



ABOUT Boort

EDITION 159 JANUARY 2018



Black Belts: Caleb Mayberry, David Rees, Lawrence Cameron & Don Cain.

Boort Self Defence Group 2017

Hapkido



The Group

The Group's year was a great success culminating with a series of gradings conducted over December. The Group has grown to some 30 registered members over the last 12 Months, certainly the largest number we have had over our nine year history. Our aim is to provide fitness and self defence at a reasonable cost to the good folk of Boort and District. We train our students in the ancient Martial Art of Hapkido over time our students develop confidence, leadership skills and empathy for others. The highlight of the gradings was Lawrence Cameron earning his Black Belt, Lawrence has been a great role model for our younger students. He strived very hard to get to the required level, seldom missing training and importantly as a senior student helping others improve along the way. We also said goodbye to Caleb Mayberry who will enter the big wide world next year, Caleb has been an asset to the Group and should be proud of his achievements.

The year finished with a sumptuous dinner at the Café Renu, where members and their families were able to have a very pleasant evening to close the curtain on 2017. We had a little bit of cash left in the kitty allowing us to donate \$270 to the James Boyle Hall, much to the delight of Hall Secretary Cindy Brown who is also our very capable Secretary.

Grading Results

Black Belt – Lawrence Cameron

Green Belt – Andrew, Sarah, Marcus, Carolyn, Ellesha and Riley Fergusson

Orange Belt – Narelle and Acacia Vernon, Milly Scott

Yellow Belt – Zailey Canfield, Nick Scott, Jesse and Asha Rye

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 21/12	Term 4 ends
Friday 22/12	Registrations for Aquatic Education close
Saturday 30/12	Movie Night by the Lake
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
Friday 26/1	Australia Day
Tuesday 30/1	Term 1 begins
Wednesday 31/1	Hockey Club coach applications close
Wednesday 14/2	Boort Angling Club meeting
Sunday 11/3	Giant Pumpkin Challenge
Sunday 18/3	Boort Trots Cup Day
Saturday 28/4	Giant Pumpkin Challenge

See inside for more details



Australia Day

Australia Day 2018

Friday 26th January

Time: 9:15am

Venue: Nolens Park

Flag raising, National Anthem, Morning Tea, Merry-go-round

Loddon Shire Awards

Guest Speaker

Free Event

Saturday 30th December

Movie Night at the Lake

Two Movies!

1 for the littlies

1 for the bigger Kids

Movie starts at 7:30-8:00pm

Come early if you would like to eat

Food and drinks available to purchase on the night

Gold Coin donation desired

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Boort Tourism Development

BRIC Christmas Tree Competition

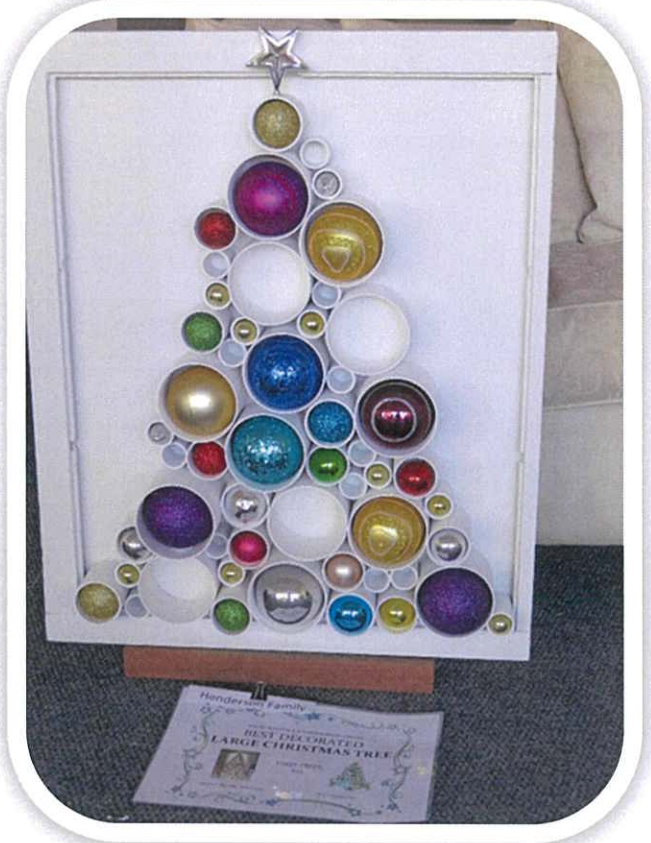
This was the first year that BRIC has held a Christmas Tree Competition, and we “started simple” with two categories; Small Tree (under 60 cm) and Large Tree (over 60 cm and under 2 metres).

