



# ABOUT **Boort**

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# SMILE

## YOU CAN STILL BEHIND A MASK



### Smiling Makes Us Feel Good

Studies have shown that **smiling** releases endorphins, natural painkillers, and serotonin. Together these three neurotransmitters **make us feel good** from head to toe. Not only do these natural chemicals elevate your mood, but **they** also relax your body and reduce physical pain.

## Are face masks effective for protecting against coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission?

Face masks have been recommended around the world for use by the community to reduce transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Your best protection is still to keep 1.5 metres apart from other people, to wash your hands thoroughly and regularly, and cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow.

Face masks are helpful in containing droplets when people cough, reducing the likelihood of spreading the virus. For the community, both cloth masks and surgical masks are effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19.

### People outside of metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire

- You are encouraged to wear a face covering when leaving home and if you are not able to keep 1.5 metres from others. If you need to travel into metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire then you must wear a face covering.
- If you need to travel through metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire, you can. You should plan your trip so that you don't need to stop unless it is for shopping for food and supplies, medical care and caregiving, and study or work. If you are driving and don't leave your car, a face covering is not required.

Reference: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/updates/coronavirus-covid-19/face-coverings-1159pm-wednesday-22-july>

# Key Points

From DHHS website as of 22/07/2020, please check for updates

## What does wearing a face covering mean?

If you live within metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire, you must wear a face covering whenever you leave your home, unless an exception applies. A face covering needs to cover both your nose and mouth. It could be a face mask or shield.

A face mask is the recommended face covering. A face mask includes any paper or textile covering designed or made to be worn over the nose and mouth to protect the wearer. It does not have to be medical grade and you can make your own. There are instructions on how to make a mask on the Department's website - [how to make your own mask \(PDF\)](#).

If a face mask is not available other forms of face covering may be used such as a scarf or bandana.

A face shield means any film made from plastic or other transparent material designed or made to be worn like a visor, covering from the wearer's forehead to below the chin area and wrapping around the sides of the wearer's face, to provide the wearer protection.

## Why do I have to wear a face covering?

Wearing a face covering helps keep you and others safe. Coronavirus (COVID-19) is spread from close contact with a person with the virus. Face coverings are helpful to stop droplets spreading when someone speaks, laughs, coughs, or sneezes, including someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) and is contagious, but feels well.

The best way to protect other people against coronavirus (COVID-19) is staying home when you feel unwell, keeping 1.5 metres apart, wash your hands often, and cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissue. Face coverings add an additional protective physical barrier to protect you and your loved ones.

## Do I have to wear a face covering if I have asthma?

People who have a medical condition, including problems with their breathing, do not have to wear face coverings.

## Do I still need to wear a face covering if I am well and live in regional Victoria?

It is recommended that you wear a face covering in a regional area if you leave your home and are not able to keep 1.5 metres away from other people, like when you are shopping.

You should not travel into metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire unless it is for one of the three reasons permitted to travel into this area. If you do have to go to metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire for one of the three reasons – shopping for food and supplies, medical care and caregiving, and education or work, if you can't do it from home – you must wear a face covering unless an exception applies.

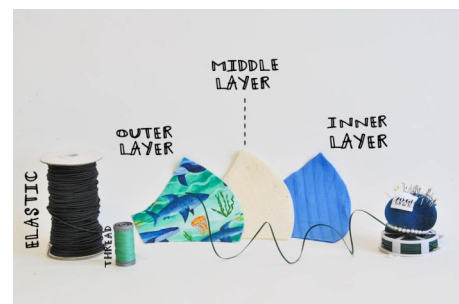
## Can I reuse my face mask?

A cloth mask can be washed and re-used. It is a good idea to have at least two, so you always have a clean one available.

When leaving home, there might be times when you can't maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people and wear a cloth mask, and times when you can maintain the distance and don't need to wear a cloth mask. For instance, you might take crowded public transport to and from work, but at work be able to maintain appropriate distancing. Don't reuse the same cloth mask to go home that you used earlier on the same trip to go to work. Put each used cloth mask into a zip lock bag to be taken home for washing. For each new situation put on a clean cloth mask.

Carry a paper bag or zip lock bag with you to carry clean masks and keep them clean.

Single use masks are for single-use only and should be disposed of responsibly in the rubbish bin.





