

# ABOUT **Boort**

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## Rusty: The Redfin



The Boort Development Committee is making progress with its metal sculpture strategy for Boort, and most recently "**Rusty The Redfin**" has been installed beside the lake, between the tennis clubhouse and croquet lawn. Rusty is the creation that was produced from the successful metal sculpture workshops that were run last year at the Men's Shed. We plan to run these workshops again in the lead up to the metal sculpture competition at the Boort Show. More details will be released shortly.

Boort Development Committee volunteers will also shortly install into Nolens Park another wonderful spanner sculpture artwork kindly donated by John and Sonia Piccoli, so stay tuned for that one. This is all part of a plan to develop a sculpture trail around the lake, which in time should bring many visitors to Boort.

### **Boort District Health Traffic Hazard Notice:**

Please be aware that due to the redevelopment of the health service there will be increased traffic, heavy machinery and building works from 7:00 am — 6:00 pm, Monday to Saturday.

Please take care when commuting around Boort District Health; Kiniry Street Boort (between the corners of Coutts street and Malone Street) and Malone Street (Men's Shed entrance).

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## NCFL LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

The Junior Football Club played in the U12 lightning premiership at Wedderburn on 19<sup>th</sup> July. It was another fresh winter start for families with a huge frost to start the day off. We had a pleasing result in the Lightning Premiership with our Junior football U12 boys having an encouraging win. We were able to have quite a few boys from Grades 3 & 4 get a taste of competitive football for the first time. The new kids on the block may have been small in stature but they played with great heart and didn't back away from the contested footy. Thanks to our coaches for the day Dean Bremner & Greg Boyd. Their enthusiasm was contagious.



Team Members were (Left to Right & Back to Front): Will Toose, Edward Weaver, Fletch Last, Angus Potter, Lance Malone, Josh Rothacker, Will Perryman, Syd Edwards, Connor Leersen, Ryan Brown, Owen Barnett, Sam Barraclough, Jake Boyd, Tom Potter, Alex Cockerell, Ryan O'Flarharty, Dylan Leersen, Edward Moresi, Liam Baker, Jacob Mulquiny & Jesse Rye. (Waterboy: Quinten Edwards & Runners on the day were Cobi Maxted, Jack Featherby & Jack Weaver)

All teams represented on the day look to have a promising future in the NCFL with many strong young footballers amongst them. All football was played with terrific sportsmanlike behaviour.

## Commencement of Management Plan for Lake Boort Wildlife Reserve

Parks Victoria has appointed consultants Context Pty Ltd to develop a management plan for Lake Boort Wildlife Reserve. Development of the plan is an outcome of the Dja Dja Wurrung Recognition and Settlement Agreement.

Lake Boort WR (502 ha) is in north-west Victoria, 1 km south of Boort township and 87 km north west of Bendigo. The reserve is of extremely high cultural heritage value for among other things the high density of culturally modified trees and other Aboriginal places. The reserve includes a small length of Kinypanial Creek which flows into Lake Boort from the southern end. Little Lake Boort is not included as part of this plan.

The planning process has informal and formal opportunities for input from interested individuals and organisations including Community Open House sessions to be undertaken in the local area in August- September 2015 and release of a draft plan for public comment later in 2015.

The plan will be finalised following revision of the draft plan in response to public comments, endorsement from the Dja Dja Wurrung Governing Council and submission of the final plan for adoption by the Minister for Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Parks Victoria encourages everyone interested in the future of this reserve to email any comments to the planning team: [parkplan@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:parkplan@parks.vic.gov.au). Should you require further information please visit [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/plans and projects](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/plans_and_projects) or contact Linda Greenwood on 03 8627 4803.



Boort Pre-School presents

## 'Boort Shopping Bonanza'

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015

7:00 pm

Boort Memorial Hall

\$10 entry includes Supper & multiple door prizes!

Beverages available for purchase at bar prices.

Tickets can be purchased from **Boort Emporium** – secure yours by  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
to be entered in the Early Bird Draw.

