

ABOUT **Boort**

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The community of Boort farewells Dr Ashraf Takla and his wife Annalaise.

Boort CFA Celebrates 125 years



Ashraf & Annalaise,

Thank you for choosing Boort to be your home for the past nine years. Your presence among us has enriched our lives in so many ways.

From the very beginning you both went beyond the call of serving the community medically, to becoming involved with the people, their families and organisations of Boort.

From Ashraf playing in the Easter Tennis Tournament- when he had never before held a racquet; to Annalaise starring in bowls and badminton; showed how enthusiastic and determined you both were to join in and become involved in everything within all aspects of the Boort community. It is impossible to list all the organisations, clubs and groups which benefited from your involvement, contribution and professionalism. This is greatly appreciated and we all are richer for your participation.

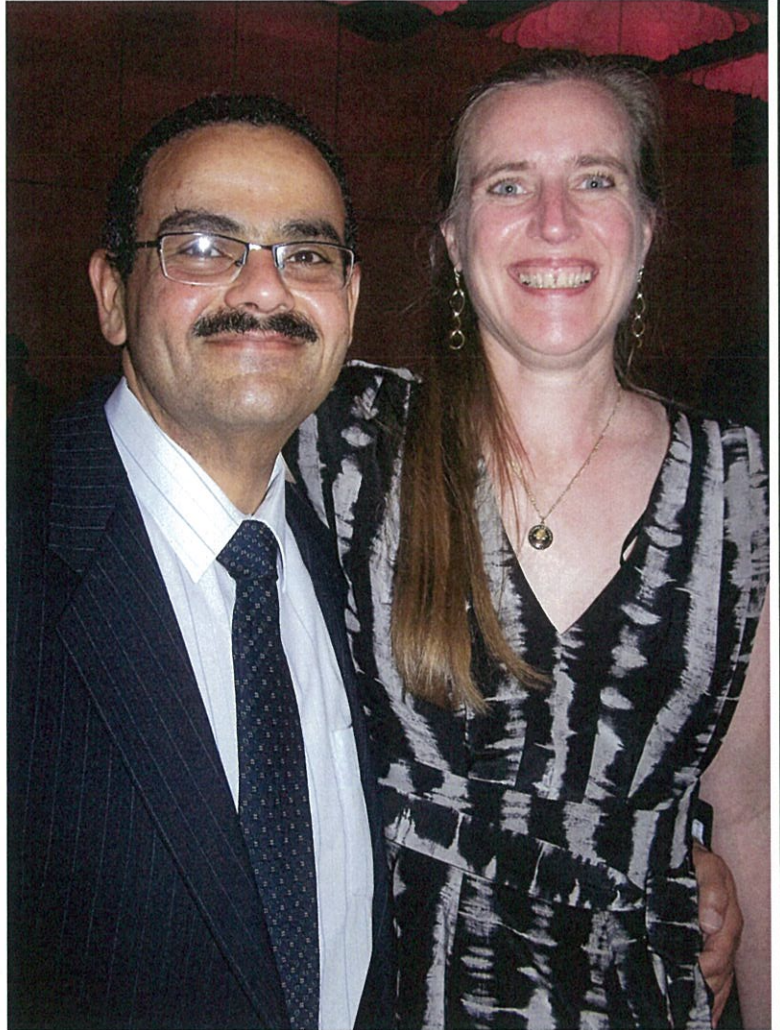
Ashraf, from the babies you have cuddled, to the toddlers who wrap themselves around your legs at the footy and to the dearly departed who felt your comforting and caring presence to the very end - we all say "thankyou".

We shared your pride in the national awards you both received and the recognition by your peers of your medical prowess and your continual promotion of rural medicine.

The community of Boort has been truly blessed to have you in our midst and mere words can never say how much you will be missed.

We all combine to wish you both the very best for your future and we are sure that you will meet the challenges that lie ahead. Be assured that nothing can destroy the friendships you have made – you will not be forgotten and Boort will be the poorer for your absence.

We extend our love and appreciation to you both and thank you for caring.



Gone Missing

Somewhere the Gordon Shire Council minute books are in hiding. They did not get to the Wedderburn Offices when the Loddon Shire came into being.

They are so important when doing historical research as they are a wonderful, accurate record of what happened in the Gordon Shire.

Everything before 1925 was destroyed at that time as a part of the war effort I am told. The minute books are large and heavy and would be hard to hide on a bookshelf.