## How do I know my cloth face mask is working?

You know your mask is working to protect you if it is well fitted. If the ties are loose, tighten them to ensure a snug fit. The mask should fit snugly and cover your nose and mouth. Keep an eye on the integrity of the fabric as it may thin over time with repeated washing. If this happens, replace the mask.

### Do I need to wear a face covering when I am driving?

If you are driving alone or only travelling with people from your household, you do not need to wear a face covering. You should put your face covering on before you leave your vehicle or if you wind down the window to talk to someone.

If you are driving with people for work or people you don't live with then you must wear a face covering.

You must wear a face covering if you are a passenger or driver in a commercial vehicle such as a taxi or uber.

## Can I wear a scarf or bandana instead?

A scarf or bandana does not offer the same amount of protection as well-fitted face masks. This is due to the type of fabrics they are made from. Properly constructed cloth masks are made from at least three layers of materials, including a water-resistant outer layer.

## Lawful excuses or exceptions for not wearing a face covering

A face covering is not required in the following circumstances:

Infants and children under the age of 12 years.

A person who is affected by a relevant medical condition - including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition. This also includes persons who are communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to that person's health and safety related to their work, as determined through OH&S guidelines.

**For more information please visit:**

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/updates/coronavirus-covid-19/face-coverings-1159pm-wednesday-22-july>



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### 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Great to see 13 Members at the AGM held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

After a nice meal and then a 7.30pm start the Annual Meeting flowed well.

Office Bearers are the same as last year, President, Rod Stringer. Vice President, Ron Hird. Secretary and Treasurer, Guy Contarino. Committee is a combination of Office Bearers and other Members.

Membership fees remain at:

**Family \$20 Adult \$10 Juniors (Under 16 Years at AGM) \$0.00 These are now due and run until next AGM. So, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Club Comp Fees remain at:

**Adult \$10 Juniors (Under 16 years at AGM) \$0.00**

Juniors wishing to fish in Adult Class Events at Comps would be required to Enter and Pay as an Adult. This would make them ineligible to win Junior Prizes.

The Featherby family have kindly offered to donate a Perpetual Trophy for Juniors competing in Boort

Angling Club Competitions (other than Annual Carp Comp). This is in recognition of Noel Featherby's strong belief that Juniors are the future of the Club.

Because of COVID-19, we are not presently receiving income from Room Hire and will also miss the financial boost created by the Annual Carp Eradication and Family Weekend in October, However, we are still in a strong position financially.

The Mid Northern Association of Angling Clubs' AGM and Association Competitions have been postponed until further notice, because of Covid-19.

BAC Monthly Meetings will continue to be on the **Second Thursday of each month** unless changed by the Committee. Next Meeting will be held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at the Railway Hotel Boort at 6.30pm for a meal and 7.30pm sharp for the General Meeting.**



The BAC, July Comp at Durham Ox, was held on private property and was restricted to Members only. There were eight Members competing and a few visitors joined in for the social side. The most fish caught was by Chris Rothacarp with seven and a couple of others caught one each. Unfortunately, in the Adult Events there are no prizes for Carp. The Winners were all those who came along and the losers were those who, all that for various reasons, could not attend. Thanks, Ed for the venue (below) and your assistance.

**Stay safe, Tight lines,  
BAC Committee.**

*Email: boortanglingclub@yahoo.com*

**How to wash your hands properly to avoid viruses**



Information from the website of the prime minister's office

**Stay vigilant to stay well**

The COVID-19 screening clinic in Bendigo has reported a high number of people testing positive for rhinovirus, which is the cause of the common cold. The spread of rhinovirus indicates that people may not be as vigilant as they should be in maintaining physical distancing, containing coughs and sneezes and washing hands. These are the same precautions that need to be taken for coronavirus. Good hygiene is critical for slowing the spread of coronavirus. Everyone should wash hands regularly for at least 20 seconds using soap and water or use a hand sanitiser. Hands should also be washed on arrival at home, at someone else's home, at work or at a public venue. Also, wash hands after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing or using the toilet, and don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands. These measures will not only slow the spread of coronavirus but also the common cold. Remember, don't go out or go to work if you are feeling unwell. If you are displaying symptoms, contact your doctor or visit a screening clinic. For a full list of advice on how to look after yourself and others, visit the Department of Health and Human Services webpage <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/staying-safe-covid-19>.

**2020/2021 Budget adopted**

At the last Council meeting, Council voted to adopt the Draft Budget which had been on public display for the past month.

