

occupied the house since that time including Norman Folkes, Tom Pritchett, Scotty McCabe, Bob Bennett and the Stockdale family.

16. BLACKSMITHS AND WHEELWRIGHTS ~ CIRCA 1907
Bob Fraser was the first blacksmith and wheelwright to set up this enterprising business in the township. Norman Folkes followed, then Thomas Pritchett ran the business for many years.

The building was then sold to Scotty McCabe and the final "Smithy" was Bob Bennett in 1924. The Blacksmiths Shop closed as a business in 1951. In the 1920's Mr George Ballard conducted a Men's Hairdressing and Boot Repair business from an iron shed

used in the collection of milk for the factory opposite. Mr Stan Edge was in charge of the stables during the peak production years of the factory.

The second building which was dismantled in the 1970's, housed the stallion, hay and grain for the horses. The building was used by Tom Johnstone for his plumbing supplies as he was contracted by the Fosters for the local houses & farms. Geoff Foley conducted a Motor Repair Business in the shed from 1947 to 1952.

The Boisdale community is grateful to the Foster family for the donation of the Stables building in 2007, a tangible link with the history of Boisdale.

The original building was relocated to Pearce's Lane in the 1960s. This current building is similar in style to the former building.

19. BOISDALE PUBLIC HALL ~ 1904
Following community consultation Askin Foster called for tenders to erect a recreational Hall in Boisdale. The building was designed by G.H Cain of Sale and Mr Buttery was the successful tender at £661. The hall was completed by October 1904.

The hall originally housed a lending library, was used as a school prior to the new State School being constructed in 1910, also a venue for church services, weddings, meetings and community celebrations. The building was leased in 1931 through pledges from community members and

He was later captain of the Boisdale Football Team and a renowned cricketer. Other residents were the McLeods, Kenihams, Tom Leighton, Harry Kelly & Fred (Nobby) Schweder, Mr & Mrs D. Baker and son Les.

21. BOISDALE STATE SCHOOL - HEAD TEACHERS RESIDENCE ~ CIRCA 1914
Built as a residence for the Head teacher at the Boisdale State School 3017, which was located next door. It was also used as a teachers residence when the school building was relocated to the Boisdale Consolidated site in 1950.

Extensions to the building were carried out in 1922.

Mr Thomas Murnane, was the first head teacher to reside here, followed

increasing number of pupils. The new school opened on 26th August, 1910 with forty-five pupils and Miss Rebecca Hazlett as Head Teacher and Miss Dolly Findlay as assistant teacher. The school thrived with the introduction of the Closer Settlement Scheme and the Irrigation Scheme bringing new settlers to the district.

A Consolidated School was proposed for the district in the late 1940's and Boisdale was chosen as the successful site.

The Boisdale State School closed and the building was relocated to the new site overlooking the township in 1950. The significant Oak Tree planted around 1910 at the rear of the site is

a reminder for former pupils as the area where their horses were tethered.

23. EARLY POST OFFICE ~ CIRCA 1910
The Boisdale Post Office was housed in this building from 1914 with Mr F.C. Waller as post master. In 1917 Miss Annie Little was appointed post mistress, followed by Miss Emmie Sewell. The Post Office was transferred to Fieldens in 1924. A market garden was established in the early 1900's by three Chinese men in the block next to the house and supplied local residents with produce.

Other residents include the Foley family, Tom Johnstone, who ran a "Mastersports" Pushbike agency in Boisdale. Mr & Mrs Bob Goldie, Bill Bennett, Stan Trewin and the Bedggood family.

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adjacent to the building, also selling groceries, pies and lollies.

A cartage business operated from the premises over many years run by Killeens, Kevin Smyth, Ameys, Madsens & Whelans.

Well known local resident, Les Baker owned the building for many years and operated a machinery repair business. As Boisdale never had a hotel, the Blacksmiths became the local venue to congregate and relate local stories.

