

ABOUT Boort

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Boort Debutante Ball Friday 13th May 2016



Ten debutantes and partners made their debut at the Memorial Hall on Friday 13th May. The hall had a capacity crowd with friends and relatives who came to support and witness the occasion. The Grecian theme saw the attendants wearing blue and white attire complementing the beautiful dresses of the debs.

Dream Catchers & Macramé



Tutor: Michele Ashton
Date: Thursday 30 June 2016
Time: 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm
Cost: \$30 Adults, \$25 Students

Traditional – done in Knots with feathers and shells.
Vintage Lace - with Crystals, Beads, and Lace Ribbons

Material Supplied

If you are interested in “Catching a Dream” then why not come along to a class and create your very own!

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES: A NEW ERA

Goldfields Library Corporation is planning significant improvements to service delivery in the Loddon Shire and northern areas of the City of Greater Bendigo.

Under the new model, communities in the region will have access to more than 100 hours of library service per week, in comparison to the 15.5 hours currently provided by the mobile library. The new model is expected to be operational by early 2017.

The Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House currently houses the Corporation’s only library agency, and provides an additional 24 hours of service per week to the region. It will continue to operate, with the seven new library agencies expected to have a similar structure as part of shared community spaces and hubs.

Previous surveying of mobile library customers indicated that, although the mobile library was valued, the service stopped for very short periods of time that did not suit many parts of the community and was not able to host programs.

Currently less than 10 percent of the Loddon Shire population are active library members. The geography of the area is also considered in proposing multiple agencies across several townships in an environment where population is low and distances between townships are significant.

Under the new service model, customers will have more hours available to browse and loan from the library agency collections; collect and return loans and reservations. Some agencies will also present free programs, with a focus on children’s literacy and digital literacy for adults.

“The new model heralds significant improvements in the way rural areas will experience library services. Libraries have shifted from being solely about a collection of items for loan. They are now closely aligned with the values and activities of community hubs, providing places for people to meet, connect and participate in programs,” said Ms Chris Kelly, Goldfields Library Corporation CEO.

The concept of library agencies has been successfully implemented in other parts of Australia and is particularly suited to rural and remote locations. The model is currently used in the shires of Campaspe and Gannawarra in Victoria.

Agency locations for Loddon Shire include Boort, Dingee, Inglewood, Tarnagulla and Wedderburn, with Pyramid Hill remaining an existing agency.

Get out of bed early on the 1st June and change how you run your business.

Meridian Agriculture in partnership with Agriculture Victoria is running a series of **free workshops** to help you understand your financials and to identify risk management strategies to assist in managing through this drought.

The workshops will be informative, interactive and use an innovative game to model the impact of financial and other risks in mixed farming.

Workshop 1: Wednesday 1st June, 7.30am - 11.00am

Workshop 2: Wednesday 15th June, 7.30am - 11.00am

Boort Resource & Information Centre, 119-121 Godfrey St, Boort



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Parenting Workshops

The Family Education Services (FES) Team at CatholicCare deliver workshops that provide education, support and information to parents, carers and the community. Our workshops cover a wide range of topics relating to parenting and family relationships. These workshops are available to parents of children aged 0-18 and professionals working with parents/children.

CatholicCare also deliver programs in regional towns. If you would like to have any of these programs delivered in Boort, please register your interest at BRIC. If we have enough numbers, CatholicCare will be able to deliver one of these great workshops in Boort.

These workshops are available to parents, carers and professionals working with families.

Help Your Kids Worry Less

Kids and Anger

Knowing your Teenager

Connecting with Kids

Boys Brains

Stepfamily Workshop

Call BRIC on 5455 2716 to register your interest.



2016 Phone Books

are available to pick up at the Post Office, in the alcove by the Post Office Boxes.



SEEKING INFORMATION



I am seeking information about the Cape Chestnut tree in Godfrey St. It's the big tree opposite the Chemist, It has pink flowers and large black seeds.

I have traced it back to 1957 but was wondering if anybody can remember the tree before that. It was planted by Jack Melotte, the Shire gardener of the time.

Many thanks
Honie Tweddle



The recently established **Rural Financial Counselling Service, Victoria-North West** is now up and running, providing support to farmers and farming communities across 11 shires in the North West of Victoria. Mobile Rural Financial Counsellors are now operating out of new offices in Pyramid Hill and Bendigo as well as Swan Hill and Mildura.

