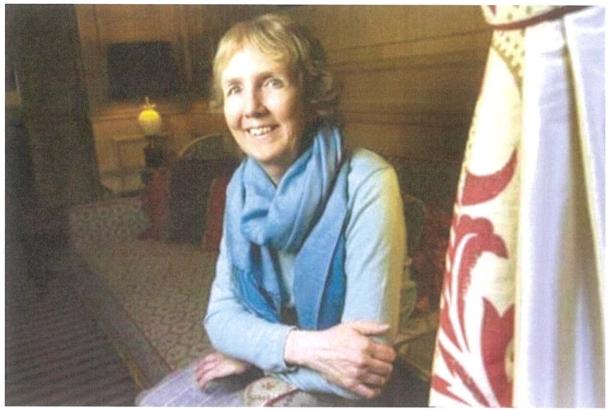


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International crime writer Ann Cleeves to visit Boort

Acclaimed British crime writer Ann Cleeves will visit Boort Library Agency on Thursday 9 August to celebrate the launch of the newly renovated space and to share stories about her own illustrious writing career.

Ann is the award-winning author of the iconic Vera and Shetland mystery series which have both been adapted into immensely popular TV series. Four series of Shetland and eight series of Vera have been screened with a ninth series being recently confirmed.

Ann's writing career came about after her husband, Tim, was appointed as warden of a tiny tidal island off the coast of England and Wales. With little to keep her occupied, and no other residents on the small isle, Ann began to write. Her first book *A Bird in the Hand* was heavily inspired by this isolated location.

A long list of achievements for Ann include a Duncan Lawrie Dagger in 2006, an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University of Sunderland in 2014, and a Diamond Dagger Award from the Crime Writers' Association in 2017, the highest honour in British crime writing.

Coinciding with Ann's visit will be the launch of the newly refurbished library agency at Boort. Building works are well underway at the Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC) which houses the library space, and with thanks to BRIC and the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program, the library is seeing a significant extension.

"We are honoured to have this remarkably talented writer visit our library agency in Boort. Renovations will soon be complete, and we're excited to be able to show off our new space with such a special guest," says Gemma Rayner, Goldfields Libraries Community Based Services Coordinator.

Celebrations will run from 2:00pm-3:00pm, beginning with Goldfields Libraries CEO Mark Hands officially opening the new space, followed by Ann's talk, afternoon tea, and book signing.

Ann Cleeves is a guest at this year's Bendigo Writer's Festival, and Goldfields Libraries would like to thank the festival for making this opportunity available.

The session is free, but bookings are required via www.goldfieldslibraries.com or at BRIC on 54552716

Boort Historical Society Inc. DID YOU KNOW?

The Bulletin, Volume 9 No. 444, 4th August 1888,

Boort (vic.) is a township where nothing generally happens more than once a year, and not always even then. It is a slumberous spot most of the time and things move so slowly that they have time to turn bad before they take place and its one geographical feature is that it is situated within three months' crawl of no place that anybody ever went to in his life without being sorry for it.

There is seldom more than sixpence in the town at one time and the people look with an indifferent glass eye on the convulsions of the outside world. They move gradually and breathe heavily and live long because Death falls asleep in Boort and the spiders spin their cobwebs among his bones and the flies drink on his skull and when he wakes at last he finds that his scythe has been borrowed to hold the church door open with and his hour-glass cadged for the baby to play with.

The population is small, for the people are too tired to be numerous, but among them Old Man Jenks and his three daughters are prominent, chiefly because the eldest of the young ladies gave way last week to a burst of excitement which shook Boort right down from the hat that it sleeps in because it is too much trouble to take it off to the boots that it hasn't brushed since the winter before last.

This particular girl was aged something over 30 and lame, freckled and red headed and her face was plainer than a bailiff. Her temper was also as uneven as a ride downhill on a flat-footed camel, a fact which her small brother knew to his cost, for the way she was wont to whale him with a paling was one of the saddest features in his history. But all the same she had a lover – a young farmer who had proposed to her under the influence of chloroform and she used to aim things at him in order to keep him up to the mark and shake him when his affections began to grow cold.