17. BOISDALE STABLES ~ CIRCA 1910
Originally two stables buildings were constructed by Mr A.M Foster to support the Cheese & Butter Factory. This building housed up to thirty horses

18. SITE OF MANAGERS RESIDENCE FOR THE CHEESE & BUTTER FACTORY ~ CIRCA 1907

Built next to the Cheese & Butter Factory the original house was home to Mr John Powell and his family. Mr Powell was manager of the factory for seventeen years. Due to the size of the residence rooms were let for local teachers and workers in the area.

Residents have included Mr & Mrs J. Foley and family, Jack Dell and Mrs Dolly Burnett who was renowned for her cooking, especially meat pies which were sought after by local residents and school pupils.

purchased from the Foster Estate in 1938.

It remains as a community icon and is a credit to the dedicated residents of Boisdale who have maintained and improved the facility over many years. The Hall and community celebrated its centenary in 2004.

20. ORIGINAL WORKERS COTTAGE ~ CIRCA 1906

This cottage was constructed from bricks made at the brick kiln on Fosters Hill, which was established in 1901. Early residents were Ern and Nell Hawkins (nee Bennett) 1907, who were married in the Boisdale Hall. Ern was employed at the Cheese and Butter Factory as the Chief Cheese Maker.

by Messers H. Radford, H. Tate, W. Ruth, E. Bowley, K. Borrack, C.Dodd, K.Benaldo and families.

Mr John Roberts, first Head teacher at Boisdale Consolidated School and his wife Amy resided in the residence for sixteen years and greatly contributed to the Boisdale Community.

22. BOISDALE STATE SCHOOL SITE 3017 ~ 1910

The Boisdale State School was built on this site in 1910 by Mr F.J. McCarthy for £697. The land was purchased from the Victorian Railways.

The original school was built in McGrath's Lane, Boisdale but was inadequate due to its location and the



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Butchers
Cheese & Butter Factory
Heritage
Bakery
General Store

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The Boisdale Pastoral Run was taken up for Lachlan Macalister in 1842 by Angus McMillan, who settled at Bushy Park. It transferred to the Foster family in 1850. This run consisted of approximately 10,000 acres and was utilized as grazing land.

In the late 1800's small holdings were leased for dairy farming which was becoming profitable. Each farmer was supplied with a house, sheds, dairy herd and tools. The township of Boisdale was modelled on the lines of an English village when established by Askin Foster and his brother in the early 1900's.

A Cheese and Butter factory was built in the township (next to the original General Store) and houses, shops, bakery, stables

Following Askin Foster's death and the depression of the 1930's assets were sold, including the Cheese & Butter factory, this was later demolished.

The old Stables building in the main street has been donated to the Boisdale Community and will be used as a museum to early agriculture and a community resource centre. The bustling township of the early 1900's is very different from the Boisdale we see today. But the local residents retain the same spirit and appreciation for their community as those early pioneers.

Enjoy our Township

1. SITE OF THE BOISDALE CHEESE & BUTTER FACTORY ~ 1900 - 1921
The Boisdale Butter Factory was

2. BOISDALE GENERAL STORE AND RESIDENCE ~ 1902
In May 1902, G.H.Cain, architect of Sale, called for tenders for the erection of a brick shop, dwelling and bakehouse for Mr A.M. Foster. This was one of the first buildings erected in the township. In the early years the Store traded six days per week, with late trading on Saturdays until 9.30pm and was closed on Thursday afternoons.

Some of the proprietors have been: W.S. Balding, McLroy & Porter, Porter Bros., Jacksons Pty. Ltd., R & J Powell, J. Clark, F. Hutchinson, J. McPherson, S. Cave, A. Trebilcock, W.H. Tindale, J. McKay, C. Collins, K. Knights, L & B Hardy, G & D Edwards, A & N. Hammond, J & E Curtis, R & M. Brideson and M & H. Burgiel. The Store ceased trading in 1999 and is now a private residence.