The Budget keeps Council in a strong cash position and debt free, with items of note including an increase of rates by 2.0% in line with the Fair Go Rates System, an increased commitment to investment in information technology, strong investment in local road and related infrastructure maintenance, continued support for the aged services and early years programs and a capital expenditure program of \$7.24 million.

The same resolution also included the adoption of the 2020/2021 Fees and Charges Schedule and an update of the Strategic Resource Plan in the Council Plan 2017-2021 to reflect figures included in the 2020/21 Budget.

The updated documents will be available on Council's website.

**Support for community facilities**

At the same Council meeting, Council also resolved to assist community facilities, library agencies and the Laanecoorie Camp Ground toilet to meet the re-opening and operating requirements related to COVID-19.

Council will use the Community Recovery budget to assist the committees that manage these facilities to undertake a deep clean and to purchase bleach-based sanitiser.

**Subsidised kindergarten for three-year olds**

When it comes to early learning, research shows that two years are better than one. That's why three-year-old kindergarten will be rolled out in Loddon from next year.

Children turning three before 30 April 2021 are eligible for the new subsidised kindergarten program.

Kindergarten helps prepare children for life in the everyday and educational world by encouraging the development of listening, speaking, sharing, taking turns and being part of a group. It is a special year that gives children the opportunity to learn about themselves and develop confidence through play.

Enrolments for places in Council's five Kindergartens programs for 2021 opened on 1 July 2020. More information and enrolment forms may be found on our website: <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Services-for-our-younger-residents/Kindergartens>



**Bringing up Great Kids**  
Online Zoom Session



Parents would you like to.....

- Build strong and positive relationships with your children?
- Increase your children's confidence and resilience?
- Listen and talk more with your children?
- Understand your children's behaviour and how to respond to them?

**Term 3, 2020**

**When:** Thursdays, 23 July - 10 September 2020  
(8 weekly sessions)

**Time:** Check in 12.15pm  
Sessions 12.30pm - 2.00pm

**Where:** Online Zoom Sessions

**Cost:** Free

**Facilitators:** CCS Family and Relationship Services

**Maximum 8 participants. Bookings are essential**

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to start date. Please register early

## Parks and gardens

As part of the delivery of works to our community, the Townscape Services Team has been busy undertaking tree replacement and pruning in Inglewood, Pyramid Hill and Boort. In addition, large area mowing continues in all our towns, along with the usual garden bed maintenance.

## Pyramid Hill Outdoor fitness equipment

You may have noticed some works happening in Kelly Park, Pyramid Hill recently, with concrete poured at the site where new outdoor fitness equipment will be installed. Once the equipment goes in, a rubber surface will complete the project.

This initiative of Loddon Shire in conjunction with the Healthy Heart of Victoria aims to address an area of need highlighted by the Pyramid Hill community in the Active Living Census, by providing access to exercise equipment and encouraging people to be more active, more often.

The recently released results of the Active Living Census highlighted that more than 50% of people in the Loddon Campaspe region want to be more active. Once operational, the fitness equipment may be used by people of all fitness and age levels to improve balance and strength.

The Healthy Heart of Victoria is an initiative aimed at improving the health of people in the Loddon Campaspe region – the ‘heart’ of Victoria. The Healthy Heart of Victoria projects support people to be more active, encourage healthy eating and reduce rates of obesity, chronic illness and high-risk health behaviours.

The program has already successfully installed outdoor fitness equipment in Boort and Wedderburn. The Pyramid Hill project had been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Digital literacy webinars for farmers

Improving digital literacy

and connectivity is the focus of a series of webinars which will be delivered by Agriculture Victoria in



coming weeks. The webinars aim to help farmers gain confidence in accessing technology to improve on-farm decision making.

Each of the four webinars has a different focus: on-farm connectivity, getting the most out of video meeting software, the Internet of Things and online networking.

There is also the opportunity to participate in an on-farm digital technology audit, conducted by phone by Agriculture Victoria. Participants will learn how to understand and better utilise their existing technology.

To find out more, or to register for the any of the programs, download the flyer:

[http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/558930/Flyer-improving-digital-literacy-and-connectivity-on-farm.pdf](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/558930/Flyer-improving-digital-literacy-and-connectivity-on-farm.pdf).

**There is also help available to register for the webinars by contacting:**

**Gavin Beever on 0438 234 886 or email: [gavin@cumbre.com.au](mailto:gavin@cumbre.com.au).**

## Boys Brains

Online Zoom Session



This workshop will give insight in to the workings of a boy's brain and how their needs are different to girls'.

