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**Boort Resource and  
Information Centre**

*Boort*  
*District Health*



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to be added to the email list to receive About Boort.



## **ANZAC Day April 25th**

***ANZAC Day will look very different in 2020. All public services have been cancelled, but we can still remember, reflect and commemorate from home.***

The national dawn service, to be held at the Australian War Memorial, will be broadcast live, although no veterans or members of the public will be present.

There is also a push, supported by the RSL, for Australians to unite in recognising all armed services personnel by standing outside at home with a light at 6:00 am for a minute's silence and document it on social media using the hashtag **#StandTo**.

This will give us all a chance to commemorate ANZAC Day respectfully at home – from the end of the driveway or on the balcony.

We must never forget the sacrifices of our past servicemen and women and those who continue to serve our nation.

### **Comments attributable to Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs Tim Bull**

At this unprecedented period of isolation it is more important than ever to come together as a nation to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Reflecting on the challenges and successes of our past servicemen and women, and those who continue to serve today, it's a timely reminder to stay strong and united at times of hardship and to continue to support one another.

I urge all Victorians to stay home and take part in the 'Light up the Dawn' initiative this ANZAC Day by raising a torch, candle or the light on your phone and observing a minute's silence at dawn on April 25.



# Men's Shed

## The Boort Men's Shed: The Future Beckons

The Boort Men's shed is closed and all are at rest  
'Cause official advice tells us that is the best  
The projects on the go are now on hold  
Ready to work on when the shed be told

The Coordinator hopes all is well  
While at home they all do dwell  
Keeping busy is the calling and the task  
Looking to a healthy future is all that we ask

Being active, fit and on the go  
Is priority number one and as it should be so  
And when all is said and done  
Family and friends are all as one

Keep in touch and welcome the sun that starts the day  
Look on the bright side and the good things that come  
our way  
If in need of a pick me up feel free to ring  
A cheery voice on the other end could be just the thing

My phone number is below for all to see  
If in need of a friendly chat then a phone call it could be  
In wishing every member all the best and to be well  
'Cause when the Shed reopens there'll be many a story to tell

For there'll be light at the end of the tunnel and the footy  
will be back  
Then we'll be able to rise and get right back on track  
But spare a thought for those doin' it tough  
Help them where's you can because they're having it  
rough

Then at the end of it there'll be more seeds to sow  
That's when the Shed and the members will be back on  
the go  
So look on the bright side without lament  
When the virus is gone it will have up and went

The members do so praise all the health care  
professionals and the trucker  
Who keep us healthy, safe and deliver our tucker  
And for every shop keeper and business whose staff are  
hard at work for all  
They are to be thanked for being so helpful and on call

The Men's Shed is now on a break as it must  
But soon the members will be shown the way and they'll  
return we trust  
Ready for some projects and a hearty laugh or two  
With a healthy dose of well-being and conviviality right  
on cue

**Men's Shed Coordinator:**  
**Wayne Pappin 0488 710 254**

# BRIC

Boort Resource and  
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## SERVICES UPDATE FROM BRIC Due to Coronavirus workplace restrictions

### VICROADS LICENCE RENEWALS

#### **BRIC is still open for licence renewals.**

However, with Stage 3 physical distancing restrictions in place, VicRoads have also made important changes to the way you can renew your licence. You can now renew your driver licence without leaving home, even if your renewal notice states that you need to get a new photo. To renew your licence, call 1300 554 853 at any time and follow the prompts. You can pay by VISA or Mastercard only. **Please note that a card payment fee applies for Mastercard transactions.**

#### **Due to the current impacts of (COVID-19), until further notice your licence will be reissued using your existing licence photo.**

If you are concerned that your existing licence photo is significantly different to your current appearance, please use the new licence card issued until normal operations resume.

Please note: the licence renewal notice acts as a temporary licence when you pay.

#### **Record the payment receipt number on the notice and carry it with you when you drive until you receive your new licence card.**

Vic Roads will mail your new card to the address they have on their records within approximately 10 working days - delays may be experienced.

