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Boort NAB Branch to close



7th June is the closure date for the NAB branch in Boort in line with closures across the country. The NAB was the first bank to open in Boort and has stood proudly in Godfrey Street since opening on the 1st of December 1880. After the Commonwealth Bank closure last year with many customers shifting their business to NAB, Boort and district residents are very disappointed by the lack of support by the big banks.

Whilst there are banking facilities at the Post Office and Bendigo Bank agency at the pharmacy, banking advice and other services such as safety deposit boxes are a thing of the past here. Banking will be more difficult for non internet bankers particularly in an aging population, who are not computer savvy. Not good enough!

WHAT IS PROBUS ABOUT?



People of retirement age are welcome to come along to Boort Probus and see what we get up to. Our activities are full of variety and whilst keeping our sense of humour, we learn how to protect ourselves from scams, and other traps in this new cyber world. Socialising and keeping our minds active are important factors in our physical and mental health and wellbeing.

We can enjoy safe and inexpensive travel and accommodation on organised Probus trips throughout the world. Membership is only \$35 per year and the benefits are limitless. We meet at the Boort Information & Resource Centre at 10:00 am on the first Friday of each month. You can come to three meetings without feeling obliged to join Probus. So come along and see what's new – you would be made very welcome.

Living well with Dementia

Public Meeting

BRIC

11:00 am on Friday 4th May

Guest speaker - Simone Hoffman

Simone has developed a passion for working with Dementia patients over the past 25+ years. Everyone will know someone with dementia, and we need to learn about caring for a friend or loved one with dementia. It's all about living well with Dementia.

Admission is free.

Sponsored by Probus Club of Boort & District

The Boort Men's Shed



Members of the Boort Men's Shed recently enjoyed the generous hospitality of the Boort Croquet Club.

The Croquet Club, by way of thankyou to the Men's Shed for their work in building and installing the Club's new display case, invited the Men's Shed to a day of croquet and refreshments.

Members of the Men's Shed greatly appreciated the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Some games of croquet and a barbecue lunch went down a treat. The members of the Men's Shed wish to thank the Croquet Club for their kind generosity and recognise the efforts of the Croquet Club in organising the day and providing the catering. A big thankyou to the Croquet Club.

Wayne Pappin
Coordinator: Boort Men's Shed

Boort Senior Citizens

Tillow Fashion Boutique Autumn/Winter Collection

Monday 26th March

1:30 pm

*THREADZ *CLARITY *BLACK PEPPER *EQUUS *RENOMA *BROMLEY
*ELEGANT *KT CREATIONS

Please invite your friends and families to join us at this event.



EASTER SUNDAY DAWN SERVICE

You are invited to join with the combined Churches in Boort to celebrate Easter together as the sun rises on Easter Sunday.

6:30 am on 1st April

At Rotary Park beside the lake next to the croquet lawns.

Stephen Field

Pastor

Boort Baptist Church

0425 756 067

stephen@boortbaptist.org.au



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



Boort Angling Club

The fishing drought has finally broken.

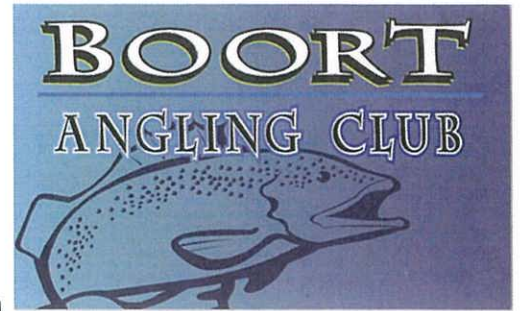
Ron has been busy as usual. On one trip to the Murray River he caught 10 under size cod, 5 keeping size cod and a yellow belly keeper. He then went on to fish at the Murray Downs Comp. for one and a half days for only 2 small cod, but after the comp. finished he (along with others) caught some great fish. There were quite a few from around 64cm to 92cm. Chris caught 2 Redfin and 2 large carp in Little Lake Boort. Quite a few Redfin are being caught there, so if you want to fish somewhere that there is no duck shooters, this may be the spot.

Fred and Kerry tried the Gunbower Creek where the fish were a bit scarce but the camping and environment was great as always. Rod had 3 days on the Murrumbidgee River and caught 11 cod including 3 keeping size. Some of the lakes to our west, including Wooroonook are yielding good size Yellow Belly. It is good to catch fish again, but even better that so many (even keeper size) fish are being returned to the water. This is helping fish numbers and provides more chance for others to catch fish.

BAC Memberships are only \$20.00/ Family, \$10.00 / Adult and Juniors (under 16 years) free. They are now due and run until the 14th February 2019. If you have any queries or want to join our club, please contact me as above or any of our members.

Tight lines

Rod

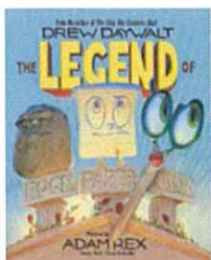


GOLDFIELDS LIBRARY AGENCIES

AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUE 3 - FRI 13 APRIL 2018

At BRIC - Phone 5455 2716



SCHOOL HOLIDAY STORIES: LEGENDS OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS

Learn the truth behind the legend and behind the game. Stories, craft and a giant rock, paper, scissors challenge if you are up for it!

Ages 4-8 years.

FRI 6 APR, 11AM-12PM
Elmore Library Agency

MON 9 APR,
10.30-11.30AM
Boort Library Agency

WII U GAMING

Come along and enjoy some active gaming fun with a variety of games to choose from.

Ages 7+ years.

