

ABOUT Boort

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Boort Aquatic Program

The Boort Swimming Club 8 day Aquatic Program ran in early January. 20 young children aged 4 - 7 years participated in the program. It was great to see everyone grow in water confidence, water safety and swimming stroke skills. The program was fortunate to have the expertise of past swimming club member Steph Couper on Uni holidays from Townsville. It was also great to have the hands on assistance of Meredith Byrne and Conor Grogan who gained invaluable experience towards their instructor accreditation. Ebony Chamberlain and Bella Grogan also assisted with the younger group of children. The dedication of our swimming instructor volunteers is such a positive aspect of the Boort Swimming Club and our community. Thank you to everyone involved.

Brooke Chamberlain— Program Coordinator.

Mystery Quilt Class

Like-minded quilters are encouraged to get along to a Mystery Quilt Class in Wedderburn this February. The Loddon Visitor Information Centre is organising the class at the centre for Sunday 25 February 2018. The class will be conducted by Michelle Henderson from Boort's Brojayla Patches.

The centre is providing new creative workshops to invite more visitors to our region.

Mrs Henderson said the Mystery Quilt Class was a fun and relaxed day where people could work at their own pace.

"I have run many of these mystery classes over the years and have found people very much enjoy them."

Participants for the mystery class are given a list of fabrics to purchase and cutting instructions to be completed before the class – all without having any idea of the pattern or look of the quilt they are making.

On the day of the class they are given clues or instructions one step at a time until the final result is revealed at the end of the day.

"The results are always really interesting to see how different combinations of fabric made in the same pattern look so unlike, yet good," Mrs Henderson added.

"The biggest challenge is having no idea of the pattern when choosing fabrics, which I am happy to assist them with prior to the class.

"I aim to make sure everyone has completed at least part of each step so they are able to go on and complete the quilt at home."

This Mystery Quilt Class is aimed at intermediate level quilters; however a confident beginner will also be able to manage it successfully.

The cost of the class is \$40, which includes the class, refreshments and lunch.

The class has a maximum of 15 participants and bookings are essential.

Music by the Lake

Saturday 27th January 7:00– 9:00pm

Nolen's Park

"Open Microphone"

Boort Babblers

Bring your love of Music

Voices, Instruments, Spoken Word, Recitals
& Songs

Family and Friends

Bring a Picnic or Barbecue

Merry-go-Round

For a spot contact:

Michele Ashton 0413 962991



TENNIS COACHING WITH PETER BEWLEY

Tennis Coaching with Peter Bewley will once again be offered during Term One 2018 in Boort - from Wednesday 14 February 2018 through to Wednesday 21 March 2018 (6 weeks).

For further information or to provide names, please make contact with Alister McDougal as soon as possible on 54 552 595 or 0427 22 10 98.

Cut-off date to give names will be Wednesday 7/2/2018.



New year, new Storytime sessions

The new Storytime year is about to begin! Children and their parents or carers are invited to join in the fun of Storytime sessions at Inglewood, Boort and Elmore Library Agencies and Wedderburn and Serpentine Playgroups. Enjoy rhymes, stories and songs presented by a skilled library staff member, tailored for young children up to the age of 5.

Attending Storytime is the perfect way to introduce little ones to the concepts of books, reading and libraries. In each fun-filled session they can experience early reading and rhymes which are vital to healthy literacy development and have a huge impact on children's language skills and school readiness.

Storytime sessions are great for socialisation too – for both kids and adults! Children, parents and carers can meet and connect with other families from their local community who have children of a similar age. Children may well meet their future school friends at a Storytime session!

Storytime sessions begin the week of February 5 and run as follows:

Boort - Thursday February 8, 10:30-11:00am (fortnightly)

Storytime is free and no bookings are required – families can attend as many sessions as they like, and can stay for as long or as little as they like!

For more information pick up a Storytime card at your local Library Agency, or view online at <http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes>

To find out more information about your local Goldfields Library Agency go to www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/libraryagencies or phone 03 5449 2790.



2018 Easytow Malibu Australian Masters Water Ski Championships

Some of Australia's most accomplished water skiers will demonstrate their skills on the Loddon River at Bridgewater this month.