It will provide practical strategies to help parents understand boys' needs and how to meet them.

### Term 3, 2020

<b>When:</b>	Evening Session: Monday 27 July 2020
<b>Time:</b>	7.30pm - 9.00pm
<b>When:</b>	Day Session: Friday 31st July 2020
<b>Time:</b>	10.30am - 12.00pm
<b>Where:</b>	Online Zoom Session
<b>Cost:</b>	Free
<b>Facilitators:</b>	CCS Family and Relationship Services

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged

## Support for regional tourism businesses

Regional accommodation businesses are being offered support as a result of the new wave of COVID-19 of lockdowns affecting Melbourne. The Tourism Accommodation Support Program will be made available by the Victorian Government in the form of funds to assist operators who lose income due to cancelled bookings.

With Melburnians subject to strict stay at home orders until mid August, many people have been forced to cancel holidays and travel plans previously booked throughout regional Victoria.

Payments will be made available to regional businesses including motels, caravan parks and short-term rentals that demonstrate losses due to the new restrictions, aimed at slowing the spread of coronavirus.

Visit the website: [www.business.vic.gov.au/](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/) to find out if your business is eligible and to register.

## Consider standing for council

With council elections just a few months away, consider whether you would like to contribute to your community by running for council.

Being a councillor in local government is a way to contribute to a greater degree in the development of your community, to take part in strategic decisions about budgets, economic growth, quality of life and social justice.

Diverse and inclusive organisations make better decisions for their people, that's why it's important to have a great range of people run for council. In particular, as part of Loddon Shire Council's commitment to gender equity, I would encourage women to think about how they could use their skills and life experiences to bring something positive to council.

Women are under-represented in the decision-making of local government. Running for council is the opportunity to help councils respond to the changing needs of the community.

The Municipal Association of Victoria offers professional development for councillors and candidates including an online Stand for Council

training session. These sessions will be scheduled over the coming weeks and will provide prospective candidates with information about the role and purpose of local government, responsibilities and expectations of a councillor, along with an understanding of the electoral process. To find out more visit: [www.mav.asn.au/events/upcoming-events](http://www.mav.asn.au/events/upcoming-events).

## Creating jobs at Loddon

As mentioned in a previous Mayoral Column, Loddon Shire is one of the councils taking part in the Working for Victoria initiative, which aims to support the community and businesses impacted by coronavirus.

Council is currently recruiting for a variety of positions including outdoor roles, maintenance, project management, administration, support officers and more, and locals are encouraged to apply.

Potential applicants must be legally allowed to work in Australia and must register with the Working for Victoria partner 'Sidekicker' to participate.

Visit [www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria](http://www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria) to register.

## Tender opportunity

Tenders are invited for upgrade works at the Boort, Pyramid Hill and Wedderburn Caravan Parks. Enquiries should be directed to Adam Cooper, Project Management Coordinator on phone 5494 1200.

Tenders can be submitted via the electronic portal at [www.eprocure.com.au/loddon/](http://www.eprocure.com.au/loddon/) before 4 pm, Wednesday 29 July 2020. The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

## The Loddon Project

Residents are reminded that they can still participate in an online survey which aims to find out how residents can best contribute to Council decision-making. The survey may be accessed at <https://bit.ly/38wAyeq> and only takes a few minutes.

The Loddon Project will develop three key documents over the course of a year as part of a review of community engagement. Another way to be part of the Project and keep up with the progress is to join the Facebook group at:



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[www.facebook.com/groups/684395515470441/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/684395515470441/)

More details about the project are available on our website:

<https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Community-Engagement/The-Loddon-Project>

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### COVID-19 updates

I am sure that like me, many of you are concerned by the way the number of new COVID-19 cases have been creeping back up, leading to the return of many restrictions and more business uncertainty.

While most of the new cases have been related to the metropolitan areas, it is a timely reminder that all of us have a part to play to slow the spread of the virus, in order to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe.

For regional Victoria, the Stay Safe message is still in place. This means everyone must practice good hygiene, maintain physical distancing, stay home and avoid contact if you are feeling unwell and get tested if you have any symptoms, even if they are mild. You should take care wherever you go and assume others may be carrying the virus.

The Chief Health Officer is now recommending that adults should wear face masks when in public places where it is difficult to maintain 1.5 metres distance from others. This change of message is due to the higher rates of community transmission recently and is an extra precaution to stop the spread of coronavirus.

