumes for the NAIDOC ball. On the night, kids will costume anyone who turns up without 'dress-ups'! NAIDOC Week welcomes gender diversity as an intrinsic part of the community and will provide safe space workshops and activities that will ensure respectful

inclusion.

A smoking ceremony will start with the raising of the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag outside the Boolarra Police station and will include a ceremonial smoking of the station itself - a hugely significant act of reconciliation!

The celebration will be an opportunity to foster new growth, strengthen and embrace new relationships with the BDCG, the broader community and the First Nations Peoples.

The first day of NAIDOC Week is Sunday 2nd July 2023.

In further funding allocations, the following groups were successful in their applications: Friends of the Lyrebird Forest Walk Inc., \$7,500 towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle for use in maintaining Lyrebird Forest Walk and the Grand Ridge Rail Trail.

Boolarra & District Historical Society Inc., \$3,000 towards kitchen renovations, improved filing, storage, and exhibit space at the Boolarra Museum.

Mirboo North Men's Shed, \$2,500 for the purchase of safer tools.

Mardan Mirboo North Landcare Group, \$2,490 for the replacement of degraded outdoor furniture at the Baths Road Reserve in Mirboo North. Mirboo North ArtSpace Inc., \$600.00 for sewing machine upgrades.

Mirboo North Playgroup & Toy Library Inc., \$1,750 for new educational toys and an A frame sign helping promotion and marketing of the Toy Library.

Mirboo North Grainstore Inc., (Committee of Management) \$5,110 for improving the usability of this important community space.

1st Mirboo North Cub Scout Group, \$5,000 for Mirboo North Scout Hall heating and cooling. Hazelwood Cemetery Trust, \$500 for a new Sexton's Hut sign.

Mirboo North Fire Brigade, \$2,000 towards a fridge for their Forward Command Vehicle. Grand Ridge Rail Trail Committee of Management, \$4,400 for resurfacing a section of the Grand Ridge Rail.

Mirboo North Junior Basketball Team, \$935 for uniform replacement

Mirboo Country Development Inc., \$3,000 for the 'Welcome' element of the Winterfest.

Mirboo North Bowling Club Inc., \$3,000 for security upgrades.

The Board of the Community Bank thank our loyal customers, shareholders, and excellent staff who make this all happen. Our sound banking business enabled us, through the CIP to give back to our communities total funding of \$44,285 in the March 2023 round! Keep an eye out for our next CIP round, later in the year.

For enquiries, please email srcell1@bigpond.com

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Robern Lubawski.



young people, a NAIDOC Dress Up Ball with live First Nations music, First Nations speakers on local culture, and a First Nations film marathon. If you would like to know more, be involved or assist in making this event a success - please contact Margie or Donna at boolaracd@gmail.com

Stay tuned to the BCDG Facebook page for more details & activities - coming soon. Meanwhile save the dates

- Sunday 2 July - Flag Raising and Smoking Ceremony - Railway Park 11am.
- Monday 3rd - Friday 7 July - Free Art Workshops all ages - creating decorations for the NAIDOC Ball.
- BOOLARRA NAIDOC Ball on Saturday 8 July at the Boolarra Memorial Hall - Dance and dress-ups for all ages.

The NAIDOC Ball will see the hall decorated with artworks created during the week workshops and a dance performance to Baker Boy will inspire audience to dance in a First Nations music party night. This is a BYO dinner family friendly event, set up cabaret style with dance floor. Anyone who arrives without dress-ups/costumes will be allocated a costume at the door (selected by local kids). There will be prizes in different categories for the best dress-ups. The NAIDOC ball costs \$15 / adult and free for kids.

Margie Mackay.

Boolarra Memorial Hall Inc.

Quite a bit of welcome activity is happening at the Hall lately. Great to see people are using our terrific local facility. The Boolarra Community Development Group have instigated a monthly market on the 1st Sunday of each month. The first market was held on a warm sunny day and it was great to see the community support it.

Various activities held by Douglas & Mackay have livened up the Hall and with regular bookings from the exercise and yoga it's all go. The Hall will shortly be welcoming a local Christian Fellowship group on a Wednesday (stage area) at 4pm. So, if this is your interest keep an eye out for the action.

The Committee of the Hall welcomes the purchase of a new light-weight stick vacuum and also a hard floor cleaner courtesy of a grant from the Community Enterprise Foundation (Bendigo Bank). This organisation have been a regular supporter of the Hall and we are very appreciative of this generosity.

The Hall committee welcomes anyone in the community who have an interest in supporting the Hall. The current committee have all done their share over 25 plus years, time for a change.

*Roz Carstairs,
Secretary.*

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Grants and First Aid Kits awarded from the Mirboo North Pharmacy Fund

On Monday 22nd May the Community Foundation awarded six \$1,000 grants to local community organisations and distributed First Aid Kits to 10 more community groups with funds from the Mirboo North Pharmacy Sub-fund.