TUE 3-FRI 13 APR
AGENCY HOURS
Pyramid Hill Library Agency

TUE 3 - FRI 13 APR
AGENCY HOURS
Boort Library Agency



The 3rd Annual Easter Art Exhibition

RAFFLE

LOCAL
ARTISTS



MARKET
STALLS

LOCAL
PRODUCE

BOORT

Admission: \$5 per adult

Good Friday Opening Ceremony, 12.00

Open for lunches and afternoon Tea, 12.30

Easter Saturday |
Easter Sunday | 10 am through to 4pm Daily
Easter Monday |

Bill Haws Historic Photos of Boort
Art Craftworks Photography Sculptures
Brojajla Quilts Spinning Weaving
Plants

Light Lunches, from mid day til 2pm
(Vegan or Vegetarian menus available)

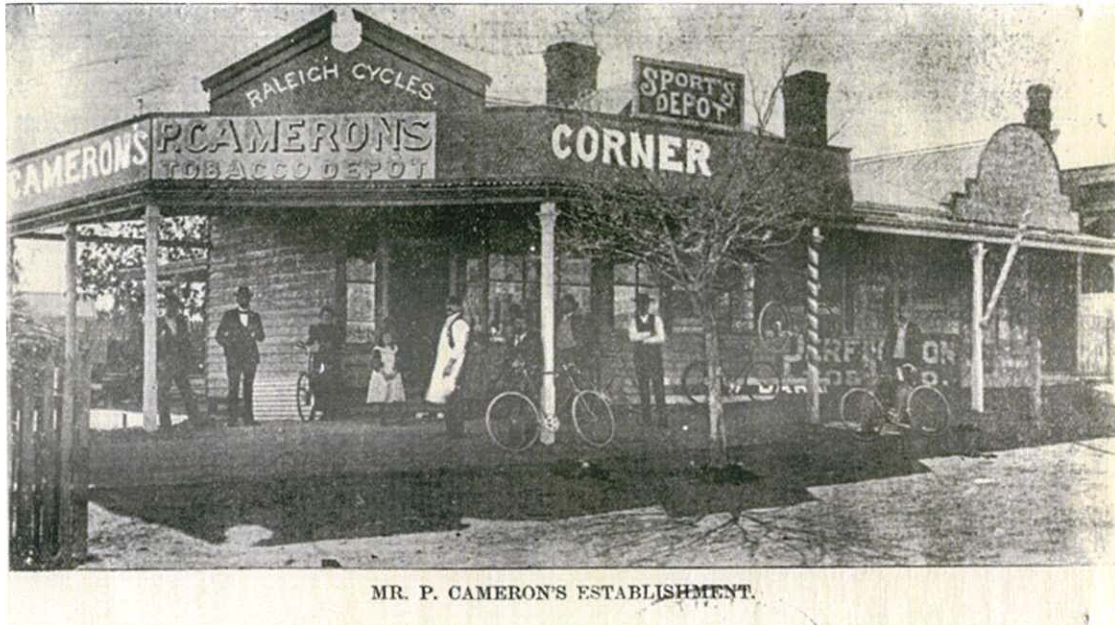
Morning & Afternoon Tea

Boort Historical Society Inc.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Boort Standard and Quambatook Herald, 1906

Our local friend, Mr John Lewis, while in reminiscent mood the other evening informed us that he was one of a party who shifted bodily at midnight Mr P. Cameron's shop and dwelling from a spot near Mr Wilson's bakery in Victoria Street to the present site known as Cameron's Corner. When Mr Cameron came to the township he built his shop on what he thought was Government ground, but which turned out to be owned by a local publican at the time. This individual waited until the place was built and told some of his clients that he intended to exercise his rights as landlord and claim every stick on the ground. Next morning when he looked at his allotment the little building had vanished to form the nucleus of Cameron's Corner. (Corner of Godfrey Street and Station Street)



Loddon Shire Immunisations

Held at Boort Senior Citizens Centre

Thursday 10 May
11:15am Boort

Thursday 12 July
11:15am Boort

Thursday 13 September
11:15am Boort

Thursday 8 November
11:15am Boort

Help raise money for Boort by being part of the Northern Victorian Food Study



One adult per household can take part
It is completely voluntary!

Complete a 30 minute survey, now and again in August, about what you eat

\$10 Donation

For every person that completes both surveys, \$10 will be donated to **Boort School and Boort District Health**

Email: vicfoodstudy@deakin.edu.au for your unique username
Then visit: www.vicfoodstudy.com.au to complete the survey!



Boort Bowls Presentation Night

14th April 2018

At 6:00 pm

Barbecue Tea



“A Chat with” Alan Streader

My name is Alan Frederick Streader, born on the 20th of September 1925 in the ‘new’ hospital on Boort Hill. I think I was the third or fourth baby born there. My ancestry is on the English line on both sides, coming out in the gold days.

My father was a builder who was apprenticed to a Bendigo builder at the age of 12 years to support the family as grandfather was drowned in a mining accident in Bendigo. There were 11 others also drowned in this tragedy. The difficulties of the early days were very hard for some people.

My mother was a very pleasant lady. She was a twin. Her twin - Aunty Alice had children in the same exact order as mum. When we were kids and Aunty Alice came, I had to remember what dress mum had on – their actions, their voices, everything was the same. They were from Castlemaine and came to working out at Percy Weaver’s as house maids. They had two aunties in Boort – Mrs Ivo Weaver and Mrs John Lewis.

Have you ever been to the pub in Ouyen? Well, Dad’s boss built that hotel and just got it to the lock-up stage with nothing of the inside finished whatsoever. And his boss said to the owner, “I’m leaving Eddie here to finish this”.