If you have them or know where they are talk to someone at BRIC or our local Shire Councillor. It would be great to have them back in the community to share.

Honie Tweddle

MISSING



Boort
District Health

Would like to invite the Community to view the new Boort District Health Service facilities on **Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April at 10:00am, 1:00pm & 3:00pm**
Please contact BDH Reception on 5451 5200 to book your preferred time.

For your information if you have a cardiac emergency.

Defibrillators are now found at

BRIC

Football Ground

Bowling Club

Swimming Pool when open, shared with Golf Club over winter

CERT car carries one

Four more clubs are looking to get one if successful with grant applications

Ski Club

Croquet Club

Tennis Club

And a community one at the west end of town



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



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Easter Market by the Lake

Boort will be a hive of activity this Easter long weekend with many locals and visitors around to enjoy all our great town has to offer. Please join us at the annual BBTC Easter Market which will be held on Saturday 26th March 2016 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at Nolens Park. There will be market stalls, lunch options, kid's entertainment and music to enjoy.

2016 Calendar of Events:

Saturday 26th March 2016 – Easter Market by the Lake

Sunday 28th August 2016 – Australian Male Welsh Choir (*please note change of date*)

Sunday 4th September 2016 – Father's Day at Star Spanner Sculptures

Friday 9th December 2016 – Christmas Street Festival

Friday 30th December 2016 – Movie Night by the Lake

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 and stand can be hired for \$20. Please contact tourism.boort@gmail.com or drop in at Boort Emporium.

Bridging the Gap

Boort Historical Society's collection of Aboriginal artefacts is in the process of being catalogued for entry into the records of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register. As the Aboriginal objects are all from the Boort district, we have been assured that they will remain in the Court House Museum in the possession of Boort Historical Society Inc. for viewing by our visitors.

Our members are learning such a lot from the stories of the catalogue team – Jida Gulpilil (Director - Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation) *son of actor and artist David Gulpilil* and Dr Diana Smith (Program Manager - Cultural Heritage) who have a vast knowledge of Aboriginal history and geology.

Diana enters the information which Jida provides onto a laptop which looks out of place amongst the ancient collection of artefacts from our past. Each item is measured, weighed, photographed and colour coded. Jida can be seen examining the items in the photograph, and he is able to tell our members some history of the practical uses of the various grinding stones, stone axes, ceremonial sticks, boomerangs, waddies, etc.



A pair of decorated sticks are amongst the more unusual items held in the Museum and they were found on a Gredgwin

property 78 years ago in the mulga scrub. Jida explained that they were possibly used to beat possum skin drums during ceremonies.

If anyone would like to have a private collection catalogued this can be arranged by contacting Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation. Aboriginal objects and places are recorded in the way described, unless there are any human remains or special ceremonial objects which by law require special management and protection, with this process managed separately by the Secretary, Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria.

A reminder that the Court House Museum is open each Friday from 2:00 - 4:00pm.

PROBUS

The next Probus meeting will be at BRIC on Friday 1st April at 10:00am
Leah Toose will be talking about her farm tour through Europe.
Followed by lunch at the Commercial Hotel



Easter Hat Parade

The Boort Pre School children and staff will be walking down the street to the shops showing off their Easter Hats and wishing people a Happy Easter on Thursday 24th March from approximately 10:45am



A SENSE OF ANTICIPATION

As we move closer to April, a long pre-season draws to a close, with the focus of the club firmly on Round 1 against Donald. With a successful practice match against Macorna under our belts, we look forward to a home outing against Marong on April 2nd to round off the pre-season.

January to March has seen some very warm weather with the pool and stadium getting use, and a Saturday morning affair which culminated in a discussion from the players regarding what they wanted to get out of the year and for those new to the club, why they chose to come here or chose to return. There were plenty of positives thrown around as the players committed to improving on-field results.

The Football Club has recently lost two committee members in different circumstances in Wayne Smith and Ashraf Takla. Ashraf has been long term sponsor, supporter and club doctor for the club and we will miss him and his wife, Annalaise dearly. We also look forward to seeing Wayne around the club, continuing his role as a sponsor and supporter.

Boort Park has certainly been a hive of activity over the past month with the renovations to the social rooms / bar area, the second netball court construction and the oval being ready for training. These facilities, with funding supported by the Shire of Loddon, continue to enhance the sporting and social opportunities that the Boort FNHC can provide. Without putting forward too many names, we thank all of the volunteers who have pumped significant hours into getting these facilities completed.



