



ABOUT
Boort

EDITION 184 March 2020

LAP IT UP

AT TROTS COUNTRY

27 REGIONAL CLUBS

54 TROPHIES

364 COMPETITORS

128K EYES ON THE TRACK

1 CHAMPION



SUNDAY

1
MARCH

CUP DAY

Boort

Pacing Cup. BOORT PARK, MALONE ST BOORT

GATES OPEN MIDDAY

FREE ENTRY

FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES

[THETROTS.COM.AU](http://thetrots.com.au)

VICTORIA
Racing

TROTS

Boort Senior Citizens are hosting a

Tillow Clothes Party

Monday 23rd March at 1.30pm

Everyone Welcome

\$5 entry



Boort Senior Citizens Hall

SEEKING CHILDCARE



Is there anyone qualified
and available in the
Boort area offering
Day Care?

Please contact BRIC on 5455 2716 or
Family & Relationship Services on

CCS 5438 1300 or 0447 188 902



Boort Toy Library, 2020

Boort Toy Library (located in BRIC) recommences on
Friday the 7th of February.

Come in and see our new toys for 2020 for children from 6
months to 5 years.

Borrowing times are each Friday from 11:30 AM to 12:00
PM.

Yearly membership costs are as follows:

\$20.00 (2 toys per fortnight)

\$30.00 (4 toys per fortnight)

New members are most welcome and casual/ grandparent
borrowing is available.

BRIC Membership is required to be a member of the toy
library at a cost of \$5 per year.

For further information please contact
Megan Crilly on 0409665859



**“About Boort”
Postal Subscriptions
are now due.**

If you would like to have a copy of “About
Boort” posted to you each month.
Please contact BRIC on 5455 2716.

**\$14.00 is payable to BRIC
at PO Box 152, Boort 3537.**

“About Boort” Newsletter can also be emailed to you each
month **at no charge.**

Send your email address and your name to
bric.boort@bigpond.com
with any queries. Attention: “About Boort”

Boort Auskick needs a new co-ordinator for 2020.

This voluntary position involves liaising with AFL Central Victoria and the
Boort Football, Netball and Hockey Club.

A Working With Children's Check (WWCC) is required.

The season usually starts after
Easter during Term 2.

If you can help, please contact

**Meredith Thompson on
0419 011 812**



BRIC
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
2020
FEES ARE NOW DUE

BRIC membership 2020

BRIC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE REDUCED FEES AND CHARGES ON PHOTOCOPYING, LAMINATING, TYPING AND SECRETARIAL SERVICES.

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

Account Name:
Boort Resource and Info Centre

BSB: 633-000
Account No: 117041830

**BRIC membership starts
1st January 2020 and ends 31st
December 2020**

If we have not received a payment from you by the 31st January 2019, we will assume that you no longer wish to be a member and we shall remove you from the members list.



Are you 65+?

Staying Strong Strength Classes Available

Boort District Health

Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30am – 10.30am

For more information contact Boort DH (03) 5451 5200



BOORT AMITY AUCTION

Sunday 26th April 2020
at Boort Park
12 noon start

- Drop Auction items off from 8:00am
- Yummy food available
- Items left at own risk
- 10% Commission charged
- All items sold for \$5 & under become a donation.
- Money from Auction comes back into our town.
- Auction will be in the horse stalls in bad weather!



"NO DOGS PLEASE"

Ph: Sandra 54552156 or 0428552156

Together we can save lives

It's up to all of us to learn how to save a life in 3 simple steps



Ambulance Victoria invites you to come along for FREE and learn the basic CPR Steps

"Call, Push, Shock" Education Sessions

Boort Resource and Information Centre

11:15am – 12:00pm Friday 6th March 2020
at the Boort Resource and Information Centre

Please register your interest at BRIC – 5455 2716



PRE-SCHOOL EASTER HAT PARADE

The annual Pre-School Easter Hat Parade may catch a few by surprise this year, being on **Thursday March 26th**, two weeks before Easter! (Due to the school holidays)

The children will once again have some fabulous Easter Hats to show off and wish everyone we see a **“Happy Easter”** as we parade down the street. As with last year, due to the previous few years when we saw the generous chocolate collection along the way reach **“teeth shattering”**.