He was a boy of 15. And the owner said “You are not leaving no *so and so* kid here to finish my pub”.

And Dad’s boss said “He’s the only man I’ve got that can do it”.

All the woodwork in the inside of that Ouyen hotel was done by a 15-year-old boy with hand tools – *my father*. The staircase, the bar – everything. As part of the celebration of my 80th birthday, we as a family went up to Ouyen to have a look at this family history. I couldn’t put a razor blade in any of the joins anywhere in that pub, even today. That was done in 1913 just before War broke out. It didn’t take long because people worked all night. They didn’t count hours, they just worked. That’s how it was in those days.

I was one of six children, Don was the oldest then me, then Geoff, Sylvia was next, then Ivan and then Gwenda was the baby. Don was working with Dad. Then when he was 14 after he had left school, he and I were jumping from a rope tied from the verandah post to the fence and he didn’t quite get over the rope and pulverised his elbow. The doctor operated and cut out the lump of broken bone and the nerves in his arm were damaged. His arm then died so he gave away the building game and he went into the piano tuning business and worked in Bendigo. Then Brashes [a chain of music stores] in Melbourne had heard of the young “fella” in Bendigo so they wrote to Don and said, “Will you come down to our workshop”? He became boss of that workshop, with 40 men working under him. Dame Nellie Melba used to write to Brashes and say “I want your man to come and tune my piano when I’m out in Australia”. She wrote in that letter that there is no man on all my tours in all the world who can tune a piano like that man Don Streader. You’ve probably seen that piano trailer in my backyard there - Don built that to move pianos around. Then he decided to replace the trailer with a van. I said “Don’t advertise it – I’ll buy it”.

Geoff became a very successful Headmaster; his last school was Fairhills Primary School.

Sylvia was a school teacher, working at Marmal for a number of years. She was headmaster of a lot of country schools. She married Daisy’s brother. She worked at the Faraday school [south of Harcourt] and her daughter Christine was one of the pupils that kicked the van door open during the Faraday School kidnapping in 1972.

Then there was Ivan who joined the carpentry game with Dad when I was away during the War. We worked together for a long time until our boys joined the business and it got unwieldy. We went our separate ways but we would still work in together when we needed extra help.

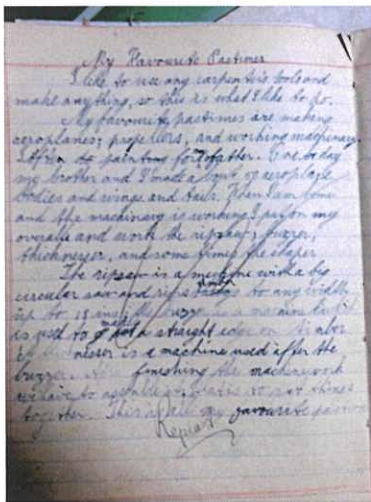
Gwenda, the youngest, was a music teacher, she was a music teacher all her life.

A lot of my nieces and nephews have gone into the building game as builders, engineers or architects. That building thing is stuck in behind the eyes of many of the Streaders.

I attended the Boort Primary School until grade eight, achieving my Merit Certificate. Well, I can show you some aeroplanes I made in sixth grade at school. – Would you like to see one? [Alan brings in some meticulously made basketry work and a small wooden aeroplane – all made in craft at school.] I never got into big trouble at school. The school was disciplined. The Cracknell boys were my main friends. I was a shy little boy and I wasn't a big "fella" but I never lost a fight, not that I ever got involved unnecessarily in fights.

In my very young days, I used to work with my father and older brother in the joinery shop machining timber for joinery – doors, cupboards, windows and whatever was needed. Dad would set it out and we had to be exactly on his marks – no exceptions! The machinery was purchased in 1928 from a Chinaman in Melbourne when the unions forced out cheap labour and long hours of working. The machinery was all very solid and heavy cast iron-based machines and very accurate in production.

It was powered by a big Blackstone oil engine – choof woof woof woof choof woof woof woof! There was a wide thicknesser, there was a buzzer, a rip saw, a bandsaw, a jigsaw, a square cut saw, a docking saw, a big belt sander, a twin spindle shaper and a dowelling-morticing machine. We were only kids but we used to start the old engine, put a blow lamp under it and to get it going – Don and I, one each side of the big fly wheels and rock it back on compression and she'd go umph! And away she'd go chuff chuff chuff! There was shafting all under the floor and pulleys and belting that came up on every machine all driven from one engine. Pop used to mark out sashes, fly doors, windows, cupboards, furniture, chairs. We made all the chairs for the hospital when it was refurbished in the 1930s.



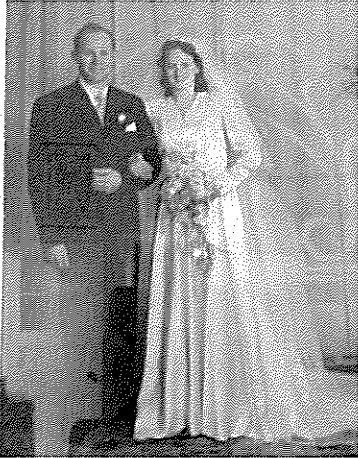
We really enjoyed working the machines and achieving what we did – no doubt anyone would be shot if they allowed their kids to do what we did in those days. I found a school report the other day and it said 'would do much better if had time to study' – we'd be working the machines until 10pm. I wrote an essay (see picture left) on 'My Favourite Pastime'. And I wrote about working the machines, describing what the machines were for, and the teacher crossed over my writing and wrote on it REPEAT. The Headmaster (Old Lenny Holmes) must have found out because he told the teacher that what I had written was all true. The teacher had no idea!