The wedding day was fixed and the altar was prepared for the sacrifice and a large, greasy mark on the wall testified to the regularity with which he came to see her and leaned his head against the corner of the room and wished he was dead. But he didn't die and the day arrived. The bridegroom rose early that morning and poured beer into himself to stiffen him for the horrors to come and then he poured more beer and gradually a spirit of wild enterprise awoke within him.

The bride, meanwhile got on her clothes and went to the church with a select circle of friends and sat down amid much elderly giggle to wait for his coming. Eleven o'clock struck and he was due. A quarter past wheezed out and he wasn't there. Half past and he continued to be scarce. Noon arrived and he hadn't yet risen in the east and there was no sign of his rising. The bride had quite finished pondering on the serious nature of the step she was about to take and was manifesting preliminary symptoms of hysteria and the curate was cackling in the vestry.

At a quarter to one a male relative was sent out to reconnoitre and he returned with tidings of dismay. The bridegroom having filled himself up with beer and valour, had ridden over on a cart-horse to the bride's residence and proposed to her youngest sister, who was neither lame nor red-headed and they had been married half-an-hour previously at the rival church with the damaged small brother as best boy and a crowd of excited clodhoppers as witnesses. Then arose a scream that rent the heavens and the eldest bride lost her balance and hit out at every angle, also she rent her attire and oscillated violently. She was conveyed home on a dray and put to bed in a darkened room where she still remains and her days and nights are now devoted to planning a fearful vengeance on her sister and her sister's husband and the small boy who aided and abetted them in the abyss of their depravity. But as yet she is too feeble to go out and ride upon the storm and the judgement which is to rush down upon the three conspirators is consequently postponed.



Not so sleepy town Boort Australia Day circa 1980-1990

Boort Men's Shed

The members of the Men's Shed are hard at work For the task at hand they never do shirk The projects have been rolling off the floor With smiles and good wishes they go out the door

The members have been busy with a number of activities, including the merry-go-round, kindling cutting, recycling, restoration of an eight seater kitchen table and a classic double bed. Not to mention general maintenance of the storage areas and much convivial conversation and friendship.

Have your old batteries been tripping the light fandango and have worn themselves out. And you are not sure how to get rid of them. The Boort Men's Shed has the answer. Just drop them off any time at the Men's Shed or Kev's block and the members will take them off your hands. They will then be broken down for recycling.

PROJECTS FOR SALE:

- : Small Toy Trolley \$15
- : Kindling \$8 per bag
- : Boot Pullers \$5
- : Shoe Shine Box \$20
- : Assortment of small wooden toys \$5 (each)
- : Toilet Roll Holders \$5
- : Wooden Door Stoppers \$2 (each)
- : Free Standing Boot and Shoe Pegs \$60 (large) \$30 (small)
- : Large Metal Framed Planter Box \$50

Men's Shed is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

In memory of past members who have gone but are not forgotten: Rest in Peace Noel Baker. Reg Brown. Tom Chalmers. Howard Mitchell. Don Poyner. Bruce Reed.

Sunday Night Family
Worship Service
Eternity Centre Boort (BRIC)
5:00pm Winter
6:00pm Summer
Pastor Maxine Tonkin

Website: www.eternitycentre.org

Ph 54 943365

Vision Australia

Meeting at BRIC 1:30pm 6th August

Joanne O'Connor from Bendigo will be in attendance.

She will bring aids and advice to assist people with their vision concerns

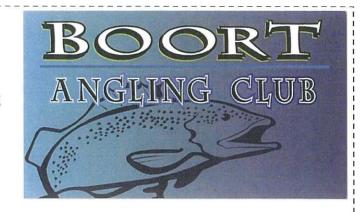
Small plate please ALL WELCOME

Enquiries: Colleen Slatter

Boort Angling Club

Boort Angling Club's Annual and General Meeting has already gone.

Office bearers are, President- Rod Stringer, Vice President- Ron Hird, Secretary-Guy Contarino and Treasurer- Chris Rothacker.



We are looking forward to a great year and already planning for the big CARP ERADICATION and FAMILY WEEKEND on the 20^{th} and 21^{st} October.

Invitations to Sponsors are almost ready to go out.

TINT CENTRAL from Bendigo has already committed \$1000— in prizes and for the first time we will have a Major Draw Prize for Junior's valued at \$500--.