The face mask is seen to be an additional measure and does not replace the advice on hygiene and keeping a distance as well as staying at home if unwell. Following these guidelines are things we can all do to help keep people in Loddon safe.

### Non-contact sport continues

Full-contact sport training and competition for people aged 19 and over which had been set to resume on 20 July in regional Victoria, has now been halted. This decision was made in the light of the rising number of active cases of coronavirus in Melbourne and some regional areas.

Further easing of restrictions will be reconsidered at

the end of July. Meanwhile the Victorian Government has promised to work with the sport and recreation sector to explore recovery options and help clubs return to sport when safe to do so.

### Social isolation initiative

For many Victorians, physical distancing and social or work-related restrictions have led to feelings of loneliness and disconnection. For those already lonely or isolated before the pandemic, it's been even harder to get help to feel happy and well.

The Community Activation and Social Isolation initiative will expand the Victoria coronavirus hotline (1800 675 398) by partnering with the Australian Red Cross, whose volunteers have been trained to provide emotional support and help callers who may be distressed or anxious.

The hotline will also link people to community connectors for local practical supports and social activities. A Social Support Hub has also been set up for older Victorians, to help them stay connected and participate in social activities. Seniors can find out what is available in their local area at: [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/services-information/social-support-hub](https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/services-information/social-support-hub).

### Go local first

As part of the nationwide 'Go local first' campaign, I encourage Loddon Shire residents to show their support for small businesses in their local communities. Our local businesses need our loyal communities to back them now by 'going local first' when they need to buy a product or service.

When you shop locally, your money stays in the community. This helps keep local jobs and helps the local economy to thrive. The pandemic has been very hard on small businesses, now is the time to support our local products, tradespeople and services so that they may not only survive, but thrive as we emerge from the effects of COVID-19.

### More help for business with Regional Growth Project

Following on from the Regional Growth Summit earlier this year, we are excited to be part of the next phase of this innovative help for business.

The Regional Growth Project will be presented as a webinar series with the first one taking place on Wednesday 22 July. This session will look at how to prepare your business to benefit from tourism and

the new visitor economy, with an emphasis on collaboration.

The second webinar will take place on Wednesday 19 August and will extend this theme with practical tips and examples that you can implement in your business immediately.

Regional Growth Project and a variety of regional businesses and organisations will be showcasing current impacts and trends as well as stories of resilience and practical examples of how to prepare and leverage the new visitor economy. The short sessions will work through how businesses on the ground can use these examples for sustainability and growth.

The event is free and participants need to register at the Regional Growth Project landing page [www.marketingentourage.online/courses/RGP-HowTo-VisitorEconomy-JulyAug-2020](http://www.marketingentourage.online/courses/RGP-HowTo-VisitorEconomy-JulyAug-2020).

## Energy Efficient Communities Program

The Energy Efficient Communities Program provides small businesses with grants of up to \$20,000 to improve their energy efficiency.

Grants may be used for equipment and component improvements, energy audits, feasibility studies and energy use and emission monitoring.

Applications opened on 6 July and close on 26 August and are available for between \$5,000 and \$20,000 to support small business and save energy. For eligibility and other details, visit the website: [www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Energy-Efficient-Communities-Program-Small-Business](http://www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Energy-Efficient-Communities-Program-Small-Business).

## Works and maintenance

As mentioned in an earlier Mayoral Column, our teams have been completing works throughout the Shire.

The footpath program in Inglewood is complete, while the Bridgewater program of works in Main Street, Lyndhurst and Lilly Streets is nearing completion.

In the last financial year, our team carried out 3,665 maintenance grading work actions which resulted in 2,514 kilometres of inspections as well as 1,885 kilometres of grading.

The Works Department is now preparing to begin the 2020/2021 Capital Works Program.

## MEDIA RELEASE

# World Heritage sustainable tourism project

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** (03) 5494 1205

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Twelve Central Victorian councils have welcomed \$50,000 in State Government funding to help build the capacity of the region's visitor economy, with improvements aimed at supporting a future World Heritage Listing bid for the Central Victorian Goldfields.

Loddon Shire Council is a partner in a campaign to place parts of the Central Victorian Goldfields, home to some of the world's most significant gold rush-era sites, on the World Heritage list.

