

ABOUT Boort

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Australia Day—Boort Style



L to R
 Sandra Poyner
 Professor Komesaroff
 Edna Boyle
 Mayor Neil Beattie
 M.C. Marg Piccoli
2nd row
 RSL President Lance
 Slatter & Neil Beattie
 and Katie Streader

Boort resident Edna Boyle receives the Loddon Shire's Citizen of the Year from Mayor Neil Beattie whilst guest speaker Professor Paul Komesaroff looks on. Edna has been a life long volunteer to numerous organizations in Boort. Sandra Poyner received the Boort Community Service Award for years of contribution to the community. Lance Slatter receives a presentation on behalf of the RSL from the Mayor. Katie Streader led the singing of the national anthem whilst Marg Piccoli from Boort Amity was Master of Ceremonies for the morning celebration. Once again Amity catered splendidly for the morning tea. Below is a letter of thanks to Amity from the guest speaker on the day.

Dear Sandra,

I am writing to you in your capacity as the contact person for Amity, Boort.

It was my honour and privilege to be the Australia Day Ambassador at Boort yesterday and to be able to hear about the great strengths and accomplishments of your community. I enjoyed my visit very much and will long value the memories of it.

I was also very grateful to receive from Amity a wonderful gift that included a number of local products. Because of some confusion during the ceremony I did not initially understand that the gift came from you and therefore did not have the chance to thank you for it properly. I am therefore writing to you personally to express my great appreciation both for the trouble you went to in preparing the gift and for the impressive testimony it provides to the range and quality of the activities of the Boort community.

I would be grateful if you could share my thanks to other members of Amity, Boort. Also, thank you again for your hospitality. I look forward to visiting Boort again soon.

Best wishes,

Paul

Paul Komesaroff AM

Professor of Medicine, Monash University

Executive Director, Global Reconciliation

What's EASTER all about?

Come along to Velocity After School on the 22nd and 29th March for all things **EASTER!!!!!!**

We'll be learning all about **EASTER** and why it's celebrated.....

And why we have **EASTER** Eggs.....

Oh....and you'll get to eat some chocolate eggs too....when you've found them.....

We're having an **Egg Hunt**, as well as **EASTER** themed games and craft to launch **Velocity 2017**



Velocity is Boort's very own ecumenical youth group for children from Foundation to Yr 6.

- When?** **Wednesdays** during term, **3:30-5:45pm**, starting 22nd March 2017
(changes may occur due to unforeseen circumstances, you will be notified of changes)
- Where?** **Boort Baptist Church Hall**, 23 Armstrong Street Boort. Your child will be collected from school or you may deliver them to the hall @ 3:45pm (this may change from week to week depending on activities taking place, you will be notified of changes)
- Who?** All **primary school aged children!** That's Foundation through to Year 6 children from all over Boort and surrounding areas.
- What?** A program of **Christian instruction and fun supervised activities, games and crafts.** After school snacks will be provided. Children will be divided into age appropriate groups for instruction.
- How?** A team of dedicated volunteers including....
Leaders: Ruth Field, Suzi Kirkham, Heather McClelland, Kathy Pink, Karen Rothacker and Helen Tular along with a group of helpers representing Christian churches in Boort.

Cooks/Afternoon Tea: Boort Community volunteers (if you want to help please contact Varlea on 0409 189 591)

And funding by donations. To run this program we need funding for the purchase of the curriculum we use and for craft materials and other items required to provide fun activities for the children to participate in. We ask that you please **donate a gold coin per child attending each week.** You may also provide donations in a lump sum and by direct credit to the Boort Baptist Church bank account (BSB: 083553, Acc: 564454307, please identify the payment with the word "Velocity")

