

ABOUT **BOORT**

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BOORT CUPS MEETING

The Honourable Peter Walsh Trotters Cup was won by Glorious Finale, trained by Jim Barker & driven & owned by Jackie Barker. Trophy & Rug donated by The Honourable Peter Walsh, cup donated to the winning owner by BTC and trophy to winning trainer & driver donated by Aussie Wool Quilts, with thanks to Marilyn Lanyon.

Councillor Neil Beattie & Family Boort Pacing Cup was won by Pay Rise trained and owned by K E Manning.

*Fashions on the Field sponsor Hazel Whitmore
with winner Beck Maddock.*



Men's Shed

The Boort Men's Shed went on a tour to Lockwood
Ray drove the bus with skill and did so good
With Tony organising the day ever so well
The visit to MetalCraft is a beaut story to tell

On to the bus the members did pile
And as always they did it with a smile
The journey down south went like a dream
As the little Boort District Health bus ferried the team

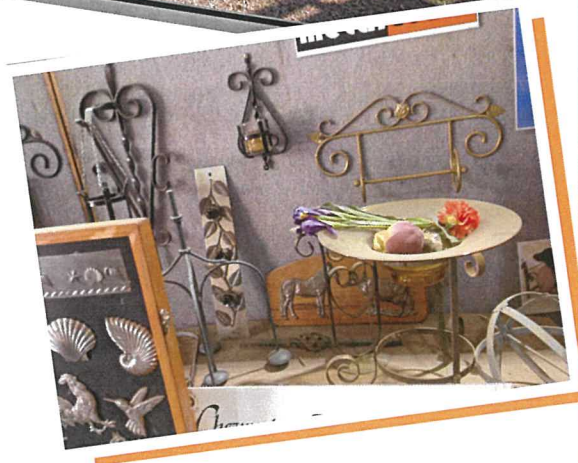
A wide range of metal bending tools were on display
The variety of punches, scrolling, twisters and formers made the day
Many artefacts adorned the workshop walls and floor
Including garden settings, chairs, garden gates and more

Greg from MetalCraft showed the members what to do
While some did work the tools with much enjoyment too
The morning tea as provided really went down a treat
Where biscuits, muffins and nibbles were ever so neat

When it was time to leave the members thanked their host
Then boarded the bus and talked over what they had liked the most
So it was time to go and home to Boort did beckon
A great and pleasant day was had so they all do reckon

The sojourn north saw the landscape pass with not much green
As the members took in the sights and chatted over all they had seen
Back in Boort and at rest the little bus did park
The day now be done and the members for home did all disembark

Wayne Pappin: Coordinator - Boort Men's Shed.



Special thanks to Boort District Health for the use of the bus and Greg from MetalCraft for his guidance. Thanks to Ray Stomann for driving and Tony Cooper for organising the members and bus for the day.



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With social distancing requirements, there has never been a better time to get online!

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Bookings Required Call BRIC for more information 5455 2716

Feeling worried or overwhelmed?

Flying Doctor Wellbeing can help when times are tough.

Mental health and wellbeing services are now available in your community.

Flying Doctor Wellbeing provides FREE and confidential mental health appointments with no need for a GP referral.

Call (03) 8412 0480 or email wellbeing@rfdsvc.com.au to find out about the service or make an appointment.



How are you going? >

	Well			Unwell
How are you feeling?	Self-aware and calm	Irritable or impatient	Angry	Aggressive, out of control
What's your stress level?	Coping well	Worried, nervous	Very nervous, panicky	Highly anxious panic attacks
What's your outlook?	Positive outlook	Overwhelmed	Feeling hopeless	Depressed or suicidal thoughts
How are you working?	Working productively	Putting things off, forgetting	Poor performance	Unable to perform duties
How are you sleeping?	Sleeping normally	Trouble sleeping	Restless disturbed sleep	Sleeping too much or too little
What's your energy level?	Energetic	Low energy levels	Tired	Physical symptoms of illness
What's your activity level?	Keeping active	Decreasing activities	Little enjoyment from activities	Avoiding activities
How social are you?	Feeling connected	Withdrawing from social activity	Irritated and frustrated with others	Isolated from others

What can you do? >

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Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health

Adapted from "How are you going" poster, original development and design by the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health, University of Newcastle, with permission.

Keep it up!	Ask for support, try not to judge yourself	Don't put it off, act now	You must get help
	Talk to friends and family	Contact your local health service or GP	Contact your local 24hr mental health triage service
Interpreter	Contact Flying Doctor Wellbeing T (03) 8412 0480 E wellbeing@rfdsvc.com.au		Contact Lifeline 13 11 14



As you have all heard Anzac Day Services around Australia have been cancelled.

Boort RSL will gather at the Memorial at 9am for a wreath laying and a short message.

No service in the Hall and no refreshments in the function room.

Public are all welcome to attend our shortened Anzac Service at the Memorial near the Post Office.