The Bridgewater Water Ski Club is hosting the 2018 Easytow Malibu Australian Masters Water Ski Championships, featuring some of the country's best exponents in trick, slalom and jumps.

Planned for 26 to 28 January, the event lures large crowds of spectators and keen competitors from around Australia.

Their scores go on to a worldwide ranking list administered by the International Waterski and Wakeboard Federation which is used by both national teams and the organisers of Moomba Masters and other global events to make up their fields.

Next year's national titles, planned for Goondiwindi, in Queensland, over Easter, are expected to attract around 260 skiers.

The championships open on the Friday at 10:00am with preliminary rounds in trick skiing, slalom and jumps, Saturday sees slalom and trick, then on Sunday it's finals in slalom and jump.

Competitions for entrants with disabilities will run on Friday and Saturday.

The nine age groups, all split into male and female sections, begin with Under 10s and extend to Over 65s.

The club is expecting about 70 competitors, coming from all states, as well as one entrant from the US.

Highlights will include the world's top-ranked female jumper and record-holder, Jacinta Carroll, from Geelong, as well as the performances of Australia's most skilful skiers.

Spectators can watch all the action from the grassy foreshore. Overnight accommodation options include the caravan park, the local hotel, 24-Hour Motel and various self-contained cottages.

For more details about the Australian Masters Water Ski Championships, go to

www.bolwsc.com.au

for further information about the Loddon Valley region visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au



Native vegetation clearing regulations reviewed

Residents in the Loddon Shire are being encouraged to give Council's Planning staff a call before undertaking any clearing of native vegetation.

This follows an update by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to the native vegetation controls in the Loddon Planning Scheme (VC138, Clause 52.17) after a review of the current controls.

The purpose of native vegetation controls in the Planning Scheme is to ensure there is no net loss to biodiversity as a result of the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation.

It is important that residents who need to clear native vegetation for land activities contact Council to discuss the native vegetation controls.

The changes are about protecting native vegetation while maintaining a balance with continued activities on land, such as farming.

Native vegetation is plants that are indigenous to Victoria, including trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses.

The amended version of Clause 52.17 can be viewed at <http://planning-schemes.delwp.vic.gov.au/schemes/loddon>

Information about amendment VC138 can be viewed at <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/native-vegetation/review-of-native-vegetation-clearing-regulations>

To discuss native vegetation clearing and permit requirements, contact Council's Planning staff on 5494 1200.



NICOLE HURLEY-MOORE WHITE GUM CREEK

Nicole Hurley-Moore is the best-selling author of several 'chook-lit' romance novels, set in rural Australia. Join us for a series of special events as Nicole talks about her writing and launches her newest book, 'White Gum Creek'.

Wednesday 14 February
10-11am
Boort Library Agency

library
lovers'
day

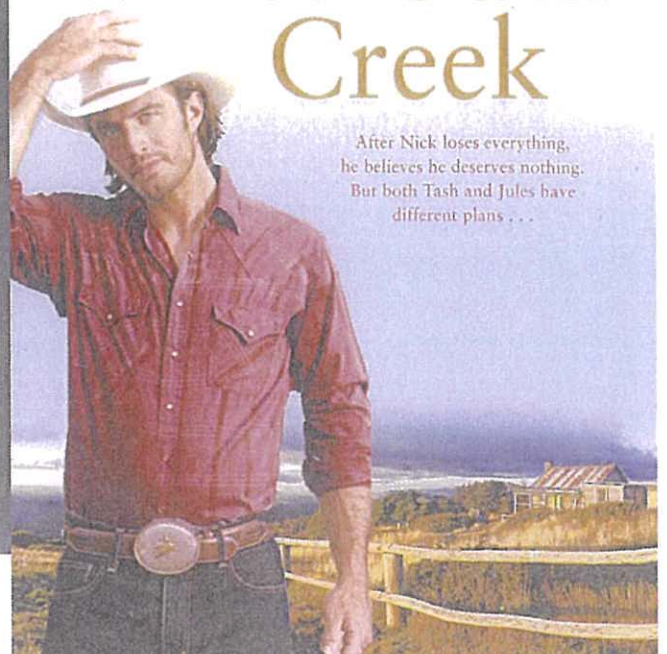
Be BRIC's Valentine and attend this special function "Book Launch" and Morning Tea at BRIC. For catering purposes please let Anne or Loretta know you are attending. 54552716.

www.goldfieldslibraries.com



Nicole HURLEY-MOORE White Gum Creek

After Nick loses everything, he believes he deserves nothing. But both Tash and Jules have different plans . . .