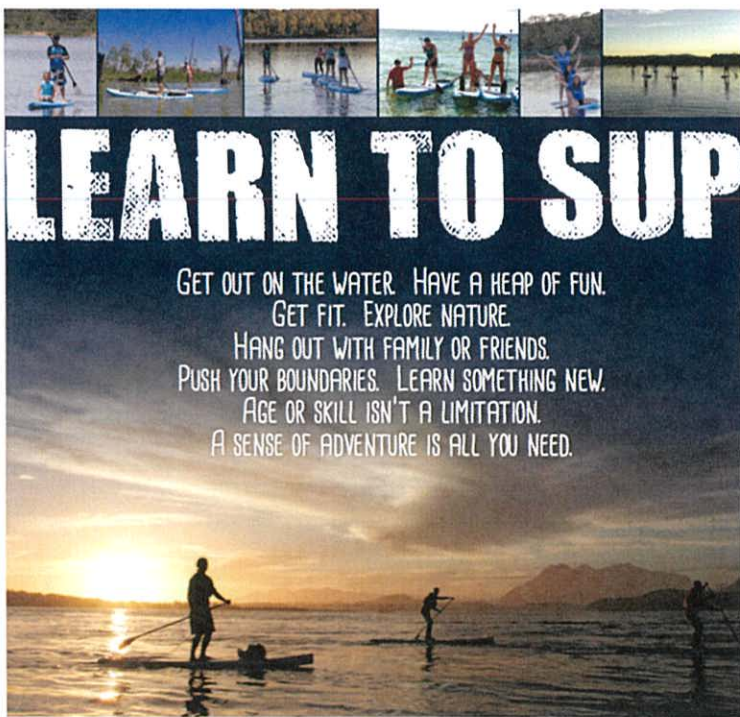
For further information contact Ruth Field (5455 2183/0425 743 512) or Suzi Kirkham (0407 282 513). Emails can be sent to velocityboort@gmail.com. News of upcoming events and the 2017 registration form can be found on Facebook, group name "Velocity After School" and in the Boort District School Newsletter.

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Funding is provided by the Loddon Shire

If you would like to have your copy posted to you each month it will cost \$14.00 .





LEARN TO SUP

GET OUT ON THE WATER. HAVE A HEAP OF FUN.
 GET FIT. EXPLORE NATURE.
 HANG OUT WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS.
 PUSH YOUR BOUNDARIES. LEARN SOMETHING NEW.
 AGE OR SKILL ISN'T A LIMITATION.
 A SENSE OF ADVENTURE IS ALL YOU NEED.

Stand up Paddle Boarding

Stillwater Paddleboards from Bendigo, will be visiting little Boort Lake to offer this fantastic opportunity to the community, and are seeking expressions of interest in a program targeted at women. VicHealth's 'Changing the game' initiative has teamed up with Surfing Victoria to deliver a three-part program "Coasting" Standup Paddleboarding for women.

<https://www.coastingsup.com/>

Each session runs for a minimum of 1.5hrs and is progressive, participants will develop skills and confidence in a welcoming and supportive environment with accredited instructors with you all the way.

Dates proposed for the program are as follows:
 Wednesday March 1st 11:00am session one,
 Wednesday March 8th 11:00am session two and
 Wednesday March 15th 11:00am session three.

A Minimum of 8 participants is required to run the program and is available for up to 16 participants (10yrs and above). You need to be available for all three sessions. The cost of the full program is \$150 and includes all equipment required and two fully accredited instructors. More details can be found on the school section of their website www.stillwaterpaddleboards.com.au look for the Coasting logo. We can offer general Introduction classes also which are \$65 for 1.5hrs and are available for both males and females.

Coasting
Stand Up Paddleboarding for Women

 an initiative of
VicHealth™

For all enquiries and confirmation of Interest please contact Stillwater Paddleboards directly:
enquiries@stillwaterpaddleboards.com.au or PH: 0419317220

World Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March 2017

10:00am

Boort Baptist Church



On Friday 3rd March 2017 millions of people will come together for an annual prayer event to tackle the growing issues of family violence, human trafficking, child abuse and other forms of injustice, through prayer.

This year the focus of World Day of Prayer will centre on the 7,107 islands which make up the Philippines. In this tropical nation of over 100 million people—despite having a constitution guaranteeing equal rights—many Filipino women are still treated as subordinates in the home, church and society.

Poverty, particularly in rural areas, aggravates the vulnerability of women to violence and exploitation. One in five females aged 15 to 49 have experienced physical violence. There is also sexual, psychological and economic violence, as well as human trafficking. There is legislation against all these issues, but little implementation.