It is understandable if people do not wish to attend.

Colleen Slatter

Sherryn O'Flaherty's Youth Fitness Sessions

The Youth Fitness sessions were enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended. Skills were improved and information shared about diet, nutrition, fitness and technique.

Thank you to all involved and lets hope that there can be a return to this innovative session in the future.

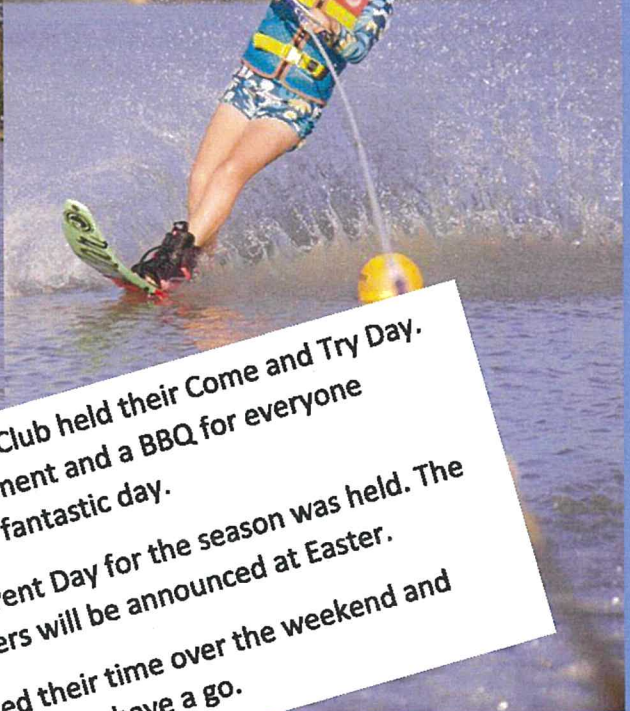


BOORT SKI CLUB

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Lilia Grumley

Kobie Streader

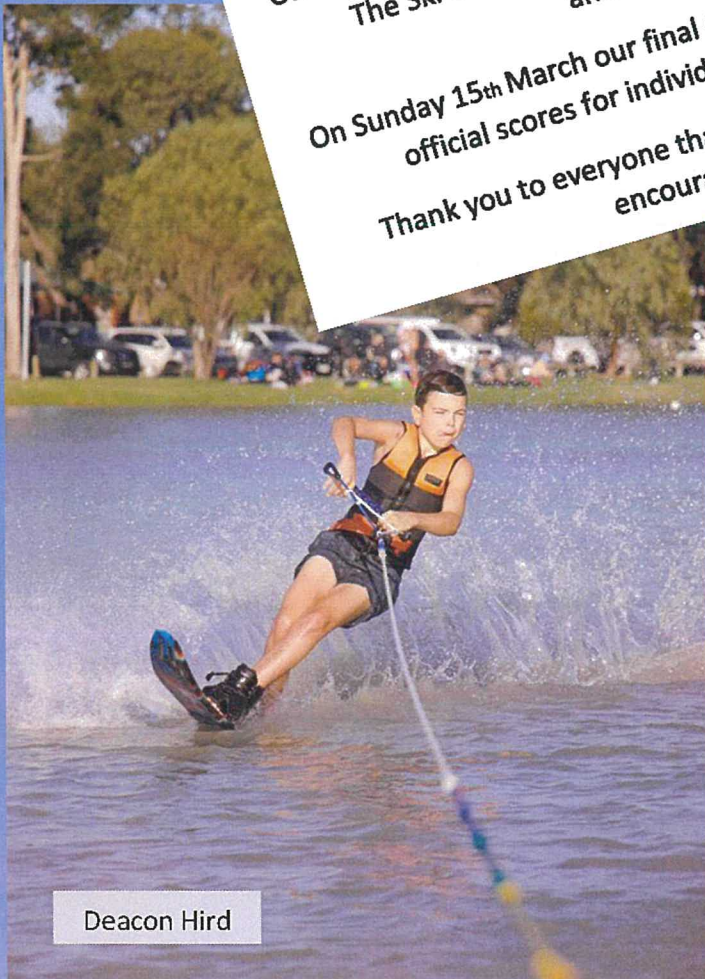


On Saturday the 14th March the Boort Ski Club held their Come and Try Day. The Ski Club provided boats, equipment and a BBQ for everyone and they all had a fantastic day.