The Mirboo North Pharmacy Sub-fund was set up earlier this year to hold the \$10,000 prize which the Mirboo North Pharmacy won, when it was announced as a winner of the Arrotex Community Pharmacy of the Year at the end of 2022. “The Mirboo North Pharmacy would not have won Community Pharmacy of the Year without the support of our local community. We really appreciate the 500 plus votes that we received and all of the suggestions and enthusiasm for

nominating recipients for the prize money,” says Tamara Teylor, Dispensary Technician at the Mirboo North Pharmacy.

“As only one organisation could be nominated for the \$10,000 prize, the team at Mirboo North Pharmacy decided to nominate the Communi-

ty Foundation, so that the donation could benefit more than one local community organisation,” added Ruth Rogan. “The Community Foundation was happy to set up a sub-fund to hold the \$10,000 donation and to receive recommendations on how these funds could be distributed within the community.”

Tamara went on to talk about the process involved. “We made a number of recommendations to Community Foundation about which organisations might be supported by a grant from the Pharmacy fund, based on the voting by the community and our background in supporting the health of our community. We are delighted with the good use that the money is being put to across so many organisations.”

The six grant funded projects are BooFIIT for some new equipment, U3A, Mirboo North

& District, for a new laptop, Mirboo North’s Early Learning Centre for enhancements to the outdoor play area, Equip Church for the twice monthly food distribution program, the Wednesday Warriors to go towards a new vehicle for their volunteers and the Mirboo North Community Garden for their establishment.

First Aid Kits funded through this sub-fund are also going to 10 more community organisations, which will make sure that these volunteer organisations have the materials to hand to reduce the severity of an injury and prevent infection when the unexpected happens.

If you missed out on a First Aid Kit this time round, we do expect to distribute a second round in the Spring - email us on info@mirboodistrict-foundation.org.au.

If you want to find out more about how to set up a sub-fund for a purpose close to your heart, check out our website on www.mirboodistrict-foundation.org.au.

*Ruth Rogan,
Executive Officer,
Mirboo North & District Community Foundation.*



Time to take the Pulse of our Community again –

Vital Signs Report 2023

The Vital Signs Report framework is about engaging locals in developing a snapshot of how a community is faring in key quality of life areas – Health and Wellbeing, Education and Learning, Economy, Environment and Belonging. The first Mirboo North & District’s Vital Signs Report was published three years ago and it is now time to take the pulse of the communities in our district once again.

It has been a challenging three years since the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation and the Community Bank, Mirboo North & District collaborated in bringing together the lived experiences from our district with credible data relating to how we are doing in key quality of life domains. The 2020 Report was published as we were experiencing the first lockdown of the pandemic which led us to circulate online and by sending a printed copy to the almost 8,500 homes in our district.

The 2020 MN&D Vital Signs Report fostered a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities before our community, it enabled discussions – initially online – about funding projects to address these. It provided important evidence in the development of project planning, including securing support from local government and grant makers.

The two organisations are very pleased to continue their collaboration in developing an updated Mirboo North & District’s Vital Signs Report for 2023.

“The Vital Signs framework emphasises on-going reporting to make sure we are up to date on how we are going as a community. We were particular-



**Mirboo North & District
Community Foundation**

ly keen to update the report at this time, to reflect the changes wrought by Covid-19 pandemic,” explained Anne Marie Dieperink, Executive Officer, Community Bank, Mirboo North & District.

The preparation work for Mirboo North & District’s Vital Signs Report 2023 is well underway with the credible data having been gathered and reviewed.

“We anticipate that the 2023 Report will be published over winter and that come spring we will hold a Vital Conversation community event to discuss some of the key points that emerge,” added Ruth Rogan, Executive Officer, Mirboo North & District Community Foundation. “In the meantime, we will again be seeking input from the community on why they love where they live.”

To view the original Mirboo North & District Vital Signs Report (which was produced in four versions for Boolarra, Yinnar, Thorpdale and Mirboo North) have a look at www.mirboonorthdistrictfoundation.org.au etc.

*Ruth Rogan,
Executive Officer,
Mirboo North & District Community Foundation.*



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The Club has had a mixed start to the season to date, the Seniors and Reserves only picking up the one win each in the first six rounds. In saying that we have come up against some very good opposition and been well and truly in most games but just not able to get over the line. The next six rounds will decide which direction our season will go. Both coaches have been content with our endeavor and style of play but feel we've let ourselves down with lapses of concentration and intensity.

In other news around the Club, it was a huge milestone for Boolarra local James Holmes who recently played his 250th Senior Club game. You won't find a better clubman getting around, amongst other things James has been a Senior coach, Junior coach, assistant coach, long serving committee member, Head of the social committee. The Club would like to thank and congratulate James on this huge achievement, Keith, Lisa

and Sarah would be very proud

Don't forget Thursday Night Meals at the Club is in full swing at the moment. Chef John Battista is back again this season and eager to cook you a succulent, delicious dinner. Meals start at 6pm on a Thursday and the best part is everyone is welcome! You don't need to be a member of the Club. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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			Yoga	Secretary yinnarcg@gmail.com 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

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.