This is a free and confidential service where Rural Financial Counsellors are available for on-farm visits. The Rural Financial Counsellors are experienced across a diverse range of farming industries. They will work with you to assess and analyse your situation and develop options with you to consider going forward. They can assist you to apply for government and industry supports available, such as FarmHousehold Allowance, and assist with negotiating with banks and lenders. Contact the service on 1300 769 489 to get started.

**Concerned about your farm finances?
Looking for options? Need a plan?
A Rural Financial Counsellor can help.**

Independent, confidential and cost free support and business analysis for eligible farmers; fishing enterprises; forest growers and harvesters; and small, farm related businesses in North West Victoria.

Supported by the Australian and Victorian Governments. www.sunrcs.com.au

Utility Relief Grant and Non-Mains Utility Relief Grant schemes

The Utility Relief Grant is available to eligible cardholders who are unable to pay their mains electricity, gas or water bill due to a temporary financial crisis.

The grant is also available on non-mains energy or water bills. This can include: liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), diesel and petrol (for a generator), heating oil, firewood, metered electricity from an embedded network and carted water.

The amount of the grant is based on the balance owing at the time of application and is capped at six months' worth of usage up to a maximum of \$500. **This grant does not have to be paid back.**

For non-mains utility users, grant assistance may also be provided to those who do not have an existing debt, but who are unable to afford their next non-mains supply load.

This grant is available to both private renters and home owners.

The grant is available for each utility type every two years (from the date of last approval).

The Utility Relief Grant Scheme (mains) and Utility Relief Grant Scheme (non-mains) fact sheets are available to download on the Department of Health & Human Services site – <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-individuals/financial-support/concessions/hardship/utility-relief-and-non-mains-utility-grant-scheme>

Eligibility

You must hold at least one of the following concession cards: Pensioner Concession Card/Health Care Card/DVA Gold Card.

Cards marked 'dependent' are not eligible.

Applicants need to demonstrate that unexpected hardship has left them seriously short of money, so that they cannot pay their utility bills without assistance and risk disconnection or non-supply, and **meet one of the five following criteria:**

- a significant increase in usage
- a recent decrease in income, for example, loss of employment
- high unexpected expenses on essential items
- the cost of shelter is more than 30 per cent of the household income
- the cost of utility usage is more than 10 per cent of the household income.

Special conditions for non-concession card households

Mains account holders who do not hold a concession card but are registered with their utility company's hardship program and are part of a low-income household with an outstanding mains electricity, gas or water debt can apply for the grant.

Non-mains account holders who do not hold a concession card may still be eligible if the total household income is under the income cap determined by the Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with standard Centrelink payments.

How to apply

Application forms for the Non-Mains Utility Relief Grant Scheme can be obtained by calling the Concessions Information Line on 1800 658 521.

Application forms for the Utility Relief Grant Scheme can be obtained from your gas, electricity and water companies.

If you require assistance with your application, or have any queries in relation to the Utility Relief Grants, please contact the Concessions Information Line on 1800 658 521.

Thank You

Ian and Aileen Morris and family wish to sincerely thank Boort Hospital Staff who were there on the morning in December when Ian became unwell, especially Dr Ashraf and June Gardiner, we can't thank you enough. To all the Boort Community who have sent well wishes, cards, thoughts and prayers it has meant a lot to us. Eighteen weeks later Ian is now home and doing well. A huge thank you to Ross and Sue Pay for getting the house ready for Ian's return.

Boort Seniors Dates

June 1st—Lunch and movie day

June 15th—Monthly dinner and bingo afternoon



On behalf of Boort District Health,
you are invited to attend a

Commemorative Service for the **Boort Hostel** 1980 - 2016

Friday 3rd June 2016

Time: 10:30 a.m. arrival for an 11:00 a.m. start
barbecue lunch provided

Venue: Boort Hostel Dining Room

RSVP: Friday 27th May 2016
BDH Reception 5451 5200

Northern Districts Show Societies Association - Regional Dinner

On Saturday 16th April the Boort A & P Society were extremely proud to welcome visitors from 13 local societies for the 2016 Regional Finals. More than 160 guests from towns including Mildura, Swan Hill, Cohuna, Deniliquin, Bendigo and Charlton converged on Boort to celebrate all that our agricultural Shows have to offer. Fine examples of cooking, craft, knitting, photography, patchwork and several more categories were on display - all vying for the opportunity to make it to the Royal Melbourne Show with a winning entry.

The event also welcomed several entrants in the Rural Ambassador, Junior Rural Ambassador, Showgirl and Miss Teenage categories. The entrants were interviewed throughout the day, with some making a speech at the dinner, with all awards presented towards the end of the evening. Congratulations to all the participants, especially the Boort participants.