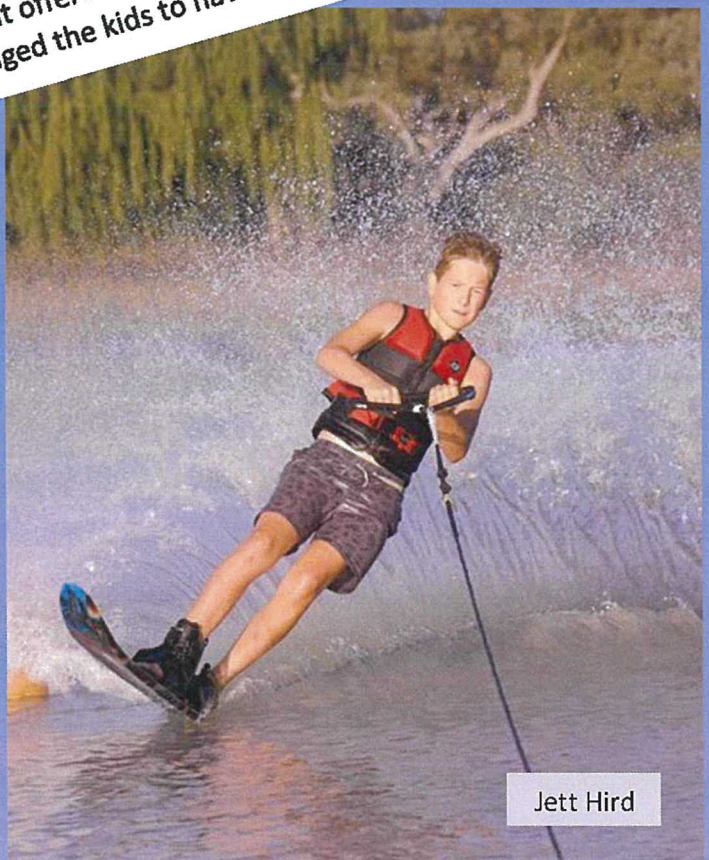
On Sunday 15th March our final Club Event Day for the season was held. The official scores for individual skiers will be announced at Easter.

Thank you to everyone that offered their time over the weekend and encouraged the kids to have a go.

Deacon Hird



Jett Hird



The Ski Club welcomes new members. Memberships are Family \$50 and Singles \$25

Mysia War Memorial School Centenary Celebration will be on October 10th



Planning Meeting at the school on

Sunday 2pm

17th May 2020

All welcome

Susan Gould

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0429 927534



April 2020 - Golf News

Margaret Nelson

Dates:

Saturday 4th April Club Opening Day

Wednesday 8th April Ladies Opening Day

Saturday 25th April Anzac Diggers Day pm.

Monday 27th April KKGGA Ladies Pennant, Boort

The Club Opening Day Saturday 4th April, for a mixed fun event. The Committee is organizing a gentle event to start the season along the lines of what has happened last year. For information contact one of the Phone numbers below.

The Ladies will be commencing their season on the Wednesday 8th April with names in at 10.15 for a hit off at 10.30 am. This will be a nice short hit of Golf playing Ambrose event as Dot would like everyone to be available for a Meeting after golf.

The Kara Kara Ladies Pennant will commence at Boort, Monday 27th April with Pennant following the same format as last year, that is two 9 hole matches being played each day with the first day at Boort and Boort having a bye, other Pennant days to be held at Donald, Wycheproof and Charlton so that only 4 Mondays are required for Pennant.

The Club Diggers Day this year will be held on Saturday 25th April. A team's event will be played this year so that non golfers can join in and we encourage anyone that would like an afternoon out to come and play, commencing after mid-day.

Now for the Working Bees, these will continue on the Saturdays in March at 8.30am on 21st and 28th, maybe bring a shovel or a rake to help sow down and clean up a few hard patches. A big thank goes to all who have helped to get the golf course in the best order they can without receiving much rain. A special Thank You from the Club Members goes to Kevin Sutton who has been a big help cleaning up areas where big old trees were removed, thanks a lot Kevin.

The Club House on the west looks different now the tree and garden be have been removed, but Di and Dot are looking for a few hardy plants to improve the area.

Captain Andrew has a few different ideas for Saturday golf and all players need to turn up early in the season as he will enlighten all players at the start of the season, this includes the Singles Knock Out, the Lanyon Fencing Award and the Eagles Nest which the Ladies can play for. Both Andrew and Di have worked hard and now have this year's Golfing Programs ready for Barry to print. All golfers need to pick up a Program so they do not miss anything.

For information about Golf events the following can be contacted:

President: Stuart Tweddle 0413 482 353

Captain: Andrew Kane 0428 378 738

Ladies President: Dot Beattie 0427 552 461

Lady Captain: Di Johnston 0427 434 625





NETBALL

NETBALL ACHIEVEMENTS

Local Boort netballer Izzy Coutts has been successful in gaining a position in the Northern Netball Victoria Talent Academy. This is a significant achievement reflecting the extensive time and effort that Izzy has put into her netball development.

The Netball Victoria Talent Academy is the primary pathway for Victorian athletes to be considered for State U17 representation.

Three components make up the Talent Academy:

Technical & Tactical skills (in line with Netball Australia Curriculum)

Physical Preparation and Athlete Wellbeing. As a high performance athlete, Izzy will be required to participate in extensive training sessions, camps and tournament throughout the year.