**WITH OVER 20 STALL HOLDERS ATTENDING INCLUDING  
PARTY PLANS AND BUSINESSES**

For more information, please contact Kelly Henderson on 0427 280 583 or  
[khenderson7311@gmail.com](mailto:khenderson7311@gmail.com)

**Enjoy a social night out whilst also supporting all our businesses and our local  
Pre School.**

## ANZAC Service Serpentine April 2015

Though the Loddon Shire Anzac Commemoration Service held at Serpentine in April is behind us, those that attended can revisit and reflect on the day through a web gallery located on the Loddon Shire website.

The film of the service can also be viewed at Councils website or via streaming on [YouTube](#), and photographs in low resolution can also be viewed at [Flickr](#).

If people would like a high resolution copy of any of the images they can contact [anzac@loddon.vic.gov.au](mailto:anzac@loddon.vic.gov.au) quoting the photograph's number listed on the web page.

### FIRST AID KIT CHECKS

TO ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS, SPORTING GROUPS, PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT AND INDIVIDUALS.

It is time to have a good check of your First Aid.

Dispose of and replace any out of date items

Replace any used items

Is there anything you could add this year to improve your First Aid kit.

LAST YEAR THE BOWLING CLUB AND BRIC PURCHASED A DEFIBRILLATER.....WELL DONE. THERE IS ALSO ONE AT BOORT PARK

WE COULD STILL DO WITH MORE AROUND THE TOWN. I ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER THIS MATTER as urgent attention saves lives if a defibrillator is available



## Boort Hospital Building Update



The builders have now been on site for almost two months. The intention of the building program is to ensure that everything is on the same level because to have steps within the new building would be unsafe for patients and residents. Therefore, the site has had to be built up about three metres. The builders have been setting in the concrete piers and these are almost four metres deep. The foundation slab will be anchored to the piers. We have now moved through the messy part of the build where soil needed to be brought to site. We understand that at times this was inconvenient especially when it started to rain and there was mud everywhere. Thank you to everyone for your patience during this phase. The landscaping planned for the front of the building will soften everything and it will look very attractive once completed.

The building program is on schedule. Part One of the build which is the new Ageing in Place facility, acute rooms, courtyards, landscaping and new entry is still on target to be completed in April 2016. If you would like to keep up to date with what is happening on site please go to our Facebook page at Boort District Health.

### Boort District Health Auxiliary

#### Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at

2:00pm

At the Day Care Room

All welcome



### Boort & District Probud Club August Meeting

10:00 am Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August at BRIC

Mary Holloway – Melbourne Airport Chaplain

Guests and visitors welcome.

Researchers believe they may have found the secret to happiness, with Australians who live in towns with less than 1,000 people being significantly happier than those in big cities.

**NEW DATE**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

**Boort Memorial Hall**

**Child-minding will be provided**

**Bookings are essential—phone BRIC on 5455 2716**

**or email: [bric.boort@bigpond.com](mailto:bric.boort@bigpond.com)**



**Crystal Methamphetamine  
Free Community Information session**

**Senior Constable Andrew Neil and  
Leading Senior Constable Andrew Downes,**  
of Victoria Police, will lead the session, including the

following topics:

- ⇒ What is ICE?
- ⇒ How ICE works
- ⇒ How ICE affects the body
- ⇒ Short term & long term harm
- ⇒ Overdose signs & symptoms
- ⇒ Treatment and support options
- ⇒ Ice & Crime in our Community

## GOLF CLUB NEWS

No special dates to remember, but it would be great if more golf members could represent the Boort Club at some of the numerous tournaments that are happening now.

June has been the busy month for Club Championships with Di Johnston having a comfortable win as Lady Club Champion and Dot Beattie had to work hard in a close contest for the B Grade Champion honours. These two ladies then went on to represent Boort in the K.K.D.L. Golf Champion of Champions at Charlton. Dianne won this event by 2 strokes from Mandy Male, Donald. In the Bronze Division Dot missed out by one stroke to Sharyn Erwin, St Arnaud. Well done ladies and congratulations.

Andrew Kane won the Club Championship with an overall score of 209 with Stuart Tweddle coming second while Ben Hellsten (257) won the B Grade title from Kevin Linehan (269). Stuart Tweddle and Craig Allison tied for the Weaver Cup and with the Tournament happening have not been able to have their play-off yet.