Our sincere thanks to all the stewards, judges and helpers who assisted on the day and with setting up, packing up, etc. This event would not have been possible without your valued assistance. Thanks also to Kane Arnold for his expertise and assistance in the kitchen.

A huge thank you to the entire committee for their hard work and dedication in hosting the event. We are very pleased to have raised more than \$5,000 for the Boort A & P Society, all of which will assist us with operating costs for the upcoming 130th Boort Show. Look out for a few new exciting events this year.

Kathryn Lanyon
Boort A & P Society - Secretary





Girls, Boys, Educators and Boort Countrymen....

Lend us your ears!

Have you heard of Lions Clubs International?

Do you want the opportunity to win a 7-night

Luxury Mekong River Cruise for 2 valued at \$8,000?

How? Register your interest online at www.lionsclubsvic.org.au

Or call 0472 692373

To discuss your opportunity to attend a Lions meeting, at no obligation on either party. Come to hear and learn what community activities Lions Club members do. When you are inspired....we can discuss further.

Your name will be entered into a draw to win the Mekong River Cruise. Campaign expires on 30th May 2016. Winner announced in Herald Sun on 6th June 2016. So, hurry! Learn about Lions and win the chance to learn about the Mekong River!

APT Tour and cruise specialists is the proud sponsor of this project in collaboration with Lions Australia.

Harry Brindley

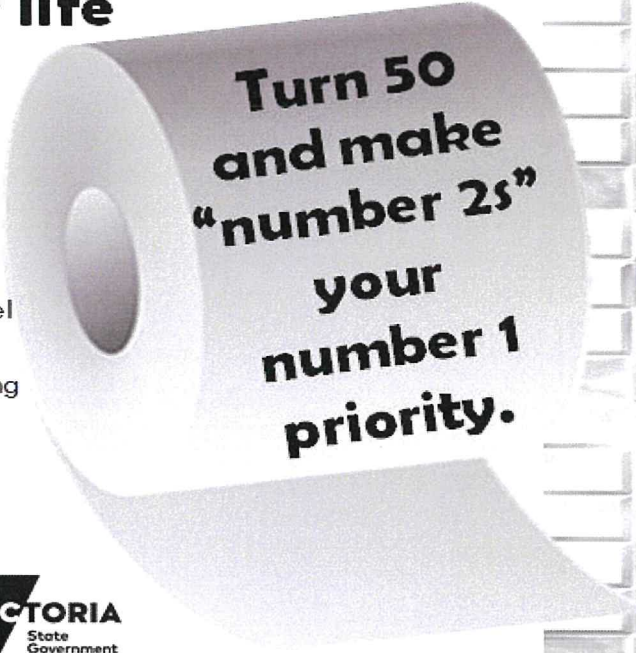
2015-16 Club President

Lions Club of Charlton

Bowel cancer screening every 2 years could save your life

BOWEL CANCER is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia. 90% of bowel cancers can be successfully treated if detected early. Bowel cancer often has no warning signs, therefore **screening is essential for early detection.**

- Most people aged 50 and over should do a home bowel cancer screening test every 2 years
- Please speak with your GP about bowel cancer screening
- The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program sends free screening kits to eligible people aged 50-74 – if you receive a kit in the mail, please use it
- For more information call 1800 118 868



Turn 50
and make
"number 2s"
your
number 1
priority.



FOOTBALL REPORT



The past month has seen both senior teams jump out of the blocks, winning three games on the trot to find themselves in the “4”. Coming from where we had been in 2015, there are certainly many happy faces, with the blend of returning locals, young players, experienced locals and recruits, teaming well.

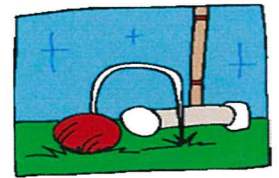
The rooms have been packed on many occasions, especially for the inaugural “night” game that proved such a success for the club.

The club has its major fundraiser in its “Goods and Services Auction” on the night of Saturday 18th June. We are looking for all sorts of auction items from farm gear, tools, sports goods, services, holiday ideas or houses, to anything that you may have lying around in your cupboards! Please contact one of our committee members to help out!

Thursday night teas have been a hit so far – we encourage our supporters to come down and share a well- priced meal and listen to the team selections. As we move into the season, we thank all those that allow the games to occur, from our umpires to trainers to our all important sponsors. Let’s all work together to make our Football, Netball and Hockey Club the best it can be.



~Boort Lakeside Croquet Club~



The Victorian Association Regional Championships were played in the Geelong and surrounding areas over three days in early April. The croquet players represented nine regions throughout Victoria.