SNOOZE from Bendigo will provide the Early Bird Prize (for entries received before 16th September) valued at \$250-- so get in early.

Entry fees are same as last year, \$25—Adult, \$50—Family and Junior's (under 16 years) free. Entry forms and programs are available at Boort Tyre Service, or by sending your email, or address to stringer_rod@yahoo.com.au or gppcontarino@iinet.net.au

Entry fee payment options, Cheque, Payable to Boort Angling Club Inc., address, PO Box 43, Boort. Vic. 3537 Cash, Pay at Boort Tyre Centre. Funds Transfer to BSB 083 693

Account No 70782 1056 For further information, Posters will soon be going up, or watch in ABOUT BOORT or Contact Rod as above.

Tight Lines, Rod



Boort District Health needs your help!!

BDH coordinates the local Boort Meals on Wheels delivery service.

The BDH catering staff prepare the meals and volunteer drivers deliver to between 4-6 local clients Monday – Friday.

We are desperately short of volunteer drivers. It takes approximately 20-30 minutes to do the delivery run at 11:30am daily.

If this is something you or someone you know may be interested in assisting with, we would love to hear from you, please come and see me;

Donna Doyle or give me a call on 0438346673....THANK YOU ☺

~Boort Lakeside Croquet Club~

At the Boort Lakeside Croquet Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 9, Office bearers for 2018-2019 were elected:-

President - Alan Puttick Secretary - Julie Puttick

Senior Vice- President - Robert Coutts Treasurer - Keren Chapman



At the AGM the following trophies were presented by Robert Coutts, (immediate past President) to the 2018 winners in Association Croquet and Golf Croquet.

Association Croquet:

Level 1: Ian Potter

Level 2: Colleen Coutts

Level 3: Not competed for.

Level 4: Kerry Lanyon

Golf Croquet:

Level 1: Alan Puttick Level 2: Robert Sim Level 3: Warren Fletcher

Aggregate Winners for 2018 weekly play at Boort Club were:

Association Croquet - Kerry Lanyon (118 Hoops) and Golf Croquet - Alan Puttick (341 Hoops)

The Annual Murray Valley Croquet Winter Round Robin Social Days have begun with the first event at Boort on Saturday 16thJune. It was a great day, enjoyed by all even though the weather was at times inclement. Hot soup and scrumptious savouries were favourites on such a cool day.

Winners on the day were-

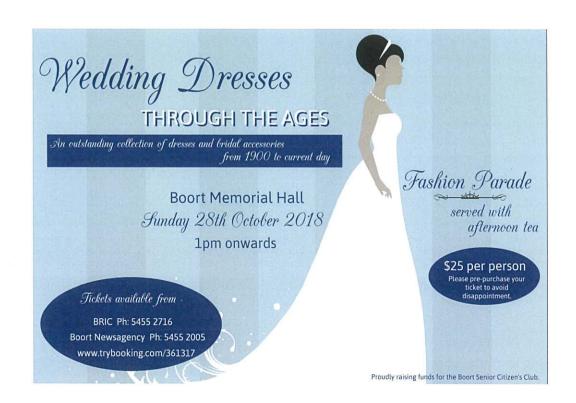
Anne Kenny (Charlton) - Association Croquet,

Heather Dunstan (Swan Hill) – Golf Croquet

Charlton will host the next M.V. Social Day in July. Stay tuned, Boort will bag a winner.

At Boort, Winter Social Croquet is underway. Play begins at 1:00pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Everyone is welcome to attend, so come along to watch or 'have a go' at playing our enjoyable sport. Wear casual clothes. This is a great time to enjoy some outdoor winter sunshine and fun. Our club will make you most welcome.

Any enquiries – Kindly contact President – Alan Puttick 0439979485 or Secretary – Julie Puttick 0432996965



Golf News 2018

Dates

Friday 29th June Farmer's 4Ball Saturday 30th June Final Men's Championship & Presentation Dinner Tuesday 17th July Ladies Golf Tournament Friday 20th Men's Fourball Saturday 21st Men's Stroke Day Sunday 22nd Mixed Day



The Farmer's 4Ball will be on Friday 29th June for Men & Ladies, names in by 11:00am with hit off 11:30am. It would be great to see as many golfers and social golfers as possible coming out for a game of golf on this day.