During the Tournament the K.K.D.G. District Cup was competed for on the Saturday over the 27 hole event and Andrew Kane defended the title he won last year at Charlton with a score of 33+66=99. Congratulations to Andrew.

The Boort 86<sup>th</sup> tournament was played last week when the ladies struck the wettest day on the Tuesday while Friday and Saturday were good, Sunday was the pick a lovely sunny day and very pleasant for playing golf. Unfortunately this day had the smallest turn out while the other days were well represented by other Clubs. The Club would like to thank all the Sponsors who assisted with the day as without you we would not be able to have such a successful tournament.



## Boort Netball Club Update



It has been a big month of netball and we would like to begin by thanking our loyal supporters who have turned up to spectate in all conditions- cold, rain and shine!

Round 10 saw us host Wedderburn, with the A Grade providing arguably one of the netball highlights of the decade! It was a pleasure to watch both teams, and our girls did an awesome job, managing to hold on for a great win in a nail-biting finish! The dynamic Haw duo did us proud at both ends of the court. Boort Railway Hotel, Georgia Haw.

Our B & C Graders fought hard but were beaten by stronger opposition. Kerang Sportspower, Claudia Griffiths and Boort Emporium, Jacqueline Forster.

The Boort U16's & 13's will have learnt a lot from Wedderburn's great team play. It was great to hear a lot of positive talk and see good team play from both sides. Kerang Sportspower, Kaitlyn Cockerell & Chloe Baker.

The Junior Pie's had a positive start, and with great team work at both ends were able to put several scores on the board. Café 116, Tahli Maxted, Kerang Sportspower, Camilla Moresi.

With Round 11 and the School Holidays upon us, our teams all faced the challenge of adjusting to changed line-ups. Reflecting on our mid-season games at St Arnaud, it is pleasing to be able to see the development in the confidence and skill level of our junior players and teams. Café 116, Felicity Field; Kerang Sportspower, Lily Hosking & Emma Pay. We also saw three evenly matched games of good strong senior netball. Unfortunately only C Grade were able to bring home the points on the day. Boort Emporium, Hannah Whitehouse; Kerang Sportspower, Robyn Hocking; Boort Railway Hotel, Trishelle Martin.

## Boort Netball Club Update cont.

Round 12 versus Donald certainly was a challenge, with some new Magpie line-ups again. It was pleasing to see players step-up and some good battles and strong netball were played throughout the day. Great to see some younger and less experienced girls teaming up well in the juniors. Kerang Sportspower: Sophie Perryman, Zarlie Featherby and Georgia Gardner. Café 116: Grace Hosking, Amy Malone & Phoebe Malone.

Welcome back Judy Parker. You are certainly all class - straight off the plane and on to the court for a best on court effort! Donald seniors played strong netball all afternoon, however the A graders had a tight battle. Our girls got off to a great start with good defence down the court. Boort Emporium, Jacqui Forster; Kerang Sportspower, Judy Parker; Boort Railway Hotel, Ange Doyle.

Last week a small appreciative crowd huddled under cover at a very cold and wet Wycheproof to watch the only junior game. Our U13 girls adjusted well to the novelty of a wet ball & court. Kerang Sportspower, Ella Lanyon.

Despite some reluctance to take off outer layers, our senior netballers also performed admirably in the wintery conditions. Boort Emporium, Kazzandra Ritchie; Kerang Sportspower, April Griffiths & Boort Railway Hotel, Kathryn Lanyon.

Although we love rain, it was lovely to again have the court bathed in winter sun for most of last Saturday's Round 14 clashes against Charlton. Juniors: Café 116 Award to Isabel Coutts & Kerang Sportspower Awards to Ebony Chamberlain & Emma Pay.

The Seniors had a successful day on the scoreboard. Boort Emporium, Bailey Walsh-Coutts & Kerang Sportspower, Jess O Donohue. Congratulations also to Jess Pay on receiving her C-Grade umpiring badge.