Thank you everyone who put in an entry: Karen, Kelly, Henderson family, Roslyn, Lisa, Owen & Carrie, Joe, Robin, Boort Mens Shed, Honie, Wendy and the students from Years 3/4 & 5/6 at St Joseph’s School Charlton.

The creativity and ideas were amazing, all the trees deserved prizes, unfortunately we only had the two categories, next year we hope to have more.

BRIC Xmas Tree Competition winners were Kelly Henderson with Best Large Tree over 60 cm and Robin Storey with Best Small Tree under 60 cm. All the entries were marvellous and made a great display at the Boort Street Festival. Trees were displayed in the Rubicon office (Old Chemist Shop).

Special Thanks to David H for letting us use the shop on the night. Marj and Anne gave out free Supa Dupa’s to children on the night, and the chocolate/lolly Christmas tree was a hit with all that taste tested it.



Santa making a visit to the main street of Boort at the recent Christmas Street Festival

STATE WINNERS

Congratulations to **Ian and Marilyn Lanyon** of Boort based business **Simply Tomatoes** on winning gold at the 2017 RACV Victorian Tourism Awards.

Simply Tomatoes took out the top prize for the Excellence in Food Tourism category at the awards night held on 23 November. The business is no stranger to the Victorian Tourism Awards, having previously claimed the silver award in 2015.

The win by Simply Tomatoes is another nod to the producers of our Shire, and comes on the back of win for the Boort's Arnold Family Butchers.

Arnold Family Butchers is now looking towards the national stage after its success at the state Australian Meat Industry Council Awards. The business took out awards at the Victorian competition in all five categories it entered, including first place for Ham Off the Bone and Traditional Australian Pork Sausage.

The awards are a great credit to the hard work of these producers in our district.

WE ARE SO
Proud
OF YOU



Kristy and Jye Arnold from **Arnold Family Butchers**

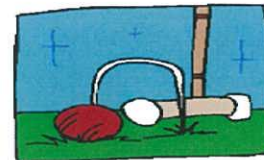


The team at **Simply Tomatoes**

Local Business Festive Season Operating times

BRIC	Closed	Christmas Day re-opens 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 Re-opens 8:30 am 2nd January
Arnold Family Butchers	Open	till noon Christmas Eve
IGA	Closed	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day Public Holidays
Boort Post Office	Closed	Christmas Day Open Public Holidays but reduced hours
Boort Newsagency	Closed	Christmas Day, Boxing Day, 29th December, New Year's Day
Boort Well Being Centre	Closed	Christmas Day, reduced hours on Boxing Day and New Year's Day.
		from 22nd December re-opens 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

~Boort Lakeside Croquet Club~



Boort Lakeside Croquet Club recently hosted an Association Croquet tournament with accolades to our wonderfully talented players - Winners of the two sections played were Boort players, Ian and Colleen. Fantastic achievements!

Section 1 -**Ian Potter**- lowered his handicap to 1

Section 2 -**Colleen Coutts**- lowered her handicap to 7

Other tournament news. Congratulations to -

Robert Coutts, Runner up, Golf Croquet, at Quarry Hill, Bendigo in October.

Gaye Sim, Runner up and trophy, Golf Croquet, Social Day, at Swan Hill in early November. Gaye was pipped at the post missing out on a 1st place by 1 hoop.

2017 Pennant results – Congratulations to **Boort White team** winning Association Croquet and **Boort Golf Croquet team** placing runner up in Golf Croquet.

The Boort Croquet Club celebrated “Cup Day” with fun and frivolity. A fantastic day, with Julie Puttick organising the scrumptious food, Gaye and Robert Sim setting up the event, and Denise Rhook (with Gary’s help) preparing and running the Cup sweep.