Boort Newsagency

Neil and Dot would like to thank the Boort community (and all of the visitors) with their support of Boort Newsagency prior to and over the festive season.

Since taking over the business in October/November Neil and Dot have been reviewing the operations of their business.

As such, from **Monday 5th February**, the new shop hours for Boort Newsagency will be Monday to Friday **7:30 am - 4:00 pm** and Saturdays **7:30 am to 12 noon**.

We hope that this change in opening hours won't cause too much of an inconvenience to our customers.



Boat or Jet Ski Licence Course

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

Date: Friday 16th February 2018

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

Participants need to arrive at 5:30 for registration

Venue: BRIC

Tutors: Lake Eppalock Volunteer Coastguard

Cost: \$150 Boat and Jetski

\$120 Boat only

- ◆ Includes licence testing, but need to pay VicRoads charge for a 5 year licence separately
- ◆ Participants must be aged 12 or older
- ◆ Must supply appropriate poof of identity (eg Passport, Birth Certificate, Medicare Card, Driver's licence, Learner's permit) (Restricted licences 12-16 years)
- ◆ Jetski Licences are only available to people over 16 years of age



Booking Essential: Phone Loretta or Anne on 54552716 or email bric.boort@bigpond.com

All enquiries to BRIC



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"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

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

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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 20th of February for inclusion in March
About Boort email to:
bric.boort@bigpond.com



Boort Historical Society Inc.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Published in *The Inquirer and Commercial News* (Perth, WA: 1855- 1901),
Friday 16 August 1895, page 16.

A Melbourne exchange states that Mr. J. M. Sinclair's report on the shipment of fruit by the sterilised air process has created quite a stir amongst fruit growers in the district of Boort, in the Western part of Victoria. It is suggested that a conference should be held to consider the adaption of the scheme, both for use on the railways as well as during shipment. Splendid samples, particularly of apples and grapes suitable for export, have been grown at Boort, and trial shipments during the season to Western Australia and Ceylon are being arranged for by the local Vine and Fruit Growers' Association.

Published in *The Boort Standard and Quambatook Herald*, Thursday, Nov. 19, 1914

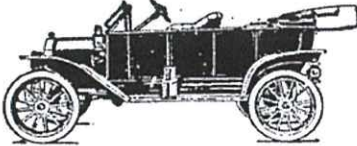
LIGHTS WANTED, To the Editor.

Sir – I think the attention of the proper authorities might be drawn to the many motor cars which run up and down our main street after dark, without lights. Now, Sir, it will be too late when some child is hurt to make a by-law, and there is an old proverb which says- "A stitch in time saves nine." can-not something be done to regulate the ever-growing motor traffic of Boort? -Yours, etc.,

FOR THE CHILDREN'S SAKE. Boort 17-11- '14

(The above matter should certainly be attended to early by our civic fathers as the driving of cars and private vehicles without lights at night is a positive danger to life and limb. We commend the matter to the good sense of our councillors, and trust that a by-law will be framed in connection with the question. – ED. B.S.)

F O R D C A R .



£190 SINGLE-SEATER, £210 DOUBLE-SEATER.

T H E

Boort Motor Garage.

BOORT ANGLING CLUB

There was no January Meeting.

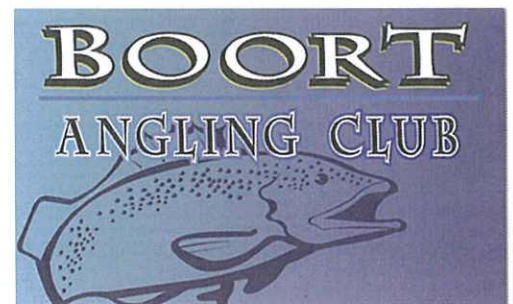
Ron Hird and grandsons have been busy fishing several spots including the Murrumbidgee River and the Gunbower Creek. They have had mixed success but finished with some good keepers.