We would love the focus of the day to be back on the children's Easter hats rather than the chocolate.

If businesses still would like to give the children an Easter trinket, maybe some stickers or stamps etc could be an alternative to chocolate?



*Thanks everyone,
Wishing a safe and
Happy Easter to all.*

Regards Vikki



World Day of Prayer

March 2020

Pray for Zimbabwe

Date: **FRI. 6th MARCH**



SPEAKER PAULINE CREDLIN (BOYLE)

Location of local service:

BOORT UNITING CHURCH

Time of local service: **10.00 AM.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

LOCATION OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN BOORT

An AED is the only thing which will reset the heart's electrical system, by delivering a shock of electricity to reset the rhythms.

IGA SUPERMARKET

MEMORIAL HALL in hall outside kitchen

B.R.I.C. back entrance

GOLF CLUB in office

SWIMMING POOL in season

BOORT PARK in social room opposite bar

CROQUET CLUB

BOWLS CLUB

TENNIS CLUB

SENIOR CITIZENS

BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL outside front door entrance

SKI CLUB/CARAVAN PARK external wall outside office



**Come Try and Event
Weekend**

Sat 14th March 2020 – Come and Try day!

Don't have a Boat? Frustrated with teaching your own kids?
We can help!

This is a come and try ski day, whether you want to learn to get up on double skis, single ski, trick ski, barefoot or learn to jump the wake on a wake board this day is for you.

- 7:30am – Barefoot - Weather conditions permitting
- 9am – 3pm Ski/Wakeboard - Please bring your own ski gear if you have it (ski club can provide if needed)
- 12pm – BBQ Lunch

Sun 15th March 2020 – Club event Day

- 8am Start – Barefoot then Slalom – All members of all ages welcome!

Note- The event will be run from the fishing club and the back half of the lake will be closed for the event.

Not a Member?

We would love you and your family to be part of the Boort ski Club! Memberships and merchandise will be available from the club rooms on the 14th of March.

Family \$50 - Single \$25

Enquiries? Please email boortskiclub@hotmail.com

Playgroups

In Loddon Shire



Bridgewater

Monday: 10.00 - 11.30am
 Venue: Bridgewater Primary
 2 Eldon Street Bridgewater
 Contact: Deneb Dodson
 5437 3081

Boort

Friday: 9.30 - 11.30am
 Venue: Boort Preschool
 123-127 Godfrey Street Boort
 Contact: Nikki Lanyon
 0487 180 067

Inglewood

Tuesday (fortnightly):
 10.30am - 11.30am
 Venue: Inglewood Community
 Neighbourhood House
 20 Verdon Street Inglewood
 Contact: Louise Bewley
 5438 3562

Pyramid Hill

Friday: 10.00am - 12.00pm
 Venue: Pyramid Hill Preschool
 67 Kelly Street Pyramid Hill
 Contact:
 Enma Moon 0400 147 750
 Gemma Scott 0409 537 399

Wedderburn

Tuesday: 9.00 - 10.30am
 Venue: Wedderburn College
 15-29 Hospital Street
 Wedderburn
 Contact:
 Kerry Walker or Carlie Turnbull
 5494 3011

Serpentine

Wednesday: 10.00am - 12.00pm
 Venue:
 Serpentine Memorial Hall
 20 Chapel Street Serpentine
 Contact: Prue Milgate
 0419 156 221

Pyramid Hill Fiesta *presented*



Street Game - Punters
 Hay Scotch
 Tag of War
 Tinikangangsa
 Sipa - bakisak
 Egg and spoon
 Bring me
 Longest Life
 Build Cans - 200k
 Straw and ball race
 Sack race/3 legged race



MARCH 21, 2020 * 3.30pm - 8pm

Boodle Feast
 My Travel Solution
 Experience a traditional Filipino feast and be in the running to win a return airfare to the Philippines.
 Boodle Feast meal tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance. Spaces are limited.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - no prizes available on the day

Karaoke Competition
 Will you be the first Pyramid Hill Idol?

Competitive Party Games
 Show your true grit and skill in these not so tame games. All ages welcome.