A fantastic social evening was held on December 15, celebrating a wonderful Christmas break up for the Boort Croquet Club. This barbecue brought over 30 croquet members and their partners and friends together, many who have never played croquet before and we welcome them to play on further social events. So lovely to see the *non – croquet players* coming along to share the Christmas cheer with their partners.

For the duration of Summer, croquet starts at the following times-

From Saturday December 2, and Wednesday December 6, at 9:00am

From Friday December 1, social evenings under the lights at 7:00pm

Enjoy a pleasant evening, mallets available for those with an interest in playing.

The Boort Croquet Club has recently had alterations to the veranda completed. Many thanks to Streader Constructions, who have worked on the structural improvements to the club house making it so classy and more comfortable for our members. Many of our croquet friends from other clubs envy our open outdoor setting against the lakeside edge.

The Boort Croquet Club is seeking Junior players. \$25 per membership plus \$4 green fees at time of play. We welcome Junior members especially on Friday evenings/Saturdays, and any other time available to them.

New players – Players are provided with the opportunity to play 5 days/sessions before being asked to pay a yearly membership – Adults \$110, 1st year \$90, Juniors (U18) \$25.00.

The Boort Croquet Club wishes all Boort citizens a happy festive season and a bright New Year.

Thankyou also to the generous support the club has received from the community over the past year, we greatly appreciate your kindness.

Any enquiries- Please contact President – Robert Coutts Ph.54552129 or Secretary Ian Potter email- boortlakesidecroquet@gmail.com

“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”

— [Oscar Wilde](#)

“Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.”

— [Oscar Wilde](#)

ANGLING CLUB REPORT

The opening of the Cod Season on 1st December was a non event for many because of the heavy rain and forecast bad weather.

We only mustered six people for our December meeting, largely due to harvest, but there was plenty to discuss and it was a positive meeting.

There will be **no January meeting** as numbers will again be down due to the holiday period. The **next meeting** will be on **14th of February 2018** and then the **second Wednesday of each month**.

The Annual and General meeting will be in May, so 9th May 2018. Not in February as in the past. **Please put this in your diary.**

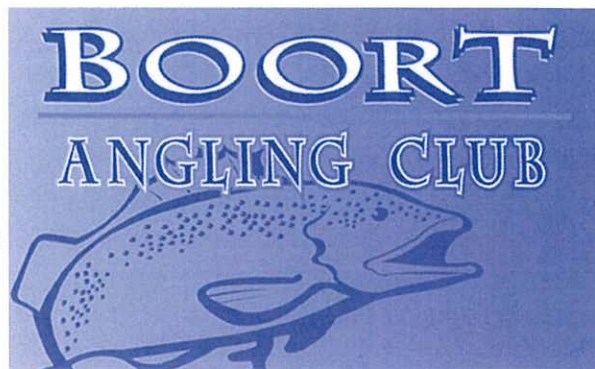
Preliminary plans are happening for the **Annual Carp Eradication Weekend**, probably on the **20th and 21st October 2018**. Be sure to book your accommodation early to avoid disappointment.

Great to see the weed boat at work keeping the lake better for everyone.

Rod attended the Mid Northern Association of Angling meeting on Sunday at St Arnaud and was impressed by the enthusiasm.

Tight lines to all,

Cheers, Rod



BOORT DISTRICT HEALTH

BDH is now coordinating the local Meals On Wheels Volunteer service. We are extremely excited to be working with the current team of dedicated volunteers delivering Meals On Wheels to members of the Boort community.

If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering your time we would love to meet with you and have you join our team.

Contact
Donna Doyle
Director of Clinical Services
Boort District Health
0354515200
0438346673



On behalf of BDH I would like to wish all members of our great community a happy & healthy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

THANK YOU
Donna



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:

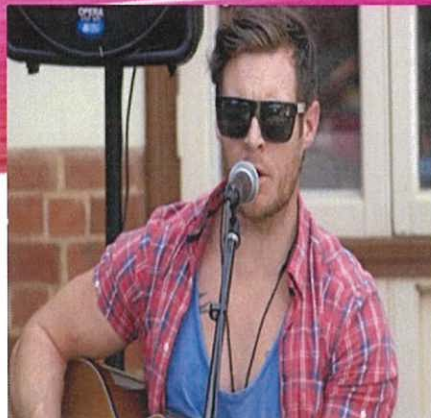
Water Familiarisation: 3 years
Water Confidence: 4 - 5 years (all pre-school kids)
Prep / Grade 1 Beginner

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.