Facilities wise, the installation of our ground lighting has meant that Boort will host the first ever NCFL night game on Saturday 23rd April against Wedderburn. This is the ANZAC Day long weekend and we look forward to a bumper crowd. The football and men's hockey will begin at approximately 6:00pm, with the netball finishing earlier as the lighting is not sufficient currently. A barbecue tea will be operating and the rooms will be rocking till late. Mark this one in on your and your family's calendar!

As we approach Round 1, we, and all of your sporting clubs, will be looking for volunteers to get the day organised. Canteen, gate, timekeepers, umpires, scoreboards, cleaning up, bar work – please contact the people involved and make an offer as this makes things so much easier. And finally, a thank you to our confirmed sponsors for 2016, including major sponsors

Bendigo Toyota, Rodwells, Cropcare and Boundary Bend Management, we thank you for your commitment. The next issue will highlight all of our sponsors for the year.

The Boort FNHC will shortly release its social calendar for 2016 and we hope that all supporters get along on Thursday nights for a meal and support the Saturday functions.

On the welfare front, one of our focus areas for 2016 will be "Responsible Gambling". With the amount of advertising around, we need to ensure that our young people, in particular, have strategies and support in place to develop responsible gambling habits. The club is also a Level 3 Good Sports Club and will look at ways to work with players and supporters around education, structures and policies around alcohol, smoking and drugs.

The football club hope to see as many supporters over at Donald on Saturday 16th April for Operation "Pluck-A Duck". Our coaching staff and players will be striving to demonstrate to the league their improvement and belief that the four points available are anyone's to take!

BOORT NETBALL CLUB

Things are off to a great start within the club. Numbers in both juniors and seniors are quite healthy!

Thank you to new sponsors NORTH WEST AG for getting on board. Other weekly award sponsors at this stage include: Boort Emporium, Teazed Hair Boutique, Bendigo Bank, Sportspower Kerang and La Beaute Swan Hill. Thank you to all sponsors.

We have a new look dress that will debut on our first game on the 16th April at Donald.

Our 'new' second court and area has had all the necessary changes made and the asphalt has been laid. The lines should be marked within a couple of weeks. This has been a mighty process and could not have come to fruition without the fundraising efforts of the club and community support.

Thank you, does not seem enough for the countless hours several volunteers have put in to the club. Your work has not gone unnoticed! Thank you Gordy Parker and Stuart Coutts for your endless hours of commitment. Ross Pay for your engineering work. Brett Hosking, Shane Verley and Heath Saunders for your man power. Saunders Cranes for the lift, Beattie Windarra, Concordia Merinos and Barry Kennedy for overseeing the project. The court will be ready to use at the start of the season.

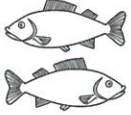
Good luck to all codes this season. GO PIES!!



Don't forget Daylight Saving ends Sunday April 3rd.

Put your clock back one hour at 3:00am





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ANGLING CLUB *Family Fishing Competition*

Where: In front of the club rooms, Little Lake Boort,

When: 3rd of April from 2:00 pm through to 5:00 pm.

Cost: \$10 a family, includes barbecue tea.

Prizes awarded.

Mid Northern Association Angling Competition April 9th & 10th at Brook's Lane, Pentel Island Contact Alan Wilson for more details on 0429798352

Chris Rothacker.



Boort Golf Club

Thanks to the enthusiastic workers under the leadership of Kevin Linehan and Barry Kennedy, the golf course is looking tidy with green areas and nice green tees to hit off. There is still much to be done around the course as the irrigating encourages more green areas. Ring **Kevin Linehan - 54 552 247** with your offers to help.

This year golf will be on Saturday instead of Sunday. This was decided at the last Committee meeting, hoping that it will encourage more people to play golf on Saturday competition, while the ladies will continue to play golf on Wednesday.

The opening of the golf season is scheduled for Saturday 9th April, the event is a 3 or 4 person Ambrose for ladies and men. Barbecue lunch at 12:30pm with golf to follow.

Contact Captain Stuart Tweddle 5455 2128 for more information and for the Ladies Opening of golf contact **Captain Lorraine Linehan 0438 393 732.**

Ladies Pennant commences 11th April please give your name to Lorraine to help her with organising a team and when Sally has all the details emails will be going around for sure.

