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Boort Australia Day Celebrations



Loddon Shire's Citizen of the Year
John Piccoli



Boort Ward Community Service
Award **Hazel Whitmore**



Loddon Shire's Community Group of the Year
Boort Historical Society
Secretary **Jennie Weaver**



Guest Speaker Maree Caldwell at the Boort celebration at Nolens Park pictured, extreme left, with some members of Boort Amiti Club who organise the annual celebration. Back row Lynette Clark, Kathy Lowrie, Marg Piccoli, and Kerry Lanyon. Front row Tash Contor, Leanne Streader and Jean Henderson.

HAZEL WHITMORE OUR QUIET ACHIEVER



The Loddon Shire Australia Day Awards 2016 saw Hazel Whitmore awarded the Boort Ward Community Service Award. She is a worthy winner who has supported local organisations over a very long period of time. You may be wondering what someone does to win this award. In this case it's a lot!

Hazel has always been a caring soul, not afraid to have a friendly chat and a laugh with people of all ages wherever she is. A well travelled woman, Hazel can find a topic to include the most reserved and make them feel welcome.

Many of her past involvements in the community have revolved around the raising of her family and over time some of the contributions to town life have included playing the piano for the Boort Memorial Hall functions such as Anzac Day, Senior Citizens group (25 years) and playing the organ for 3 different churches. Her passion for music apart from teaching, extended to being a past member of the Boort Brass Band – Euphonium and is still a current member of the Goldfields Choir, Boort Babblers Community singing group and Kerang Mixed Choir. Further to this, her interest in the Arts has involved being a Boort Show steward in the Creative Arts section over sometime.

Her interest and commitments have not been restricted to musical activities as Hazel was a member of the Golf Club, Ladies Tennis Club (President for 2 years) and still is involved in the Boort Bowling Club, Boort Croquet Club and Boort Indoor Carpet Bowls.

Whilst raising her three children with husband Reg she helped found Whitmores Bus Lines as well as being involved in Parents' Club at Kinder, Primary and High School levels. She drove the school buses taking great interest in her charges on the country bus run. She is still Senior Business Manager of the Bus Lines and is involved in wider transport interests through membership of the Bus Association Victoria, Transport Women Australia and Bus World.

Hazel has always cared about the welfare of others, whether that be caring for the neighbours' children or welcoming lonely people into her home. Her long dedication to her church has shown commitment and great contribution to our community — whether that be cooking for functions or for people on their own, donating her time to drive people to activities (all without complaint or self recognition). She has been a loyal, contributing member of so many local groups not the least her membership of the Uniting church Thistle Fellowship (formerly Presbyterian Thistle Club) with an unbroken attendance for approximately 46 years!

Despite leading a very busy family and business life, she has quietly gone about the business of making our town a better place to live by her unselfish, voluntary work. This is not all inclusive but just outlines some of the ways Hazel is a wonderful role model.

OLD BOORT STANDARDS

Help please.....

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

1961 - July to December

1962 - January to June

Please note that we need these papers only.



The Court House Museum is open each Friday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm (or by appointment for a \$5 opening fee).

Jennie Weaver, Secretary



Boort Angling Club

February Fishing Competition

Sunday 28th February 2016

9:00 am—5:00 pm

At Fernihurst Weir

Good prizes for Kids

BOORT PRE SCHOOL.....

SPRING BULB FUNDRAISER

The Pre School are holding their annual Bulb Fundraiser again this year.

If anyone would like to support the Pre School and purchase some bulbs, a catalogue is at BRIC you can contact Kelly Henderson 0427 280583, or the Pre School. Orders and payment need to be placed in by April 14th, for deliver before Mothers' Day.



Men's Shed

THE catch-up over a cuppa is every bit as important as the skilled handiwork on display.

Loddon Shire's four Men's Sheds have earned their place as key contributors to their local communities, both for the practical help they offer and the social connections they nurture.

The Shire's Men's Sheds are located in Boort, Pyramid Hill, Wedderburn and Inglewood.

Boort Men's Shed, located in the grounds of the town's hospital, has about 20 members and meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Long-time member Ken Loader said one of the group's key purposes had been the maintenance of a 1940s merry-go-round on the lake foreshore which was brought up from Geelong in 1959.

"We operate the merry-go-round, do a bit of woodcraft and metalcraft and help out the kindergarten and hospital," Mr Loader said.