Christian Churches in every community across Australia—and the world—will be banding together on Friday 3rd March to pray for the people of the Philippines and you are invited to join us.

The opening of the Boort Library Agency on Thursday 9th of February.

The Boort Library Agency is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00am - 12:30pm and 1:00pm– 3:30pm

Rhonda Martin and Rosalie Evans, library volunteers, returning books to the shelves.



Librarian from Goldfields Library assisting borrowers on the first day of operation of the agency

Story times

Story time for children will be held on the first Thursday of the month at BRIC from 10:30 am—11:00 am

Next dates are Thursday 2nd March
Thursday 6th April
Thursday 4th May

Storytime for children is led by the Librarian from Goldfields Library



Boort Cups Super Sunday

Sunday 19 March
11:00 am to 7:00 pm

A superb day of harness racing and entertainment presented by Boort Trotting Club.

*Admission \$10

*Concession \$5

*Kids free

*Free bus from Bendigo

Loads of on course entertainment, kids activities, TAB facilities and onsite bookmaker, fashion on the fields, comfortable air-conditioned Sports Bar with tables, umbrella and marquee packages, race book competitions and prizes.

Boort Park, Malone Street, Boort 3537

Contact : Nicole Myles Contact number 0429 321652
boort@hrv.org.au



Boort Hockey Club

Family Night

All hockey players Minkey to Seniors are invited to a family night on Friday 17th March at 5:00pm at Nolens Park.

Prepare for an afternoon of team physical challenges. Also games for the youngsters.

Tea will be provided.

Jacqui Challis (Secretary)



Tomato Pick

Players and families are required to help out with the tomato pick. Sunday 26th February at 9:00 am. Directions will be emailed. Don't forget your boxes!

Morning tea and drinks supplied.

For more information, contact Jacqui Verley



Would you like to have your copy of "About Boort" posted to you each month?

"About Boort" subscriptions of \$14.00 are payable to BRIC at P.O. Box 152, Boort 3537.

Those who have access to email can have the "About Boort" Newsletter emailed to you each month for no charge. Submit your email address to bric.boort@bigpond.com attention: About Boort

Articles for the newsletter need to arrive by 9:00 am on the 20th of March for inclusion in the April About Boort email to: bric.boort@bid.com

BOORT ANGLING CLUB NEWS

- There is another afternoon Fishing Comp, plus Fish & Chips night coming up on Sunday 19th March. Fish from 2:00pm until 6:00pm, then the meal. Members & Juniors (under 16 Years) free. Adult, non members \$10.00
- There was a good attendance at the Boort Angling Club Annual General Meeting.
- The club is in a strong financial position.
- Memberships are now due. They are the same as last year. Family \$20.00, Adults \$10.00 and Juniors (under 16 years) free. Please pay early to get the best use of your membership.
- There is a document being drawn up for the hiring of the Club Rooms. This will include things such as
 - The Club Rooms are not to be used to sleep in when hired out.
 - The need for those hiring to obtain a licence if they intend to have / serve alcohol. This can take up to six weeks to arrange.
 - If they intend to have / serve alcohol outside the building this requires a separate licence.
- Bookings for the Club Rooms, contact Alan Wilson on 0429 798 352
- A poor attendance of fishermen enjoyed some good catches of redfin and trout at Tchum Lake

Competition on Sat 18th Feb. Winner was Ron Hird, second Rod Stringer and third Alan Digby.

Our aim is to promote our town, our sport and involve the community.

Next Meeting, Wednesday 8th March 2017, 8:00pm at the Club Rooms

If any queries please contact, Rod on 0428 513 888



BOORT PRE SCHOOLS

Bulb Fundraiser!



Boort Pre School are once again running their Bulb Fundraiser this year.

If you would like to view a catalogue and order some bulbs, catalogues will be available at the BRIC.

You can leave your orders at BRIC and I will collect them from there.

Please help support Boort Pre School.

All orders and money need to be back by Wednesday 29th March 2017.

Delivery of Bulbs should be late April.