Tyler Hudson LIVE

BOORT TROTting CLUB

PRESENTS

LADIES DAY OUT

- ♥ Live music ♥ Wine tasting ♥ Local delicacies ♥ Giveaways
- ♥ Great Harness racing ♥ Fundraising Ovarian Cancer Research

\$5 From Every
Ticket To
Ovarian Cancer
Research

When: Monday 15th January From 12pm

Where: Boort Park, Malone St, Boort in Sports Bar

Dress: Smart casual or cocktail

Tickets available now for \$25pp includes 1 free wine, canapés, entertainment, wine tasting & more

Contact Nicole on: 0429 321 652 or Email: boort@hrv.org.au for tickets & more details.



Harvest Report from Boort Co-op



The Boort Grain Co-op is having another successful harvest. We won't reach the heady heights of last year, but none the less tracking nicely.

It looks like the bulk of harvest will be completed by Christmas, however we do anticipate receipts to continue until mid-January. As of the 19th Dec, the Co-op has received approximately 85,000mt (100,000mt still not out of the question.)

Pleasingly, the Co-op is receiving increased support from the larger tier 1 trading companies, and

continued support from all of its long term clients.

This harvest we have had approximately twelve active trade buyers posting cash bids, in many cases at a premium to what they post across the road at Graincorp.

Bull and his team continue to provide quality service and flexibility, which are the key factors to the Co-op's success.

Boort Grain Co-op and Australian Storage Alliance wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas, and thank everyone for their continued support"

Jon Bucknall

Official Boort Rainfall for 2017

Month	Rainfall
January	36.5
February	40.8
March	20.4
April	83.0
May	44.0
June	4.2
July	30.2
August	52.6
September	10.1
October	15.4
November	74.5
December	55.6
Total up to 18/12/17	466.6

Boort Phone Book

There will be a new Amity Local Phone Book coming out early next year any additions and alterations can be made at BRIC or to Jean Henderson on 0427 554266.

There is no cost for listing your number.

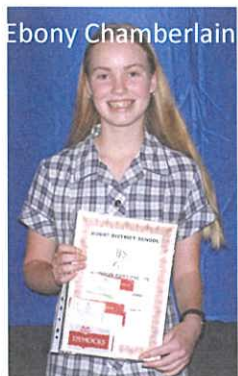


BDS Presentation Night

Boort District School's Presentation Night was a highly successful celebration of student achievement. The night began in dramatic fashion with a huge thunderstorm leaving Boort without power. Organisers were agonising over whether to postpone, when Kel Mayberry and the CFA came to the rescue with a generator and emergency lighting. The night then went ahead, with School Captains; Taylah Streader, Charlotte Verley and Caleb Mayberry capably modifying the program with the partial darkness created an atmosphere of mystery and anticipation.

Councillor Neil Beattie congratulated the school and praised the students for the polite and conscientious manner in which he has observed them operating in the community. Mr Beattie presented awards to over 100 students in recognition of high levels of achievement and effort.

Awards were then presented in each of the key learning areas. Students who received two awards were Carissa Haw (LOTE and Maths), Daniel Hercott (LOTE and Music), Tom Potter (Health & PE and Technology) and Emma Zanker (English and Music). Recipients who received three Key Learning Awards were Macey Holland (English, Maths and Humanities), Darcie Chamberlain (Humanities, Maths and Technology), Steven Gunther (Commerce, Health & PE and Science) and Charlotte Verley (Commerce, English and Humanities). One student, Ebony Chamberlain, received five awards (Commerce, English, Health & PE, Humanities and Science).



School Council Vice President Tanya Maher-Toose presented the Art Acquisition Award to Alex Hudson for a two point perspective sketch of the Victoria Hotel in Pyramid Hill.