"In recent times, we've built donation boxes for the local tourism group and tables and chairs for the Lake Meran Tennis Club. "This year, we're hoping to extend our shed and plan to complete the next metal sculpture for the trail around Little Lake Boort.



Boort Development Committee Report

Work continues on the Nolens Park upgrade, and new outdoor furniture has now been purchased that will shortly be installed into the new shelters.

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

The steering committee formed to design a major new Arts Project for Boort has been active, in readiness to submit a Boort proposal for the Regional Arts Victoria Small Town Transformations grants (\$350,000 of funding each to 6 small towns in country Victoria is available). The steering committee has developed a proposal to make Boort a performance art hub, based on upgrading the interior of Boort Memorial Hall to a standard that could attract quality live performances. The proposal also includes the innovative idea of staging annual live performances on the water of the lake accompanied by a sound and light show. The Boort Art Project grant submission will be lodged by 29 February.

A Consultant will be appointed to create a Little Lake Boort foreshore masterplan. In consultation with the community, the Consultant will create an agreed strategy for ongoing improvements to the lake surrounds, so that Boort maximises the potential of this wonderful natural asset. The masterplan will enable a consistent approach so that all new design elements blend in well together with common themes, which are supported by the community. Funding is via the Community Plan and up to \$15,000 is available to ensure a high quality result is obtained.

Boort Business & Tourism Council Committee

2016 Business Members

The Boort Business and Tourism Council has published its first Business Directory, this directory has been created to assist locals and visitors to locate local businesses and see what services our great town has to offer. Twenty-eight local businesses have supported our committee by becoming Business Members, these businesses have a prominent listing in the business directory. We thank these businesses for their support and we encourage all locals and visitors to support our local businesses and **Shop Locally!**

Business Directories are available free of charge from the Boort Emporium and the Boort Post Office and are included in the 2016 Amity local phone books.

Easter Market by the Lake

The annual BBTC Easter Market 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 21st August 2016 – Australian Male Welsh Choir
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 & stand can be hired for \$20. Please contact tourism.boort@gmail.com or drop in at Boort Emporium



Closing date for comment for “About Town Loddon Streetscape design project

Over the course of 2015 a Streetscape Masterplan was prepared for Boort. The design can be viewed online until March 13th on the project website; www.abouttown.org. The Masterplans are also on display in the Rubicon Water window and at BRIC. Your thoughts and comments are appreciated with all submissions genuinely reviewed and where possible incorporated into the plans.

Arnold Butchers Snags Prize

Boort butcher Kane Arnold has snagged high honours with his famed Thai Chicken sausages at one of Australia's premier meat industry events. Arnold Family Butchers is becoming a popular stopping point for visitors to the town as the reputation of his quality meats and small goods continues to grow.

Kane Arnold's Thai Chicken Sausages have taken him a long way. They've become a firm favourite in his home town of Boort, earned him some fancy silverware and have now landed him in Brisbane, to line up against the best in the country. Kane, owner of Arnold Family Butchers, was a finalist in February in the 2016 National Sausage King Awards, sponsored by the Australian Meat Industry Council. It was the first time he'd entered any industry competition and he came third.

"The Sausage King competition starts at regional level early in the year before moving on to state level, where we won first place for our poultry sausage and took second for our home-made bacon," Kane said. "It was a fantastic experience for us – great to mix with the leaders of our industry. "All the chicken we use is from Hazeldene's and the herbs are grown and harvested locally." "I've been here since 2012, working with my brother, Jye, full-time and my wife, Brooke, when she's not teaching," he said. "We have a full list of gourmet products and do all our own small goods, plus private packaging for farmers and supplying the IGA stores in Boort and Charlton."

Well done Kane, Brooke and Jye.



Jye Arnold happily showing off silverware that Arnold family Butchers have won.

Boat or Jet Ski Licence Course

Are you or your family or friends planning on using a boat or jet ski over summer, for fishing, water sports, or just for fun?

Regardless of whether you are boating on rivers, lakes, or the ocean you must have a licence.

Date: Wednesday 16th March 2016

Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Course

Participants need to arrive at 5:30 pm for registration

Venue: BRIC

**Tutors: Lake Eppalock Volunteer
Coastguard**

Cost: \$150 Boat and Jet ski

\$120 Boat only

◆ **Bookings Essential**

Includes Licence testing, but need to pay VicRoads charge for a 5 year licence separately.

Participants must be aged 12 or older.