Things went good until the Depression of the '30s when the banks foreclosed on moneys. It was a time of severe loss for many people including my father's business as he had just launched out big – history covers the story. Pop lost eight houses when that Depression hit – you can't talk about this because everyone lost money. Some houses were just about finished and some well on the way and because the banks owned the properties – the farmers walked off and the banks said you couldn't go in the gates or touch a thing. Pop was never the same after the Depression. Pop lost eight houses to pay for – and he had 14 men working for him – but you can't talk about these sorts of things – this is the battle of life. Everything I have done I have done because it needed doing.

We battled on. I left school and entered the building world with my father and brother Don (till his accident) building houses, sheds and anything else that came along. I could lay 1000 bricks a day and mix all mortar when I was a kid. Mostly our building was 'a sole plate to chimney cap' operation. Again, this would now not be allowed by law – nevertheless all work still stands today.

We done a lot of houses, there's those two down there (pointing towards O'Flaherty's and Kim Griffiths' house) and Harold Slatter's house in Holloway Street, Bert Henderson's out the farm, we done all Trevor Moresi's work, Courtney Keith's house (Dean and Judy Perryman), Beattie's house and in 1927 Dad built the Boort Church of Christ (labour free). He also built six other district churches all labour free.

I never had time for sport. Occasionally I was given a game of football if they were really stuck. I wasn't considered for the team as I 'wasn't fit' because I didn't go to practice. But of course I was fitter than anybody proven by the fact that I'm the only bloke alive today! I couldn't go to practice because perhaps



we'd be out 15 miles or more and in those days you had no transport, only an old motor car and well there was no money to buy petrol to waste it. Often we just could not afford the time to spend Tuesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon, Friday night and Saturday, playing football. At 16 years old I was considered by the bloomin' Department of Labour and Industry old enough to go and establish places on me own. That was the difference – I wasn't chasing a bag of wind!

When War broke out I was called to go by the Department of Labour and Industry to establish farms for Land Army girls – dairies, piggeries, sleeping quarters- anything that was needed. I was 16, but all went well. Only a push bike to ride as my transport. Other transport was committed to the War effort. Chaff was put in horses, instead of petrol in utes.

During this time, I suffered a pulverised wrist – an engine kicked back and the cranking handle struck my wrist and I was told, "You are no good for the army you will never have two arms". Eleven months in plaster and years of pain it eventually recovered. I had to keep going – no stopping.

I married Daisy Ellery on the 25th of October 1952 and settled in 19 View Cres. Boort. We had four children. Olive, Ken, Lorraine and Bryan.

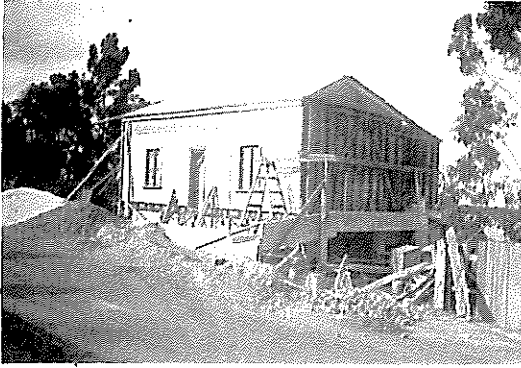
Lorraine works as the business manager at Phoenix College Sebastopol, Ken has continued with the building business along with his son Justin, and Bryan is a plumber in Boort and also does ambulance work. Sadly, Olive took her own life but we were given the opportunity to raise a second family with Olive's two girls coming to live with us in Boort and the two boys being with us in school holidays.

Daisy describes how her and Alan came to meet - *We met when he didn't go into the army and he was working for my sister and her husband on a dairy farm near Sutton Grange. I came from Faraday and they used to come up for Sunday dinner. Then the Streaders also built a house for my other sister in Pyramid when her house got burnt down. She had a whole lot of children so one of us girls (I was the second youngest of six girls) used to go up to Pyramid to help her. I used to help feed the Streader boys when they were building the house. We were an item for about three years before we were married. He was shy. We saw each other about once a month and wrote letters about once a week.*

(Alan then goes on to explain what a good horse woman Daisy was). No-one could out-ride her, she was her father's muster man. Once she got on a horse there was no steer or no animal that could beat her. She could muster cattle as soon as she got out of nappies. (Later Daisy tells us about the success her great granddaughter Lily is having with horse riding – clearly this runs in the family!)

Daisy describes growing up on a farm and orchard in Faraday - *We had to go three miles to school. We had to ride horses for 2 ½ miles and leave the horses at our Uncle's and walk the rest of the way. Two on each horse. We had an old horse and he would often fall down or stumble and we had to get off and wait till he got up. And away we would go again.*

During the War the hospital asked if we could build some quarters that could be used for the nurses if the Boort Hospital was needed to care for injured soldiers or civilians. As materials were unobtainable, we shifted an old house called 'Naskies', built about 1886, from up in the Mallee and used it to form boxing and built a concrete house using railway locomotive ashes as aggregate. The timber (which was hard to obtain during the war years) was then used for the inside joinery all the cupboards and skirting boards– everything! Even every nail out of the old house was straightened and re-used. This house (pictured below) remains our family home today.



Naskies house being shifted with Piccoli's and Bert Henderson's tractors using the old jinker wagon which can be seen on the east entrance to the Boort township.