The final of the Ladies Pennant was played at Boort in perfect conditions with St Arnaud winning. The Kara Kara players thanked the Boort Club for organizing the day noting how well the golf course played, thanks goes to Kevin Linehan and his helpers.

The Men's Pennant was played at Charlton this year in an abbreviated system of all matches being played on same day in two groups, with a final at the end of the day. Thanks to Barry Kennedy who organized this successful day. There were eight Clubs playing in two groups, with the teams playing each other over a 6 hole competition for each match. Boort won their group and St Arnaud won their group so these two teams played one another in a Final with St Arnaud being the winning team. This meant that St Arnaud won both the Ladies and Men's Pennant for 2018. Congratulations to St Arnaud.

The Ladies Club Championship competition commenced with 10 ladies competing in this event. After 2 rounds, leading is Di Johnston 170 from Karen Allison 185 and Gaye Sim 195. B Grade consisted of a few more players, but Dot Beattie is leading with 185 from Julie Wilson 195 and Lorraine Linehan 202. Medal Day was on the 2nd round, congratulations to Julie Wilson who won her 1st Boort Ladies Medal.

Thanks to the ladies who have been travelling to events at other Clubs, I hear that Dot Beattie and Phyl Baker had a win at Wedderburn.

The Men's Club Championships will be played a different way this year, commencing on Saturday 9th June and will continue for the next 3 weeks, with the best three rounds out of four deciding the Champions. In the A Grade Stuart Tweddle and Andrew Kane are level on 140 while in the B Grade Robert Sim holds a slight lead on 172 from Barry Kennedy on 174, closely followed by Doug Couper and Damian Lanyon. In the Weaver Cup Damien has a small lead on nett 131, followed closely by Stuart Tweddle and Doug Couper, but with two rounds to go anything could happen. Don't forget the Presentation Dinner on the 30th June.

With July just round the corner, next on the list is the Boort Golf Tournament of four days, so golfers start looking around for partners to invite for the Ladies 4Ball Stableford Aggregate event the 17th and the Men's 4Ball Best Ball Stableford on Friday 20th July, Men's 27 hole Strike on Saturday 21st with the final day being 18 holes Mixed Pinehurst on Sunday 22nd July as well as a Men's 18 hole Pinehurst.

For information about the Golf Club events the following can be contacted our Men's and Ladies Captains. Andrew Kane 0428 378 738 and Di Johnston 0427 434 625

Why is my ash tree dying slowly?

The slow death of ash trees is caused by a bug/virus entering the tree when branches are broken or sawn off when the sap is flowing, ie when the tree has leaves.

The virus does not always enter the tree. For example the two trees outside the Memorial Hall (now only one) were pruned when in leaf, but on the same day the trees along side the Commercial Hotel were pruned also but they escaped the virus. The ash just up the hill on the same side also is very sick.

Sadly the trees never recover, but new shoots do go on appearing, sometimes from the very base of the trunk.



Council's roadside control program targets weed invasion

Loddon Shire Council is undertaking a roadside weed control program as part of a State-Government funded program for the management of regionally-prohibited and regionally-controlled invasive plant and animal species across municipal roadsides.

The program is currently treating high concentrations of woody weed species including African Boxthorn, Blackberry and Sweet Briar, and cactus varieties such as Wheel Cactus, Aloe Cactus and Prickly Pear Cactus.

The roadside weed control program has been made possible through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) from its Roadside Weeds and Pest Management Program. The program provides funding to councils to plan and implement control activities for the long-term management of prohibited and restricted weeds and pests on rural roadsides.

Chief Executive Officer Phil Pinyon said the roadside weed control program aimed to deliver, within available resources, beneficial and useful management of invasive species on Council-managed roadsides across the Shire. "Loddon Shire is committed to working with the support of the State Government to manage pest plant and animal infestation," Mr Pinyon said. "During the past six months, specialist contractors have carried out weed mapping across the Shire's 4600-kilometre road network. More than 10,000 sites of infestation were recorded as part of this audit.

"A multi-year roadside control program has been established, and provides an ongoing commitment by Council to work with the State Government in maintaining control and early prevention of the identified species."