The Fiesta has switched it up this year in celebration of Bendigo and region being awarded the prestigious status as a UNESCO Creative City & Region of Gastronomy. We are participating!

Pyramid Hill is a world famous story of being a successful multicultural regional town.

The Filipino culture of family, togetherness and connection are expressed through exceptional food as well as a love of karaoke and party games. 'Fut' is the theme of this year's Fiesta.

Boodle Feast
 Adults (13yo+) \$30
 Children (12yo and under) \$15
 Buy your tickets in bulk (10+) to receive 15% discount

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - no prizes available on the day

Karaoke Competition Bookings essential FREE
Competitive Party Games Just Rock up FREE!

Book online www.pybook.com/BHTPY
 or in person at the Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House
 Queries please email pyramidhillfiesta@gmail.com
 or drop it to the Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

www.pyramidhillfiesta.com [f @pyramidhillfiesta2020](https://www.facebook.com/pyramidhillfiesta2020)
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BDS PARENTS' CLUB MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Dinner, Dessert &
 Drink options
 Raffles & Live Auction!

Market Stalls
 Plants, Cakes, Craft,
 Music, Art, Games &
 Entertainment!

AMUSEMENT POUR CHACUN



BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL

'Everything French' FETE

Friday 20th March

3:30pm onwards

BOORT TROTTING CLUB CUPS DAY MEETING Sunday 1st March 2020

Free Race Books
 Gates Open 12 noon

Fun for all

Admission: Free
 Membership \$10

WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN

- Win Prizes - Gold Coast holiday, Members Facebook prize, Bookmaker Betting Vouchers, Darren Carroll's Punters Club and Pick 5 Jackpot \$500
- Win Fashions on the Field including: Whitmores Business Lady of the Day \$500, Sue Hellsten \$100, Local Lady of the Day, Gent of Day, Milliners' Delight, Stylish Senior School Student, Stylish Junior School Student

Support the Team Teal Lady Drivers!!



PACERS CUP
 sponsored by Neil Beattie
 TROTTERS CUP
 sponsored by Peter Walsh

Rob Coultts Memorial \$12,000
 Alabar VicBred Mares \$10,000

- Amly 'Gold Coin or more' collection for RC Hospital Good Friday Appeal
 - Boort School Canadian Style Yabby Racing
 - Free Mini Manjuess, Lawn Umbrellas, Tables
 - Purry Trot & Hero Re-Trained Standardbreds
 - Kiosk, Coffee Van, Ice Cream Van
 - Sports Bar, Big Screen, Tote, Bookmaker
 - 'Blast after the Last' Happy Hour in the Sports Bar
 - Vocals & Music by Susan Foley & all-female band Shark Tré
 - Kids' Korner - Monster Crocodile Jumping Castle, Games, Giant Surfboard Ride
- Race Book Prize & Children's Playground



For more information, contact Boort Trotting Club:
 Secretary, Brook Shann-Bould: 0421 756 913 email boorttrot@gmail.com or
 President, John Campbell: 0437 077 887

**PAUL LACY will be delivering
a Tactics for Tough times session at
Boort District Health Day Centre
Wednesday 25th March at 4pm.
Free to attend. All welcome.
Light refreshments.**



**Have you ever left a conversation and later
thought... I hope they are OK?
Are you worried about someone's wellbeing but not
sure how to start the conversation?**



**The Tactics for Tough Times program delivers
30 minute sessions to support people in rural
communities to 'look out for each other', be it a
family member, friend, neighbour or business client.**



BOORT GOLF CLUB

Dates:

- Saturday 4th April Club Opening Day
Margaret Nelson
- Wednesday 8th April Ladies Opening Day
- Saturday 25th Anzac Diggers Day pm.
- Monday 27th KKGGA Ladies Pennant, Boort

Can all golfers and intending new golfers dust off the cobwebs from your golf sticks, come out to the Club Opening Day Saturday 4th April, for a mixed fun event. The Committee is organizing a gentle event to start the season with, but details are not available at the moment.

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 10.15am 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.

Ladies also will commence Pennant at Boort on Monday 27th April.

