



ABOUT Boort

EDITION 158 DECEMBER 2017



Our annual concert was held on the last day of Term 3 this year at the Boort Memorial Hall. Boys and girls aged from 2 years through to 17 years participated in a fun filled night, with a spontaneous performance by dance teacher, Karen Coutts which took everyone by surprise!

Throughout the year, all students are asked for ideas on song choices, choreography and costumes. The dance group focuses on fun!

2018 will commence the first week of Term 2 and conclude the last week of Term 3. Boys and girls aged from 3 years are invited to join the dance group. For further information, please contact Karen Coutts on 0419445060 or email couttsbij@bigpond.com

Local Business Festive Season Operating times

BRIC	Closed	22nd December reopens Tuesday 2nd January
National Bank	Closed	From 22nd December reopens Monday 8th January
Boort Pharmacy	Closed	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day Public Holidays
Boort Medical Centre	Closed	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day Public Holidays
Home Hardware	Closed	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day Public Holidays
Lakeside Café	Closed	Christmas Day
Boort Vet	Closed	From 5:30pm Thursday 21st December Reopens 8:30 am 2nd January
Arnold Family	Open	till noon Christmas Eve
Butchers	Closed	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day Public Holidays
IGA	Closed	Christmas Day Open Public Holidays but reduced hours
Boort Post Office	Closed	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, 29th December, New Year's Day
Boort Newsagency	Closed	Christmas Day, reduced hours on Boxing Day and New Year's Day.
Boort Well Being Centre	Closed	from 22nd December reopen Monday 15th January for reduced hours
		Regular hours from January 22nd
Home Hardware	Closed	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day Public Holidays
Café Renu	Closed	Christmas Day
Godfrey & Bear	Closed	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day Public Holidays

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to our contributors and readers.



Career Taster Day at Charlton Thursday 30th November



Are you an adult looking for a career change?

Have you just finished school?



Thinking of working in Hospitality or Health Services?

Try our hands-on “taster day” - **Charlton Trade Training Centre** - have a look at **local training** for your next career move

Hear from trainers and people working in these industries:

- ◆ Hospitality
- ◆ Health Services

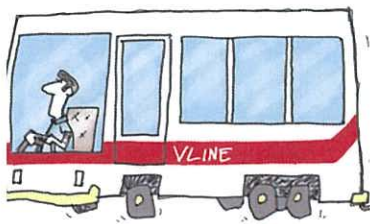


Numbers are limited - To book your place or for more information call Anne or Loretta at Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC) on 5455 271

Buses available from Pyramid Hill, Boort, Wedderburn and Wycheproof

Low cost - \$20, travel & lunch included

Also ... RSA course – Tuesday 5th
December 5pm at BRIC



More Night Coaches are on their way

Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan announced more Friday and Saturday late night V/Line services with new Night Coach timetables beginning on Friday 24 November.

New late evening coaches will also run from Bendigo, Seymour and Traralgon to Melbourne, stopping in selected towns along the way and arriving at Southern Cross Station at 12:40 am.

Coaches from Melbourne will only drop off customers on request at most stops and the stopping patterns of most Night Coach services will change.

The changes to Night Coach services on Bendigo line are:

A new 10:20 pm coach service from Bendigo to Melbourne will stop in town at Kyneton and Gisborne and at Woodend and Sunbury stations.

A new 1:05am coach service from Melbourne to Bendigo.

New stops in town at Kyneton and Gisborne – coaches will still stop at Kyneton and Gisborne stations on request.

Stops at Riddells Creek, Gisborne, Woodend, Kyneton, Castlemaine and Kangaroo Flat stations will be drop-off on request only.

Boort Newsagency

After four years of working tirelessly to get the business up to the high standard it is now, Kathryn and Steve Lanyon have recently made the decision to sell.

Kathryn's passion, commitment and drive hasn't gone unnoticed and we thank her along with Steve, their girls and staff for their great business for the locals and visitors to enjoy.

To show off our new items we opened Friday 10th November 6:00-9:00pm inviting all to join us for light refreshments and nibbles.

A good number turned up to take advantage of discounts on selected items, lucky door prizes etc. Thanks to all who came making it a very successful evening.

Neil and Dot, like Kathryn are very passionate about our town and will endeavour to provide similar service to Boort. We all want Businesses to survive in Boort so please help out and shop locally whenever you can.

December 8th is the Christmas night up the street and once again the newsagency will stay open till 7:30pm with more selected items on sale for Christmas and face painting for children outside the shop.

We do hope you all come along to enjoy the night.



New staff member Alister McDougal happily serving customers in the Newsagency.



