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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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The members of the Boort RSL thank everyone for their support over the last two weeks pre Remembrance Day. It was most successful money wise making over \$2,300, but thank you everyone who attended our service. We counted 150 people present. A terrific turn out.

Boort people do support the Local RSL and we appreciate their interest. The money raised is sent to Melbourne for welfare work.

Thanking you

Colleen Slatter
Hon Secretary



Slightly less prominent is the local RSL Sub-Branch. With just 26 members, inner circles know it is punching well above its weight when it comes to the two annual appeals – the ANZAC and Poppy Appeals. Over the past two and a bit years, the Sub-Branch has successfully raised over \$11,000. But with last Census totalling the town's population at 873 people, how do they do it? Well, once you get a glimpse into life in Boort and the local RSL's dedicated team, it is easy to understand.



On Saturday 20th October Boort Amity club hosted a Girls' night out to raise funds to aid in the fight against breast cancer. The event was held at the Boort Park function room and was attended by nearly sixty women dressed in pink. On arrival all received a complimentary drink and pink gift bag filled with goodies.

The night was compered by Marg Piccoli and consisted of spinning wheel draws, giveaways and a silent auction. The guest speaker was Kathryn Robson, who is a District and Community Health nurse as well as theatre and practice nurse. Kathryn spoke of facts around breast cancer and the all important breast checks. An interesting and informative discussion was had, including advice and support for people with breast cancer and also importantly for their loved ones.

The prize for best dressed was awarded to Margie Lanyon and Val Doody who had put great effort into their very cute pink outfits and Nikki Barraclough won the early bird prize of a beautiful necklace.



Funds raised for Breast Cancer were \$2329.



A big thankyou to all who attended the event, as well as those who were unable to come but bought tickets and also to anyone who made a donation of money or goods. All support is greatly appreciated and vital to the success of the night. A great effort Amity ladies!



Wedding Dresses

THROUGH THE AGES

*An outstanding collection of dresses and bridal accessories
from 1900 to current day*



Fashion Parade

The Boort Senior Citizens would like to thank everyone who helped make our Wedding Dress parade such a special day. A special thankyou to everyone who loaned their dress for us to parade. Thank you to all our beautiful and talented models, Rory and flower girls - you did a splendid job.

Thank you to all the back stage people who did hair, make-up, and helped dress each of our beautiful models. To Tony, Kevin and his helpers for setting up - we could not have done it without your help and a special thankyou to everyone who stayed and helped clean up afterwards. You have all helped us have a wonderful day.

Christmas Street Party

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER

From 5.00pm



~ Santa ~ Food Stall ~ Craft Stalls ~
~ Jumping Castle ~ Raffles ~
~ Entertainment ~

Best Decorated Shop Window
(Sponsored by Amity)

Anyone interested in having a stall please
contact

Boort Newsagency on 5455 2005

**Expressions of Interest for 2019 Season Coaches -
Boort Junior Football Club for Under 13 & Under 16 -
please contact Matthew Malone
gredgwinpark2@bigpond.com / 0429 389 809.**



Boort reunion at Malmsbury

Due to excellent organisation a most enjoyable day was held at Malmsbury. A questionnaire revived many memories of past years in Boort. It was a wonderful opportunity to renew many old acquaintances.

Many commented on the excellent venue, so centrally located, plus a great coffee shop!! If you missed the opportunity to attend, the current planning is to hold the next reunion in conjunction with the Boort Show, [Saturday October 12th 2019](#). Thank you to Jock Wright, Paddy Malone and Heather Williamson for organising the day.