In 2018 and 2019 Izzy travelled to the USA as a member of 'Netfit' under the guidance of Kim Green (Former Australian Diamonds and Giants captain), Sarah Wall (Vixens and Swifts player) and Taylah Davies (Giants and Giants AFL Womens.)

2020 COMMITTEE

Welcome to the 2020 season.
We would like to extend an invitation to all interested players to come along to training or to contact a committee member or coach.

President: Tracey Bird

Vice President: Jane Hosking

Secretary: April Griffiths

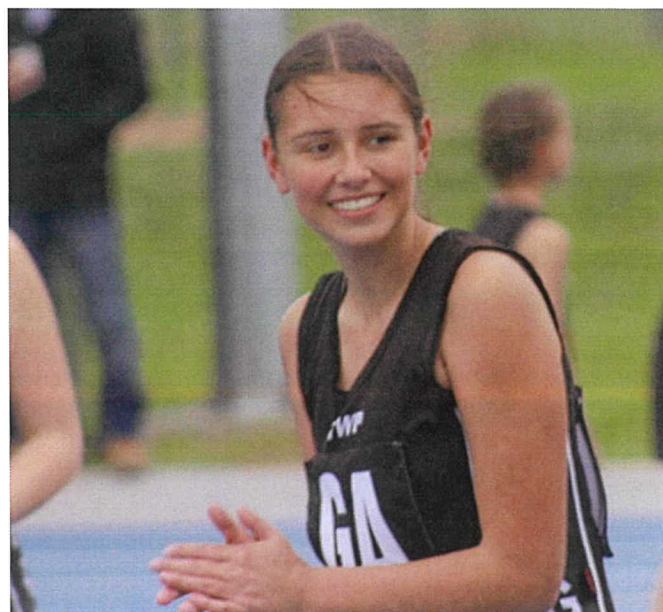
Treasurer: Narelle Malone

Umpire's Convenor: Judy Parker

Fundraising: Kathryn Lanyon

Score Secretary: Karen Coutts

General Committee: Kristen Gooding, Brigitte Yetman, Steph Haw, Tina Watts and Roxy Aldrich.



Izzy Coutts

COACHES

A & B Grade: Georgia Sheahan

C Grade: Toni Watts & Stacey Streader

U16's: Carly Isaac

U13's: Kristen Gooding & Madeleine Scott

Net Set Go: Kim Potter

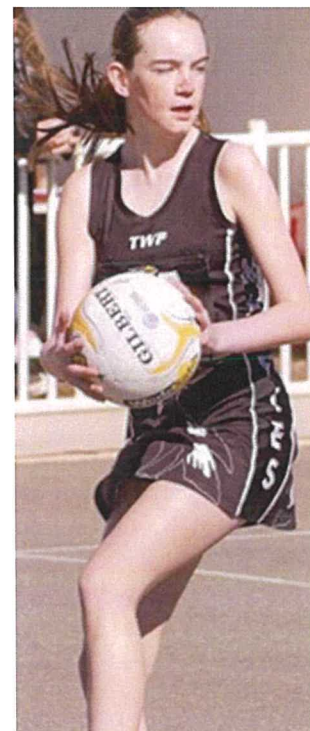
Training times:

- U13s- 3:45pm
- U16s- 5pm
- Seniors- 6pm

CONGRATULATIONS

Boort U13 player, Jessica Minogue has made it through some tough try-outs and into the Bendigo Academy of Sport. This program provides development for potential Zone Academy athletes transitioning into the 15U age group. Jessica will attend training sessions in Bendigo.

For further information contact the Secretary:
April Griffiths: 0488501667



Jessica Minogue



BOORT AMITY AUCTION

Sunday 26th April 2020

CANCELLED!

“Thanks for your understanding”

Ph: Sandra 54552156 or 0428552156

BOORT BOWLS CLUB

The season 2019-2020 has been very busy and quite successful with Saturday's Division 1 Pennant team and the Mid-Week Pennant Team finishing in the four. Both teams were unfortunately eliminated in the Semi-Finals.

The Ladies Annual Invitation Day to be held on the 19th. March had to be cancelled due to Bowls Australia's direction with regards to the coronavirus outbreak.

Club Members have travelled to a number of tournaments recently. Thelma Moresi (S) Phyl. Baker and Pam Gould finished runners-up at Donald's Invitation Day and Thelma (S) Phyl. Baker, Gill Tweddle and Pam Gould had a win at Korong Vale's Invitation Day. Jo Maxted was nearest the ditch at Inglewood's tournament.

Shayne Morris and Laurie Maxted were defeated in the final of the Wimmera Regional State Finals - State Pairs held at Horsham over the Labour Week-end. Thelma Moresi has also been successful in the Wimmera Region State Events and was to compete in composite teams in 60 + State Pairs at Bendigo and State Pairs and State Fours at Bendigo East in April but these events have all been postponed to be hopefully played at a later date in 2020.