We shifted a lot of houses with that trolley. That house where the electrician (Doug Aldrich) lives in Holloway Street, that was the condemned Methodist Manse – we put it on the wagon like that and brought it down over the hill and we took it around there and we got under and dug the holes and mounted it there and I built the chimneys – I was only a kid but I did everything then. It was for Mrs Evans and Ross Evans who had retired from the farm down at Mysia. We shifted a lot of houses in those days. In 1926 or 7, Dad shifted the original grandstand from the old showgrounds with old Mr Rye's bullock team and my Uncle Ivo Weaver's horses, she bogged in the gypsum. With our old jinker they shifted it holus bolus to the new sports ground. I was only a kid (2 ½ years old) but I remember picking up all the nails that were dropped and getting up on the ladder holding the end of the boards while dad nailed it on. And that's sort of how I got involved in the building industry – as soon as I was out of nappies.

I was appointed to the Boort Cemetery Trust as a representative for the Boort Church of Christ – two representatives from each church in Boort formed the Trust in those days. I was 16 years old at the time and spent 76 years on the committee. Not an easy time as cemeteries seemed to be deemed simply a place of burial of the dead – not a place for the living and healing of broken hearts. Thankfully it has all changed now. The Trust had no money for many years and there was no money to build a memorial crematorium wall. I fought for many years to build a wall for ashes. In fact, for four years I had the ashes of seven people in my shed waiting for the wall. Then in the mid-nineties permission was given and I come home and woke up with a plan in my head and went out and built it. I finished it on my 70th birthday. You do these things because they've got to be done and if someone doesn't do it then they're not done.

Going back in years Boort had a brass band – Boort Municipal Band it was named. There were 26 members at one stage before the War. Mr Bob McCaskill of Bendigo came up once a week to act as Bandmaster (As well as being a bandmaster, McCaskill was also a successful footballer for Richmond and coached Sandhurst, North Melbourne and Hawthorn) He was very highly qualified and had many bands as bandmaster. The band played at Band Sundays in many places, farewelled the local boys who enlisted in the army and played at civic functions etc. It was very much enjoyed by all. *Alan admits that he and Daisy cared so much about the band they purchased a number of the instruments themselves to ensure the band could continue.* Due to the War it lapsed but commenced again in the '60s. Closing once again when the public services closed in town – Telecom, State Rivers, Lands Department, PMG [Postmaster General's Department] with the band losing 16-17 players in a few weeks. Brass band music became extinct in Boort and many other centres – preference being given to stringed instruments by most young people. I was involved rather deeply in the band and enjoyed being a 'brassie' as we were called.



Streader brothers - Geoff (Cornet), Don (Cornet), Alan (euphonium) and Ivan (Tenor Horn).



Music was important in the Streader family - 'we had organs in our tummies and drums in our ears'. Mother played in church for years. Mum was a musician, she was very musical and Dad was musical but not an instrumentalist. He was a singer and he used to be a boy soprano in his young days but when his Dad died, well the whole family's life changed.

Alan with his Euphonium given to him by his father when he was eight – still free of dints and brilliantly silver after 87 years

All my life I have been actively associated in church work and hospital care and entertainment, and helping where someone needed a bit of help along. I played the harmonica at the hostel with Ernie Poxon on the organ. We played all those songs from the Allan's

Community Song Book. I have a set of harmonicas of every key. (Alan brings out a wooden box with all his harmonicas in order. Then he plays Oh Susannah and Click Goes the Shears). My grandmother gave me a mouth organ when I was eight years old and I was making terrible noises on the bloomin' thing - intolerable. And Dad went crook he said "For goodness sakes just blow the right notes and suck the right notes and it will all come together".

I thought what's an old fool like him know about playing the mouth organ?

After a while I wasn't doing too good so I thought I'll do what he said. And sure enough he taught me to play the mouth organ - you've got to blow the right notes and suck the right notes.

Today the business of my youth is a four generation business. My portion in it is, when needed, to be the 'come here' and the 'go for'. I still sharpen tools and do maintenance but not as much as I used to do. It is time in my life to enjoy all my old friends and take things a bit easier. Our family is all well-established, consisting of over 60, with treasures continuing to arrive. So life has been very good and full of wonderful things for which we are most grateful and thankful for having settled in the wonderful town called Boort.

Don't live your day that will bring regrets, live your day so you have no regrets.

We loved the stories that Jennie Weaver published in 'About Boort', and later, in the book 'A Chat with Old Friends'. Jennie very kindly gave us permission to continue her work – interviewing ordinary people in Boort, all who have extraordinary stories to tell. Already, we are so excited and grateful to those people who have agreed to be interviewed. We have endeavoured to present the stories in the words and the style in which they were told to us. We thank Angus Verley for his editing advice and hope that readers enjoy these stories. We thank Alan and Daisy Streader who were our first interviewees for their kindness and tolerance. We hope you enjoy their story.

Jacqui Verley and Susan Gould

Boort Golf Club



Dates

Saturday	7 th April	Club Opening
Wednesday	11 th April	Ladies Opening
Monday	16 th April	Ladies Pennant
Saturday	19 th May	Diggers Day
Friday	29 th June	Farmer's 4Ball

The Opening Day will be on Saturday 7th April, playing 14 holes, with a barbecue lunch at 12:30pm and a 14 hole competition to follow, most likely an Ambrose event. Just a nice social day to commence the golf season.

Ladies opening will be on Wednesday 11th April, names in by 10:15am with hit off at 10:30 am and this will most likely be only 14 holes as there will be a meeting afterwards to discuss the working arrangements for the coming season. Maybe ladies could bring a plate of afternoon tea to share. Ladies also have the Pennant season commencing on Monday 16th when Boort will travel to Wedderburn to play Charlton. Ladies will have 6 rounds of Pennant to play with each round having a bye. Boort has the bye on the last day, 28th May.