#### **For further information contact**

**Vic Roads on 13 11 71**

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/licences/>

### VICTORIA POLICE FIREARMS LICENCE RENEWALS

At this stage, there is no change to the procedure for Firearms Licence renewals. **You must pay the fee for your licence by BPAY or at a Westpac Bank** by the nominated date on your payment notice. You can then have your licence photo taken at BRIC.

#### **For further information, contact a Victoria Police Divisional Firearms Officer at Bendigo on 5448 1306 or visit**

<https://www.police.vic.gov.au/renew-your-licence>.

# 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@rfdsvic.com.au](mailto:wellbeing@rfdsvic.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? >

Developed by:



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
Contact Flying Doctor Wellbeing T (03) 8412 0480 E <a href="mailto:wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au">wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au</a>		Contact Lifeline 13 11 14	



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It has been a VERY quiet time for fisherpersons this last month. Hopefully, everyone has been observing the rules. Common sense, Patience, Discipline and Respect for Current Rules are some of the virtues needed in our sport and recreation. Making sure we get ourselves, families, and friends through these trying times so that we can enjoy each other's company later is the greatest priority.

A flock of about sixty cormorants are on the lake rounding up small fish like well-trained sheep dogs and feeding in a cluster. They don't seem to be observing social distancing nor size and bag limits.

**Don't worry - our time will come.**

At this stage, plans for the Annual Carp Eradication Competition usually held in October are on hold as no-one knows how long before we could start preparations for that. BAC will wait until the Corona Virus threat has passed before starting with meetings, competitions, etc. At that time, we will endeavour to contact all members, plus advertise on the media.

If there is some young person out there who would like to do chores at the BAC Rooms, like climb a ladder and clean out spouting etc., could you please contact Rod Stringer on 0428 513 888.

These are tasks which are becoming increasingly difficult for some of our more senior members so help would be much appreciated.

Happiness and health to all. BAC.

*Tight Lines Rod.*

# PROJECT POPPY BOX

Let's help our communities unite during isolation by commemorating ANZAC Day together but at home.

The Loddon Shire Council Tourism team have developed an A5-sized poppy cutout which can be placed on a mail box.

The Poppies are available from the Post Offices and General Stores throughout the region. This campaign asks musicians to learn the First Post to play in their driveways on ANZAC Day. This project has been endorsed by RSL Victoria State Senior Vice-President, Mr Lee Webb, JP.

**RSL Victoria is asking communities to stand outside their homes at 6am on ANZAC Day and document it on social media using the hashtag #StandTo.**

Feel free to display a poppy on the front of your business door or window.

Here is the link to the Loddon Shires Poppy Box Project:

<https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Tourism/Project-Poppy-Box>



*Did you know.....*

Council is proactively working with staff to reduce risk, based on workplace arrangements including: promoting social distancing, supporting the cancellation of non-essential gatherings, training and face to face meetings and making provision for staff to use flexible arrangements and work from home if possible.

This will all help to ensure that Council continues to provide essential services to minimise potential public health risks as outlined by the Victorian Chief Health Officer. These critical services include: immunisation programs, Maternal and Child Health centres, kindergartens, addressing enquiries and complaints made by businesses and the general public, investigations/inspections relating to foodborne or infectious disease outbreaks, general support/advice to regulated businesses and rubbish and recycling collection.



Australian Government

**Be Connected**

Every Australian online.

## Be Connected

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

### 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**

# BOORT PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

## PICTURE PRODUCTS

**This offer is open to all Boort families.**



We invite all parents to share in this wonderful project. How often have you wished there was some permanent way you could keep the drawings and paintings your children create? Now it is possible to have those drawings preserved as a family keepsake for many years to come, and what better time to do an art project than now in isolation! To view the products online log onto the website:

[www.pictureproducts.com](http://www.pictureproducts.com)

Your child can create their artwork with their own markers, pens, paint along with photos, hand and footprints – the brighter the better.