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:

**Monday 7th January to Thursday 10th January and
Monday 14th January to Thursday 17th January 2019**

Groups are as follows:

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

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

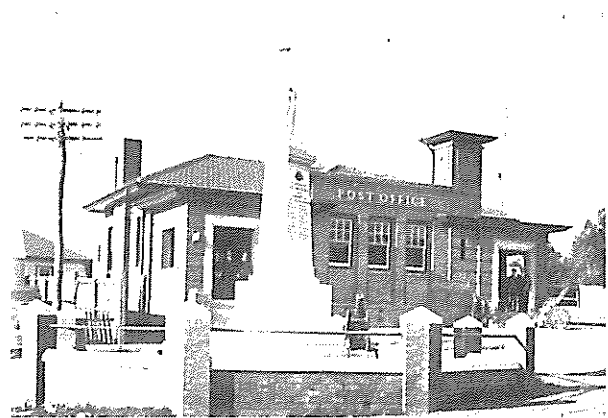
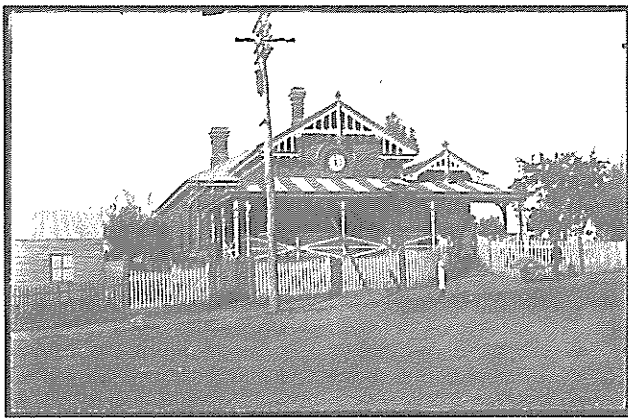
Registration forms are available from BRIC and **MUST** be returned **before** Thursday 20th December 2018.

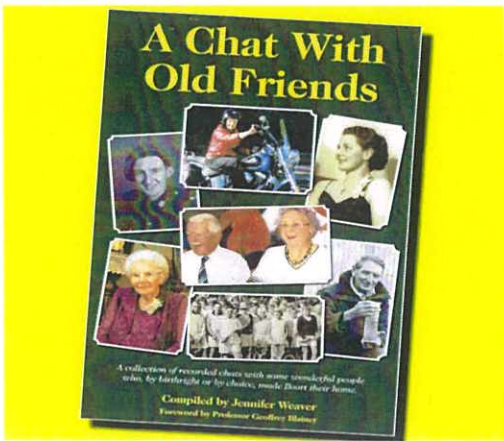
For further information please contact myself.
Brooke Chamberlain
Aquatic Education Program Co-ordinator Ph 0418 577 226.

Boort Historical Society Inc. *DID YOU KNOW?*

144 YEARS AND STILL GOING

Two years after the first general land settlement in Boort, (situated next to the Kinypaniel Creek) a post office was set up on the 14th August 1874, in a hotel and store run by Mr John Martin formerly a boundary rider on the shores of Lake Boort. Mr Martin received £10 per annum for his service. Mail to outlying areas was carried by Mr Martin or an Aboriginal person and often horses used for carrying the mail had to swim across the Loddon River or Serpentine Creek. In 1878 the Post Office was moved to the town and located in Crosses Store (corner Godfrey and Lakeview Streets). In 1890 a Post Office was built on the present site this being the third Post Office in the town. The first telephone installation was made in 1900 in Nixon's Store with 10 subscribers. The wiring was carried out by Sydney Oswald Coutts, including the town. The present Post Office was erected in 1924, although the previous Post Office was of solid structure and comment was made at the time that there seemed to be no reason for the construction of a new building. The extension of telephone facilities and equipment is believed to be the reason for the move. During the early part of 1968 extensive alterations were made to the interior of the Post Office including the rearrangement of the counter and private boxes. One entrance was closed in to allow the extension of the telephone exchange. Also, two public telephones were positioned on the footpath against the south wall of the Post Office.





A Christmas Special - Prices reduced.

Including the life story of

John Piccoli (The Spanner Man)

Compiled by Jennifer Weaver with foreword written by Professor Geoffrey Blainey

This would make an ideal CHRISTMAS GIFT.

\$25 per book plus \$15 postage for up to 4 books

Also now available as a Talking Book - read by volunteers at Vision Australia

(11 CD set) \$25 plus \$10 postage

Boort Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 144, BOORT. 3537

or buy direct from

All proceeds to Boort Historical Society Inc. towards future oral histories.