Must supply appropriate proof of identity (Passport, Birth Certificate, Medicare card, Driver's Licence, Learner's Permit) Restricted Licences 12-16 years.

For further information please contact BRIC on 54552716 or email BRIC at bric.boort@bigpond.com



Apple Charger Recall

Apple has issued a recall for iPhone, iPod, iPad and Mac chargers over concerns they could cause an electric shock. "Apple is aware of 12 incidents worldwide", the company said in a statement. The faulty chargers, which were sold over twelve years, "may break and create a risk of electrical shock if touched". Apple's recall will affect products sold between 2003 and 2015, including Apple iPhones, iPads, iPods and Mac computers. Company representatives would not confirm the exact models affected. The recall is not limited to Australia; New Zealand, Argentina, Brazil, Continental Europe and South Korea were also issued notices.

Is my Apple charger being recalled?



The faulty component is the two-prong wall plug that slides into Apple's charging brick. This is the part that can be interchanged so the charger can be used overseas – if you have the right adapter. Affected Apple chargers have four or five faint numbers embossed on the back. Look closely because they are hard to see. If your charger has these numbers, then you need to stop using it immediately, as per Apple's instructions. Apple redesigned its charging adapter for its 2016 range. Unaffected models have a three letter regional code printed on the back. For example, redesigned Australian chargers have the letters 'AUS'.

Identifying your wall plug adapter



Compare your adapter to the images below. An affected wall plug adapter has 4 or 5 characters or no characters on the inside slot where it attaches to an Apple power adapter. Redesigned adapters have a 3-letter regional code in the slot (EUR, KOR, AUS, ARG or BRA).

Exchange Process

Choose one of the following options below. You will need to verify your Mac, iPad, iPhone or iPod serial number as part of the exchange process so find your serial number in advance. Exchange your adapter(s) at your local [Apple Store](#) or an [Authorized Apple Service Provider](#). Request a replacement via the [web](#).

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

BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL
BEACH PARTY

MARKET STALLS & AUCTION
 FOOD & DRINKS GALORE!
 CFA DISPLAY PLUS LOADS
 MORE ENTERTAINMENT!!

Sea Creature Sculpture Comp
terrific prizes to be won!!

SCHOOL FETE
 FRIDAY 4th MARCH 2016

3:30 - 7:30pm
Everyone welcome!!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - CUBA

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

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2016

TIME: 10:00am - Speaker Lorraine Hayes
 PLACE: Church of Christ

Everyone Welcome

Northern District Community Health Service

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 & menopause.

Boort

Thursday 10th March

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

Please Phone: 5451 0200 for appointment.

Cost: \$10.00 or \$6.50 concession

**BOORT HOCKEY CLUB
TOMATOES**

\$15 per \$10 kg

Delivered!

Orders to Jacqui Verley 0419 094449

Tomatoes still available



**Boort & District Probud Club March
Meeting**

10:00am Friday 4th March at BRIC

Annual Meeting

Following Meeting is Friday 1st April,
10:00 am at BRIC

Thank you

Jenny, Russell, Dianne, Julie and families of the late Geoffrey Allison "Porridge" would like to thank all family and friends for your acts of kindness and sympathy; food, flowers, cards, phone calls and those who attended and helped with his funeral service. Our hearts are heavy but we are full of gratitude during this sad time. Please accept this as our personal thanks. Geoff, Dad and Pop will be remembered for his loving, easy-going, cheeky and stubborn personality.

Golf News 2016

The golf season is nearly with us, Andrew Kane is President, Stuart Tweddle is Captain while Barry Kennedy as Handicapper will see to it that everyone will have a new rule book. The ladies will be organised by President Pauline Gardner, Sally Keeble as Secretary, Lorraine Linehan as Lady Captain.

The opening of golf is likely to be early April, but as always there is an enormous amount of work to be carried out on an area the size of a golf course before opening.

Barry Kennedy and helpers have been working on the tees, re-sowing and watering them while Ewan and Ian Collins brought in equipment to clean up dead trees and remove old tree stumps. Kevin Linehan with assistance from Robert Johnston has sprayed the golf course. Thanks to these people who have worked over the summer.

Kevin is looking for many helpers, who can spare some time with shovels, rakes and maybe a trailer to assist at the regular Working Bees that will be starting on the 20th February and continuing on Saturdays until Easter. Kevin would like to have the golf course in good condition for Easter.