Boort Lakeside Croquet Club players from the Murray Valley Croquet Association participating in this Victorian Championship play off were:

Level 1 - Ian Potter *Level 2* - Gaye Sim *Level 3* - Colleen Coutts.

Congratulations to Gaye who won *Level 2* and Colleen who was runner up in *Level 3*.

Well done ladies, a fantastic achievement, and we, the Boort citizens are so proud of you both.



Colleen & Gaye with their winning trophies.



At the Boort Lakeside Croquet Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 11, the 2016-2017 Office Bearers were elected:-

President - Robert Coutts

Vice President- Colleen Coutts

Junior Vice-President- Lois Malone

Secretary- Ian Potter

Treasurer- Rosalie Evans

Congratulations to our BOORT LAKESIDE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2016

ASSOCIATION CROQUET

Level 1 - Ian Potter

Level 2 -Gaye Sim

Level 3 -Colleen Coutts

Level 4- Kerry Lanyon

GOLF CROQUET

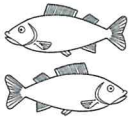
Level 1- Gaye Sim

Level 2 -Alan Puttick

Level 3 -Allen Stringer

Victorian Friendship Croquet Connections. Boort Lakeside Croquet Club has offered an invitation to Drysdale Croquet Club to return to our town in early September to play croquet and enjoy our lovely country town setting and beautiful croquet lawns. Also, September is a good time to take a trip to Central Victoria with all our crops in good growth.

Winter social days for Boort Lakeside Croquet Club have begun and are playing on Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00pm. All are welcome, a great time to learn and enjoy some outdoor winter fun. Just come along (wear casual clothing) and our club will be most happy to introduce you to the sport.



ANGLING CLUB

BOORT ANGLING CLUB held a competition at Tchum Lake on the 14th and 15th May 2016.

It was a reasonable weekend and the catch was mainly redfin. There was also a 39cm yellow belly.

Two members also went on the Murray River upstream of Nangiloc as part of a crew of eight. There was a lot of weed in the river so trawling didn't work. Just over thirty cod were caught with several near size but no keepers.

One yellow belly keeper and two carp were caught.

If any queries please call Rod Stringer 0428 513 888

Dates:

Saturday 28th May R.S.L. Day

Sunday 29th May Men's Pennant at Boort

Wed. 1st June Ladies Championship

Saturday 4th June Men's Championship

Friday 24th June Farmers 4Ball

Boort Golf Club



The golf course is playing well now as the "Tee Off" over the fairways has been taken off and on Wednesday the ladies played with preferred lies. The members are now looking forward to seeing a greater number of people coming out to play golf to make good use of all the hard work that Kevin and his helpers have done leading up to the golf season.

The Ladies Pennant team is still on top of the ladder, even though they have had to use a team of 4 players instead of 5. The final round is being played on Monday 23rd and there is only a small margin between the top teams. Win, draw or lose there will be a Pennant Dinner when all players are welcome to attend. Well done ladies.

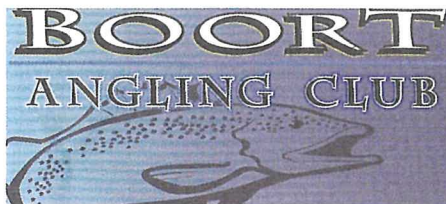
Men's Pennant commenced Sunday 15th of May. Coming home with a win from Wedderburn and now looking forward to an interesting day of Pennant at Boort on Sunday 29th May.

Two important events are coming up : the Boort R.S.L. day on Saturday 28th May. The club would welcome any past, present and future players to come to this day to make a great Digger's Day.

The next important social day is the Boort Farmer's Fourball. A great day for all, as there are both Mens and Ladies events. Maybe all golfers could come out to celebrate with the farmers the finish of the sowing season.

Ladies and Men's Championships commence in June and it would be great to see a good roll up on these days to make an interesting competition.

As it is all volunteer workers out at the Golf Club if you can assist in any way give Kevin Linehan or one of the ladies a ring.



Boort Angling Club
Ring Road Boort

C/o Alan Wilson
40 Wilson Rd.
Boort, Vic 3537
Mobile:- 0429 798 352
Ph:- 03 5455 2175

FISHING AND FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

LAKE BOORT CARP ERADICATION WEEKEND Oct 2016

Great environment, Friendly atmosphere, Lots of Prizes and Giveaways.