**Pencils, crayons, highlighters and glitter should NOT be used.**

If you can PLEASE EMAIL all orders to [boortpreschool@yahoo.com.au](mailto:boortpreschool@yahoo.com.au)

(Please note a reply email from Kelly will be sent once order & payment have been received)

**Payment Details: EFT is preferred method – Account : Boort Pre School**

**Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Account No. 162 679 617 Reference: Your Full name**

**Once orders and payments are received I will hand out drawing templates to be completed. Please pass onto Family/Friends that might be interested in doing this Art project at this time.**

**ORDERS ARE DUE BACK 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

**DRAWINGS DUE BACK 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

Thank you from the Boort Pre School Committee 2020.

**Any questions please contact Kelly Henderson on 0427 280583 or [boortpreschool@yahoo.com.au](mailto:boortpreschool@yahoo.com.au)**

To view the products online log onto the website: [www.pictureproducts.com](http://www.pictureproducts.com)

The prices are shown below.

PRODUCT	Price	QTY	TOTAL
PICTURE PLATE	\$26.00		
Picture Clock	\$30.00		
Small Clock	\$25.00		
600ml Water Bottle	\$25.00		
Tote Bag	\$25.00		
Mug	\$20.00		
400ml Water Bottle	\$20.00		
Pencil Case	\$20.00		
2021 Calendar	\$15.00		
Table Mats/ Place Mats	\$20.00		

# BOORT BOWLS CLUB

The season 2019-2020 has finished much more abruptly than all of us expected. The Club's April monthly meeting was cancelled and the Club's Annual Meeting in May postponed - to be held at a later date. However the Club was able to complete all their Club Championship Events for the season 2019-2020 and congratulations to all the winners and to all those who willingly participated in these events. Unfortunately the Ladies' Fours did not get the opportunity to represent the Club at Divisional level as the original set date was cancelled due to the heat rule and the next nominated date was cancelled due to the coronavirus.

## The Season's Winners Listed Below -

- Ladies' Club Singles Championship - Pam Gould.
- Men's Club Singles Championship - Shayne Morris.
- Ladies' Club Championship Pairs - Thelma Moresi (s) Tania Noles.
- Men's Club Championship Pairs - Graeme Gardner (s) Damian Adams.
- Ladies' Club Championship Fours - Thelma Moresi (s), Muriel Maxted, Lorna Gardner, Lynette Cameron
- Ladies 100 - UP Singles - Thelma Moresi
- Men's Club Championship Fours - Noel Featherby (s) Ken Birt Lorna Gardner Pam Gould
- Men's Club Championship Triples - Laurie Maxted (s) Ian Mercer Brian McDonald
- Men's N.C.B.D. State Pairs - Shayne Morris (s) Laurie Maxted



**Ladies' Championship Singles  
Pam Gould**



**Men's Championship Singles  
Shayne Morris**



**Ladies' Club Championship Pairs  
Thelma Moresi (s), Tania Noles**



**Men's Club Championship Pairs -  
Damian Adams , Graeme Gardner (s)**



**Ladies' 100-UP Singles  
Thelma Moresi**



**Men's Club Championship Fours  
Noel Featherby (s), Ken Birt  
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State Pairs  
Shayne Morris (s),  
Laurie Maxted**



# TENNIS



The Boort Lawn Tennis Club cancelled their 2020 Easter Tennis Tournament before they would have been forced to anyway. In making that decision, the committee decided that to still try and get some revenue into the club, the Sunday evening's entertainment of **Last Man Standing** could still be conducted.

## And what a success it was!

Firstly, the club was extremely well supported by the business houses of Boort in donating all spot prizes and the runners-up prizes. The \$600-cash first prize is supplied by the club.