Let's hope that all members can stay healthy during the coming months and we can all get back to enjoying our sport in 2020-2021.



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BAC Fishing Comp at Torrumbarry Weir was a lean one fishing wise, with mainly Carp caught and not even many of those. The waves and noise from Jet Skis and Racing Boats didn't help much, but the water is there for all of us and it was a great social outing with eight registered to fish, including two from Lake Boga Club again.

Tight Lines Rod.

Notice to all BAC Members and General Public. **Tuesday 24th March 2020**

Because of circumstances brought on by CORONAVIRUS. After Consultation with Committee Members and others. We have decided to suspend all operations, **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

This means.

No Fishing Competitions. (these are classified as non - essential gatherings).

No Monthly or other Meetings. (Communication via Phone, Email etc will continue as normal).

No Room Hire. (Bookings may be made for after 30th May 2020, but will be reviewed as more information is available).

We apologise for any inconvenience, but feel it is necessary at this stage.

Pres, Rod. Vice Pres, Ron. Sec/Tres, Guy.

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BOORT

swimming club

It has been another wonderful season for the Boort Swimming Club. We had 65 members this year and swimming lessons were held on Tuesday and Wednesdays after school.

Thank you to the committee and especially to our amazing swimming teachers Adrian Grogan, Kazzandra Ritchie and Lily McClelland assisted by Karen Haw and Meredith Thompson. Thank you for volunteering your time to our club and for helping organise this year and making the club run so smoothly.



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 and surrounds for our club and our community.

The Boort Swimming Club break up and presentation evening was held on Friday 6th March after being postponed by the rain on the Wednesday. It was a great end to the season with perfect weather for lots of fun with inflatables in the pool and a BBQ enjoyed by those families who could attend.

Encouragement awards were given to Milla Smythe, Marcie Foot, Denver Dula, Jesse Fuller, Indie Gooding, Jacob Malone, Tristan Zanker, Owen Byrne and Eddie Moresi.

The George and Jean Austin Award went to Eliana Haw 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 person who contributes above and beyond to the Club, and this year was awarded to Lily McClelland who did an amazing job being both secretary and a swimming instructor!

We are looking forward to the 2020/21 season and hope to see you all there!!



Loddon Healthy Minds Committee – Community Representatives

Loddon Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from residents across the municipality, in particular the Boort & Tarnagulla areas, to represent the community on the Loddon Healthy Minds Network committee.

The Loddon Healthy Minds Network promotes and advocates for improved wellbeing and access to appropriate services for people in Loddon Shire affected by mental health issues.

If you have an interest in improving mental health and wellbeing in the wider Loddon Shire community we would be interested in hearing from you.

For further information please contact Wendy Gladman, Director Community Wellbeing on 5494 1226.

To obtain the Healthy Minds Network Terms of Reference or an Expression of Interest form please contact Vicki Andrew on 5494 1230 or visit the Loddon Healthy Minds Website www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au



Centrelink Farm Household Allowance

contact Rural Financial Counselling
Service on 1300 769 489



Expressions of interest are
being taken for:

Provide CPR \$70

HLTAID003

Provide First Aid \$170

HLTAID001



Call BRIC on 5455 2716



Loddon Youth Strategy Open for comment

Council is providing an opportunity for local residents and organisations to comment on the draft Loddon Youth Strategy 2020-2025. Copies of the draft strategy are available for viewing at the Council's website.

You can provide comment online by clicking on the "Submit your comment" link on our website:

<https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Documents-for-public-comment>

You can also submit your comment via email at loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au or via post to:

Chief Executive Officer, Loddon Shire Council, PO Box 21, Wedderburn, 3518.

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday 3 April 2020.

Submissions will be presented to Council before adoption of the strategy, and included within the Council agenda and minutes, which are made available to the public and on Council's website. If you do not wish to be identified in these public documents, please indicate this in your submission.

TENNIS



Due to the uncertain times it was decided that the tennis grand final, scheduled to be played this Saturday would be moved forward to the same day as the semi finals.

Therefore it was a big day of tennis in Boort on Saturday 21st March. Sets were altered from the usual first to 8 games to first to 6 games and tie break at 5 games all. Semi finals started at 11 a.m. between first and last teams on the ladder, Marmal and Barraport and also between second and third, Mysia and Leaghur.

Marmal had their full team playing with Damian Lanyon back from injury. Barraport had Andre Thompson playing for Lynette Clark and Sam Isaac playing for April Griffiths. Marmal started off quite well winning most of the first section of sets with the exception of the top men Adam Potter and Steve Lanyon defeating Greg Boyd and Damian Lanyon.

Alice Lanyon and Nick Scott, (Barraport) defeated Max Beattie and Isabella Lanyon. Then Barraport, who had not won a match all season, continued to win a few more sets and were making Marmal players very nervous. With three sets to play Marmal were 14 games down and the top team were looking like they may miss out on a grand final place.