The funding, from the Victorian Government's Stronger Regional Communities Program (SRCP) will support the development of a Sustainable Tourism Toolkit, which will help to identify gaps across the region to be addressed so that visitors will be encouraged to visit the entire region, meaning the tourist dollar can be shared.

The consortium of councils and project co-funder, the Victorian Goldfields Tourism Executive, will use the funds to conduct community and industry engagement across the Central Victorian goldfields region and bring in expert advice.

Civic leaders say the possibility of achieving a World Heritage Listing for the Central Victorian Goldfields was just the incentive needed to unlock the region's full tourism and jobs potential, and to define the region as a significant tourism destination globally.

"This exciting development will help to bring us closer to realising the tourism potential of the region, including the gold rush history that is evident across Loddon Shire," Loddon Shire Mayor, Cr Cheryl McKinnon said.

Loddon Shire is working towards developing a comprehensive, cohesive and compelling story that positions and promotes Loddon's natural, historical and cultural assets.

Cr McKinnon, along with all local government partners, thanks the Victorian Government for

recognising the unique potential of the Central Victorian Goldfields and its strong endorsement of the consortium's regional development approach to the bid.

The consortium represents close to half a million people spread over nearly 40,000 square kilometres, 17% of the state.

Local governments and the Victorian Goldfields Tourism Executive have collectively committed \$200,000 over two years to progress the World Heritage Listing bid, which if successful, is conservatively estimated to deliver \$25 million annually into the local economy. The region's local governments are now working to identify further funding required to progress the bid.

The Central Victorian Goldfields World Heritage bid local government partners are: Ararat Rural City, Campaspe Shire, Central Goldfields Shire, City of Ballarat, City of Greater Bendigo, Golden Plains Shire, Hepburn Shire, Loddon Shire, Macedon Ranges Shire, Mount Alexander Shire, Northern Grampians Shire and Pyrenees Shire Councils.

## 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](http://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:

Access eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines through Borrow Box, RBDigital, CloudLibrary and uLibrary.



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



Access a wide range of online training courses through Lynda.com.



Access family history resources including Ancestry.com and Find My Past.



Access free music streaming through Freegal.



Access free movie streaming through Kanopy and Beamafilm.



### North Central Netball Association

Congratulations to Maddi Fitzpatrick (Charlton Netball) & Izzy Coutts (Boort Netball) on being selected in the Netball Victoria Talent Academy 2020.



The Netball Victoria Talent Academy, like all other netball programs was halted due to COVID-19. During isolation Maddi and Izzy undertook monthly training programs supplied by the academy program and also undertook specialist programs via zoom with Melbourne Vixens and Australian Diamonds athletes, Caitlin Thwaites, Liz Watson and Jo Western. Last Saturday the girls returned to the court with fellow academy participants and was coached by former Kestrals defensive coach, and

last year's assistant coach of the Adelaide Thunderbirds, Cathy Fellows.



## Library Agencies Storytimes Online

Nurture your child's listening and learning skills in these fun-filled sessions of stories, songs and rhymes.

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**Mondays 10:30am with Ange** (FB only)

**Wednesdays 10:30am with Elise**

**Fridays 10:30am with Hayley**

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Or find us on YouTube:

 [www.youtube.com/goldfieldslibraries](http://www.youtube.com/goldfieldslibraries)



For more information please visit [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes)



# Men's Shed

The members of the Boort Men's Shed have been very productive since the Shed's reopening. They have been active in a range of project work, including the cutting of kindling and crushing aluminium cans for recycling. The veggie garden is coming along great and is a credit to those involved in its care and maintenance.



The members would like to thank Simon Henderson and family for the generous donation made to the Shed in honour of his grandfather, Bert Henderson. Bert was an active member of the Shed and enjoyed his time as a member. His participation, good will and conviviality was testimony to his commitment to the Shed's growth and success. His contribution to the Men's Shed is widely recognised by the members and all those who had the pleasure of his company. The Henderson family's generous donation will be put to good use in recognition of Bert's extensive involvement in the Boort Men's Shed.