The club program of fixtures for the men and ladies will be available at the club house at the commencement of the golf season. Please remember your memberships as clubs cannot function without adequate finances.

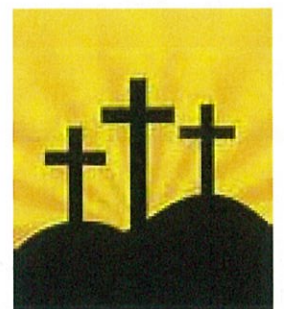
With the commencement of the golf season, this does not mean just golf at Boort, many invitations are received from other Golf clubs to their events. It is handy if a couple of people can represent Boort and that way golfers will be encouraged to make a return trip to Boort.

Margaret Nelson
Secretary

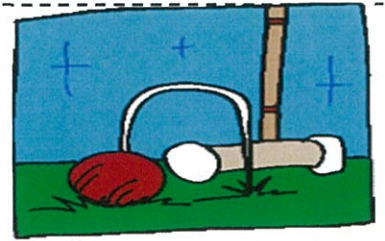
Easter Dawn Church Service

An Ecumenical church service will be held on Easter Sunday March 27 at sunrise, 7:20 am at Rotary Park by the lake. Hot drinks and Hot Cross Buns will follow the service. All welcome.

Enquiries to Stephen Field ph. 0425 756067



-Boort Lakeside Croquet Club-



The Victorian Country Week Croquet Tournament was held in Swan Hill over February 9, 10 and 11 2016.

The three days of high level croquet was played in very hot weather, with the following Boort players performing extremely well with impressive wins in Association Croquet. Ian Potter was first in Division One, while Gaye Sim won Division Two. Colleen Coutts played extremely well to reach the semi -finals in Division Two.

Barbara Dalrymple from Charlton was runner up in Division Two. Chris Eiffert of Golden Square won Division Three. David Johnston from Ballarat was runner up in Division One.



The photo above shows the successful players from the Victorian Country Week Croquet Tournament who are from left: Division Two runner up, Barbara Dalrymple; Gaye Sim winner of Division Two, Division One winner, Ian Potter and Division One runner up, David Johnston.

Recently, Boort Croquet Club played the local Club Championships. The winners were:-

Association Croquet:

Level 1:- Ian Potter Level 2:- Gaye Sim Level 3:- Colleen Coutts Level 4:- Kerry Lanyon

Golf Croquet:

Level 1:- Ian Potter Level 2:- Alan Puttick Level 3:- Allen Stringer

Club winners for Association Croquet Championships, Ian, Gaye, Colleen and Kerry, will play District Championships in Boort on April 4. Association Croquet Championships will then advance to Geelong to play State Regional Championships.

Club winners for Golf Croquet Championships, Ian, Alan and Allen will play District Championships in Boort on March 22. Golf Championships will then advance to 'Cairnlea', Melbourne to play State Regional Championships.

The Boort Golf Croquet Tournament was played on the 19th and 20th March, with a total of 40 players. Players were from Beaufort, Boort, Brunswick, Drysdale, Geelong, Golden Square, Numurkah, Rich River, Shepparton, Swan Hill, Queenscliff, and Warragul. Results from this tournament will be available in the next About Boort.

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 Tuesday 19th April 2016

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

There is also a Monthly Evening Clinic in Kerang

Next clinic: 20th April 2016

5:00pm to 9:00pm

at the Community Health Centre
24 Fitzroy St Kerang

Phone: 5451 0200 for appointment

Cost: \$10.00 or \$6.50 concession

www.ndchs.org.au or

www.facebook.com/ndchskerang

Learn the basics of bird surveying with Landcare

Community members who would like to learn firsthand how to undertake bird surveys and join the Loddon Plains Community Bird Monitoring Project, are invited to a free workshop at the Serpentine Bowls Club (followed by a field walk), in Serpentine on Thursday 21st April 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

This workshop with ecologist Chris Tzaros will enable participants to undertake volunteer bird monitoring as part of the Loddon Plains Community Bird Monitoring Project.