Please ring Kevin on 54 55 2247 to offer your help, maybe you can help during the week if not at the working bees, Kevin may be able to suggest ways that you can assist with the preparation of the golf course for season 2016.

Margaret Nelson
Secretary

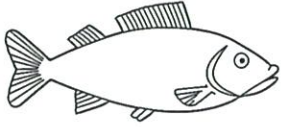
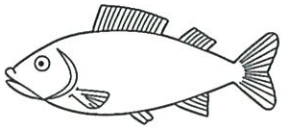


Boort

ANGLING CLUB

The A.G.M. of BOORT ANGLING CLUB INC was held on the 10th February in a very positive atmosphere.

This is the start of a new year so welcome to those already involved and all potential members.



The club leadership this year will be -

President Alan Wilson **Vice President** Phillip Gawne

Secretary Alan Digby assisted by Rod Stringer

Treasurer Chris Rothacker **Publicity Officer** Rod Stringer

Committee is Office Bearers plus available members.

Personalised, laminated Members tickets for this year (AGM 2016 to AGM 2017)

Family \$20 Single \$10 junior under 16 years \$0 Available from Treasurer.

Competition fees Adult \$10 Junior \$5 Arrive, register and pay before fishing.

February Competition 28th February at Fernihurst Weir 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at the Club Rooms at 8:00 pm

The Club Rooms are already a popular venue and when the current improvements are finished it will be great. Those wanting to make bookings or find a key should contact Phillip Gawne on 54552424. If not available try other members.

Fishing News

In a difficult last month members reported mixed success in local lakes, good results in Murray River downstream and good catches on Western Port Bay.

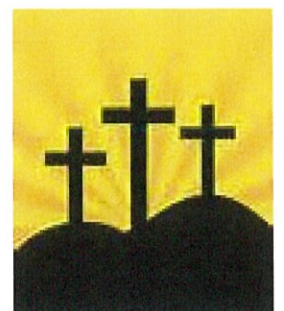
Watch the Sign Boards for the dates and venues of the Competitions.

Tight lines to all,
Rod Stringer

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



Sensational Sunday Racing

Boort Cups Day



Sunday afternoon 20th March 2016.

First race at 1:14pm at Boort Park.

Celebrating 125 years. 1891-2016 Boort.

Oldest continuous Trotting Club in Australia.

**Former Premier & Racing Minister Dr Denis Napthine
launching Daryl Poxon's new book- Boort Trotting 125 years
"The Tradition Lives On".**

Loddon Valley Stud Pacers Cup \$14,875

Haras Des Trotteurs Trotters Cup \$14,875.

Historical Display.

**Fashions On Field- Whitmore's Bus Lines sponsored Lady of Day \$500
& 5 other categories.**

\$1000 Selfie Prize.

Free bus from Bendigo

Win Trips to Noosa & Mildura Cup sponsored by Neil Beattie family.

Trophies all races. Total stakes \$78,000.

Interstate & Victorian Race Broadcasters calling 2 races each.

Mini marquee bookings, umbrella on lawn packages.

Phone- John Campbell, Chairman 0437 077 887 John Davidson, Secretary 54378330

Glenn Mercer, Treasurer 0409 119477

WALSH ISSUES INVITATION TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY

Leader of The Nationals and Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh has issued an invitation to the constituents of the Murray Plains electorate to visit Parliament House for it's annual Open Day on Sunday 6 March 2016.

"The day offers visitors the chance to explore areas of Parliament not usually open to the public," Mr Walsh said.

"Visitors can sit in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers, visit the Parliamentary Library, and enjoy morning and afternoon tea in the Member's Dining Room.

"They can also visit the committee room, see the Speaker's and members' offices and have lunch in the parliamentary gardens."

This year's Open Day is celebrating the 160th anniversary of the Victorian Parliament. Mr Walsh said entry was free and there would be exhibits from all departments.

"This is a great opportunity for Victorians to see their Parliament and to gain an appreciation of the architecture of the building," Mr Walsh said.

BOORT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Our club is pleased to announce the appointment of the coaches for 2016.

Under 13 Coach: Greg Boyd

Under 16 Coaches: Richard Cockerell, Ken Holland & Rob Kerr



The season is fast approaching with some of the Under 16 footballers already training with the Senior players on Wednesday evening. Official training for the Under 16 team will begin on Thursday 3rd March at 4:00pm. Any older aged Under 13 players are welcome to attend these trainings. Under 13 training will officially begin on Thursday 17th March.