*The members are back and at it as they like to be cutting kindling and crushing cans for all to see  
Where a coffee, scone and a friendly chat be done  
Add to the pleasure and the projects as they work as one*

**Wayne Pappin**

**Co-ordinator: Boort Men's Shed**

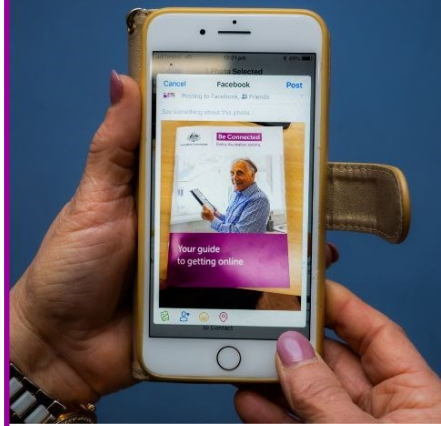
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## Digital devices for loan



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We've partnered with the Australian Government's Be Connected program

and are excited to have a number of internet-connected devices available for a free 3-month loan.

Our aim is to reach out to socially isolated and disadvantaged Australians over 50 who are currently not connected to the internet at home. We want to empower recipients with digital skills and improve their connection to the community during this challenging time. We'll help you get started, and our trained Digital Mentors are always on hand for ongoing support and advice.

If you, a family member, or friend aged 50 would benefit from the loan of a device, we would love to hear from you. Let us know how learning to use a device and connecting to the internet would make a difference.

**Please [email us](#), or give us a call on 5449 2700 by Friday 31 July to register your interest.**

## Boort District Medical Centre

**Government funded flu shots are in stock for eligible patients, including:**

- 65 years and older
- 6 months and over with certain chronic medical conditions (e.g. heart disease, severe asthma, diabetes)
- Children's 6 months to less than 5 years
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- Pregnant women

Private flu shots (*those not eligible for a government funded vaccine*) are also now in stock!  
These will be \$20 each.

**Please call the clinic on 5451 5220 to arrange an appointment.**

# BOORT GOLF CLUB

## Golf News

### Men's Club Championship

The Boort Men's Club

Championships are the best 3 results taken over the 4 weeks of June and it came down to the last week with President Stuart Tweddle holding a slender lead over Captain Andrew Kane.



Unfortunately for Stuart he had a couple of untimely bogeys on the back nine letting Andrew back in the hunt. Then with 2 Birdies in 3 Holes, Andrew hit the front for the first time in the event, eventually going onto win by 3 strokes in the A Grade. In the B Grade Alister McDougal had a small but comfortable lead when on the 16<sup>th</sup> Hole he had the misfortune to find the out of bounds fence, but then also found tree trouble to surrender the lead he had to Damien Lanyon. Damien then kept his nerve over the final holes to end up having a 4 shot win to be the B Grade Champion for this year. In the "Weaver Cup" competition Stuart's early efforts paid off to give him a win this prestigious event.

This week also saw the conclusion of the monthly Eclectic Competition with the winner being Scott Rollinson with 52 points. This monthly event is sponsored by Lanyon Fencing.

### Ladies Club Championship

All our Lady Members in Dot Beattie, Di Johnston, Lorraine Linehan, Karen Allison, Isabel Loader, Gaye Sim, Sally Keeble, Phyl Baker, Julie Wilson, Gillian Tweddle, Nola Cocking and Margaret Nelson took part in the Club Championships on a well prepared golf course over the 3 weeks enjoying being out in the fresh air on a golf course. Welcome back to Sally Keeble and Gaye Sim.

There was some interesting golf played during the 3 rounds with the lead changing a few times especially in the Bronze Division and several "If only" and "Should done that" expressions.

The Silver Division was won by Dianne and in the Bronze Division on the last day Gaye Sim came up and won by 1 stroke from Lorraine Linehan. Congratulations to the winners.

The third round of the Championships was also our Medal Day and Gillian Tweddle had a day out winning the Medal with 69 nett and also the putting competition plus a ball.

The Men have commenced some of their Club events in July with the usual Captain v President match play with President Stuart claiming a 3/2 victory over the Captains team. It was also the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Singles Knockout with the following winners going onto the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, Scott Rollinson, Tim Lanyon, Stuart Tweddle, Kevin Linehan and defending Champion Ian Morris.

In place of the Tournament they played a Four-ball Stableford Aggregate – draw for partner as well as the 1st round of the Pairs Knockout. Hamish Lanyon came home with a score of 37 points and when he pulled out Andrew Kane's card showing 35 points a winning score of 72 won the day.

Runners-up were Jamie Sutton and Alister McDougal on 66 points. Those to follow onto the next round of the Pairs Knockout are Stuart Tweddle and Scott Rollinson and Jamie Sutton and Doug Cooper



The ladies played an interesting event that Di organized "An Irish Twosome" made us keep our thinking caps on with Lorraine and Di coming in with a score of 51 points.