However Max Beattie and Maree Stringer had a win over Sam Isaac and Alice Lanyon, Doug Perryman and Loretta Beattie defeated Andre Thompson and Madeline Scott and the last set on court, Greg Boyd and Daniel Waldron defeated Adam Potter and Fergus Bear in a tie break. Final scores were Marmal 9 sets, 60 games defeated Barraport 5 sets and 54 games.

Highlights of this match were Madeline Scott's impeccable serving, Darrell Dodd stunning Sam Isaac with a power shot, some fantastic play by a very fired up Kim Potter, Jake Boyd's serves and some great play by juniors Alice Lanyon, Max Beattie, Nick Scott and Isabella Lanyon.

Mysia played with their full team whilst Leaghur had Tom Smith and Mark Hall filling in for Lee Lanyon and Alister McDougal, who were both out injured. This match was also quite close. Mysia's top man, Nathan Gooding won all his three sets with his wife Kristen, Craig Scott and Hamish Lanyon. Leaghur won their first set by Karen Haw and Jo Junor defeating Natham and Ros Wright 6-5 and after winning a few more they came within 8 games of Mysia.

Junior players, Tayla Gooding and Jack Potter defeated Sam Toose and Luke Boyd 6-2. A close set nearing the end was between Craig Scott and Kellie Hare who lost a tie break against Mark Hall and Greg Bear. Final scores of this match were Mysia 8 sets, 70 games to Leaghur 6 sets 57 games. Highlights of this match were the dynamic duo of Hamish Lanyon and Rachel Weaver, the great play by Mark Hall and the excitement of the four tie break sets.

The Grand Final followed between Marmal and Mysia.

First up Greg Boyd and Damian Lanyon lost to Mysia's Nathan Gooding and Craig Scott, 6-3. Daniel Waldron and Jake Boyd (Marmal) defeated the two K's, Kristen Gooding and Kellie Hare, 6-3. The two lefties from Marmal, Loretta

Beattie and Maree Stringer lost to Mysia's husband and wife duo of Natham and Ros Wright, 6-2. Juniors Tayla Gooding and Jack Potter had another win, this time against Max Beattie and Isabella Lanyon. Mysia's power couple Nathan and Kristen Gooding defeated Greg Boyd and Daniel Waldron, 6-2.

In the final set on the court Craig Scott and Kellie Hare had a close set against Marmal's Damian Lanyon and Jake Boyd winning 6-5. Final scores were Mysia 9 sets 70 games to Marmal 5 sets 56 games. Highlights of the Grand final were the fierce competition and banter between Darrell Dodd and Hamish Lanyon, Kellie Hare's style, the classic catch by Maree Stringer who should've been hitting the ball not catching it, the ability of once "just a pool player", Craig Scott and the great shots by our junior players. Congratulations to Mysia, the premiers for 2019/2020.

Thank you to President, Lee Lanyon for a great season as well as the general committee for all the jobs they do to make the season run smoothly. Thanks to Jake and Greg Boyd for the fantastic condition of the courts each week. Thanks to all team and pool players who played during the season. It's great for physical and mental health.

Unfortunately the Boort Easter tennis tournament will not be held this year, however we will still be holding a virtual Last Man Standing event on Easter Sunday night.

Tickets (\$10) for this can be purchased between now and Easter Sunday afternoon by connecting with our facebook page and paying online or in person through Alister McDougal or Maree Stringer.





Easter Tennis Tournament, Boort

Thankyou to those who have already sent in their entries for this year's tournament, and especially those who had also paid their dues.

However, I have to inform you that, at the Boort Lawn Tennis Club's committee meeting after a long discussion, it was decided that we cancel this year's tournament.

I hope that you can fully understand the reasons behind this tough decision, as it will severely have an impact upon our club's finances leading into the future, especially as we embark upon a joint project with the Boort community in having our courts put under lights and new fencing erected.

In light of this, we did discuss that we will continue to run our Last Man Standing fundraiser (1st prize still being \$500 cash) in an attempt to gain some finances for the club. Our discussions did indicate that this could be streamed-live on Facebook (I'm not real certain about that sort of thing as I'm considered to be too old for this-century technology by some of our members!!).

If you did wish to buy some Last Man Standing tickets @ \$10.00, then you could deposit some money into our bank account (Boort Tennis Club Inc. 633.000 164095986) to go into the draw. Alternatively, you could send money through the Australia Post system (Boort Tennis Club Inc. PO Box 29 Boort Victoria 3537). Email me to let me know that you have purchased tickets by whichever way, please. More details about this will follow between now and Easter.

I do sincerely apologise to you all about cancelling your Easter 2020 plans. We at the Boort Lawn Tennis Club are upset at this decision too, as Easter is like having family come and visit us for a number of you, besides the financial implications for our club.