Boort's Santa is Coming

Christmas Street Party
Friday 8th December

join us

Bought from Boort Final Raffle Draws

Craft Activities
Market Stalls
Face Painting Jumping Castle
Music
and lots, lots more

Starting from 5:00 pm

Look for more details to follow in a Letterbox Drop
this week

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

"About Boort" is compiled by volunteers Jean Henderson and
Helen McDougal and printed using the facilities at BRIC.

Funding is provided by the Loddon Shire.

Donations from Amity and Neil Beattie have allowed us to
access a funding grant for 2017/2018.

**Articles for the newsletter need to
arrive by 9:00 am on the 19th of
December for inclusion in
January About Boort email to:**
bric.boort@bigpond.com



BRIC Christmas Tree Competition



1. Best decorated small tree under 60 cm (own creation, artificial or real)
2. Best decorated tree over 60 cm & under 200 cm (own creation, artificial or real)

Name			
Entry:	Small Tree Under 60 cm No wider than 1.2 m	Large Tree over 60 cm & Under 200 cm No wider than 1.2 m	
	Winner: \$25 Cash	Winner: \$25 Cash	
Contact No.		Email:	
Tree Collection	Friday 8/12/17 After 8 pm		Monday 11/12/17 Time by arrangement.

**Trees to be displayed in old Chemist Shop window
on the night of Boort Xmas Street Festival, Friday 8th December 2017.**

Terms & Conditions:

1. Create your own Christmas tree made out of anything you like, or decorate an artificial tree, or a real tree.
2. Trees must be freestanding (stand on their own)
3. Tree width to be no wider than 1.2 metres.
4. Entry forms to be dropped/emailed into BRIC by 3pm Wednesday 6th December.
5. Trees to be delivered to old Chemist Shop between 4 - 5 pm on 8/12/17. Can be dropped off earlier by arrangement, by contacting BRIC on 54552716.
6. Entries to be judged by members of BRIC Committee and winners announced on the night.
7. Trees can be collected on Monday 11/12/2017 by arrangement Or taken home after 8 pm on 8/12/17.



VICROADS - Update to Learner Log Book Hours

Please be advised that as of the 1st of November, all learner drivers under the age of 21 who are issued with a learner permit on or after that date will be subject to different night time driving experience requirements.

The current requirement is that 10 hours of supervised night driving practice must be obtained (120 hours of supervised driving practice in total) before a learner attempts the practical driving test. The new requirement will see the night time driving experience requirement increase to 20 hours.

This does **NOT** mean that the total number of supervised driving hours will increase. Learner drivers will still be required to complete a minimum of 120 hours of total supervised driving, it is only the amount of night time driving that will increase.

Worksafe Safety Initiative Award.

Boort Netball Club (BNC) have cleaned up at the recent Netball Victoria state awards in Melbourne. BNC were shortlisted as a finalist in the category of 'Worksafe Safety Initiative Award'. Boort were equal winners with Ouyen United Football Netball Club.

BNC were recognised as being committed to providing a safe, inclusive place to play netball where community wellbeing is paramount. Bnc have primarily focused on providing a new second court for juniors, with a playable surface and safe surrounds. They installed new lighting to meet safety standards and ensured correct training of medical staff is up to date, amongst others. This was done mainly through fundraising.

Outgoing BNC President Jane Hosking, stated 'The award feels like this recognition is the culmination for all the fundraising and hard work that has happily been taken on by our club members and the wider community. We have never sat around waiting for grants, instead everyone has worked together for the good of our community.'

Life member Margaret Nelson, reiterated Jane's thoughts, and indicated that BNC should be extremely proud of themselves and be proud that we have such wonderful and safe facilities'.

BNC were presented with a glass plaque, and a cheque from Worksafe which will contribute to future player development.



Netball Club Award recipients.

Warra Warriors Present Pool Fest! @ The Kerang Pool

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**FRIDAY
8TH
DEC**

**BYO
FLOATIES
AND
CHAIRS**

**Plenty
of
FOOD
&
DRINKS
to buy**

Free entry from 6:30pm

Free water slide from 7:30pm **Free Movie starts 8:30**

FULLY SUPERVISED DRUG, ALCOHOL & SMOKING FREE NO PASSOUTS

Find @FreeZaNDCHS on facebook or call 5451 0200 for more info

Boort Men's Shed: Opening of the new extension

The members of the Boort Men's Shed were pleased with the large number of supporters who attended the formal opening of the Shed's new extension. Many family, friends, community groups and organisations came along to the official opening on Thursday, November 16. All enjoyed a delightful morning tea provided by Boort District Health and Boort District School Parents Club.