The Men are trying a different type of Pennant competition this year, it will be an abbreviated system of matches all being played on the one day in two - groups, with a final at the end of the day. Could be an interesting day gentlemen, so keep Sunday 27th May free for a trip to Charlton to try something different.

This year the Diggers Day on Saturday 19th May will be organized by the Golf Club and the proceeds of the Stableford day being handed onto the local R.S.L. The Farmer's 4Ball day will be Friday 29th June.

It would be great to see as many golfers and social golfers as possible to come out for a game of golf on these days.

For information about the Golf Club events the following can be contacted:

President	Shane Morris	5455 2880
Captain	Andrew Kane	0428 378 738
Secretary	Karen Allison	5455 2293
Lady President	Dot Beattie	0427 552 461
Lady Captain	Di Johnston	5455 2429



3rd Annual Longview Open Garden Buckrabanyule

This garden covers two acres and contains a big variety of plants (including Cacti over 6m tall) with sculptures, agricultural relics and pathways to meander with views of the surrounding farm land.

Fundraiser for
PARKINSONS DISEASE RESEARCH

On Easter Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Directions to the garden will be signposted from Buckrabanyule

Enquiries:
Bill Larmour
0407 843 269

Admission \$5.00 Children free
Light refreshments available

From Bendigo travel through Wedderburn towards Charlton.
After 11 km turn right onto Burckrabanyule-Wedderburn Rd.



Loddon Shire Council's Community Grants program is now open

Applications for Council's Community Grants Scheme are now open for not-for-profit clubs and organisations based in the Loddon Shire, to deliver projects that directly benefit residents.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for successful applications.

Council's Director Community Wellbeing Wendy Gladman said the funding program intended to improve the quality of life for people in the Shire.

"The Community Grants Scheme is aimed at helping these not-for-profit organisations enhance the provision of activities, facilities or delivery of services to people in our community," Mrs Gladman said.

"Applications are assessed against a range of criteria, including demonstrated community need, improvement of existing facilities and/or increased participation, community benefit and more."

Successful grant applications will be funded on a two-to-one basis. This means that for every \$2 provided by Council, the successful applicants must contribute a minimum of \$1 towards the cost of the project.

Applications for Council's Community Grants Scheme close at 5:00pm, Tuesday 1 May.
For further information phone 54941205

BOORT INDOOR BIAS BOWLS CLUB

The Boort Indoor Bias Bowls Club commenced its 2018 season last week, 15th March, with 16 bowlers in attendance. A most enjoyable social evening of bowls took place after Elma Gierisch had the privilege to bowl the first bowl. And a more perfect bowl she will not bowl for the rest of the season as her bowl came to rest on kitty!!

President Allen Stringer and Secretary Ian Potter take this opportunity to invite anyone who wishes to come along and enjoy a game of social indoor bowls. We meet in the Function Room of the Memorial Hall on a Thursday evening at 7:15 for 7:30. Just turn up to join in, or if you require further information about the club, please make contact with either Allen or Ian.




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Date: 7th April 2018, **Time:** 7 pm, **Venue:** Boort Memorial Hall
Tickets on Sale at BRIC
\$40 Dinner & Show, Early Bird \$35 by 29/3/18
A Boort District School Parents Club Fundraising Event.

Boort Junior Football News for 2018

With the football season nearly upon us the Boort Junior Football Club are excited to introduce their U13 and U16 coaches for 2018.

Keiran Wilson will be in charge of the U16's after being an assistant coach to the boys last year.

Keiran is currently in the prime of his footy career, playing footy for Boort Seniors and coming runner up in last year's Best and Fairest.

He sets a great example for the boys on how to play a good, hard, fair, get out of my way or I'll hurt you, brand of football.

In the U13's we have Pete Barraclough and Luke Rye taking on head coaching in a shared role, with Jason Lee helping them out as an assistant.

Unlike Keiran these three are not in the prime of their footballing life but in their time could certainly acquit themselves well on the footy field.

With over 120 years of experience between them, the U13's definitely won't be short on tips on how to get the best out of themselves.

It's pleasing to see reasonably healthy player numbers for both U13's and U16's this year. Hopefully this will allow two full teams to be put out on the park most weeks.

As usual we have a dedicated and enthusiastic group of volunteers that make sure the Junior Football program keeps ticking along: but whilst everything eventually seems to run smoothly and falls into place we are always welcoming and appreciative to any new helpers wanting to come on board. No matter how big or small the contribution is it really is a case of many hands making light work.

The season kicks off with a night game on the 14th April at home against Charlton.

The U13's will start at 1:00pm and the U16's at 2:30pm. Enjoy the morning off, it's the only Saturday sleep in for the season!

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Go Pies!!

Boort Auskick 2018 is beginning on Thursday the 19th of April the program will run for 10 weeks and finish on the 21st of June.

Kids aged from Prep onwards are welcome to come and enjoy learning to play AFL.

Start: Thursday the 19th of April run for 10 weeks of Term 2 - weather permitting.

Time: Thursdays 3:45pm till 4:45pm

Venue: Boort Park



Royal Children's Hospital Appeal

Boort Amity will once again be conducting the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal in Boort.

Please support this worthy cause.

There will be raffle tickets and collection tins up the street

Donations on Good Friday can be phoned through to Lynette Clark on
5455 2358



BOORT BASKETBALL JUNIORS

The first junior semi-finals was a very close match between Orange and Purple, Orange managed to score 5 half time shots to get themselves back into the game, Purple continued to attack for the second half to fall 1 point short at fulltime. Orange 17 defeated Purple 16. The other semi final wasn't quite as close, with Yellow giving it it's all for the whole 20 minutes, the height of Black allowed them to score and rebound a bit easier. Final score Black 21 defeated Yellow 11.

