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What will help us get through the drought?

Now is the time to speak up.

The state government wants to hear from drought affected communities in order to know how to help them.

This follows the announcement of a drought package in November.

An online forum has been established to provide an opportunity for communities to have a say in how to best allocate the \$10 million drought response fund to support affected farmers, their families and communities.

The state government forum allows you to ask a question, submit comments or vote on other people's ideas.

Members of our farming communities here in Loddon Shire are encouraged to take the opportunity to carefully consider their needs and submit feedback.

After all it's our farmers, businesses and communities who are best placed to know what measures will help Loddon Shire get through the drought.

To speak out about what you, and your community here in Loddon Shire you need to go to <http://www.oursay.org/victoriandrought>.



Boort & District Probis Club February Meeting

10:00 am Friday 5th February at BRIC

Nakeya Mountjoy: Gallipoli Centenary

Nakeya is a student at East Loddon who visited Gallipoli in 2015

Guests and visitors welcome.

March: Annual Meeting Friday 4th March

BOORT HOCKEY CLUB REVERSE TRIATHLON

Sunday 21st February 2016

9:00 am START at Boort Swimming Pool.

Suitable for all comers!

Kids, parents, the super fit, couch potatoes,
grandparents, just have a go!

Make a family team, drag the uncles and aunts along,
come and have fun. Great prizes. Drinks Available

Entry forms available from:

Wendy Last, Ros Lanyon, BRIC, Boort Swimming Pool, Boort District School,
Entry on day of event by 8:45 am.

Entries to be returned to BRIC, Ros Lanyon or Wendy Last

Entries can be mailed to 123 Bishs Rd Bears Lagoon 3517

Enquiries:

Wendy Last:-

lasty@activ8.net.au or 0458279363

Ros Lanyon:- lanyon.roslyn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

or 0428543202

Course Details:

Short Course:

Run 1 lap pumping dam 700m

Ride 1 lap Boort Lake 3.8km

Swim 2 laps of pool 100m

Long Course:

Run: 1 lap Boort Lake 3.8km

Ride: 2 laps Boort Lake 7.6km

Swim: 4 laps pool 200m

Entries:

Short Course INDIVIDUAL \$5

Short Course Team \$15

Long Course INDIVIDUAL \$10

Long Course TEAM \$15





Just a reminder that our next meeting, on the 10th of February in the club rooms will be the **Annual General Meeting**. Please make this date available to attend. There is a lot of business to attend to so we need many ideas and direction for the coming year. Then hopefully we will be able to do some serious fishing.
Ian Lanyon

Boort Business & Tourism Council

Movie Night

The inaugural Movie Night by the Lake was held on December 27th 2015 from 6:00pm. There was a fantastic turnout of people enjoying food and kid's entertainment until the family movie "Oddball" began at dusk. There was popcorn galore, a traditional barbecue run by volunteers from our committee and we were very fortunate to have Justin and his partner from Smokestack Lightning Texas Barbecue with his gourmet barbecue sandwiches, and Central Vic Potatoes for travelling to Boort to be involved in our night. With many local families and visitors attending the evening it made for a very relaxed, enjoyable family night and we will plan another movie night for next summer. Thank you to everyone that attended and supported the night.

Twilight Music and Market by the Lake

We celebrated our 2nd summer Twilight Market & Music by the Lake event on January 2. The weather was kind to us with the rain and wind holding off for the majority of the event. We were extremely lucky to be able to secure Katie Streader and Onnie Baker to provide our musical entertainment. It was a fantastic draw card. With over 20 market stalls as well as entertainment for the children, we were able to provide something to keep the whole family happy. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the work of the BBTC. It enables us to keep our enthusiasm in planning a variety of events that both locals and tourists can enjoy.

Easter Market by the Lake

The annual BBTC Easter Market will be held on Saturday 26th March 2016 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Nolens Park. There will be market stalls, lunch options, kid's entertainment and music to enjoy. We are looking for stallholders for this market, if you or anyone you know is interested in having a stall please contact our committee via email: tourism.boort@gmail.com.au to access an expression of interest form.

Party & Event Hire

Don't look any further for your party or event needs:

The BBTC have 23 cream market umbrellas & stands available for hire. Each umbrella & stand can be hired for \$20. Please contact tourism.boort@gmail.com or drop in at Boort Emporium.

Northern District Community Health Service's Women's Health Clinic including Pap Testing

Consult a Women's Health Nurse about all issues regarding women's health such as pap smears, breast health, contraceptive advice and menopause



Boort Wednesday 10th February 2016

In our office at BRIC in a comfortable and confidential environment.