The club is grateful to (and in no particular order):- Boort Lakes Holiday Park, North West Ag, Arnold Family Butchers, Boort Newsagency, Godfrey & Bear Café, Saluté Oliva, Boort Licensed Post Office, Snooze (Bendigo), Nutrien Ag (Rodwells), Boort IGA Supermarket, Mulquiny Fuels, George Tallis HOME Timber & Hardware, AL & NF Stringer Pty Ltd, Boort Lakeside Café, Aussie Wool Quilts, Boundary Bend Olives, Tupperware – Tamara Boyd, Elders – Greg Boyd, Henrys' Glencoe Farms and Boort Railway Hotel for their support.

Secondly, the number of tickets sold exceeded all of our expectations.

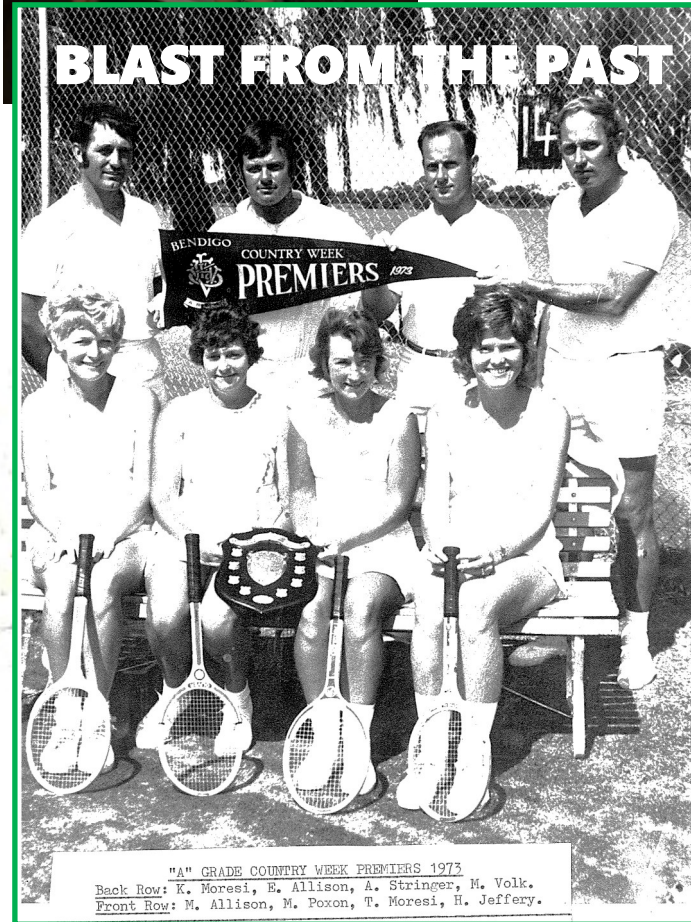
Normally the club would sell about 350 tickets, but **in 2020 we finished up selling 676 tickets .... yes, about double the norm!** So we need to thank everyone who purchased just one ticket or multiple tickets. We had locals buying tickets, we had local tennis players purchase tickets, we had regular Easter visitors buying tickets and we even had some former Easter regulars make a purchase. It was extremely well supported.

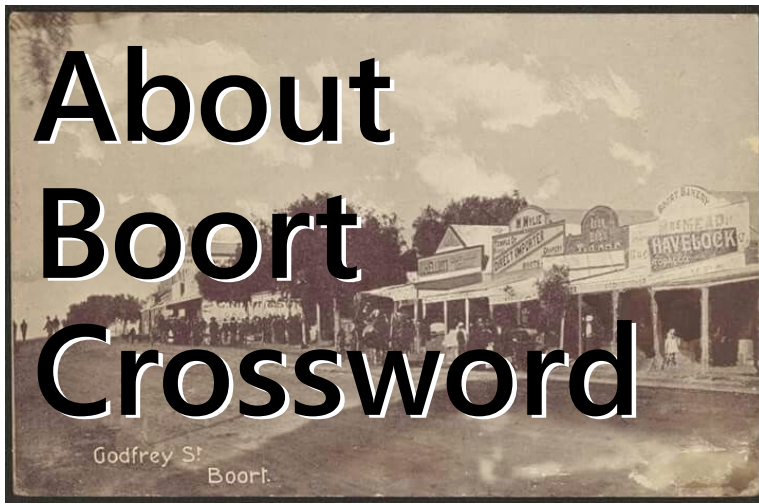
And thirdly, the club thanks Greg and Tammy Boyd and their four children who entertained all for three hours on Easter Sunday night conducting the draw. Due to the coronavirus restrictions in place, they kindly "volunteered" their time and house to all. It meant that this year's event was streamed live via Facebook. Many a person/family watched as they conducted the draw and "put on a show" for most of us seeing our names scrubbed off without a prize forthcoming.