Workshop includes:

- A background to bird identification and bird fauna of the Loddon Plains
- Bird monitoring methods of the monitoring project (including a practical component)
- The role of community volunteers in ecological monitoring projects
- Opportunity to join current volunteers



"If you've ever thought about getting into the bush to do some bird watching or heard about the on-going efforts of bird monitoring volunteers across the Loddon Plains, then this is an ideal opportunity to get involved" said Anthony Gallacher, Landcare Facilitator of the Loddon Plains Landcare Network.

Some experience with bird watching is desired, however you will have the opportunity to team up with current experienced members to hone your skills.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Anthony Gallacher on 0447 095 501 or email facilitator@lpln.org. To keep up to date with this and other local Landcare events, subscribe your email at www.lpln.org.

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

Winning table
\$500
BP Gift Cards

Drinks at
bar prices

All proceeds to
Make-A-Wish
Australia

Major and
silent auction
items on the
night

Boort Trivia Night


Friday 15th April, 7.30pm
Boort Football Club rooms
Tickets \$15 each. Tables up to 10 available

Bookings and enquiries to
Tina on 5455 2139 or
boort@vantagefuels.com.au

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ANZAC DAY 2016

Assembly will be at the Soldier's Memorial near the Post Office at 9:10 am Monday April 25.

The wreath laying ceremony will be at 9:15 am, followed by the march to the Memorial Hall.

Cars will be available for those who cannot march. And motorised scooters and wheel chairs may accompany the marchers.

The service will commence at 9:30 am.

The speaker this year will be Bill Slatter. Bill's grandfather was a veteran of World War 1. Bill has made two trips to France and Belgium to find the graves of Boort men killed in World War 1.

Acting CEO for Loddon Shire Council appointed



Marg Allan is set to step into Loddon Shire Council's acting CEO role.

Loddon Shire Council has appointed a Bendigo woman with a wealth of local government experience as acting chief executive officer.

The appointment has been made following the recent resignation of John McLinden who recently accepted a position as Chief Executive Officer of Swan Hill Rural City Council. Loddon Shire Council Mayor Neil Beattie said the decision to offer Marg the position was made at Council's February meeting earlier this week.

"We're delighted she has accepted the leadership role and she began her duties here at Loddon on Tuesday 15 March," Cr Beattie said. "Marg has been involved in local government in our corner of the state for many years, and was formerly a highly respected director of corporate services with City of Greater Bendigo.

"There's no doubt Marg will be an asset to Loddon Shire over the coming months as Council takes its time in appointing a strong and stable leader to fill the permanent CEO role."

Marg said she was excited at the prospect of working with Loddon Shire Councillors, communities and staff.

"I'm looking forward to joining the team at Loddon on an election year, when there are so many major projects underway within the municipality, including the pipeline and streetscape redevelopment projects.

"I always knew I wanted to work in local government and have had the privilege of doing so for more than 30 years now."

"A large percentage of that time has been spent in central and northern Victoria and I've heard about so many positive things happening at Loddon Shire, so it's a privilege to have been offered this opportunity."

Before embarking on her career in local government, Marg completed a Bachelor Business (Local Government) and went on to attain a post graduate qualification in public policy and governance.

"I have a passion for local government and providing the best possible service for our communities and I'm excited to see how we plan and deliver that service here in Loddon."



LODDON
SHIRE

Loddon Valley Business Network Dinner

Includes "Your Business in a Digital World" Workshop
presented by Small Business Victoria

Date: **Tuesday 12 April**

Venue: Boort Resource and Information Centre,
Godfrey Street, Boort

Time: 6.00pm ---Finger food
6.30pm ---Workshop

Cost: \$20 per head includes finger food and workshop

RSVP: It is vital that attendance is registered by **Thursday 7 April**
to the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on (03) 54941257 or email
ssteel@loddon.vic.gov.au

Your Business in a Digital World

Today's online world has evolved to include much more than a website and the speed of change can be hard to keep up with. But if businesses are not online they could be missing out on customers.

Blogs, social media and online advertising should all to promote and direct people back to the business website. This approach can bring digital thinking into all aspects of a business.

Participants will learn how to build their understanding of online advertising, search engines, websites and social media through practical exercises and real-life examples. Led by a workshop leader experienced in digital business, participants will make informed decisions about the right tools for their business and learn how to bring them all together into an effective online strategy.

Cat and Dog Registrations

Cat and dog registration time has rolled around again, and renewal notices are arriving in responsible pet owners' mail boxes.

Renewal notices, to be paid by April 10, have been posted to the owners of 2,260 dogs and 369 cats registered with Loddon Shire Council in the last financial year.