Chris Rothacker and family had a nice trip and tried some sea fishing, but with limited result.

Rod Stringer with son Dale and grandson Curtis had two days at the Edwards River.

Curtis caught a 42 centimetre cod and a massive turtle that until he got it to the surface seemed like a monster fish. Dale and Rod caught a mix of cod and carp, but no keepers.

Remember next meeting, 14th Feb 8:00pm at club rooms.



LODDON SHIRE NEWS

Rates in full payment reminder

If you have elected to pay your rates in full, you would have recently received a courtesy letter as a reminder that rates are due next month on 15 February.

As well as a reminder to residents who opted to pay their rates in full, the courtesy letter is an opportunity to check your billing address and make sure it is correct. Council also now provides an option to receive your rates notices via email.

Additionally, if you anticipate that you might have an issue in paying your rates, it's important to talk to Council.

Travelling during the heat

VicRoads has some advice regarding driving in extreme heat. This includes not taking unnecessary trips in adverse conditions, leaving earlier or even (if possible) postponing your trip.

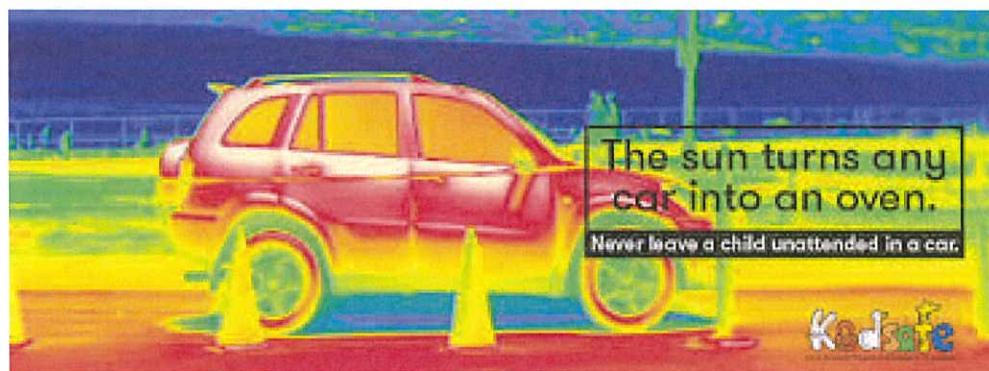
If you do have to travel on days of extreme weather, make sure you let someone know which route you plan on taking and how long you think it will take to arrive at your destination. Make sure to carry plenty of fresh drinking water.

Temperatures can rise to dangerous levels quickly in a car. Therefore you should never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle – even for a short period of time. Children can lose fluid quickly, become dehydrated and suffer from heatstroke. According to Kidsafe Victoria, every year in Australia, more than 5,000 children are rescued after being left unattended in a car.

Children and pets also require additional precautions to protect them when travelling during hot days (the back seat and cargo area can be considerably warmer than the front-seat area). Consider using rear window shades and position air conditioning vents so they are directed towards the rear of the car.

As vehicle breakdowns are more likely to occur in extreme heat, make sure you check your car before you leave. Do not run the risk of running out of fuel and be sure to check your engine coolant level and carry extra water as a precaution. Do not attempt to open your radiator cap if your car is hot – this can result in serious burns.

If your vehicle does break down, where possible, stop or park the vehicle in the shade and avoid parking on long dry grass (a hot exhaust is a potential fire hazard).



BOORT DANCE GROUP

2018 Dance classes will commence the first week of Term 2. Girls and boys aged 3 years and up are invited to join.

All genres offered. Our focus is to have fun and include all students regardless of ability. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting dance teacher Karen Coutts couttsbij@bigpond.com or mobile 0419445060.