Mr. Greg Currie, who served as the Boort Men's Shed Coordinator for ten years performed the official opening ceremony. Greg was instrumental in drafting the grant application which secured the funding for the new extension. Given Greg's long term involvement with the Men's Shed and the key role he played in writing and submitting the grant application, the members felt it entirely appropriate that he be asked to declare the new extension open. Greg's opening address demonstrated his profound knowledge of the operation of Men's Sheds, while his kind words in support of the members and the organisations involved in the Shed was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

The members of the Men's shed would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to Minister Mikakos and the Victorian State Government for their generosity in funding the extension. For without the support of the Victorian Government and the Department of Health and Human Services the extension would not have been a reality. Thanks also to Streader Constructions who built the new extension to the highest quality, to D.A. Electrics who generously powered the site to a high standard and to Bryan Streader who is developing the irrigation system for the garden areas. The Boort Men's Shed has a close working relationship with Boort Resource and Information Centre (B.R.I.C.), Boort District Health and the Northern District Community Health Service.

These organisations provide immense financial, material and administrative support. The assistance of these organisations is greatly appreciated by the members, for without their valuable contributions the Men's Shed would not be the success that it is. Ray Stomann, as B.R.I.C.'s Treasurer, looks after the Shed's finances and his work is greatly appreciated by all. Our thanks also go to Anne Canfield of B.R.I.C. for all her support and administrative assistance. Special thanks are also extended to the staff and students of Boort District School for their ongoing friendship and good will. The Men's Shed is a health and wellbeing centre where members come together in a convivial atmosphere, good humour and mutual support. It is the generous assistance of family, friends, community groups and organisations that make the Men's Shed such a success and the members greatly appreciate all that is done for them.

The Men's Shed is a sanctum of friendship and fellowship you see
A beacon of wellbeing and such a great place to be
The journey through life has given the members gifts galore
So we join in chorus and wish them well for ever more

Wayne Pappin
Coordinator: Boort Men's Shed

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL

This course is essential for any person seeking employment in clubs and hotels or serving alcohol at club functions or social events. It incorporates the legalities and responsibilities of serving alcohol.

Date	Tuesday 5 th December
Time	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Venue	Boort Resource and Information Centre
Tutor	Greg Currie
Cost	\$50.00



Please register your interest at BRIC on 5455 2716.

1st Lake Boort Cubs

Four of the 1st Lake Boort Cubs received their Grey Wolf Award last night. It is the highest achievement in Cubs and an amazing effort.

The cubs had to participate in outdoor activities and earn numerous badges to earn the award.



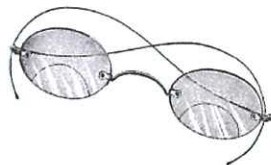
Picture: Ryan O'Flaherty, Amelie Shelley, Lily Caine and Jett Hird

BOORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.



Court House Museum

Has installed new display
cabinets. Please call in any
Friday 2.00 – 4.00
to view our revamped
exhibition.



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Fire Danger Period declared

With the official declaration of the Fire Danger Period for the Loddon Shire Council area beginning on Friday 17 November, it's important you know what you can and can't do during this time. This is particularly vital as we look towards the Christmas and New Year holidays.



During the Fire Danger Period several fire restrictions and regulations apply, including around campfires and barbecues, burning off and other activities.

You can find out what you can or can't do during the Fire Danger Period (and on days of Total Fire Ban) by visiting the CFA's Can I or Can't I information at cfa.vic.gov.au/can or by calling the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

If you're travelling outside our Shire, make sure you're aware of possible fire restrictions in other areas of the state. For a full list of municipalities with fire restrictions, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/

Boort Hockey Club are seeking expressions of interest for the coaching positions for the 2018 hockey season
Minkey
Under 13
Underage
Women's
Men's



If you are interested in taking on a coaching role next season please send an expression of interest to boorthockey@gmail.com or Boort Hockey Club P.O. Box 92 Boort 3537. Applications close 31st January 2018

Boort Historical Society Inc.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Australian Woman's Mirror, November 1, 1927



Though the motor-car is rapidly displacing Dobbin, these two young Victorians are not going to let it do away with their "horse" yet awhile. She is a pet ewe, ten years old, and though she doesn't usually draw such loads as this, is quite proud of her role as a Clydesdale.

(Photo. From "E.B." Boort, Vic)

The Australian Woman's Mirror, June 1, 1926

"Sans Souci"; The recent par. About the magpie in church reminds me. While the choir was singing in a church at Boort (Vic.) one Sunday about 30 years ago a goat strolled up the aisle to the altar. A member of the choir stepped out and seized it, but Nanny struggled and bleated vociferously, causing everyone to laugh except a solitary man in the choir, who heroically kept on and sang the Cantate to the finish.