Other commitments within the Roadside Weeds and Pest Management Program will prioritise weed species in line with optimal control treatment seasons including Silverleaf Nightshade, Bridal Creeper, African Lovegrass, Pattersons Curse, Cape Tulip and Serrated Tussock.

Currently, works have been focused on treating targeted sites free from fenceline entanglement, and away from sites of high vegetation conservation, protected flora, fauna and cultural significance.

As the control program continues, adjoining landholders are encouraged to match efforts made on Council-managed land.

To find out more about pests and weeds, visit <u>agriculture.vic.gov.au</u> and click on "Pests, diseases and weeds" from the drop down menu under the "Agriculture" tab.



Find out your household's energy use

If you're worried about your energy bills, are buying, selling or renovating a home, notice that your house gets too hot in summer and freezing in winter – then it could be worth taking part in the Scorecard program.

Supported by the Victorian Government, Scorecard is Australia's first home energy rating program for all Victorians.

Under the program, householders can arrange for an accredited assessor to come to their home and assess how they can improve their home to use less energy. The price of the assessment will vary depending on the assessor, your home and the complexity of the assessment.

The assessors use the government-supported Scorecard webtool to rate the energy efficiency of the home's construction, fixed appliances and other key features such as solar PV energy production.

A two-page rating certificate recommends upgrade options to improve the home's rating (matched to the circumstances of the householder and features of the home).

For more information, including a list of accredited commercial assessors and not-for-profit organisations that offer assessments, visit the Scorecard website www.victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au/scorecard

Billabong Organics - linked with nature

Billabong Organics' owners Sue Bennett and husband Brian Smith believe families should be able to enjoy the bounty that nature provides with minimal interference. Founded from a desire to produce quality organic apples and apple products, the Yarrawalla business has since found success in the organic fruit market.

Ms Bennett said the couple decided to grow apples in 1997 after trialling different produce to value add to their grain farm. "We started off growing onions for three years and decided we didn't like what it was doing to our soils, and that our soils would be better placed growing something else," Ms Bennett said.

"In 1995 we decided to trial olives. We planted 45 to 50 trees to see if they would grow, and they took off. "Though we were going down the path of growing olives, the type of olive we wanted to grow was Israeli olives, which were difficult to source.

"Since olives could be mechanically harvested, this would involve continually increasing our farm size to remain viable, which was the same issue we had with grain farming. We didn't want to get onto this merry-go-round." In 1996 the couple trialled timber trees, which, according to Ms Bennett, was never going to be a viable enterprise as the trees were planted during the millennium drought and required irrigation to grow economically."

After looking at different varieties of fruit trees, Ms Bennett and Mr Smith decided to grow apples. "We went into organics after encountering a major black spot issue on our apples in about 2000," Ms Bennett said. "We had a lot of chemicals that were needed to treat the problem. After speaking with a consultant we found that we needed the "Rolls Royce" of chemicals to eliminate the problem.

"Instead, we found research from China where growers were using lime for black spot prevention. So we tried that and haven't had black spot since, even during the year of flooding. "In fact, I'm not sure we'd recognise it if we had black spot now."

Billabong Organics' apples are grown according to organic principles; this includes what products are allowed to be put on the apples.

"We are NASAA Organic Certified [The National Association for Sustainable Agriculture, Australia] and are audited every year. We also keep a record of all inputs we put on our orchard – all have to be approved by NASAA as safe for our products," Ms Bennett explained.

"A lot of people do spray sulphur because that is a very good killing machine. But we have never used sulphur because it kills indiscriminately and that goes against our ethos."

Billabong Organics grows Pink Lady, Sundowner and Royal Gala apple varieties. Its apple products include dried organic apple, chewy apple leather, cooked apple puree and cooked sliced apples.

Ms Bennett said their products have received positive feedback, and there are plans to possibly expand their range. "We keep coming up with new products, and we're only just really getting started, so it will be interesting to see how it goes. I think our products are very good quality."

The business has started selling their apples and products at markets and shops in Melbourne. Billabong

Organics apples and apple products are also available locally at the Pyramid Hill Butchery and Boort IGA, as well as direct from the Billabong Organics' farm at 125 Smiths Road Yarrawalla.

To find out more about Billabong Organics visit www.organicapples.com.au, call 5455 1275 or 0428 551 275.