Please Phone: 5451 0200 for appointment.



Boort Netball Club Update



A small but very keen group of netballers and supporters joined with the Footballers last Sunday 17th for their pre-season launch. It was terrific to have some new faces with us from day one. The enthusiasm of our Senior Coaches is infectious, and a streamlined new dress has been ordered so we will definitely look the part too!

For some, those difficult first steps towards match fitness have commenced, and our senior coaches are encouraging everyone to work diligently to improve their fitness and strength leading up to our Season opener on April 16th.

Our first training will be held on March 3rd, and we are excited about launching our new North West Ag singlets that day. It is fantastic that North West Ag have partnered with BNC this year, and we look forward to working together to make this a great season on and off the court.

Finally, we really want to encourage everyone to come down and get involved in supporting our players courtside this year. We have a practice match planned at Macorna on Saturday 19th March, followed by another at home against Marong on 2nd April. Stay tuned for more information. Go Pies!!



Senior Coaches 2016- Steph Haw, Georgia Haw & Donna Aldrich

PRE-SEASON KICKS OFF FOR FOOTBALLERS

The 17th January saw the football club begin its quest to improve its on field performances in 2016. Last year saw the club invest heavily in its youth and the local contingent. This year, with the leadership of Mark Perryman, Sam Taylor and Nathan Gooding, the club has retained the majority of last year's list and added a number of ex-locals returning home and quality recruits. We are hoping that the social side, which was so good last year, will continue, especially with the quality people coming to the club.

The club would like to welcome the following, so far, to the club, or back to the club – Riley Lehmann, James Orr, Rohan Nolan, Brodie Leonard-Shannon, Jack Baker, Chris O'Rourke, David Johnston, Cody Minogue, Tim Rhook, Jared Fitzpatrick, Dan Cooper and Matt Hodoras.

The pre-season kicked off with a series of fitness tests including a “beep” test shuttle run, some planking, crunches and burpees done to time, followed by some skill work on the school oval. A pleasant afternoon was then spent at the lake. Training will be 6:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, starting at the ground. All players are encouraged to be there, especially with fitness guru, Jared Hall, running specialist fitness sessions for players.

Our pre-season will include practice matches on Saturday 19th March at Macorna and the 2nd April at home vs Marong. Over the next few months the committee will be organising membership information, a sponsorship drive and working with the other clubs to come up with a social calendar for the year.

The club runs only with the help of volunteers – have a think about how you can become involved in 2016 and talk to one of the committee members. The first game against Donald at Donald is on Saturday 16th April. It looks like it will be an exciting ride for the Magpies in 2016 and we urge all to get on board!



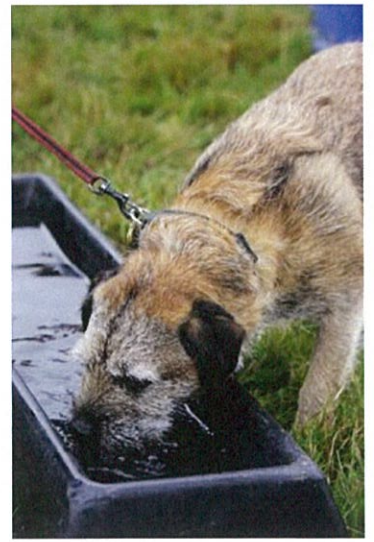
Timely to register your pets

Loddon Council has recently returned several lost dogs to their owners after they became frightened and disorientated in stormy, unpredictable weather. While it's pleasing to note all but one has been happily reunited with their owner due to an increase in microchip and registration numbers, it's timely to remind people to continue taking pet ownership seriously.

Please take extra care to ensure your dog is safely secured when stormy weather is predicted, check they have plenty of water available in the heat and never leave them locked in a hot car.

If you're heading off on holidays make suitable arrangements for pet care well in advance.

All dogs and cats should be registered and microchipped by three months of age.



Extreme Heat and You

During extreme heat it is easy to become dehydrated or for your body to overheat. If this happens, you may develop heat cramps, heat exhaustion or even heatstroke. Heatstroke is a medical emergency which can result in permanent damage to your vital organs, or even death, if not treated immediately. Extreme heat can also make existing medical conditions worse.

COULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW BE AT RISK?