Saturday 15th October, 8.30 am till 5.00 pm

Sunday 16th October, 8.30 am till 11.30 am

Entry Fees, \$30-- / Adult or \$50-- / Family. Includes Saturday night dinner, breakfast on both days – and puts you in the draw for the TINT CENTRAL MAJOR PRIZE.

Juniors (under 16 years) free. Donations welcome. Supervision of juniors is advised. Adults and Juniors MUST be registered before fishing. Watch for further posters – or – in "ABOUT BOORT" News Letter for more info.

No dogs allowed at our events.

Tight Lines to all.

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

Successful Junior Country Championships for North Central Hockey

Last weekend saw eighty North Central junior hockey players take to the synthetic fields across Melbourne in the Junior Country Championships. With less than two hours of training as a team behind them and some experience on the synthetic turf all teams performed admirably. A change to the competition schedule saw most teams playing between five and eight games over the weekend with shorter games and the chance to play all teams in their competition.

The Under 13 Girl team consisted of some new faces and some experienced girls who have been a part of the campaign previously. They lost 4 games with a 1 to nil score line and won the other 3 matches to finish 5th in their competition. The Under 13 Boys competition was separated into 2 pools with North Central positioned in Pool A. This young team won 2 games, lost 2 and drew 1 to finish third in their competition. The Under 15 Girls had a positive experience and worked well as a team to finish with 4 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses to narrowly miss out on playing the final. The Under 17 Girls also had a successful campaign, winning 3 games, drawing 1 and losing the other 2, finishing third. The Under 17 Boys had a very even competition with teams finishing in places 2 to 5 all finishing with 4 wins, 2 losses and 2 draws and the teams above finishing with another win. Due to time restraints one of the Under 17 Boys games was decided by going one on one with the goalie – not something grass players normally do. The boys finished 5th separated only by goal difference.

Congratulations to all players who took part in this weekend. Their behaviour, sportsmanship and manners were to be proud of. Many lasting friendships are forged from weekends such as these. A huge thank you to coaches, umpires, team managers, bus drivers and parent helpers, without your assistance such a positive and exciting weekend would not be possible. Thanks also to Charlton and District Community Bank – Bendigo Bank for assisting with sponsorship.



Under 13 Boys and Girls



Under 15 Girls and Boys



Under 17 Girls and Boys

COMING EVENTS 2016

Thursday 26/5	Biggest Morning Tea
Saturday 28/5	RSL Day at Golf
Saturday 28/5	Boort FNHC v Wycheproof—Narraport
Sunday 29/5	Men's Pennant at Boort
Wednesday 1/6	Ladies Golf Championship starts
Wednesday 1/6	Drought Risk Management workshop
Wednesday 1/6	Lunch and Movie day at Seniors
Friday 3/6	Hostel Commemorative Service
Saturday 4/6	Men's Golf Championship starts
Saturday 4/6	Sea Lake v Boort FNHC
Saturday 11/6	No football—all clubs have bye
Monday 13/6	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Wednesday 15/6	Drought Risk Management workshop
Wednesday 15/6	Monthly Dinner and Bingo at Seniors
Saturday 18/6	Boort v Donald –Goods & Services Auction
Friday 24/6	Farmers Four Ball
Friday 24/6	BDS—term 2 ends
Saturday 25/6	RSL Auxiliary 70th Birthday
Saturday 25/6	Wedderburn v Boort
Thursday 30/6	Dream Catcher workshop
Saturday 2/7	Boort v St Arnaud
Wednesday 6/7	First Aid Course
Saturday 9/7	Birchip v Boort
Monday 11/7	BDS—term 3 commences
Saturday 16/7	Boort v Charlton
Saturday 23/7	Boort bye
Saturday 30/7	Wycheproof v Boort
Saturday 6/8	Boort v Sea Lake
Saturday 13/8	Donald v Boort
Saturday 20/8	Boort v Wedderburn
Sunday 28/8	Australian Male Welsh Choir
Sunday 4/9	Father's Day at Star Spanner Sculptures
Saturday 8/10	Boort Show
Saturday 15/10	Carp Competition
Sunday 16/10	Carp Competition
Tuesday 8/11	The Doris and Shirley Show
Friday 9/12	Christmas Street Festival

See inside for more details

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If you would like to have your copy posted to you each month it will now cost \$14.00 due to the increase in postage costs.

Subscriptions are now due



First Aid (Level 2) CPR

Date: Wednesday 6th July 2016

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Venue: BRIC

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

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

Bookings Essential: Contact Loretta or Anne at BRIC on 54552716 or email bric.boort@bigpond.com



PLEASE NOTE:

Enrolments must be received by Monday 22nd June – 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.

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

Accreditation is for three years.