Sadly we know there are many more cats and dogs within the Shire which we have no record of, and are unable to return should they go astray.

During the last financial year, Council impounded 137 cats and not a single one was able to be identified and returned to its owner.

This figure was better for dogs with 18 of the 35 impounded being safely returned home, but clearly there is room for improvement.

The simple fact is if a cat or dog isn't micro-chipped and registered they cannot be identified and reunited with their owner.

In the best interests of your pet, your family and the community, please ensure your registration renewal is paid by the due date.

All cats and dogs over three months of age are required by law to be micro-chipped or registered.

If you have an unregistered pet in your care, please take this opportunity to contact Council and rectify the situation, without fear of penalty, as soon as possible.

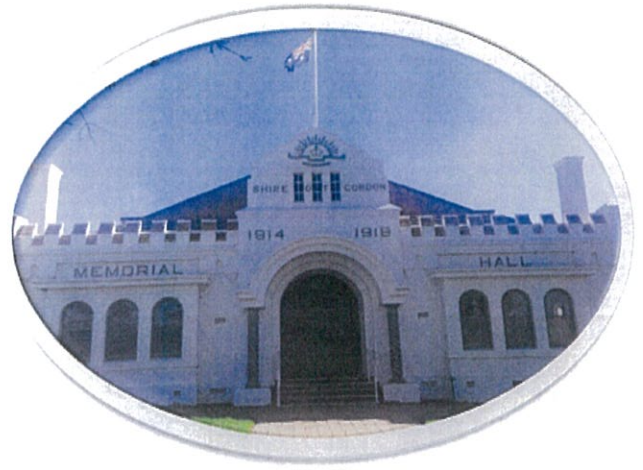


COMING EVENTS 2016

Thursday 24/3	Pre School Easter Hat Parade
Friday 25/3	Good Friday
Friday 25/3	Boort Easter Tennis Tournament
Friday 25/3	Art Show—Memorial Hall
Saturday 26/3	Easter Market by the Lake
Saturday 26/3	Art Show—Memorial Hall
Sunday 27/3	Easter Sunday Ecumenical Dawn Service
Sunday 27/3	Art Show—Memorial Hall
Sunday 27/3	Vietnam History Competition closes
Monday 28/3	Art Show—Memorial Hall
Friday 1/4	Probus
Saturday 2/4	Boort FNHC practice match at Boort
Saturday 2/4	Murray to Moyne
Sunday 3/4	Murray to Moyne
Sunday 3/4	Daylight Saving ends
Sunday 3/4	Family Fishing Competition
Wednesday 6/4	View new facilities at BDH
Thursday 7/4	View new facilities at BDH
Saturday 9/4	Opening of golf season
Sunday 10/4	Dog & Cat registrations due
Tuesday 12/4	Loddon Valley Business Network
Friday 15/4	Boort Trivia Night
Saturday 16/4	NDASSA Regional Finals in Boort
Saturday 16/4	Donald v Boort FNHC
Sunday 17/4	Boort Amity Auction
Tuesday 19/4	Well Women's Clinic
Saturday 23/4	Boort FNHC v Wedderburn
Monday 25/4	Anzac Day
Saturday 30/4	St Arnaud v Boort FNHC
Thursday 26/5	Biggest Morning Tea
Sunday 28/8	Australian Male Welsh Choir
Sunday 4/9	Father's Day at Star Spanner Sculptures
Friday 9/12	Christmas Street Festival

See inside for more details

Art Installations Yarns



BOORT MEMORIAL HALL EASTER WEEKEND

FRIDAY 25th CEREMONIAL OPENING 12.30pm

SATURDAY 26th 10 - 5pm

SUNDAY 27th 10 - 4pm

MONDAY 28th 9 - 3pm

This exhibition celebrates local artists in a variety of media, crafts, photographers, sculptors and writers

Refreshments available

Entry \$2 Family \$5

Workshops: Dreamcatchers and Macramé.

Timetable in the Foyer

Boort Amity Auction

Sunday 17th April 2016

At Boort Park

12 noon start

Drop Auction items off from 8:00 am

Yummy food available

10% commission charged

All items sold for under \$5.00 become a donation

Money from auction comes back into our town

Auction will be held in horse stall in bad weather

No dogs please

Phone Sandra 54552156 or 0428 552156