Extreme heat can affect anybody however the people most at risk:

- are aged over 65 years, especially those living alone
- have a medical condition such as diabetes, kidney disease or mental illness
- are taking medications that may affect the way the body reacts to heat such as:
 - allergy medicines (antihistamines)
 - blood pressure and heart medicines (beta-blockers)
 - seizure medicines (anticonvulsants)
 - water pills (diuretics)
 - antidepressants or antipsychotics
- have problematic alcohol or drug use
- have a disability
- have trouble moving around such as those who are bed bound or in wheelchairs
- pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers
- babies and young children
- are overweight or obese
- work or exercise outdoors
- have recently arrived from cooler climates.

HOT CARS KILL



- Never leave kids, adults or pets in hot cars. The temperature inside parked cars can double within minutes.

COPING WITH THE HEAT



- Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty (if your doctor normally limits your fluids, check how much to drink during hot weather).
- Keep yourself cool by using wet towels, putting your feet in cool water and taking cool (not cold) showers.
- Spend as much time as possible in cool or air-conditioned buildings (shopping centres, libraries, cinemas or community centres).
- Block out the sun at home during the day by closing curtains and blinds.
- Open the windows when there is a cool breeze.
- Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day.
- Cancel or postpone outings. If you absolutely must go out, stay in the shade and take plenty of water with you.
- Wear a hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing made from natural fibres like cotton and linen.
- Eat smaller meals more often and cold meals such as salads.
- Make sure food that needs refrigeration is properly stored.
- Avoid heavy activity like sport, renovating and gardening.
- Watch or listen to news reports to find out more information during extreme heat.

HOW YOU CAN HELP OTHERS



- Keep in touch with sick or frail friends and family. Call them at least once on any extreme heat day.
- Encourage them to drink plenty of water.

A NEW CRE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM IN 2016

In 2016, a new program of Christian Religious Instruction for Primary School aged Children will begin in Boort.

As you may be aware, changes to government policy have meant that SRI (previously CRE) programs for children will no longer be running at Boort District School. The former SRI instructors from Boort District School and the Velocity After School Youth Group leaders have joined together to ensure that Boort families can still access a quality program that teaches Christian faith and values.

From February 2016, the 'Velocity After School' program will include a 30-45 minute block of Christian instruction for children from Prep to Grade 6.

Velocity After School is run on Wednesdays, straight after school at the Boort Baptist Church Hall (23 Armstrong Street, Boort) every week during school terms. The leaders of the Velocity After School program will pick up your children after school a (consent form will need to be signed to allow this to happen) and will escort them to the hall where they will enjoy afternoon tea, a program of Christian instruction and a variety of supervised activities, games and crafts. Parents then pick up their children from the hall at 5:45pm.

In 2016 the leaders of Velocity After School will be Karen Rothacker and Suzi Kirkham (Velocity leaders in 2015) along with Kathy Pink, Helen Tular, Ruth Field and Heather McClelland (SRI teachers in 2015).

Further information along with registration and consent forms will be available after the commencement of the new school term.

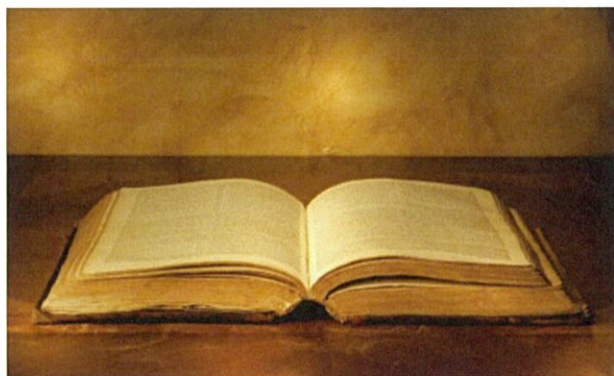
Contact details for Velocity are: velocityboort@gmail.com
Suzi Kirkham [0407 282 513](tel:0407282513)

Karen Rothacker [0418 947 382](tel:0418947382)

Ruth Field [0425 743 512](tel:0425743512)

Kathy Pink [0427 545 521](tel:0427545521)

Or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/velocityafterschool/>



Streetscape Master Plan

A master plan for the development of the main street, town entries and key township areas in Boort, is ready to view.

Loddon Shire Council Manager Community Planning Tim Jenkyn, said that following extensive community consultation and careful consideration for all stakeholders, master plan architectural drawings were ready to be put to the test.

“The plans are available to view online at www.abouttown.org and will also be on display in key locations in each township,” Mr Jenkyn said.

“It’s really exciting to reach this stage and Council looks forward to hearing your thoughts.”

Mr Jenkyn said the project team had worked hard to reach as many people as possible.