Boort Post Office, Boort Emporium, Boort Caravan Park, or BRIC to avoid postage

Owner pilot of the oldest flying aircraft in Australia (the Westland Widgeon), 92 year old Arthur Whittaker

“I was born 98½ years ago in a hospital in Lakeview Street, Boort – it was just a house”

“When I was 16 I went across to help a chap to pump water out of the Avoca River, and I got wound up in a Steam Engine. My clothes got caught around a revolving shaft on top of the boiler of the old steam engine, my clothes were then all ripped off and feet, one arm and one leg half ripped off and just hanging– and it dumped me in the river at 1 a.m. stripped naked. I grabbed my arm and felt the bone and felt my leg and it was just bone. The chap was laying about 20 yards away having a sleep, and he had a lot of trouble getting me out of the river as I was all slush from the mud and naked. He went to a neighbour who put me in a T-model and took me to Wycheproof Hospital where I stayed for seven months. I nearly died. I was then on crutches for a year or two.”

“In 1928 I had my first flight – not enough money to do much at the time, but we bought a Tiger Moth from the Airport Disposals – they had dozens of them, and a chap used to come up from Melbourne and train us – the four brothers all learning to fly.

The Tiger was wrecked, we hit a fence with it. There’s an old saying that it’s never the pilot’s fault, but we said the fault was with the old fellow who built the fence for making it six inches too high. Didn’t do much flying in the next few years, as we had exhausted our funds for that”.

“I was in Hospital just recently, and Doctor had his stethoscope on my back, and he said

“Did you ever smoke, Arthur?”

I said “oh yes, I did smoke”

Doctor “How long for?”

I said “80 years”

Doctor “8 years?”

I said “No, 80 years”

Doctor “18 years”

“No, 80 years”

Doctor “You mean 28 years”

Arthur “No, I mean 80 years, eight oh, 80 years”

He just walked out shaking his head. I haven’t seen him since.

I asked the Nurse on duty what the Doctor had said, and she said he didn’t say

anything, he just shook his head.

I hear he’s leaving for Perth”.



(Ed.) Arthur passed away just 6 weeks short of his 100th Birthday of natural causes.

Presents for children for Christmas - Anglicare Victoria

Boort District Health will be supporting Anglicare Victoria from Bendigo this Christmas.

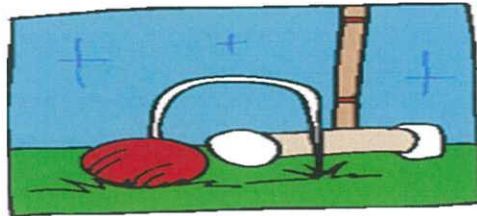
Presents for children can be left under the BDH Christmas tree in reception. The tree will be assembled by 1st December.

All gifts will be donated to Anglicare Victoria for distribution. Ages of children range from 0-18 years and there is no limit on what you can spend.

Anglicare ask that donated toys are new and unwrapped. Please note that they do not require any donations of teddy bears. All gifts must be delivered by **9th December** so they can be delivered to Anglicare Victoria in Bendigo.



Boort Lakeside Croquet Club



Melbourne Cup Day celebrations at Boort Croquet

At the recent "Cup Day" on November 6th, the Croquet Club enjoyed a fantastic day of laughter, pleasure and, of course, a 'flutter' on the races. The sweeps were organised by Denise Rhook with Gary's help. Members and friends participated in a dress up day for the event with stunning outfits.

A shared luncheon brought yummy food to the table which was greatly appreciated by all attendees. The two raffles were won by Alister McDougal, being beautiful arrangements of succulent plants made by one of our members.

Croquet Summer Play times Starting from Saturday 1st December and Wednesday 5th December 8.30am for 9.00am play.

Christmas Breakup for members and family is scheduled for Friday 7th December. New members are most welcome to share this Christmas evening. Kindly ensure that Julie has confirmed nos. for catering purposes.

Social Croquet play (Friday Night Croquet under lights) invites all interested players to come and enjoy social croquet on a Friday evening starting on Friday 14th December at 7.00pm for 7.30pm play. New players are most welcome - wear casual clothes.