Any other enquires please contact Boort Pre School or Kelly Henderson

Boort Hockey Club Annual Fundraiser

Sauce Tomatoes

**\$15.00 per 10kg box delivered
(50K radius)**

Taking orders now

**Ph: Jacqui Verley
0419 094 449**

**Picking and delivering Sunday
26th February**



BOORT LAWN TENNIS CLUB



The Season

The 2016/2017 season is fast coming towards the closing stages as there are only two rounds to go (25 Feb. and 4 March) before the finals, with Barraport holding top spot on the ladder and has been the team to beat all season. The semi-finals will be played on 18 March to see who goes into the 25 March Grand Final.

The following day (Sunday 26 March) will see Boort host a Junior Masters singles tournament. Championships have begun with Kathryn Lanyon and Chris Hatcher proving to be too good in the Mixed Doubles. Lynette Clark and Damien Lanyon had a close encounter in winning the B Grade Mixed Doubles. After they visited us in November, last Saturday (18 Feb.) we played away to the Loddon Valley Association, with Leaghur playing at Lake Meran and the remaining teams going across to Pyramid Hill. Both days were enjoyable with the future of both groups to be discussed.

Easter

Easter is much later this year – 14/15/16/17 April, but the Annual Easter Tennis Tournament will still be the place to be over that weekend. This year will see a few Fast-4 Tennis events introduced and of course there will still be the Spit Roast tea on the Saturday evening and Last Man Standing on Sunday evening.

Greenskeeper

Rob (and Gaye) Sim has been the Greenskeeper of Boort Lawn Tennis Club since he hung up his butcher's tools. Now he is looking to have even longer sleep-ins and retire from the mower. So, if anyone is interested in a part-time Summer job as the Greenskeeper of the tennis club, please make contact with President Lee Lanyon on 0427 654 250 or have a chat with Rob.

Northern District Community Health Services

Women's Health Clinic

including pap testing



Appointments are now available to see a Women's Health Nurse, Kate, who can provide the following services and information:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Pap Testing | • Breast Health |
| Contraception advice | • Menopause |
| Contenance | • Period Problems |
| General Health and Wellbeing | |

Boort Thursday 2nd March 2017

Northern District Community Health Service / BRIC Building 119-121 Godfrey Street, Boort

please phone 5451 0200 for an appointment

Cost - \$10.00



Request from Boort Post Office

If you are applying for a passport, an appointment **MUST BE BOOKED** for your passport photograph.
Kind Regards,

All the staff at Boort Post Office



Boort Golf Club

The 2017 year is rolling along and before you know it the golf season will be upon us, but before we can enjoy the social days of golf there is work to be done around the golf course. Looking forward to seeing all golfers, past, present and new for the commencement of the season.

The abundance of rain over the spring and summer has seen much growth on and around the golf course, along with storm damage when a large tree near the Clubhouse was struck by lightning. Large branches from the tree were found in many places including going through the east wall of the clubhouse opposite the Bar room door. Thanks go to Barry and Aaron Kennedy for doing the repairs to the outside and inside walls as well as the Bar door. Aaron's knowledge of building came in very handy for these repairs.

Kevin Linehan organised a huge job of slashing the fairways, thanks to Grant Weaver and Robert Johnston for coming with their machinery and starting the huge clean up job required on the golf course. Kevin has a number of **Working Bees** to follow up with the rest of the course preparation.

Working Bees are on Saturday 25th February, Saturday 4th March and 25th March, while the oiling of the sands is on **Saturday 1st April, all commencing at 8:30am**. Many hands will make the job much easier, check with Kevin to see if you need to bring extra equipment for cleaning the Bunkers, around trees and along fences or just to spend time picking up tree branches from storm damage.

With all this completed on time the Club will have the **Opening Day on Saturday 8th April**, this will allow the golf course to be open in time for Easter. The ladies will receive an email regarding a meeting, Working Bee and Opening Day.

The Officials for this year, President Andrew Kane and Stuart Twedde as Captain, Lady President Dot Beattie with Sally Keeble Secretary and Lorraine Linehan Ladies Captain. Contact these people if you need more information.

Hope to see many players this year enjoying golf and to enjoy our social gatherings afterwards.

Margaret Nelson
Secretary



Hard waste collection encourages clean up

Council's hard waste collection dates are always well received and residents are encouraged to put the dates in March in your diary.