The junior grand final was played between Black and Orange, the Black team had been on top of the ladder all season but Orange had been on the improve all season to get themselves into second spot by the start of finals. The game started at a fast pace with Orange taking the lead early in the first half, Black slowly got themselves going, with scores 8 all at half time. Once again half time shots played a major role in the end score, black scored 4 shots to Oranges 1, this made a big difference to the second half, with Orange playing catch up. Final score Black 22 defeated Orange 14.

Junior female leading Goal Scorer – Eliza Perryman

Junior male leading Goal Scorer - Tom Potter



*Premiers Black –Back Row – Craig, Brodie, Nick,
Tom, Mad & Varlea
Front – Sid, Alice & Jessica*

SENIORS

The senior Grand final was played between Yellow and Purple, Yellow had been the ladder leaders all season but in the lead up, to the finals, Light Blue and Purple had been able to inflict their only 2 losses for the season.

The game started at a fast pace with Jordy scoring freely at one end and rebounding well at the other. Yellow had plenty of the play but couldn't capitalise. Purple had a 5 point lead at half time, it looked like a winning lead as purple were playing well as a team. The second half saw the tides change with fouls becoming an issue for both teams, Yellow were working hard to get back into the game, Luke and Fergus scoring well, while Darcie, Acacia, Ebony and Angus were working hard in a defensive role.

The tide turned at the 10 minute mark with Jordy been fouled out of the game, Zac, Sophie, Emma and Owen worked hard to hold onto the big lead that they had over the yellow team. The Yellow team kept coming at Purple but foul trouble again saw purple down to 3 players, they couldn't hold out Yellow in the final minute of the game.

Final score Yellow 35 defeated Purple 33. Well done to all players this was a fantastic match to watch and had everyone on the edge of their seats right up to the final siren.



**Winners Yellow - Greg, Fergus, Acacia, Angus, Ebony,
Darcie, Luke and Narelle**

Senior female leading Goal Scorer – Sophie Perryman
Senior male leading Goal Scorer - Jordan Verley

A very big thank you to everyone who gave up there time to coach, umpire and score over the season, without this we would not be able to run the competition. Look forward to seeing you all again at the end of the year.

Boort Swimming Club

It has been another wonderful season for the Boort Swimming Club. We had 79 members this year and swimming lessons were run Wednesdays and Thursdays after school.

Thank you to the committee who helped organise this year and for making the club run so smoothly.

To our amazing swimming teachers Kazzandra Ritchie, Loretta Beattie, Adrian Grogan, Brooke Chamberlain and those who assisted them, Lily McClelland, Geoff McClelland, Bella Grogan, Connor Grogan, Meredith Byrne, Steph Couper, Ebony Chamberlain, thank you for volunteering your time to our club.

The Boort Swimming Club very much appreciates the work of The Loddon Shire and Unified Community Sports and Leisure for providing a fabulous swimming pool to our club and our community.

On Wednesday the 14th of March it was The Swimming Clubs break up and presentation evening. A fantastic turn out and lots of fun was had by all the families that attended with a barbecue and inflatable obstacle in the pool making for lots of action and laughs.

Encouragement awards were awarded to Cleo Velelley, Laci Streader, Darby Perryman, Milly Scott, Madeleine Lanyon, Isabelle Hosking, and Nicholas Scott.

The George and Jean Austin Award went to Jett Hird and is awarded to the person who shows outstanding dedication to training and is encouraged to participate competitively.

The Mellott Trophy is awarded to a club person who contributes above and beyond to the Club, and the very worth recipient was Adrian Grogan.

We are looking forward to the 2018/19 season and hope to see you all there!!

BOORT BOWLS CLUB.

The N.C.B.D. have just completed their season's 2017 -2018 Mid-Week pennant. Boort played Korong Vale in the semi-final at Charlton and won 90 shots to 66 shots overall. They played Wycheproof in the Grand Final, but were defeated 69 shots to 59.

The Ladies held their Annual Invitation Day Thursday 15-3-18. The weather was perfect and teams came from Kerang, Kerang Golf, St. Arnaud, St. Arnaud Country Club, Charlton, Donald, Donald Golf, Wycheproof, Calivil, Wedderburn, Korong Vale and Boort. The day commenced with a Roll to the Envelopes- followed by 1 Game of 4's (12 ends) 3 bowl pairs (8 ends) and finishing with 1 game of 4's (10 ends).

Roll to the Envelopes.-F. Holt. (Wedderburn) M. Frank. (Donald Golf) S. Hope. (Calivil) Y. Neville. (St. Arnaud Country Club.)

Fan The Cards – Lead. M White (Charlton). Second. D. Gibson. (Korong Vale). Third. G. Teasdale. (Kerang). Skip. J. Beckham. (Donald Golf).

Tournament Winners- D. Walker. C. Mitchell. S. Hope. (all Calivil) M. Maxted (Boort.) 111 ½ Points.

Runners – Up- P. Gardner. (Wycheproof) E. Rayes. (Wycheproof) K. Birt. (Boort). L. Milburn. (Wycheproof). 107 ½ Points.

Congratulations to Boort's team of J. Nolan, K. Walton, R. Rigney, and R. Taylor on winning the Club Championship Fours, then going on to win the N.C.B.D. Champion of Champion Fours, also to J. Nolan, K. Walton on winning the Club Championship Pairs and also winning the N.C.B.D. Champion of Champion Pairs.

T. Moresi and T. Noles recently travelled to Stawell to represent the N.C.B.D. at the trials for selection of a Wimmera team versus Murray Mallee at Wycheproof on 4-3 -18. Both were selected for this event but Thelma was selected to go on and represent Wimmera at the Women's Regionals at Swan Hill in April.