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

BRIC Christmas Tree Competition

Categories - Artificial, Real or Own Creation
Sections 1 to 4 – First Prize each section. \$25

1. Best Small Tree – Traditional - under 60 cm
2. Best Small Tree – Non Traditional - Under 60 cm
3. Best Large Tree - Traditional – Height Over 60 cm & Under 200 cm
4. Best Large Tree – Non Traditional – Height Over 60 cm & Under 200 cm

Sections 5 & 6 - 1st Prize - \$15, 2nd Prize \$10, & 3rd Prize \$5

5. Junior Student (Year 6 & younger) – Best Tree - Height under 200 cm, any design/decorations
6. Senior Student (Year 7 to 12) - Best Tree - Height under 200 cm, any design/decorations

Competition Closes Friday 14th December 2018 at noon.
Trees to be displayed at the Boort Christmas Festival on
Friday 14th December 2018 and then
Monday 17th to 21st December 2018 at BRIC.

Entry Forms available at BRIC



English Classes for adults



**EVERY
WEDNESDAY**
6.30 pm – 8.30pm

At BRIC

All welcome  5455 2716



FITNESS CLASSES at BRIC



Tuesdays 9.15am
Thursdays 9.15am
Thursdays 5.00pm
Fridays 6.15am

Crèche is now available, with an experienced Child Care Worker, for Thursday morning classes at no extra cost!

Bookings essential.
Contact BRIC 5455 2716 for further details.



Tyler Hudson LIVE

BOORT TROTTING CLUB

PRESENTS

FAMILY DAY OUT

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



When: Monday 7th January From 12pm

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

Dress: Smart casual or cocktail

Free admission. Free Facebook. Chance to win a Free holiday at the Gold Coast.
Contact Nicole on: 0429 321 652 or email: boort@hrv.org.au for more details.



Saluté Oliva takes out gold



Congratulations to Saluté Oliva on being awarded the gold medal and champion trophy for Table Olives – Dried Olives at the Australian International Olive Awards. The company also won three silver medals for its 2018 season extra virgin olive oil, the Kalamata olives and mixed olives, and a bronze medal for its green olives.

Saluté Oliva’s award-winning semi-dried olives were also featured on the menu at the Australian Olive Association’s Annual Media Luncheon on 31 October.

Held at Restaurant Pendolino in Sydney, the event promotes Australian olive products and the industry to Australia’s food media. It was also an opportunity for winners from the Australian International Olive Awards (including Saluté Oliva) to discuss their gold-medal-winning olives with the food media.

Congratulations again to Saluté Oliva on a well-deserved recognition.

Contact Centrelink Farm Household Assistance

Phone 132 316

Centrelink Bendigo have 2 staff members ready to assist anyone who needs help. Drop in and see them or phone the above number.



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Email to : bric.boort@bigpond.com



AMITY
**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
COMPETITION**

Get into the Christmas spirit

Decorate your house /shop for Christmas

You could win \$\$\$\$

Judging takes place between 16th & 22nd Dec

It's not about the money tho.