The Club Diggers Day this year will be held on Saturday 25th April. A team's event will be played so that non golfers can be included and encouraged to play commencing after mid-day.

Now for the Working Bee news – if you take a trip out to the golf course you will see that there has already been a large amount of work going on. Many dead trees have been lopped and everything cleaned up with even the stumps removed. All tees have been

watered and an area around the 7th sand has been improved but there is more to be done. Other Working Bees are planned for Saturdays 21st and 28th March commencing at 8.30am.

A big thank you goes to all those people who are working to bring the golf course into top playing condition before the season commences.

A KKGGA day will be held at Barham on Monday 9th March. Men and Ladies with entries by 12.00 noon, please contact Andrew Kane for further details.

***For information about Golf events the following
can be contacted on:***

President: Stuart Tweddle	0413 482 353
Captain: Andrew Kane	0428 378 738
Ladies: Dot Beattie President	0427 552 461
Lady Captain: Di Johnston	0427 434 625

BOORT BOWLS CLUB

Boort held their Annual Australia Day Week-End Tournament on 26th & 27th January.

Teams from Bendigo East, Wycheproof, Korong Vale, Wedderburn, Mathoura, Charlton, Kerang, Calivil and Boort supported the tournament over the 2 days.

Australia Day Winners

3 Bowl Pairs: I. Southwell (S) P. Connors (Charlton)

Runners Up: L. Maxted (S) M. Maxted (Boort)

Monday 27th. January - 2 Bowl Triples.

Winners - D. Denney (S) G. Allan, P. Coles (Wycheproof)

Runners - Up - J. McKay (S) (Wycheproof)
W. Keenan (Korong Vale), M. Hall (Wycheproof)

The Club also held their Annual Classic Triples Tournament on February 10th & 11th

Visitors supporting the tournament came from Kerang, Kerang Golf, Stanhope, Echuca, Wycheproof, Golden Square, Wedderburn, Korong Vale, Donald, Dunolly, Cohuna Golf, Charlton and Boort.

Results from the tournament -

Best Winning Margins -

Game 1 - W. Toll (Echuca)

Game 2 - H. McClelland (Kerang Golf)

Game 3 - G. Fitzpatrick (Stanhope)

Game 4 - M. Hall (Wycheproof)

Game 5 - M. Tilley (Kerang)

After 2 days play

Winner Section 1 I. Roberts. (Kerang) v Runner - Up Section 2 A. Coatsworth (Wycheproof)

Winner Section 2 R. Eckhardt (Cohuna Golf) v Runner - Up Section 1 G. Frost (Golden Square)

Final Result Winners

A. Coatsworth & Team (Wycheproof)

Runners Up: R. Eckhardt & Team (Cohuna Golf)

Equal Third: I. Roberts & Team (Kerang) & G. Frost & Team (Golden Square)

Pennant is now nearing an end with Division 1 being defeated in the 1st. Semi-Final by St. Arnaud Country Club. This was a great improvement on last season and well done to all players.

The Mid-Week Pennant has just completed their home and away games. Boort just managed to finish on top after the last game and will play Wycheproof next Tuesday in a cut throat Semi-final at Wedderburn. This will be a very close contest.

Good luck to the team and all players who contributed during the pennant season to help achieve this result.

Congratulations to Pam Gould and Shayne Morris on winning the Boort Ladies and Men's Club Singles Championships. They both went on and represented the Club very well at Divisional Level. Well done to both players.

Regional trials were held for Men at Warracknabeal and Ladies at Rupanyup on Sunday 9th February. Congratulations to Thelma Moresi on being selected in the last 16 to play Wimmera versus Murray Mallee at Wycheproof on 1st.March. A final 12 will be selected from this group to play in the Regional Sides Championship at Shepparton in April.

Photo

Winners Boort Classic Triples.

L-R Alan Coatsworth (S) Frank Grylls

John McClean (Wycheproof)





BOORT ANGLING CLUB

INC NO A 0051259 P

34 Ring Road, Boort, Vic. 3537 or
P.O Box 43 Boort, Vic. 3537

Email: boortanglingclub@yahoo.com

A fairly, quiet February so far although it was nice to see eleven members turn up to the general meeting. This is a marked improvement on recent months and maybe a sign of things to come?