For those fortunate to win something, they were probably really pleased with the Boyds' efforts.

## The major prize winners were:-

- 1st ticket drawn Lance Ward
- 1st Prize Troy Picicelli
- 2nd Prize Anna Lanyon
- 3rd Prize Charlotte Verley
- 4th Prize Brett Jeffery
- 5th Prize Milly Hoghton

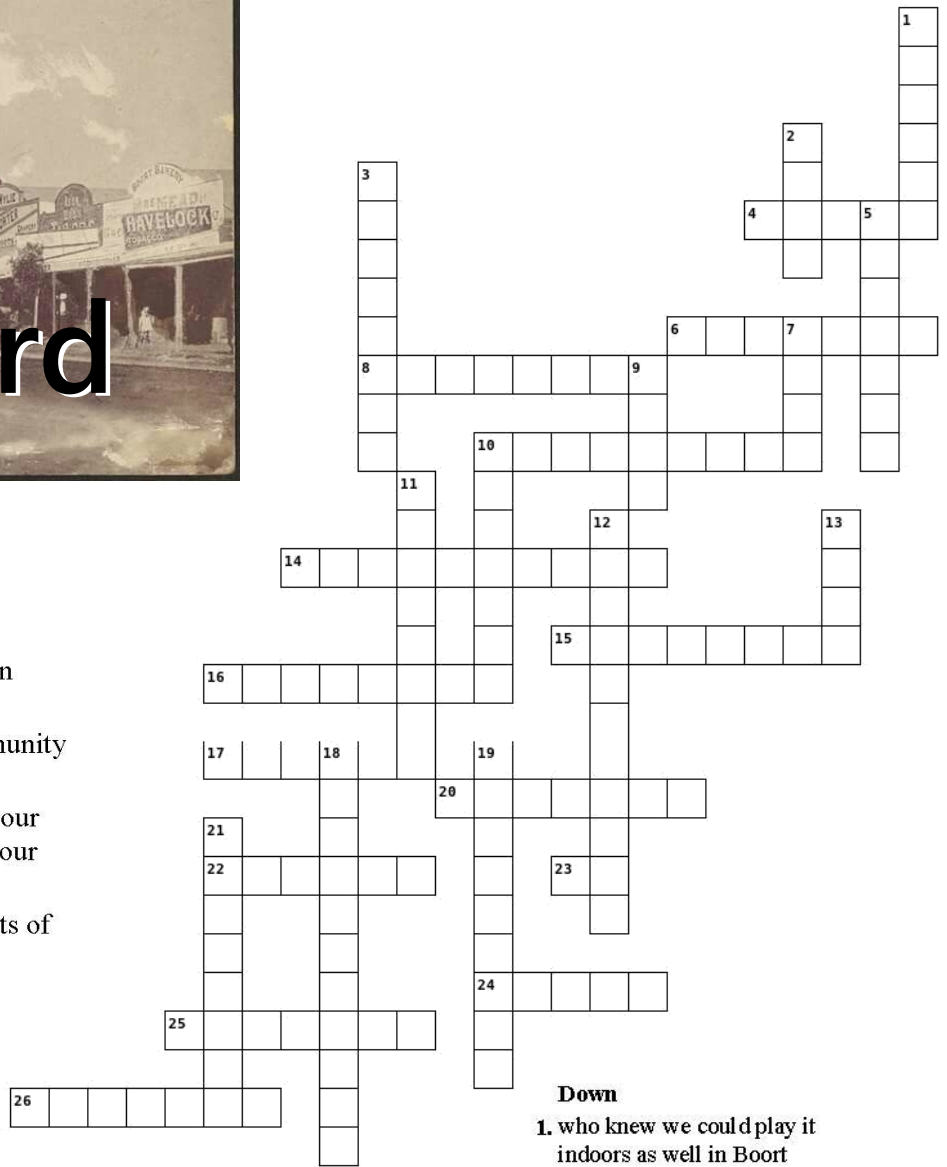




# About Boort Crossword

## Across

4. a place that provides a service to the Boort community
6. Centre, keeping us well
8. pool, it's closed now but opens again in summer
10. an aeroplane bought back to the community after many years away
14. Society, a wealth of knowledge about our town and the people that have shaped our town
15. you can see them on the lake eating lots of fish
16. a sporting activity
17. a new family on the lake
20. Godfrey and Bear make a great one
22. Wool Quilts, keeping us warm
23. Shop, a great place to recycle
24. people in Boort enjoy spending time here
25. a street in Boort
26. they protect our town



## Down

1. who knew we could play it indoors as well in Boort
2. service, keeping people of Boort safe on the road
3. helping us every day to stay well
5. Park, is situated on the lake
7. keeping your pantry stocked
9. out of action at the moment due to COVID-19
10. a place of worship
11. keeping our town fed with amazing products
12. keeping you on the road
13. keeping our pets happy
18. they keep us in the news
19. the online challenge is keeping our kids excited about the game
21. store, keeping us busy in this isolation time

## QUIZ TIME

1. Where in the world would you expect to find a car with the registration code " V " ?
2. In which children's book did a spider called Charlotte and a pig called Wilbur appear?
3. Which Mexican artist produced works entitled "The Broken Column" and "Diego and I"?
4. How many sides has a heptadecagon?
5. What was the name of the character played by John Travolta in the film "Pulp Fiction"?
6. Which was the first James Bond film to feature Roger Moore in the title role?
7. "Suncrisp", "Golden Russet" and "Braeburn" are all varieties of which fruit?