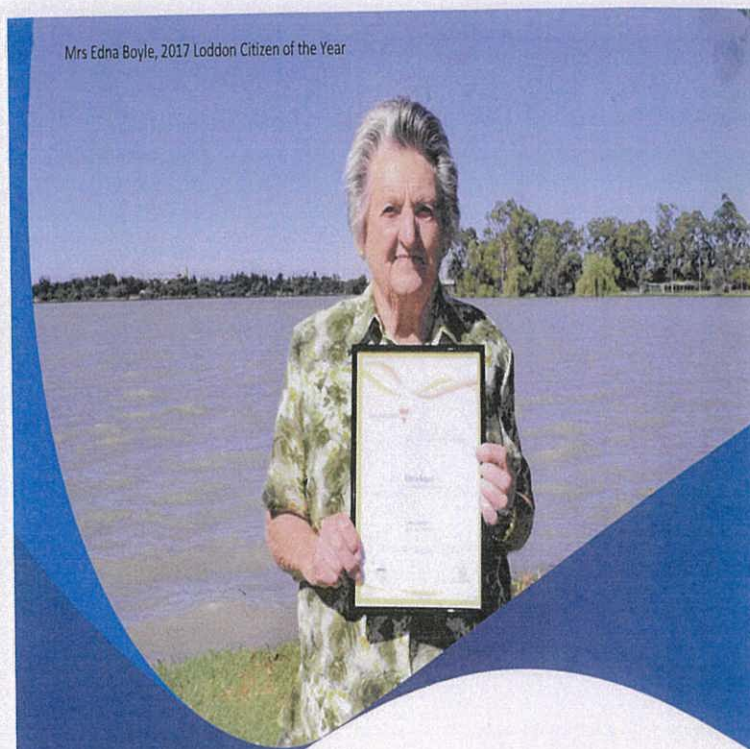
Dance classes will run during Terms 2 and 3 only, concluding with a concert at the end of term 3.



COMING EVENTS

Friday 26/1	Australia Day
Saturday 27/1	Music by the Lake
Friday 26/1,	Australian Masters Waterski
Saturday 27/1,	Championships at Bridgewater
& Sunday 28/1	
Tuesday 30/1	Term 1 begins
Wednesday 31/1	Hockey Club coach applications close
Monday 5/2	New opening hours operate at Boort Newsagency
Thursday 8/2	Storytime at BRIC
Wednesday 14/2	Book Launch at BRIC
Wednesday 14/2	Boort Angling Club meeting
Wednesday 14/2-	Tennis coaching with Peter
Wednesday 21/3	Bewley
Friday 16/2	Boat Licence Course
Sunday 25/2	Mystery Quilt Course
Sunday 18/3	Boort Trots Cup Day
Saturday 28/4	Great Pumpkin Challenge

See inside for more details



Mrs Edna Boyle, 2017 Loddon Citizen of the Year

Australia Day @ BOORT

Flag Raising, National Anthem, Morning Tea, Merry-Go-Round.

Guest speaker: Ms Alice Pung; Australian writer, editor & lawyer.

DATE: Friday 26 January 2018

TIME: 9:15am

LOCATION: Nolen's Park

For more information: Kathy Lowrie, 0427409079

The Australia Day Ambassador speaking at Boort is Ms Alice Pung.

Alice is an award-winning Melbourne writer, and the child of Chinese-Cambodian refugees.

Her books include *Unpolished Gem*, *Growing Up Asian in Australia*, *Her Father's Daughter* and *Laurinda*.

Her work has been translated in multiple languages, and studied in secondary schools in Australia and overseas.

Alice also writes for children, in Penguin's *Our Australian Girl Series*.

Alice is the current writer in residence at Janet Clarke Hall, the University of Melbourne, where she lives with her husband Nick who is originally from Corryong, and their two year old son Leo.

HOW HEAT IMPACTS PEOPLE

107.0

Heat stroke

- Altered mental state
- Alteration in sweating
- Nausea and vomiting
- Flushed skin
- Rapid breathing
- Racing heart rate
- Headache

SOURCE: NOHEATSTROKE.ORG

Australia Day Competition

Loddon Shire Australia Day Committee Secretary Shannon Brown said that in addition to the planned festivities, prizes will be awarded for the Australia Day competition entries.

“We once again had a fantastic variety of creative entries for our literature, colouring and photography competition. This competition is organised in partnership with primary and secondary schools across the Shire,” Mrs Brown said.

“There’s a wonderful range of entries produced around the theme of “Energy” for the photography exhibition and the theme “Volunteer Groups in the Loddon Shire” for the literature competition.”

A selection of the Boort Australia Day competition entries for colouring will be displayed at BRIC