Hard waste collection dates provide an opportunity for residents to place unwanted items such as whitegoods and old bed frames out on the nature strip to be collected and removed by Council.

Items are to be sorted into piles of grouped materials such as metal, recyclables and white goods.

The total volume of goods to be placed on the nature strip on the designated date, and not before, is not to exceed one cubic metre. Excessive or unsorted piles will not be collected.

Residents are asked to note that perishables, tyres, oils, batteries, paints and chemicals, car parts, mattresses, televisions, computers and monitors and garbage will not be picked up.

Residents of Boort are encouraged to place unwanted hard goods on the nature strip on Sunday 5th March, ready for removal from Monday 6th March.

Any unsuitable items left behind after collection must be removed by residents from the nature strip immediately. We thank you for your cooperation in this collective effort towards tidying up our homes and communities.



BOORT SWIMMING POOL

SUN 12TH MARCH
4-7PM

- FREE ENTRY
- Spit Roast Rolls \$5
- BIRTHDAY CAKE
- Music
- Photo Display
- Jumping Castle
- Pool Inflatable

Celebrating 50 Years

LODDON SHIRE
PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY LODDON SHIRE & BOORT SWIMMING CLUB

A celebration to commemorate the 50th birthday of the 50 metre pool is planned for the long weekend this March. I am keen to hear your stories and experiences with the fundraising that the town undertook to pay for the pool.

Some farmers talk about their swimming pool paddock.....please get in touch with me if you were involved with that. I'd be keen to tally the acreage involved, and if somebody's memory is very good maybe the price of grain at the end of the 1960's.

Also there were endless cake stalls etc. Were there working bees as well?.....My phone number is 54552542 and would love to hear anything about you or your families input into creating this great pool

Thanks

Honie Twedde

COMING EVENTS 2017

Saturday 25/2	Golf Club working bee
Sunday 26/2	Boort Hockey Club tomato pick
Thursday 2/3	Story time at BRIC
Thursday 2/3	Womens' Health clinic
Friday 3/3	Probus AGM
Friday 3/3	World Day of Prayer
Saturday 4/3	Golf Club working bee
Sunday 5/3	Hard Waste Collection out
Thursday 9/3	Infant Immunisations
Sunday 12/3	Boort Swimming Pool 50th birthday
Monday 13/3	Labour Day
Friday 17/3	Family night for Boort Hockey
Friday 17	75th Anniversary of Lake Boga
-Sunday 19/3	Flying Boat Base
Sunday 19/3	Angling Club Fishing Comp
Sunday 19/3	Boort Cups Day
Wednesday 22/3	Velocity after school
Saturday 25/3	Golf Club working bee
Wednesday 29/3	Pre School bulb orders due
Wednesday 29/3	Velocity after school
Friday 31/3	Term 1 ends
Sunday 2/4	Daylight Saving ends
Thursday 6/4	Story time at BRIC
Saturday 8/4	Boort v Donald
Saturday 8/4	Golf Opening
Friday 14/4	Good Friday
Friday 14—	Tennis Easter Tournament
Monday 17/4	
Tuesday 18/4	Term 2 starts
Sunday 15/4	Easter Market by the Lake
Saturday 22/4	St Arnaud V Boort
Tuesday 25/4	Anzac Day
Thursday 4/5	Story time at BRIC
Saturday 29/4	Wedderburn v Boort
Thursday 11/5	Infant Immunisations

See inside for more details

Boort Weight Loss Group

Boort Weight Loss Group will meet at BRIC each Monday at 2:00pm.

Please feel free to come and join us to be helped and encouraged to achieve a healthy weight.

All welcome

Leader Margaret
54552604



All enquiries 1300 769 489

Email info@sunrcs.com.au

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

Temporary V/line Service Change

Bendigo and Echuca trains will be replaced by coaches between Southern Cross station and Gisborne from Wednesday 8th March to Friday 10th March and on Monday 13th March.

Swan Hill services will operate as trains between Bendigo and Swan Hill, connecting with coaches between Bendigo and Southern Cross.

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th March all Bendigo, Swan Hill and Echuca trains will be replaced by coaches between Bendigo and Southern Cross.

Please allow an extra 40 minutes for your journey