Congratulations also to T. Moresi (Skip), G. Tweddle, M. Maxted and P. Gould on having a win at the Donald Ladies' Invitation Day Tournament.





Pet registration renewals due 10 April



If you're a dog or cat owner in the Loddon Shire, you will shortly receive a notice regarding registration renewals for your pet/s. Registration renewals are due by Tuesday 10 April 2018.

Every dog and cat over the age of three months must be registered. If you are registering your dog or cat for the first time, you must provide Council with evidence that your pet has a microchip. You will also be provided with a lifelong registration tag for your pet.

Registering a cat or dog helps improve the chances of your pet being returned should it become lost. Microchipping dogs and cats also helps Council reunite you with your pet if it happens to lose its registration tag and becomes lost. The microchip allows Council officers to scan your pet and obtain your contact details.

It's also important to make sure you keep your pet's microchip details up to date. Microchip details can be updated online through the Central Animal Register at www.car.com.au

Dogs registered with Council as farm working dogs do not require a microchip nor have to wear a registration tag while they are working. For a definition of a farm working dog visit <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/puppy-farm-legislation>.

If your dog or cat is no longer with you, please let Council know so they can update their records and ensure you no longer receive registration renewals for that pet.

For more information on registering your pet, visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au or phone Council's Local Laws staff on 5494 1200.

Autumn firewood collection season open

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has announced that the Autumn Firewood Collection Season for 2018 is now open until 30 June.

The season, which started on 1 March, means it will be legal to collect firewood from designated collection areas in state forests or parks (where collection is allowed).

Interactive maps showing designated collection areas are available at www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood or call 136 186 to find out more.

For those looking to collect firewood in Cohuna, DELWP has stated that Cohuna's designated firewood collection area will open on Friday 16 March. Cohuna's firewood collection area is open only to residents in Gannawarra, Loddon and Campaspe Shires and Swan Hill Rural City.

People are reminded to ensure they stay within collection limits – a maximum of two cubic metres per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year. The felling of any trees for firewood is strictly prohibited.

DELWP and Parks Victoria staff will be patrolling parks, forests and reserves to make sure people are doing the right thing while collecting their firewood. Infringement notices, fines or even imprisonment can apply to those who don't obey firewood collection regulations.

It's also important to check whether a firewood collection area is part of the autumn planned burning program, which may require affected firewood collection areas to be closed at short notice. Go to www.ffm.vicvic.gov.au/plannedburn, download the VicEmergency app or call 1800 226 226.

For more information and updates visit www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood, or call 136 186. You can also call this number to report any information to DELWP about illegal removal of firewood for sale.



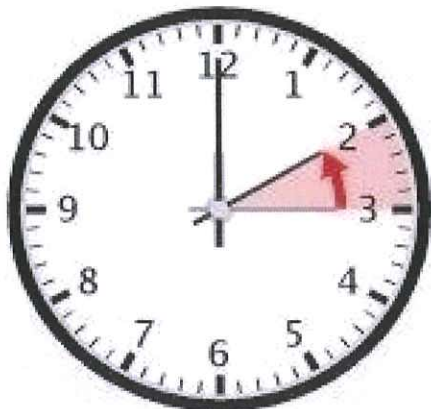
COMING EVENTS

Thursday 22/3	Story time at BRIC
Friday 23/3	Boort District School Fete
Monday 26/3	Fashion Boutique at Seniors
Thursday 29/3	Term 1 ends
Friday 30/3	Easter Art Exhibition opens
Saturday 31/3	Longview Open day
Sunday 1/4	Easter Dawn Service
Sunday 1/4	Daylight Saving ends
Monday 2/4	Easter Art Exhibition closes
Saturday 7/4	Golf Opens
Saturday 7/4	“Farmer will swap combine harvester for wife”
Tuesday 10/4	Pet registrations due
Wednesday 11/4	Ladies Opening Day at golf
Saturday 14/4	Boort v Charlton—Night Match
Saturday 14/4	Bowls Presentation night
Sunday 15/4	Amity Auction
Monday 16/4	Ladies Golf pennant
Monday 16/4	Term 2 begins
Thursday 19/4	Story time at BRIC
Thursday 19/4	Auskick begins
Saturday 21/4	Wycheproof v Boort
Wednesday 25/4	ANZAC Day
Saturday 28/4	Boort v St Arnaud
Saturday 28/4	Great Pumpkin Challenge
Tuesday 1/5	Community grant applications Close
Friday 4/5	Living with Dementia
Saturday 5/5	Boort v Sea Lake
Saturday 19/5	Digger’s day at golf
Thursday 7/6	NAB bank closes
Saturday 20/10	Amity Pink night
Friday 29/6	Farmers 4 Ball
Sunday 28/10	Wedding Dress Parade

See inside for more details

Daylight Saving Time **ends**

1st April 2018



Back 1 hour

BOORT AMITY AUCTION

Sunday 15th April

At Boort Park

12:00 noon start

Drop items off from 8:30

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All items sold for \$5.00 and under become a donation

Money from the Auction comes back into our town

Auction will be in the horse stalls in bad weather

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Ph Sandra 54552156 or 0428 55 2156

ANZAC DAY 2018

Assembly will be at the Soldier’s Memorial near the Post office at 9:10 am on Wednesday 25th April.

The wreath laying will be at 9:10 am, followed by the march to the Memorial Hall.

Cars will be available for those who cannot march. Motorised scooters and wheelchairs may accompany the marchers.

The service will commence at 9:30 am. The RSL members are all getting on in years and are looking for more community involvement in future ANZAC Days