Loddon businesses can add their details to Council's website business directory at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Invest/Business-directory.



Have your say on a proposed Reconciliation Action Plan

Loddon Shire Council is asking residents to have their say on a proposed Reconciliation Action Plan.

Reconciliation Action Plans generally guide organisations in building greater awareness, understanding and respectful relationships between our wider community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Council wants to hear from as many people as possible regarding their thoughts on how Council might proceed with the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan.

Mayor Cheryl McKinnon said that while a Reconciliation Action Plan was a new development for Council, there was an ongoing commitment to reconciliation activities.

"This includes activities such as flying the Aboriginal flag during Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week," Cr McKinnon said.

"More recently, Council adopted a policy and began acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land at Council civic functions, business activities and in Council publications."

You can complete the survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRDPK9V

Hard copies of the survey are also available from the Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC), Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House, Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House, Wedderburn Community House and Council's Serpentine and Wedderburn offices.

The Reconciliation Action Plan survey closes at 5pm on Friday 29 June. Results of the survey will be posted on Council's website in mid-July.

For more information regarding the survey, please contact Council's Policy and Strategy Officer Christine Walters on 5494 1239 or email cwalters@loddon.vic.gov.au

To find out more about Reconciliation Action Plans and to view an example, visit www.reconciliation.org.au/ reconciliation-action-plans/

THANKS

The Boort Silo Committee have very generously donated to help fund the B.P. Petrol Station defibrillator.

So to Vaughan Toose, Darren Allison and Peter Gibson, sincere thanks for donating the large amount......funding for the defibrillator is well on the way.

Honie

Articles for "About Boort" newsletter need to arrive by 9:00am on the 20th July for inclusion in the August newsletter.

Email to: bric.boort@bigpond.com



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



BOORT SHOW NEWS

New Section

-- 15 WEEKS TO GO --

WHEELBARROW GARDENS

Use your imagination & create an appealing feature for your garden.

flowers, succulents, vegetables, etc...

2 sections – Year P-6 & Open

So start creating!



Help Needed!

We would love your help!

Not just on Show Day but
in the planning of our
show. Please consider
coming along to our next
meeting on July 4th
7:30pm at the Boort
Sports Club. We are
looking for fresh faces and
new ideas.

Due to popular demand

Trickz Bikes are back



COMING EVENTS

Friday 29/6	Farmer's 4Ball
Friday 29/6	Term 2 ends
Friday 29/6	Reconciliation Action Plan survey
-	closes
Saturday 30/6	Golf Presentation Dinner
Saturday 30/6	St Arnaud v Boort
Saturday 7/7	Boort v Wedderburn
Saturday 14/7	Sea Lake v Boort
Monday 16/7	Term 3 starts
Tuesday 17/7	Ladies Golf Tournament
Friday 20/7	Men's 4Ball
Saturday 21/7	Men's Stroke Day
Saturday 21/7	Boort bye
Sunday 22/7	Mixed Day
Saturday 28/7	Birchip Watchem v Boort
Saturday 4/8	Boort v Donald
Monday 6/8	Vision Australia meeting

Saturday 11/8 Boort v Charlton Saturday 18/8 Wycheproof v Boort

Thursday 17/9 Loddon Shire Immunisations

Saturday 13/10 Boort Show
Saturday 20/10 Amity Pink night
Saturday 20/10 Carp Eradication
Sunday 21/10 Carp Eradication
Sunday 28/10 Wedding Dress Parade

Thursday 8/11 Loddon Shire Immunisations

See inside for more details

LIGHTNING

Storytime at BRIC

Thursday 28th June

10:30am-11:00 am



Crafty Chatter

Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month

2:00pm - 9:00 pm Boort Baptist Hall

Contact: Michelle 0428 713 488

Anyone who likes to craft in any way is welcome to come and stitch or whatever you do for a while or for the whole afternoon and evening. Also welcome to join us for tea, bring along something to share.

Even if you don't craft and would like to see what everyone is up to, come and have a cuppa and a chat.



State Championships

on Tuesday 3rd

July—Friday 6th July

This event is the pinnacle junior

hockey event for the winter season for all aspiring juniors in Victoria.

Good luck to the local juniors who made the North West Country Lightning Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 teams



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