Last Wednesday we had eight Ladies play a Bogey competition with Di having a narrow win with Ball Comp. going to Phyl and Dot on a count back from Nola and Margaret. Heard that there was a few Gobblers and a couple of Birdies during the round of golf so the "Pink Pig" should be getting a bit fatter. The Nearest the Pins went to Gaye on the 1<sup>st</sup> with her 2nd shot while Dot claimed the 9<sup>th</sup> and still held this after Saturday, Phyl collecting the prize on the 15<sup>th</sup> and Di had 2 lovely shots on the 8<sup>th</sup> Hole. Next week we are to commence our Singles Knock out.

**Thanks**

**Margaret Nelson**

*For information about Golf events the following can be contacted.*

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

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### Be connected



Stay socially connected with confidence. Do you need help using the internet? Are you 50 years or older? We can show you how to get the most out of your device and the internet.

### Finding Connection



Could you or someone you know benefit from a friendly chat? We'd love to hear from you – give us a call on the phone number below to sign up for this service.

### Programs to connect, inspire and learn

While our programs might look a little different, they are still happening and we would love you to pull up a chair in our online Library loungeroom and join us!

### LIFE in lockdown

To capture life during Coronavirus, we're inviting contributions from our communities. This may be a written story or poem, artwork – anything that captures this moment.

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

**Boort Football - almost 100 years ago.**

A letter from Bruce Weaver to his brother, Rupert, in Geelong.



Southerton Vale, Boort

14/10/1921

Dear Rupert,

I am writing to let you know how the Boort and Sea Lake match came off. We made a trip to Ultima 52 miles up the line in a special train where we met Sea Lake boys (men). There were a couple in long trousers and another reminded me of our big inspector.

We had many supporters but we had no show against the burly bush boys who showed their weight by rolling us on the scattered hard patches. The ball was hardly bounced before the ground hit me three times. When we stopped at quarter time both my knees and my elbows were minus the skin.

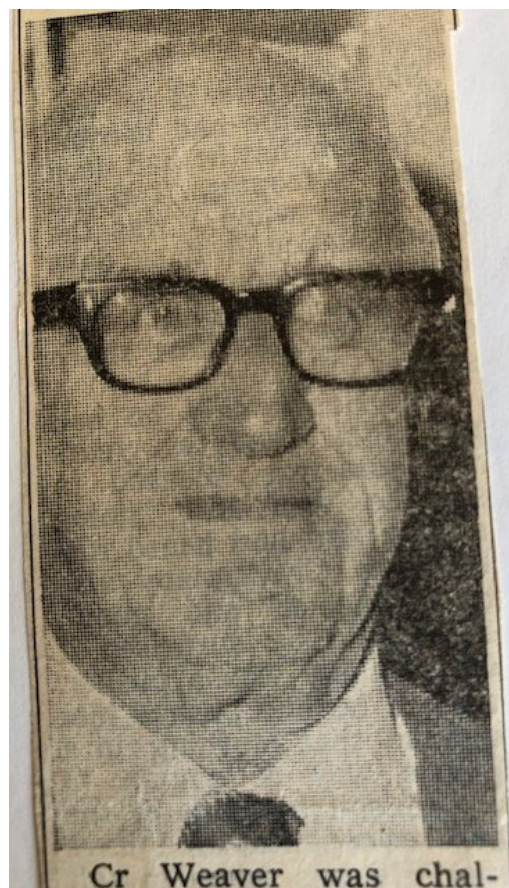
They kicked 6 goals 16 behinds while we didn't score. As I seemed to be their real target I thought it was no good in letting them do what they liked, so in the last quarter I determined to revenge a couple. My chance came at last and I bumped one chap over. Then came two at once and in jumping aside they fell over my foot and fell like two bulls and both got pulled up. I just kicked the ball but I was winded and was finished for the game. These bumps were all charges which the unskilled Stan Pickering, late of Boort, or an umpire let go as clean bumps. Willie Foley played a splendid game right through and deserved the credit that was given him.

Sea Lake got 6.18. to Boort's 0. The girls also got beaten 25 goals to Boort's 15.

The Boort men played ultimas Seniors and got beaten by a goal. This is the second day after the match and I am stopping as it is raining but I cannot run yet as I am too stiff.

I remain with the most important told to you, hoping you are well.

Goodbye brother,  
Love Bruce



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