“We’ve taken a grass roots approach to gain as much input as possible from the people who live in the towns we are seeking to improve, as their local identities are a wealth of information about where their town and its people have been and are heading as a community.”

“However, the project has been led by Outlines Landscape Architecture and all feedback needs to go directly to them.”

“You can do this by logging onto the “About Town” website or filling out a survey which will be available at key locations within your town.”

“Where possible, we would encourage people to provide feedback online.”

“Simply click on the image of your town on the home page, scroll down the page and you will find a survey where you can respond to each of the design proposals.

Boort Development Committee Report

Committee volunteers installed the circular Spanner Seat around a tree in Nolens Park. The seat sculpture was very kindly donated by John and Sonia Piccoli and we thank them again for their wonderful generosity.

A cultural interpretive sign has been erected on top of Bald Hill. The sign is the result of an agreement between Loddon Shire Council and the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, and was funded as part of the Traditional Owner Settlement Agreement between the State Government and Dja Dja Wurrung.

BDC is working with Loddon Shire Council to arrange installation of new furniture into the new shelters at Nolens Park. Other planned works for the park include a new expanded playground, upgraded seats and tables, and permanent metal rubbish bin stations. BDC is also working with Council to have Federation Walk improved by the installation of new light poles.

A steering committee has been formed to design a major Arts Project for Boort, in response to Regional Arts Victoria Small Town Transformations grants, which provide \$350,000 of funding each to 6 small towns in country Victoria. This independent committee will present the Arts Project submission by 29 February, in what will be a very competitive process as more than 80 towns are expected to compete for this generous funding.

The Loddon Shire Council "Boort Streetscape" Project is now at draft Masterplan stage, and design work can be viewed at: www.abouttown.org The new design work and plans are also displayed in the main street – in the Rubicon Water shop window, and also at BRIC. Feedback from the community on the design is welcome and this can be provided online or on feedback forms available at BRIC.

BOORT DANCE GROUP

Enrolments are now being taken for 2016. Girls and Boys from 3 years and up are welcome to join.

Classes will commence mid March.

For further information or to request an enrolment form for registration, please email details to

couttsbij@bigpond.com

or phone 0419445060.



OLD BOORT STANDARDS

The following old copies of Boort Standard's are required to complete Boort Historical Society's records.

1965 - the entire year

1961 - January to June

1962 - July to December

Please note that we need these papers only.

The Court House Museum is open each Friday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Jennie Weaver,
Secretary



Preparing to manage a power outage

Power outages can occur at any time. To prepare, you should have an energy plan and kit, which includes:

1. **Access to a phone**, such as a charged mobile phone or land line that doesn't rely on electricity to operate.
2. **Alternate lighting**, such as a torch or a battery operated light.
3. **Alternative cooking facilities and heating**. Keep in mind that some gas appliances may still require electricity to operate them. Always ensure gas connections on portable appliances are maintained and in good working order.
4. **A battery-powered radio**. Stay tuned to news services to get updates on weather conditions and power outages.
5. **Access to fresh water**. If you use electricity to run a water pump, make sure you have an alternative source of fresh water.
6. **Important contacts**. Complete the list provided in this brochure and keep these numbers somewhere safe and easy to find in case of a power outage.

What if you have special needs?

If you require an uninterrupted supply of power because you:

- are on life support equipment;
- have a medical condition that requires continuous power supply; or
- have any other special needs.

You should:

1. advise your electricity retailer of your needs (the company you pay for your electricity) and make sure they have your up-to-date telephone numbers and contact details.
2. make sure you have a plan in place, in case there are prolonged power outages.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOORT COMMUNITY BUS

Please be advised that **all bookings** for the community bus are to be made at Boort District Health.

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 5:00pm

Contact details:

03 5415 200 or
Admin@bdh.vic.gov.au



FREE TRAVEL ON V/LINE

Due to the recent service changes across the V/Line network, the Victorian Government has announced free travel for V/Line customers.

Free travel will start from the first service this Saturday 23 January until last service on Sunday 31 January. This will apply to all V/Line train and coach services.

Customers travelling with a myki do not need to touch on and off.

Please advise customers if myki ticket barriers are closed, they should let the attendant know they are travelling on V/Line services.

Conductors and Authorised Officers will not check myki and tickets on V/Line services during this period.

Trains and replacement coaches are expected to fill quickly so please advise customers to plan ahead.

Reimbursements

V/Line myki pass holders

V/Line customers who hold a valid myki pass will receive an automatic reimbursement of myki money to their card, equivalent to the nine days of free travel being provided.