Debating award went to Georgia Gardner. The Insight Award, for a Year 11 English student went to Erin Twigg. Writing awards were also presented to Ryan O'Flaherty, Akaisha Arnold, Lance Malone, Ebony Chamberlain, Grace Hosking, Jack Kerr and Charlotte Verley (x2).

The School Sport Victoria Award was presented by Boort Development Committee Secretary Kerri Bedford and went to Bayley Fuller who has successfully represented the school in a wide range of sports reaching State level in athletics and who has also achieved academic success.

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards were presented by Parents' Club President Varlea McClelland. The recipients of these awards were Mitchell Baker (Year 10) and Caleb Mayberry (Year 12).

The Don Kerr Award for a Year 11 student that exhibits strong leadership and community involvement went to Charlotte Vernon.

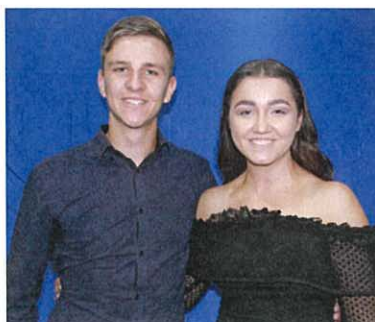
The VCAL/VET award went to a student who has demonstrated a high level of commitment and self-motivation. North Central LLEN CEO Jerri Nelson presented the award to Couper Brown who has been studying Engineering at NCTTC. Fellow VCAL student Mitchell Cockerell was recognised with a Technology KLA Award and his workplace Dunstan's Engineering was the Workplace of the Year.

The Boort Medical Practice sponsored two scholarships which were presented by 2016 Dux Jordan Bleicher, who also gave an entertaining speech about his first year of university studying Aeronautical Engineering. The first scholarship for academic excellence (2017 Dux) was awarded to Steven Gunther and the second for leadership, effort, school involvement and upholding school values was awarded to Charlotte Verley.

The night concluded with home group teachers Adrian Grogan and Noemi Dussin joining with Pyramid Hill College principal Fiona Moon to present the Year 12 class of 2017, Grace Field, Bayley Fuller, Steven Gunther, Tanisha Golding, Tess Hampson, Daniel Hercott, Alex Hudson, Paige Jones, Elisabeth McClelland, Caleb Mayberry, Erinn Morris, Jade Stanger, Taylah Streader, Charlotte Verley. The power finally came on just as Charlotte walked onto the stage!



Bayley Fuller



Boort Medical Practice Award recipients, Steven Gunther and Charlotte Verley



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT THE BOORT MEN'S SHED

Members of the Boort Men's Shed came together on Thursday, December 14 to celebrate Christmas and the year just gone. The members got into the festive spirit with a grand barbecue lunch, scones and refreshments. A pleasant and convivial time was had by all.

The Men's Shed has had a successful year with the new extension being officially opened and the air conditioning unit being currently installed. Many projects and activities have been completed and the members are to be congratulated on the quality of the work performed. In thanking the Shed's many supporters, the members recognise the valuable contributions made by family and friends and various community groups and businesses.

The members expressed their sincere gratitude to BRIC. BDH and NDCHS who sponsor the Men's Shed. Thanks were also extended to Streader Constructions, DA Electrics, Bryan Streader, the Beattie family and "Windarra" who carried out the site works for the new extension and generously supplied the gravel for the carpark.

The support of Boort District School is also greatly appreciated. All were thanked for their generous support and friendship. A pleasant day was had by all and the members wish all their friends and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

The members of the Men's Shed have gathered for the day
To celebrate Christmas in the usual way
For there is one thing they have been taught
Is to thank each and all for their support

Wayne Pappin
Coordinator: Boort Men's Shed

Christmas Lights Competition

The judges have made their choices and this year's winners are Cliff and Kayla at 10 Bertoli St, the encouragement award goes to David and Merryn Rees in Holloway St. Special mention to Wait St for their display. Thank you to our community for supporting the competition once again.



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)

Giant Pumpkin Challenge - Boort Yando

It is a fun challenge for those who'd like to try and grow a massive pumpkin. Last years winner was local Boort resident Ewan Collins whose pumpkin named Richard weighed in at 60kg.