Our youngest players and their families had a busy weekend with many making the trip to Wedderburn on Sunday for the U12 Lightning Premiership. The girls all appeared to have an enjoyable day and embrace the opportunity to develop their netball. For many the biggest thrill was putting on a netball dress for the first time! We thank all of our parents and club members for giving up their time to support and inspire our budding netballers. Thanks in particular to Fiona Cockerell for coaching and Judy Parker, Emma Pay and Grace Hosking for umpiring.

In closing, Boort Netball Club would like to invite all of our members and supporters to join us for an afternoon of delightful food and company at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2-4:30pm. This High Tea is a major fundraising initiative for our upcoming court redevelopment. Tickets are \$35 per adult, or \$20 for under 18 and are available from the Boort Emporium or the BNC Committee.

### BOORT SENIORS DATES

- 5th August Casserole Lunch, we are still taking names if you would like to come.
- 19th August Monthly Dinner and Annual Meeting
- 16th September Monthly dinner and a visit from Country Care to show us all the new aids and appliances
- 28th September Blumes Fashions 2:00pm
- 7th October Seniors Week Gala Day at Serpentine
- 21st October Bingo
- 3rd November Melbourne Cup luncheon

Please feel free to come to our functions, we would love to see you.



# Have you ever played hockey for Boort?

*Well come along to the party.....*

## Boort Hockey Club



### 50th Anniversary

Saturday 1st August Boort v St Arnaud

Afternoon tea and memorabilia from

1:00pm (cake cutting 3:15pm)



Women's team playing in vintage style tunics and men digging out the short shorts!

Past and present players and supporters all welcome!

### BOORT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - Interim Season Report

We are fast approaching the end of the home and away season. The early starts for our football families hasn't diminished the enthusiasm shown by our U13 & U16 footballers. The dewy ground is brushed aside by our U13 boys with relish in the hunt for the football. It has been wonderful to see our Junior sides conduct themselves in such a positive way on field with strong displays of sportsmanship. Their skill bases continue to improve under the guidance's of their coaches. Some strong passages of good team play have made for entertaining football for parents and spectators.

Our club congratulates Mitch Baker on gaining selection into the U15 V-Line Cup Team for 2015 . His commitment to improving his football this year has seen Mitch rewarded for his hard work. It is a lot of travelling around for families of country kids in sport so when our kids earn these spots thanks must go to their parents also for making it a priority to get them to all the additional training and games throughout Victoria.

This year has seen the commencement of the NCFL training academy. Boort has had a strong contingent represented this season. The Boort boys that have been provided with an opportunity at the academy this season are

**U12:** Lance Malone & Will Perryman, **U13:**

Jack Weaver, Oliver Toose, Cobi Maxted,

Jack Featherby & Jack Kerr, **U15:** Mitch

Baker, **U16:** Thomas Kerr & Zane Bedford.

The academy has given the boys an opportunity to get to know other boys from throughout the NCFL instead of being in opposition they are team mates.

Strong friendship foundations are built through sport so in addition to the academy allowing the boys to further development skills it has given them the chance to mix with other football fans. A number of coaches are required for the academy to run successfully and our club has had Wayne Maxted selected as a Junior Coach

within the academy. There has been a number of carnivals played by the academy kids against other leagues throughout Victoria. The standard of football played on these days were very high - giving the boys a look into what is required for them to play at another level. Congratulations to all our players.





## A BUSY FOOTY MONTH AND MORE TO COME!

A couple of wins for the Reserves, a few great quarters from the Seniors and plenty happening around the club. Then official lights opening and the combined Sponsors' Day and Goods and Services Auction certainly had everyone busy and provided a few new faces around the club on Thursday night and Saturday afternoon.

The Honourable Peter Walsh, leader of the Victorian National Party and Member for Mallee Plains, officially opened the Boort Park lighting project. The project has seen a significant upgrade to the lighting infrastructure at Boort Park, allowing the Boort Hockey Club to train under lights for the first time and increasing the effectiveness of the lighting for the football ground. Over the course of 2010 and 2011, the Boort Hockey Club looked into ways to provide lighting for their training sessions. In order to provide lighting at the level required, based on the costings of sufficient power supply, it was seen to be a project that both the Football and Hockey Clubs could embrace to provide and improve the lighting effectiveness for the whole ground.