For those willing to travel to the Murray River and other rivers, there has been some very good catches of Murray Cod. Hopefully this will continue when BAC hold their Competition at Torrumbarry Weir on 22nd and 23rd February. There should be a report on this in the next ABOUT BOORT and also the MID NORTHERN ASSOCIATION OF ANGLING CLUBS Newsletter.

Peter and Rod Stringer and five others fished in the Murrumbidgee River last weekend. One Yellow Belly (44cm) and over Forty Cod were caught. Nine of the Cod were keeper size, but seven of these were returned to the water. More people are releasing legal fish these days and we believe that this is contributing to better catches more often. Keep up the good work.

Tight lines BAC



Australia Day Awards Boort

At the recent Australia Day Ceremony Boort received two award winners.

The community Service Award was presented to Isabel Loader by Cr Neil Beattie.

Isabel Loader was born in Boort one of 11 children. She spent her early years in Quambatook. After marrying Ken Loader they forged their lives on a farm at Leaghur. This began her involvement with Boort. Isabell had 3 children and was very devoted to assisting the many organisations concerning her family. This included not just school but highland dancing, football, netball, and callisthenics. All this was done whilst ably helping Ken on their farm.

Some of the organisations Isabel was part of include:

- ◆ The Hospital Auxiliary as secretary
- ◆ The OP Shop.
- ◆ Councillor of the A&P Show Society. Spending months in advance arranging displays, entertainment, sponsors and advertising. Coordinating and cataloguing entries.
- ◆ Boort Tennis Club.
- ◆ The Boort Memorial Hall.

A quote from her youngest son says it all.

Looking back mum did not show any weakness or pain through all aspects of her life. She didn't sweat the small stuff.

Whether it was her involvement in our sporting groups, school functions, charities are more importantly family, she just got things done and still continues that way.

Also presented by Cr Beattie was the award for Community Event of the Year. The winner of this year's award was the Boort Senior Citizen's Club for the wonderful Wedding Dresses through the ages Parade.

The Boort Senior Citizens formed a working committee to present Wedding Dresses through the ages Parade. 61 wedding gowns donated by members of the Boort district were on show, the earliest being from 1933 through to 2018. Gowns were also hung around the hall as decorations.

The planning involved finding funding, booking the hall, finding caterers, advertising and applying for a liquor licence. Tickets had to be printed and sold. Around 170 people watched the parade. A book was produced with a detailed description of the wedding dresses and a brief description of the day that made each bride's day special. A photo went with each bride.

The gowns were modelled by girls from Boort District School along with flower girls.

Everything was set including a Rolls Royce out the front.

The Boort Senior Citizens put a lot of time and effort into arranging the afternoon which by all accounts was a great success.

Congratulations to all award nominees and winners.



**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.**



FREE BBQ

If you are a Male and live in the Loddon Shire and surrounding areas please come along to a FREE BBQ TEA and bring a friend to the Boort Park Clubrooms.

Date to be confirmed in June 2020

Time: 7pm onwards

Please register your interest at the BRIC 5455 2716 for catering purposes

Guest Speakers to be announced in June

LIVE MUSIC

BBQ Picnic at the Boort Lake

Date: Sunday 19th April

Time: 11am start / 12pm - 2pm Live Music

Bring along your own Picnic Basket.

Meat Provided by BRIC (Sausages and Hamburgers).

Free Live Music - Leigh Turner

The Merry Go Round will be operating - Gold Coin donation to the Mens Shed.

Information available at BRIC 5455 2716

Boort Playgroup

Birth - Kindergarten
Fridays at 9:30-11:30 am
Boort Pre-School

Term 1 Dates:

February 7, 14, 21, 28
March 13, 20, 27

What to bring:

A piece of fruit to share,
water bottle, hat, gold coin



Please note that the session on February 7th will be held at the Boort Lakes Holiday Park Jumping Pillow, and February 28th will be held at the Boort District Health Nursing Home).

Make 2020 the year you become more active, more often!



Come to the **FREE strength training classes** at the new outdoor fitness equipment at Nolen's Park, Boort.