V/Line customers using myki money

V/Line customers using myki money are not required to touch on during this period. If customers touch on, they can touch off again at the same station within 15 minutes and will not be charged. If customers do not touch off within 15 minutes at the same station, they should touch off normally at the end of their journey to be reimbursed.

V/Line customers using V/Line paper tickets

Customers with a single or return paper V/Line ticket can visit a V/Line ticket office and get a refund on the spot. Any customer with a periodical V/Line paper ticket should contact the PTV call centre on 1800 800 007 to arrange reimbursement.

Metro services

Customers travelling on Metro services will still require a valid myki.

Justice of the Peace



There are now two
Justices of the Peace
residing in Boort:

Alister McDougal 54552595
0427 221 098

Wayne Pappin
0488 710 254

Please make contact with either
person if you need the services of
a Justice of the Peace.

Tennis Coaching with Peter Bewley



Tennis Coaching
with Peter Bewley will
once again be
Offered during
TERM ONE 2016
in Boort– from

Wednesday 10 February through to
Wednesday 9 March 2016 (5 weeks).

For further information and/or to provide names,
please make contact with ALISTER McDOUGAL

on

54 552 595

Or 0427 22 10 98

Or ahvmcd@bigpond.net.au

Please provide names to Alister
by Saturday 6/02/2016

Upcoming course at BRIC

Provide First Aid (Level 2)



When Wednesday 2nd March, from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Cost \$195 (if we have 10 or more participants)

CPR \$80 – can be done as a stand-alone unit (in the morning session)

This course is nationally recognised and accredited and a certificate will be issued upon successful completion. Accreditation is for three years.

PLEASE NOTE:

Enrolments must be received by Monday 22nd February – including your Unique Student Identifier (USI) – please call BRIC ASAP to find out how to get a USI, and to get your workbook.

The Workbook needs to be completed and returned prior to class commencement.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - CUBA



*Jesus said to them
"Receive children. Receive me."*

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2016

10:00am at Church of Christ

Guest Speaker: Lorraine Hayes

Everyone Welcome

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Boort Business & Tourism Council



Presents

2016

EASTER MARKET

By The

LAKE

Saturday 26th March

10am - 2pm

Nolen's Park, Boort

ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION

-  Live Music  Market Stalls  Food & Beverages
 Children's Entertainment

For more information please contact tourism.boort@gmail.com



Articles for the newsletter need to arrive by 9:00 am on the 20th of February for inclusion in the March newsletter, preferably by email to bric.boort@bigpond.com

COMING EVENTS 2015

2016

Saturday 23/1	Free V/Line Travel
Tuesday 26/1	Australia Day
Sunday 31/1	Free V/Line travel ends
Friday 5/2	Probus
Wednesday 10/2	Tennis coaching with Peter Bewley
Wednesday 10/2	NDCHS Women's Health Clinic
Wednesday 10/2	Angling Club AGM
Sunday 21/2	Hockey Club reverse triathlon
Wednesday 2/3	First Aid Course at BRIC
Friday 4/3	World Day of Prayer
Friday 4/3	Probus AGM
Saturday 19/3	BFNHC practice match at Macorna
Saturday 19/3	CFA 125th Anniversary Dinner
Sunday 20/3	Boort Cup Day
Friday 25/3	Boort Easter Tennis Tournament
Saturday 26/3	Easter Market by the Lake
Sunday 27/3	Vietnam History Competition closes
Saturday 2/4	BFNHC practice match at Boort
Saturday 2/4	Murray to Moyne
Sunday 3/4	Murray to Moyne
Saturday 16/4	NDASSA Regional Finals in Boort
Saturday 16/4	Donald v Boort
Saturday 23/4	Wedderburn v Boort

See inside for more details

Australia Day 2016

Tuesday 26th January 2016

Time: 9:15am

Venue: Nolen's Park, Boort

Flag Raising, National Anthem,

Morning Tea, Merry-Go Round



Australia Day

Guest Speaker: Maree Caldow,

Australia Day Ambassador

Maree's beaming face is universally recognised in Victoria harness racing circles.

The wife of successful freelance reinsman John Caldow, Maree has made a sizable impact on the industry since assuming control of the family's Melton training establishment in the 1999/2000 season.

Maree's enthusiasm and exuberance serve as a tremendous example for others and promotes harness racing in a very positive light.

Local Phone Book

The new local phone book is now out. Books are available from BRIC, Boort Emporium and Boort Post Office. The new phone book includes the Boort Business Directory. The price remains at \$8.00.