National Skin Cancer Action Week 2017

November 19-25 2017

Each year Cancer Council Australia and the Australasian College of Dermatologists come together for National Skin Cancer Action Week.

With two in three Australians diagnosed with skin cancer by age 70, this week is a time when we remind Australians of the importance of sun protection and early skin cancer detection.

More than 2000 people in Australia die from skin cancer each year and Cancer Council estimates that Australia spends more than \$1 billion per year treating skin cancer, with costs increasing substantially over the past few years.

Yet most skin cancers can be prevented by the use of good sun protection.

Skin Cancer Action Week is a time when we remind Australians to slip on sun-protective clothing, slop on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, slap on a broad-brimmed hat, seek shade and slide on sunglasses.

A combination of these measures, along with getting to know your skin and regularly checking so you can pick up on any changes, are the key to reducing your skin cancer risk.

Please book a skin check with your GP now.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer



Message from the new Mayor of Loddon Shire Cr Cheryl McKinnon

Looking forward

I'd firstly like to thank the outgoing Mayor Councillor Neil Beattie for his contribution and excellent leadership during the past two terms. I'd also like to acknowledge Cr Beattie's strong advocacy work, particularly around water security, and I hope to continue on his good efforts in this area.

It's an honour for me to be elected Mayor for the coming term and I am looking forward to progressing some of our priority projects. This includes flood levees for the towns of Boort, Pyramid Hill and Serpentine. The delay in construction we know is causing anxiety in our communities, however with most of the design work completed on these levees, we will continue to advocate for funding to protect our towns.

Other priority projects that I hope to make progress with include upgrading the streetscapes in Inglewood, Boort, Pyramid Hill and Bridgewater, upgrades for caravan parks and advocating for town water supply and sewerage for Newbridge.

Together with Council, I look forward to working with our communities in advancing these priority projects and continuing to improve the liveability of our towns, as well as growing our population.





'Bought from Boort'

2017 Shop Locally Campaign

Shop in any of these participating businesses, for your chance to win these fabulous prizes!!

OVER \$6000 IN VOUCHERS AND GOODS TO BE WON

PLATINUM PARTNERS

Boort IGA, George Tallis Hardware, North West Ag, Simply Tomatoes & Aussie Wool Quilts, Boort Emporium and Boort Business and Tourism Council Committee of Management.



COLLECT YOUR COUPON CARD TODAY!!

You could win some fantastic prizes from local Boort businesses!!

THINK LOCAL – BUY LOCAL – SHOP IN BOORT!!

<u>GOLD SPONSORS</u>		<u>SILVER SPONSORS</u>	
Godfrey & Bear	Boort Post Office	Salute Oliva	Banyandah Retreat
Rodwells	Boort Tyre Centre	Karen Allison Massage	A Nourish'd Life
Boort Vet Services	Rawlins Car Care Centre	Brojajla Patches	Oasis Gallery
Lakeside Café	Arnold Family Butchers	DA Electrics	Café Renu
		Teazed Hair Boutique	AL & NF Stringer
		Railway Hotel	Boort Community Pharmacy

This program has been made possible with the support of the Boort Business & Tourism Council.

The campaign will start on Monday 2nd October 2017. A mini prize draw will take place on Saturday 28th October 2017 where prizes and vouchers will be awarded. The major draw and conclusion of the campaign will occur at 5pm on Friday 8th December 2017 at the Boort Christmas Festival.



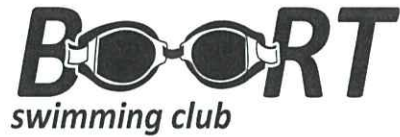
Customer Service Workshop

Residents of Loddon Shire are invited to attend a community workshop to provide their ideas around Council's customer service and how it could be improved.

The workshops follow on from the customer service survey, which saw approximately 120 residents provide their feedback regarding Council's customer service and areas for improvement.

The first round of community workshops will be held on Thursday 30 November at:
Boort Senior Citizens Centre from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

There is no need to register to attend the workshops, community members are welcome to simply turn up at the session time in their area.



The Boort Swimming Club, will be conducting their annual Aquatic Education Program in the summer school holidays.

The program will be held at the Boort Swimming Pool on the following dates:

Tuesday 2nd January to Friday 5th January and
Tuesday 9th January to Friday 12th January 2017.

Groups are as follows:

Water Familiarisation: 3 years
Water Confidence: 4 - 5 years (all pre-school kids)
Prep / Grade 1 Beginner

Cost is \$60 per child for the swimming program. Pool entry must be paid each day too.