Classes will be hosted by Sherryn from SOFitness, starting at 10.15am Tuesday 4 February, and will run **every Tuesday and Thursday** throughout Term 1.

Classes funded via Healthy Heart of Victoria Initiative





Boort District School are seeking donations of brass, woodwind or stringed instruments for music lessons.

If you are able to donate a musical instrument please contact Peter Nickless on 0408 140 887 or

Loretta Beattie on 0423 478 299.

Thanking you in advance, Boort District School.

CHURCH SERVICE @ BOORT BAPTIST

10:30am each Sunday

23 Armstrong Street, Boort
Sunday School &
Crèche provided.



Enquiries call Craig Slatter on
0428 552 075. All welcome

WEDNESDAY 1st April

9am-12pm

Provide CPR \$70

HLTAID003



9am-4:30pm

(30mins for lunch)

Provide First Aid \$170

HLTAID001

Where: Boort Resource and Information
Centre (BRIC).

How to Enrol:

Call BRIC on 5455 2716

or message on Facebook or

email on bric.boort@bigpond.com

Theory MUST be completed online
before the course.

This course is nationally recognised and
accredited. A certificate will be issued
upon successful completion.

Accreditation is for three years.

Tomatoes

Boort Hockey Club
Tomato Pick
is on Saturday 29th Feb.

For those that have ordered tomatoes,
expect them to be delivered on this date.
Thank you for your support

Susan Gould 0429 927534



Be Connected

Every Australian online.

Be Connected

The introduction session on Thursday 12th March
11:00am-12:30pm is a requirement for future online
sessions to assist your further learning

Do you need help using your device?

Be Connected is a FREE Australian Government program to help you get the most out of going online, so you can add new skills and experiences to your life. Using your own device, such as iPad, iPhone, Tablet, Android Phone or Computer the sessions can be worked through at your own pace or with the help of BRIC staff.

There's never been a better time to get online!

Bookings Required Call BRIC for more information 5455 2716

Changes to Building Regulations

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column 24th February 2020

Recent State Government changes to the Building Regulations require all owners of existing swimming pools and spas to register their swimming pool and spa with Council's Building Services by not later than 1 June 2020.

This requirement applies to all pools and spas capable of holding water with a depth of 300mm or more, regardless of whether the pool or spa is permanent or movable. Significant penalties apply for not registering swimming pools and spas by 1 June 2020.

Further information can be obtained from the Victorian Building Authority website www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/swimming-pools/registration-requirements.

To obtain an application form please contact Council's Building Services on 5494 1242 or email building@loddon.vic.gov.au or download the form from our website: www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Forms-and-permit-applications.

Outdoor Strength Training Sessions

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column 17th February 2020

Residents in Wedderburn and Boort have the opportunity to be more active more often, thanks to new outdoor fitness equipment. In Boort, sessions will be run at Nolen's Park by local fitness trainer, Sherryn from SOFitness.

These 45 minute sessions will run at 10.15am each Tuesday and Thursday from 4 February until 26 March.

The new equipment, along with the free strength training sessions, has been made possible thanks to the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative, in partnership with Loddon Shire and local partners, in order to increase participation in physical activity by our community, across all age groups.

Hard Waste Collection

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column 24th February 2020

Loddon Shire Council will be conducting its annual kerbside hard waste collection of metals, e-waste, furniture and white goods to coincide with Clean Up Australia Day on the first Sunday in March.

Residents within the township boundaries (excluding business) of Boort, Pyramid Hill, Mitiamo, Dingee, Serpentine, Borung, Wychitella, Korong Vale, Wedderburn, Inglewood, Bridgewater, Newbridge, Tarnagulla, Laanecoorie and Eddington may place items up to a total of one cubic metre out on the nature strip on **Sunday 1 March 2020** (not before) and Council staff will collect these items commencing **Monday 2 March 2020**.

Items are to be sorted into piles, i.e. metal items, furniture, e-waste and white goods. Total volume is not to exceed 1m³ in size.

Excessive or unsorted piles will not be collected. Please note that general waste, green waste, tyres, oils, batteries, paints and chemicals, car parts and mattresses will not be picked up. Any unsuitable items left behind after collections are to be removed from the nature strip immediately.