Funding of approximately \$280,000 was sought and received through the National / Liberal state government of the time, the Loddon Shire's Community Planning Fund, Federal Government power upgrade grants and from the Boort Football, Netball, Hockey Club, including in kind labour.

The lights were first used for pre-season Football training in March 2013 and for Hockey in that season. The club will be negotiating with the North Central Football League to play a twilight game towards the start of the 2016 season in order to use the lighting to its full potential.



Together with Peter Walsh, the Loddon Shire was represented by the Mayor, Gavan Holt and local representative, Neil Beattie. Mr Holt spoke to the assembled crowd, including Football Club President, Doug Aldrich, Junior Football President, Adam Potter, Netball President, Angela Doyle and Hockey resident, Craig Slatter, about the need for communities to work together to develop facilities for the future.

Mr Beattie highlighted the importance of taking on leadership roles and people putting their hands up to help out when needed. He also focussed on continuing to look for ways to improve our community and its facilities. All speakers reminisced about previous times and highlighted the improvements that Loddon Shire,

Government grants and community work had brought to the Boort Park facility.

A number of community members who were also involved in the development of the lighting project included Kevin Sutton, Ken Loader, Mick Fitzpatrick, Ross Pay, Barry Kennedy, Ian Mercer, Heath Saunders with apologies to any other missed.

The Goods and Services Auction enjoyed great patronage from some of our major sponsors and many of the local community. We thank all for their attendance, donations and support. Mark Perryman, Tim and Meredith Byrne and all who contributed to the organisation of this evening and the Sponsors 'should be congratulated.

With 2016 firmly in the club sights, we have started our search for the players that will allow us to be more competitive next year. We ask all supporters to contact members of the recruiting committee, Kane Arnold, Gordy Parker, Nathan Gooding, Doug Aldrich or any committee member, with names for us to contact. We want to attract the type of player that will link up with our young players and local contingent to bring on field success.

The Feeny Medal, North Central Football's Bets and Fairest count will be held at the Boort Memorial Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. This will be a great opportunity to showcase the town and its people. A final is also in the wind for the club this year!

# BOORT SELF DRIVE TOUR

*Cycle, Ride or Drive your way around Boort!*

**Sunday 16th August  
10:00-4:00  
2015**

**\$5 individuals  
or  
\$10 per  
Family**

## LOCATIONS

- # Piccoli's Spanner Garden 
- # Simply Tomatoes/ 
- # Aussie Wool Quilts
- # Akراسي Wines
- # Boundary Bend Olives  
1 tour only - 11am Sharp
- # Salute Oliva
- # Court House Museum
- # Cafe 116  
- # Railway Hotel 
- # Commerical Hotel 

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Simply visit 4 tourist attractions  
and 1 food outlet to go in the  
draw to win \$300 local shopping  
voucher or Luncheon by the Lake  
Tickets!

**Please start your day at the court house from 10am**

**The Boort Netball Club proudly  
present this major fundraising  
initiative for our upcoming court  
redevelopment at Boort Park.**



*High Tea*

**@ The Hall**

**Sunday 9th August 2 - 4:30pm  
\$35 per person or \$20 for u/18**

*Join us for an afternoon of  
delightful food & company!*

**\$5 from each ticket sale donated to BCNA and Headspace.**

**Tickets available at Boort Emporium  
or from the BNC Committee.**

# Boort Sculpture By The Lake

## The Metal Sculpture Competition at A&P Society Boort Show



Total Prize Pool:

**Entry Form** [email: kload@bigpond.com; mail: PO Box 56, Boort 3537; ph: 0427 554 240]

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sculpture name \_\_\_\_\_

**Category type** [tick one box]

Open

Local artist: 50km radius

Under 18 yrs

**Sculptures of any form made from metal items typically found throughout rural Australia**

Entries accepted until 9 October 2015. All sculptures must be delivered to Boort Show site by 9:30 am on 10 October & can be collected from 5:30 pm. Winners announced & presentations made at Boort Show on 10 October. **Entry fees: \$20, U18: \$10.** Full details and T&C's at:

***www.boortsculp.wordpress.com***

## Prizes and Categories

<b>OPEN &amp; First Prize</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
OPEN Second	\$500
<b>LOCAL First</b>	<b>\$500</b>
LOCAL Second	\$150
<b>UNDER 18 First</b>	<b>\$300</b>
UNDER 18 Second	\$150
<b>PEOPLE'S CHOICE</b>	<b>\$400</b>



### Boort Tennis Club

#### AGM

Wednesday 19th August  
7:30 pm

At the Clubhouse

### Boort and District CERT Committee

#### AGM

Monday 10th August  
7:30 pm

At the Hospital  
Day Care Room

### BRIC COURSE

#### Understanding Computers

\*Word\*Email\*Internet  
\* Photos etc

commencing  
Monday 17th August

Contact BRIC  
54552716

## **COMING EVENTS 2015**

Saturday 25/7	FNHC Boort bye
Wednesday 29/7	ICE information session
Saturday 1/8	Boort Hockey Club 50th Anniversary
Saturday 1/8	FNHC Boort v St Arnaud
Saturday 1/8	FNHC Races Night
Wednesday 5/8	Senior's casserole lunch
Friday 7/8	Probus
Saturday 8/8	FNHC Donald v Boort
Sunday 9/8	Netball Club High Tea at the Hall
Monday 10/8	Wakakirri performance
Monday 10/8	CERT AGM
Tuesday 11/8	BDH Auxiliary AGM
Saturday 15/8	Boort v Wyche-N.port
Saturday 15/8	FNHC Last Man Standing
Sunday 16/8	"Tour de Boort"
Wednesday 19/8	Senior's lunch & AGM
Wednesday 19/8	Boort Tennis Club AGM
Saturday 22/8	FNHC Charlton v Boort
Sunday 23/8	Indoor Bias Bowls Tournament
Friday 4/9	Preschool Shopping Bonanza
Sunday 6/9	Father's Day at Star Spanner & Sculpture Garden
Wednesday 16/9	Senior's Dinner
Monday 28/9	Blumes Fashions at Seniors
Monday 28/9	Shearing School starts
Wednesday 7/10	Seniors Week Gala Day
Friday 9/10	Entries close - Sculpture Comp
Saturday 10/10	Boort Show Day
Saturday 10/10	Sculpture by the Lake
Wednesday 21/10	Bingo at seniors
Saturday 24/10	Luncheon by the Lake
Tuesday 3/11	Seniors Cup Luncheon
Friday 11/12	Christmas Street Festival
Sunday 27/12	Movie by the Lake

*Read on for more details*

## **Community Grants Scheme**

Loddon Shire has allocated \$199,124.23 towards recreation, sporting and service organizations to deliver projects that improve the quality of life for residents.

Since the scheme was initiated, Council has invested almost \$2 million dollars towards 650 community-based projects worth a total of \$5.5 million.

Council received 49 applications for projects from communities throughout the shire requesting in total \$248,000 in funding for the 2015/2016 financial year.

Of these, 42 applications were approved for funding by Council and these will amount to projects worth in excess of \$385,000.

Key projects Council will contribute to under the grants scheme include: the purchase of kitchen equipment and a patio setting for the Calivil United Football Netball Club, the purchase of a shade structure at the Bridgewater Recreation Reserve playground, the installation of a netball coaches and spectator box at the Wedderburn Netball Club and the purchase of a portable stage for the Boort Community Centre.

The Loddon Shire Community Grants program has been a success story since its inception over a decade ago.

Organisations have been advised of the outcome of their application.

Welcome to new business owner Fiona Caine who has taken over from Patricia O'Sullivan as proprietor of Boort Vet Services. We wish her Good Luck and hope the community will support her.



**Articles for the newsletter need to arrive by 9:00 am on the 20th of August for inclusion in the September newsletter, preferably by email to [bric.boort@bigpond.com](mailto:bric.boort@bigpond.com)**