Registration forms are available from BRIC and MUST be returned before Friday 22nd December 2017.

For further information please contact myself.

Brooke Chamberlain
Aquatic Education Program Co-ordinator Ph 0418 577226.



BOORT PROBUS CLUB

At the October meeting of Boort Probus, Mrs Melva Matthews of Korong Vale, gave us a very interesting talk on the life of bees and honey production.

A most gifted and talented speaker, Melva described how bees are a perfect community with the drones, the workers and the Queen living in each hive.

Worker bees fly up to 145,000 kms to produce 1 kg of honey and live for only 6 weeks as foragers. A Queen can live for 7 years and a drone for 6-10 months.

Melva demonstrated how the honey is extracted using a 'smoker' to calm the bees before working on the hive.

The wax by-product of the beehives has many purposes. Matthews honey wax is used on the thread which stitches Australian cricket balls.



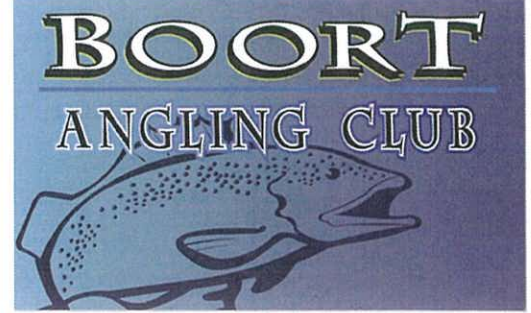
BOORT ANGLING CLUB Inc.

The Annual Carp Eradication and Family Weekend was a great success.

There were 83 Adults registered and 47 Juniors. Total of 28 more than last year. There was a total of 240 carp caught during the competition. There were also a few redfin and at least 2 small cod, but these did not count and are therefore not included in the tallies.

We received lots of feedback as to the number and quality of the prizes and praise also for the lovely meals.

Many thanks again to our sponsors, because without their generous support this could not happen.



Carols By The Lake

The annual community Carols event will be held on

Sunday 17th December from
8:00pm

Nolens' Park

(between the caravan park and the tennis courts)



Christmas Services

Anglican: 5:00pm on Sunday 24th Dec

Baptist: 10:30am and 7:00pm on Sunday 24th Dec

Catholic: 9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Eternity Centre: 6:00pm on Sunday 24th Dec

Uniting & Church of Christ 9:00am on Sunday 24th Dec

(Note that there are no Services on Christmas Day)



New ATM machine at George's Hardware.

The Automatic Teller Machine at the Commonwealth Bank has been removed from service and a new ATM has been installed in the wall outside George's Home Hardware Store.



COMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 22/11 Boort District Health Opening
and AGM
- Thursday 30/11 Career Taster Day
- Thursday 30/11 Customer Service Workshop
- Friday 1/12 Screening of "Embrace"
- Tuesday 5/12 RSA Course
- Wednesday 6/12 Christmas Tree Comp entries close
- Friday 8/12 Christmas Festival
- Friday 8/12 Pool Fest at Kerang
- Sunday 17/12 Carols by the Lake
- Sunday 17/12- Christmas Lights Competition
- Saturday 23/12
- Tuesday 19/12 BDS Presentation Night
- Thursday 21/12 Term 4 ends
- Friday 22/12 Registrations for Aquatic
Education close
- 2018**
- Tuesday 2/1- Aquatic Education
- Friday 5/1
- Tuesday 9/1- Aquatic Education
- Friday 12/1
- Monday 15/1 Boort Trots Summer Holiday
Meeting
- Tuesday 30/1 Term 1 begins
- Wednesday 31/1 Hockey Club coach applications
close
- Sunday 11/3 Giant Pumpkin Challenge
- Sunday 18/3 Boort Trots Cup Day

See inside for more details

**In a world where you can be
anything, be kind.**

Christmas Lights Competition

Time to get those Christmas lights out of storage, the Amity Christmas Lights competition is on again.

Judging will be the week commencing 17th December.

There will be \$50.00 prize for the winner and an Encouragement Award.



Station St Wellbeing Centre Presents an

Embrace

SCREENING

One woman's journey to inspire everyBODY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

7:00PM

BOORT MEMORIAL HALL

SUPPER ROOM

TICKETS \$15 (includes supper)

RSVP: TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER
TO BOOK:
PHONE: (03) 5455 2003



Taryn Bramfitt

Founder of the Body Image Movement

Embrace explores the global issue of body loathing, while inspiring us to change the way we feel about ourselves and think about our bodies. Help us spread the word about this life changing film.

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