4. ORIGINAL WORKERS COTTAGE ~ 1904
One of the first brick cottages built for employees of the Cheese & Butter Factory by Mr A.M. Foster. Designed by Mr G.H. Cain, Sale architect and built by Mr Buttery for £500. Early residents were George & Mary Bennett & family.

5. ORIGINAL WORKERS COTTAGE ~ CIRCA 1904
The early cottages were constructed from bricks made at the brick kiln on Fosters Hill, which was established in 1901 and operated until the early 1950's. Early residents of the cottage were Lewis and Mrs Paton, formerly of Port Fairy. Ern & Betty Stevens and family also resided here.

7. SITE OF THE BOISDALE RAILWAY STATION ~1889 - 1952
The Maffra, Boisdale, Bushy Park, Briagolong railway line first opened on 7th August 1889. Cost of construction was £62,586. The line catered for passengers and goods and ran two or more services each way on week days until 1930, when the passenger service ceased.

The goods service carried livestock, crops, superphosphate, flour, cement, with sugar beet and timber being the main items. The milk train service from the 1920's saw two trains per day operating during the spring and summer months. The Station Master was also the original Post Master for the township.

Some station masters were: Messrs. McNamara, Butler, Moore, J.A.Wilson

The Boisdale Post Office also operated from this location from 1924 with George Fielden as an early postmaster, Miss Marie Burgermeister in 1940 and Mrs J. Foley as post mistress in 1941, the Foley family resided here from 1939 to 1946. It was also the location of the manual telephone exchange before the automatic system was installed. The post office transferred to the General Store in 1956.

9. UNITING CHURCH BUILDING ~ 1921
Mrs Askin Foster donated the block of land to the Presbyterian Church. Following a meeting of both Presbyterian and Methodist parishioners and clergy it was decided to build a church to accommodate both denominations.

operate the business until 1979 and 1995 respectively. The Butcher's shop became the General Store & Post Office in 1999 following the closure of the original General Store.

In 2003 proprietors Alan & Marcia Clayton successfully applied for a liquor licence, effectively overturning a 100 year non alcohol caveat imposed on the township.

11. ORIGINAL WORKERS COTTAGE ~ CIRCA 1908
Thought to be one of the earliest concrete block constructed houses in Victoria, this cottage was built from blocks remaining following the construction of the two-story arcade of shops and offices in Johnson Street Maffra by Foster Bros. in 1908. The

Early residents were Mr & Mrs F. Shingles, McKernan's, Maddie Madsen and later Barry & Marge Madsen.

13. ORIGINAL WORKERS COTTAGE ~ CIRCA 1907
Tenders were called for the construction of three brick cottages in 1907, with Mr S.P. Ashton as the architect and Mr W. Dennett as the builder. This cottage originally built to house the Cheese and Butter Factory workers & their families has been the residence of the Willis family, Bob & Alice Kennedy, Mrs Tom (Daisy) Risely, Norm (Sunny) & Helena Alexander and the Killeen family.

14. ORIGINAL WORKERS COTTAGE ~ CIRCA 1907
Another cottage designed by Mr S. P. Ashton and constructed in 1907.



and a blacksmiths were constructed in the main street for the factory workers, their families and the farmers.

The community hall was built in 1904 as a meeting place, library and initially used for church services. The State School was built in the main street in 1910 and the train line ran behind the township with 2-3 trains per day travelling from Maffra to Briagolong. The station was situated on the site of the football oval.

Closer Settlement from 1910 saw small farms purchased and an influx of families to the area. Farming was difficult with small acreages and poor water catchments, so the construction of the Glenmaggie Weir and irrigation system in the 1920's was extremely beneficial.

originally constructed by Foster Bros. to process milk from the newly established dairy farms on Boisdale Estate.