There are 5 categories:

- 1: Giant Pumpkin
- 2: Best conditioned
- 3: Adult pumpkin decoration
- 4: Child pumpkin decoration
- 5: Giant Category - including all fruits, veggies, flowers

Weigh-in this year will again be at Simply Tomatoes, Yando, Boort and will be on Saturday 28th April 2018

For further details people can join our Facebook group:

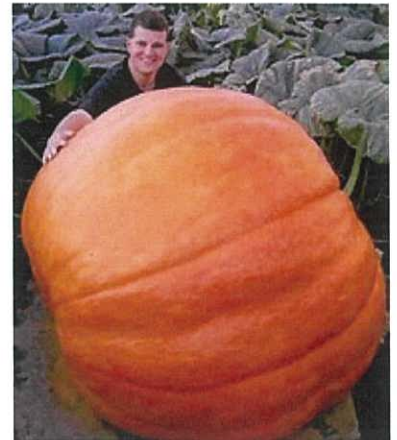
Giant Pumpkin Challenge - Boort Yando

or email:

giantpumpkinchallenge@gmail.com

or phone:

Anna 0419 137 547



PTV ID application forms

From 1 January 2018, the following forms will no longer be available in hard copy format from stations and BRIC

PTV School Student ID and Student Pass application form and PTV Tertiary Student ID application form

The ID application forms will be available to download from ptv.vic.gov.au/schoolstudents and ptv.vic.gov.au/tertiarystudents from 1 January 2018.

For the first time, both application forms will be interactive, allowing the customer to save the form to their computer, type over the top of it and then print it out.

There is no change to how the application forms are processed.



BRIC Membership Renewal 2018

Fees are now due

BRIC membership benefits include reduced fees and charges on photocopying, laminating, typing and secretarial services.

Membership Cost:

Single membership \$5

Business/Organisation \$20

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, or by direct deposit using your name as the reference.

Banking Details are:

Account Name: Boort Resource and Info Centre

BSB: 633-000

Account No: 117041830

BRIC membership starts 1st January 2018 and ends 31st December 2018

If we have not received a payment from you by the 31st January 2018, we will assume that you no longer wish to be a member and we shall remove you from the members list.



Op-Shop Opening Hours

Tuesday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am to 12 noon
Shop will be closed Tuesday 26th December.
Open Thursday 26th January 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed Friday 26th January



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

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY **THANKYOU** FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY **MERRY CHRISTMAS..**



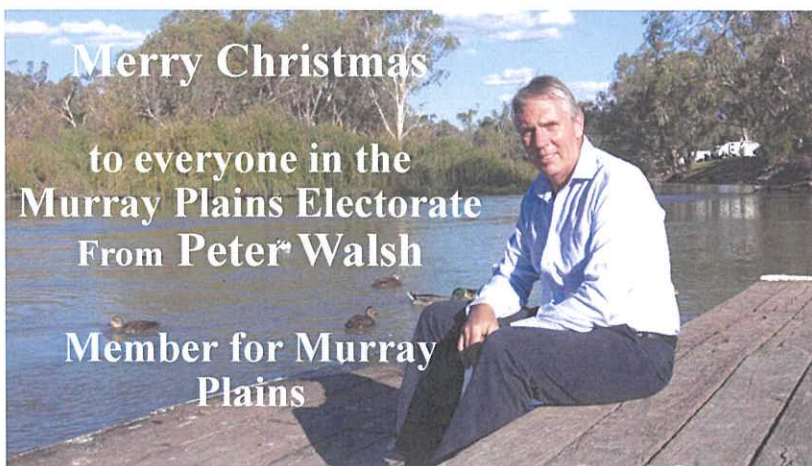
FROM THE STAFF AT BOORT NEWSAGENCY



Best wishes to all our readers who may be in hospital at Christmas time— especially our past Editor Jenny.

Thank you!

Thankyou to the Boort Self Defence Group for their generous donation of \$270 to the **James Boyle Hall**



Merry Christmas
to everyone in the **Murray Plains Electorate**
From **Peter Walsh**
Member for Murray Plains

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