Easter 2021 will be something to look forward to, and I hope that we can be a part of your plans then – Friday 2nd April 2021 through to Monday 5th April 2021.

Anyway, think about supporting our Last Man Standing event. Please make contact if you want to discuss something with me.

Regards,

Alister McDougal

Tournament Manager, Boort Lawn Tennis Club Inc.

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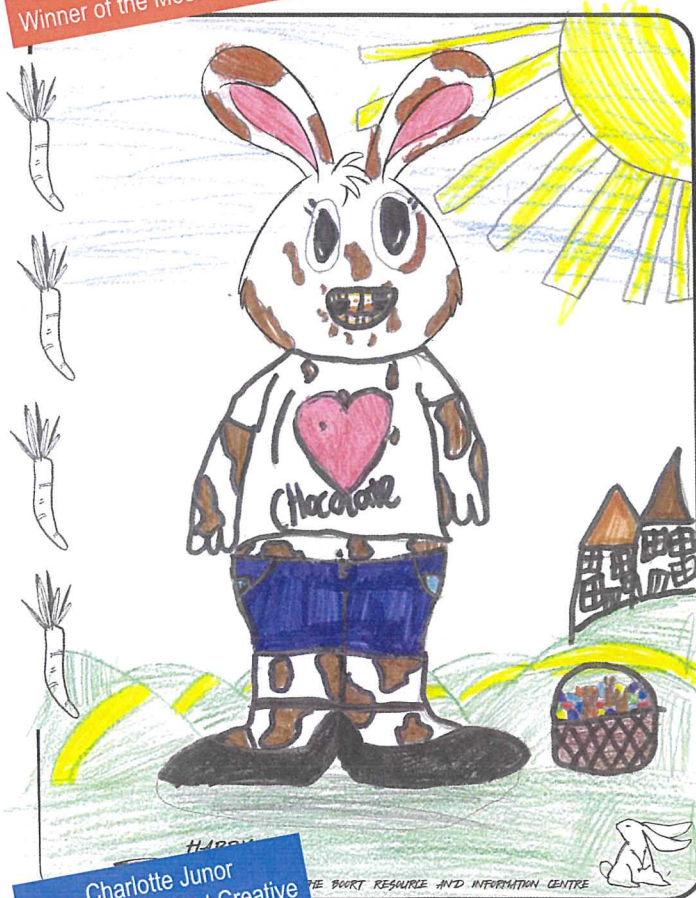
Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Easter Image Competition for the Boort Resource and Information Centre. Thank you to Coliban Water for sponsoring the prizes.



Lucy Lanyon
Winner of the Most Detailed



Victoria Lanyon
Winner of the Most Colourful



Charlotte Junor
Winner of the Most Creative

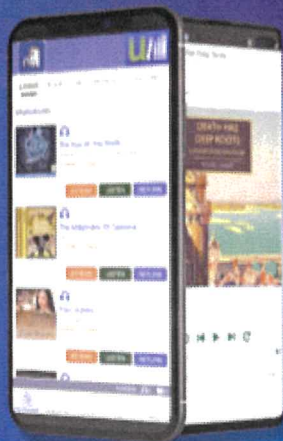


Luke Boyd
Winner of the Special Commendation

Happy Easter



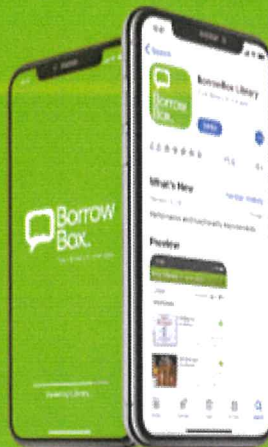
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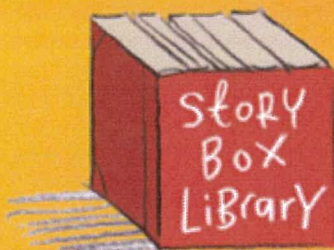
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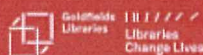
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Coronavirus and our community

As the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve, Loddon Shire is constantly reviewing operations to protect the safety of staff, councillors, contractors, volunteers and the community.

Council will be as proactive it can be, and our response to COVID-19 may result in the delay of projects and changes in service levels. We ask for understanding from the community as we work to provide services as best we can.

Now is the time to try to look after ourselves and each other. The effects of the cancellation of events and social distancing will be far-reaching. We can still support local businesses by shopping locally, purchasing locally using online methods and generally showing support to small businesses who will be feeling the pinch.

We also need to acknowledge the many changes we are adjusting to and that self-isolation will result in increased anxiety and distress in many people. Some things we can do to help include finding a healthy balance in relation to large volumes of media, try to ensure that you are following accurate sources of information such as government websites and the World Health Organisation.