With all the political correctness these days,

it's simply about bringing back your

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



AUTHOR TALK - Elizabeth Kleinhenz on Germaine Greer

Date/Time: Thursday 13 December, 2-3pm

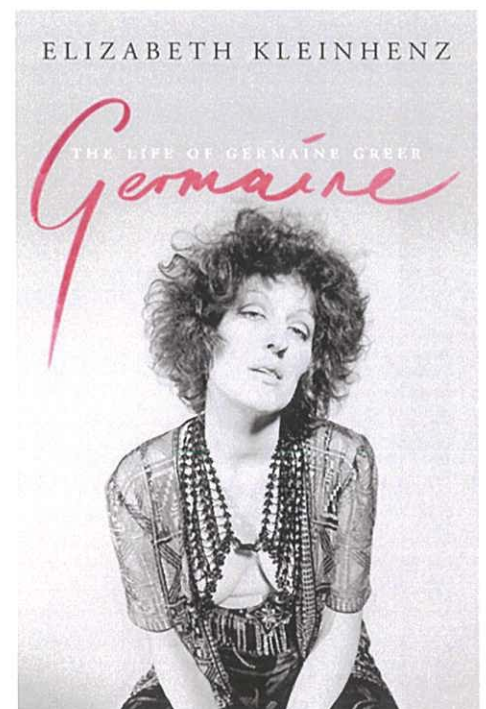
Where: Boort Library Agency

Cost: Free with Afternoon Tea

Experienced scholar and researcher Elizabeth Kleinhenz has undergone extensive research in Germaine Greer's immense archive since it was purchased by the University of Melbourne in 2013 for \$3 million. *Germaine* is the result of this research, as well as information based on Greer's own writing, and conversations with Germaine's friends, colleagues, acquaintances and rivals. Join Elizabeth for brilliant details and anecdotes about Germaine's truly iconic life preceding her 80th birthday on 29 January!

Book sales and signings to follow.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED In person at BRIC or
Phone: 5449 2790 | www.goldfieldslibraries.com



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CONTACT: MEGAN, 0409665859

Sunday Night Family

Worship Service

Eternity Centre Boort (BRIC)

5.00pm **Winter**

6.00pm **Summer**

Pastor Maxine Tonkin

Ph 5494 3365

Website: www.eternitycentre.org



You are invited to attend the
Annual General Meeting
of
Boort District Health

Thursday 13 December, 2018

to be held at the
Boort Memorial Hall, Function Room
with dinner commencing at 6.30 pm

(\$15 per person for dinner catered by BDH Ladies Auxiliary, tickets available at BDH Reception)

Guest Speaker:
Karl Baumann

Karl Baumann Architecture Pty Ltd
discussing the new Dental Clinic Redevelopment

All welcome to attend

Please RSVP by Monday 10 December 2018
P: 03 5451 5200 or E: Kathy.Vellelev@bdh.vic.gov.au

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Giant Pumpkin Challenge 2019

Join in this fun event to grow your very own Giant
Pumpkin or any other giant produce.



Registrations are open
1st June - 1st December 2018

Register at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=397726&>

Crafty Chatter

Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month

2.00pm - 9.00pm

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.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 22/11	Storytime at BRIC
Tuesday 27/11	Men's Shed Open Day
Friday 30/11	BDS Report Writing Day
Friday 14/12	Boort Christmas in the Street Christmas Tree Comp closes
Tuesday 18/12	BDS Presentation Night
Friday 21/12	BRIC Closes for Christmas Term 4 finishes
Tuesday 25/12	Christmas Day
Wednesday 26/12	Boxing Day
Tuesday 1/1/19	New Years Day
Wednesday 2/1/19	BRIC Reopens
Monday 7/1/19	Boort Trots Aquatic Program commences

See inside for more details



Storytime at BRIC

**Thursday 6th &
20th December
10.30am—11.00 am**



BRIC Christmas Closure times

BRIC will close for the Christmas period at 3.30 pm on Friday 21st December.

BRIC will re-open at 10 am on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

BRIC staff and Committee of Management wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Mid Week Tennis – morning session

Expressions of Interest currently being taken for anyone interested in playing mid-week tennis. For further information or to put your name down please contact Lynette Clark on 5455 2358. Day yet to be decided, commencement time 9.30 am.

The Boort Men's Shed Open Day: November 27th, 2018 11am to 2 pm Free BBQ Lunch

The Boort Men's Shed is holding an open day on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018. The aim of the day is to introduce the members and give the public a first hand view of the Shed, its facilities and the range of projects underway. The day will commemorate the various activities that make the Men's Shed such a welcoming and convivial place to be. Interested men and their partners are cordially invited to visit the Shed in Malone Street (opposite Boort District School).

New members would be most welcome and all are invited to attend on Tuesday, November 27th.

The Boort Men's Shed is a centre of health and well being where the members come together in a welcoming environment of friendship and fellowship. **The Men's Shed operates Tuesdays and Thursdays**

from 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Welcome to the Men's Shed we say
Come along and enjoy the day
Meet the members and have a feed
For you never know to where it may lead. Wayne Pappin: Co-ordinator