The building erected at a cost £4800, was impressive with the latest equipment & white marble on the floor and dadoes. The building was extended in 1905 to include cheese manufacturing for which it achieved local and international awards. Up to fifteen workers were employed at the factory and many were accommodated in houses in the township.

Mr John Powell was Factory Manager for the 17 years of its operation. The factory was sold in 1918 and again in 1921, but was non-operational and was finally demolished.

3. BOISDALE BAKERY ~ 1902 AND BRICK COTTAGE ~1904
The bakery operated as part of the General Store for many years. It closed and was re-opened in 1928 by Alan Duffy as a separate business.

Other bakers have been McKernan Bros., Jim McKay, Monty Cameron and C & L. Tobias.

The bakery is now on the same title as the brick cottage which was designed by Sale Architect, G.H. Cain, for employees from the Cheese & Butter factory. It was built by Mr Buttery for £500. Early residents of the cottage were Will & Jessie Amey, nee McRae, 1911. Later residents were Joe & Lorna Walton.

6. THE CONFECTIONERY SHOP ~ CIRCA 1913
The "Lolly shop" was established by Mr & Mrs R. Knight and operated until 1916, when Mr & Mrs W. Powell purchased the property and remained there until 1951. The building was also an agency for the State Savings Bank.

Miss Rita Spillman then conducted the business until her death in 1964, when it was sold to Ken & Gwilma Newton. The business closed in the 1960's.

The shop is now a private dwelling and incorporates the Boisdale Garage which was established by Ken Newton in the 1960's, this was later sold to George & Freda Bick in 1974, then to Laurie & Mary Smith in 1993.

1923-1926 & J. MacKay 1926-1930.
Early gangers who maintained the tracks were: Mr P. McGrath 1889, W. Fielden, Geo. Dell and John Clarkson. The train service finally closed on 21st October 1952.

8. EARLY HOUSE ~ 1889
Owned by Mr & Mrs W. G. (Wattie) Fielden in the 1920's. Mr Fielden was a ganger for the local railway & a renowned cricketer.

In the early 1920's a Billiards and Snooker Parlour operated from these premises and was well patronised, particularly during the construction of the irrigation channels. The Parlour closed around 1930 following the completion of the irrigation project.

In June 1921 a tender was finalised and the successful builder was Mr Leo Little. The church was officially opened on 25th January 1922.

10. ORIGINAL BUTCHERS SHOP & RESIDENCE ~ CIRCA 1910
The first butcher in Boisdale was Mr W. Stuchberry, followed in 1911 by Mr F.C. Waller. The business was sold in 1916 to Mr John Tatterson who operated the business until 1926, when his sons Claude and Perc assumed control and traded as Tatterson Bros.

Claude & Glad and Perc & Rita were active members of many Boisdale organisations. Claude's sons Jack and David Tatterson continued to

concrete blocks measuring 12 x 6 x 6 inches were made on site in Maffra.

Some of the early residents of the cottage were Gus Blom, the original wireless maker for local residents, Coombes, Stephenson and Gore families.

12. ORIGINAL WORKERS COTTAGE ~ CIRCA 1908
Also built of concrete blocks remaining following the construction of the two-story arcade of shops and offices in Johnson Street, Maffra by Foster Bros. and thought to be one of the earliest concrete block constructed houses in Victoria. These blocks were made on site in Maffra. In later years cladding has been used over the original blocks.

All the buildings in the township had white picket fences and many of the cottages had fretwork around the verandas. Some of the residents of this cottage have been Pat & Pearl Killeen, the Jorgensen family and Gavin & Val Whelan.

15. ORIGINAL BLACKSMITH'S RESIDENCE ~ CIRCA 1907
The original home of Bob Fraser and his family, the first blacksmith in Boisdale. The blacksmith attended the horses for the Cheese & Butter Factory opposite, constructed and repaired farm implements and wagons.

This building was constructed from bricks made at the brick kiln on the Foster property. Many families have