Where possible, try to maintain close to a normal routine, especially where children are concerned. Acknowledge feelings of distress and seek professional support if required. You may wish to consider what you have to do to minimise your own risk, particularly if you live with, or care for people who may be in the vulnerable category, including the over 65s, the very young or those with chronic medical conditions or compromised immune systems.

I know there are health messages everywhere right now, but we cannot be reminded enough that everyone can help reduce the risk of contracting the virus by practising good

hygiene. This means washing your hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60% alcohol. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and if you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.

Observing social distancing is a good way to slow the spread of infection, trying to keep a distance of 1.5 metres from other people, open windows and adjust air conditioning if possible. The more distance between people, the harder it is for the virus to spread. Avoid shaking hands or high-fives; perhaps an elbow-bump or some non-contact form of acknowledgement is enough.

Another way to minimise the spread of the COVID-19 is to reduce unnecessary face-to-face contact. For this reason, Council's offices have been closed to the public, but other options for staying in touch are in place, and detailed further on in this message.

If you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick, please do not go into public places. Seek medical attention, but call ahead first. If unsure, call the Coronavirus Health Information Line 1800 020 080. This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Council is responding to this evolving situation and is taking advice from State and Federal Government departments. Meanwhile you can follow any Council updates on our Facebook page and website www.loddon.vic.gov.au and for information, updates and advice about the coronavirus (COVID-19) refer to <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>.

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The following Council services have been changed until further notice:

Council's Wedderburn and Serpentine customer service office is closed to the public. Customer service will be provided by phone on 5494 1200, and by email to loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au and in certain circumstances by appointment.

This will mean that customers are not able to make payments over the counter, but there are other methods available, including:

- Through the Council website portal at <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Your-home/Your-property-valuation-and-rates/Payment-of-rates>
- **EFTPOS by phoning customer service on 5494 1200**
- BPAY via internet or phone banking
- Post Billpay in person at a post office or online at www.postbillpay.com.au
- By cheque in the mail

Please ensure you have a copy of the relevant notice / invoice available before using one of these options, and if some assistance is required our Rates staff are still available on 03 5494 1200 or via email rates@loddon.vic.gov.au

Essential services such as waste, community safety, building and planning, and public amenities will continue to operate. However, service and staff levels will be continually monitored and our community will be notified of any additional changes. Residents and customers are encouraged to use phone or email in the first instance.

Community care services are being reviewed to determine how they can still deliver services while protecting the vulnerable residents in their care as well as their staff. Some activities such as social support groups and centre-based meals will be suspended for now, while others will be modified in response to changing requirements.

Clients will be contacted for individual changes and staff will undertake specific training to meet the evolving situation.

The Visitor Information Centre at Wedderburn has been closed. Phone and email enquiries will be responded to – on 03 5494 3489 or loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au.

In line with advice from the Victorian Government and Chief Health Officer, services will continue to operate for aged and disability care, immunisation, early years services (kindergartens will remain open upon advice from Department Education and Training), maternal and child health services, and emergency management.

Again, we will aim to keep information about Council services up to date on our website, and we will be contactable by phone or email if you have any questions.

I am confident that our community will work together and help each other out during this time, please be kind and support those around us where possible.

For these events, as well as many others taking place in our region over the coming months, contact the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on (03) 5494 3489 or www.visitloddonvalley.com.au



**LIBRARIES
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TO COVID-19**

The Boort Goldfields Library Agency is closed until further notice

Please stay connected with the Library through their website and Facebook pages.

Don't forget to access the eLibrary which is available 24/7 for eMagazines, eAudiobooks Free newspapers and many other resources for kids and adults.

COMING EVENTS

April

Sat 4th	Boort Golf Club Opening Day
Wed 8th	Boort Golf Club Ladies Day
Fri 10th	Good Friday
Mon 13th	Easter Monday
Mon 27th	Boort Golf Club KKGGA Ladies Pennant Day
Tue 28th	Loddon Shire Council Meeting, arrangements to be announced

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Many events have been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19.



BDH are currently operating with the recommended RESTRICTED ACCESS recommendations of the Department of Health.

ALL staff and visitors to the health service are being screened prior to entering the service delivery areas.

Echuca, Swan Hill & Bendigo health are now set up as the screening sites.

 Our Facebook page is regularly being updated with our latest advice.

Our current residents and patients are continuing with a modified lifestyle program of activities such as bingo, craft and music to keep them stimulated and entertained.

Kind Regards

Donna Doyle | Director of Clinical Services | Boort District Health



Articles for "About Boort" newsletter need to arrive by 9.00am on the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.
Email bric.boort@bigpond.com

eLibrary

The library has a fantastic range of resources available through our eLibrary, which can be accessed for FREE through our website! To start, go to www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/elibrary. Note that some resources require you to be on a library computer or connected to our Wi-Fi, and some may require you to log in with your library card number and password. Here are just **some** of the fantastic resources available in our eLibrary:

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Access online newspapers including the *Age*, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Financial Review*.

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