Registration Night for the juniors will also occur on Thursday 17th March with a barbecue tea to follow. All parents are encouraged to come along for the barbecue tea.

We are currently seeking sponsors for the 2016 season and if you would like to be a part of the club we would love to hear from you. Please contact secretary, Angela Poxon on 0428 314219 or email boortjfc@gmail.com if you are able to assist.

We look forward to your support and another enjoyable season of football.

Boort Lawn Tennis Club Social Club News

Sharp's Hot Cross Bun and Pie Drive Fundraiser

We are holding a Hot Cross Bun and Pie Drive before Easter through Sharp's Bakery in Birchip.

You may order Hot Cross Bun varieties; fruit, fruitless or choc chip, as well as pasties and an assortment of pies.

If you have any enquiries or would like to place an order please contact;

Lee Lanyon 0427 654250 or Sharon Pickering 0438 386261

Order forms will also be available from the counter at the Boort Vet Clinic and completed forms, with money can be left there as well.

Orders **MUST** be received by Friday 4th March with the total amount of money.

Goods will be available for pick-up on the afternoon of Thursday 10th March at the Tennis Club or alternative arrangements can be made if notice is given.



Easter Tournament

As part of the Annual Easter Tournament, on Saturday night we traditionally hold a spit roast tea and the function this year is a family friendly games night. All welcome !

As the prize to the winning team we give a basket of local goods. Any donations for the basket would be gratefully accepted and can be left at BRIC until the Wednesday before Easter (23rd March).

Donations in the past have included home-grown fruit and vegies, home-made biscuits or other cooking, locally made jewellery, sauces, pickles and other general local produce.

It would be much appreciated if any cooked goods could have ingredients listed for food safety purposes.

Thank you.

Enquiries to Maree Stringer 0438 827512

BOORT NETBALL CLUB

We are thrilled to announce that work on the new second court (back court) will commence very soon.



It is anticipated that the court will be ready for Round 1 on the 16th April. A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in the process.

COMING EVENTS 2016

Sunday 28/2	Fishing Competition
Wednesday 2/3	First Aid Course at BRIC
Thursday 3/3	U/16 Football training starts
Friday 4/3	World Day of Prayer
Friday 4/3	Probus AGM
Friday 4/3	Boort District School Fete
Friday 4/3	BTC Hot Cross Bun orders close
Sunday 6/3	Parliament Open Day
Thursday 10/3	Women's Health Clinic
Thursday 10/3	Loddon Shire Immunisations
Sunday 13/3	Closing date for Streetscape Submissions
Monday 14/3	Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday 16/3	Boat/Jet Si Course at BRIC
Saturday 19/3	CFA 125th Anniversary Dinner
Saturday 19/3	Boort FNHC practice match at Macorna
Sunday 20/3	Boort Cup Day
Thursday 24/3	Term 1 Ends
Friday 25/3	Good Friday
Friday 25/3	Boort Easter Tennis Tournament
Saturday 26/3	Easter Market by the Lake
Sunday 27/3	Easter Sunday Ecumenical Dawn Service
Sunday 27/3	Vietnam History Competition closes
Saturday 2/4	Boort FNHC 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 FNHC
Saturday 23/4	Wedderburn v Boort FNHC
Sunday 21/8	Australian Male Welsh Choir
Sunday 4/9	Father's Day at Star Spanner Sculptures

See inside for more details



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



Loddon Shire CEO Resigns

Loddon's Chief Executive Officer, Mr John McLinden has resigned his position. John is leaving Loddon Shire to take up the position of Chief Executive Officer at Swan Hill Rural City Council.

John has served the municipality and its community for the last 23 years. He was first appointed to the position of Shire Engineer to the Shire of East Loddon in March 1993 and then went on to be the Director of Operations for 11 years and has served as CEO for the last 10 years at Loddon Shire.

John leaves behind a council and a community that is in really good shape. John has helped the Council establish a clear vision for the future and under his leadership it has put in place a number of effective strategies to deliver it's vision. In tendering his resignation, John has expressed his appreciation for the help and assistance provided to him by the Council and the Loddon community and has paid special tribute to the countless community members who contribute so much to life in Loddon.

John along with his wife Therese will be leaving Serpentine and will take up residence in Swan Hill.

John's resignation will be effective from the 18th March.