For more information go to: <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Your-home/Garbage-and-recycling/Hard-waste-collection>

Measles in Victoria

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column 17th February 2020

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease that causes symptoms such as fever and sore throat followed by a rash that spreads from the face down the body. Unvaccinated infants are particularly at risk of contracting measles and complications of the disease in children may include pneumonia, encephalitis or even death.

Free measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine is available to all people born during or since 1966 who do not have documentation that they have received two measles-containing vaccines, or are unsure of their vaccination history, regardless of Medicare status.

The Loddon Shire Infant Immunisation Sessions are held every month with the next one scheduled for Thursday 12 March at Serpentine and Boort. Bookings are essential. To book or for more information, please contact the Community Services Team on 03 5494 1200. For additional information and resources about measles, please go to the measles page at <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/measles-outbreak-victoria>.

Grains Research Updates

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column 17th February 2020

Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) Updates and Farm Business Updates are designed to inform grain growers' decision-making leading into the next cropping season and beyond.

The Update events provide information, insights and advice to help improve agronomic practices and increase profitability. The first Updates session for 2020 will be held in Bendigo on 25 and 26 February. GRDC Farm Business Updates have been scheduled for Swan Hill (11 March) and Bendigo (12 March).

For further information and to register for the Updates, please visit <https://grdc.com.au/events/list> or phone ORM on 03 5441 6176 or email admin@orm.com.au

Autumn in Loddon Valley

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column 17th February 2020

From the first day of autumn, on 1 March, the Boort Pacing Cup offers a fun and colourful day hosted by the oldest continuous trotting club in Australia. The following weekend brings families to Wedderburn to test their detector and gold panning skills in the Minelab Detector Jamboree.

The Centenary of Australia's first official Air Derby will be celebrated on 21 March at Serpentine with memorabilia and celebrations. Further celebrations will be enjoyed in Pyramid Hill for the annual Pyramid Hill Fiesta with a traditional Filipino Boodle Feast.

Towards the end of March, farming women will converge on Inglewood for the annual Women On Farms Gathering, to share resources and develop networks. Classic car lovers will also be catered for at the annual Eddington Sprints event.

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

COMING EVENTS

February

Sat 29th	Hockey Club Tomato Pick
March	
Sun 1st	Boort Trotting Club
Sun 1st	Kerbside Hard Waste Collection
Fri 6th	World Day of Prayer
Fri 6th	Intro to CPR
Thur 5th	Storytime @ BRIC
Mon 9th	Labour Day Holiday
Thur 12th	Be Connected @ BRIC
Sat 14th	Ski Club Come and Try
Sun 15th	Ski Club Event Day
Thur 19th	Storytime @ BRIC
Fri 20th	Boort District School Fete
Sat 21st	Centenary of Aust Air Derby, Serpentine
Sat 21st	Pyramid Hill Fiesta, Boodle Fest
Mon 23rd	Tillow Clothes Party
Thurs 26th	Preschool Easter Hat Parade
Fri 27th	Women on Farms Gathering, Inglewood
Tues & Thur	Free Strength Training @10.15am until 26th March

April

Wed 1st Apr	CPR & FIRST AID COURSE
Sat 4th	Boort Golf Club Opening Day
Wed 8th	Boort Golf Club Ladies Day
Fri 10th	Good Friday
Mon 13th	Easter Monday
Thur 16th	Storytime BRIC
Sun 19th	Free Family Picnic, Boort
Sat 25th	Boort Golf Club Anzac Diggers Day
Mon 27th	Boort Golf Club KKGGA Ladies Pennant Day
Thur 30th	BRIC Teenagers Pizza Night
Thur 30th	Storytime BRIC

See inside for more details

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

Storytime at
BRIC in 2020

Thursday
March 5th and 19th
10.30 - 11.00 am



Cancelled until further notice

Safe Seats, Safe Kids



Neighbourhood House
FREE child car restraint checks at the
Boort Resource and
Information Centre will be
rescheduled for a later date.

Please still register your interest at

<https://www.kidsafevic.com.au>



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