8. In which country would you find the coastal resort of Lara Beach?
9. In which century was the first 'Grand National' horse race?
10. The letters of the word "allergy" can be re-arranged to form three other seven-letter words. Can you find them all?

- QUIZ ANSWERS**
1. Vatican City.
  2. Charlotte's Web - E.B. White
  3. Frida Kahlo
  4. 17
  5. Vincent Vega
  6. Live and Let Die (1973)
  7. Apple
  8. Turkey
  9. 19th Century (1839)
  10. Gallery, Largely, Regally





A big thank you goes to all the those people who have worked so hard to have the Golf Course looking just right for our golfing season and we even had a lovely bit of rain to bring on a touch of green on the fairways.

Sad to say we have not been able to play as Golf Australia has advised that no golf be played. Even casual hits are not permitted in Victoria. Look after yourselves and stay fit and we will hopefully meet up soon on the Golf course. Any questions can be answered by those listed below regarding what is left of the season.

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

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

May 2020 Margaret Nelson



## **Loddon Shire Mayoral Column Council updates**

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

Our priorities are ensuring the provision of essential services, doing our best to help slow down the spread of the disease and making sure that the vulnerable in our community have access to the help they need. Council has a dedicated page with all of the latest updates and links, not only for Council services by also Government announcements:

<https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/News-and-public-notice/News-articles/Coronavirus-in-the-Loddon-Shire>

In order to slow down the spread of the virus and to protect those people most at risk of illness, I urge people to follow the Government recommendations to stay at home unless absolutely necessary, only travelling for work or to purchase vital supplies.

I acknowledge this is a very difficult time, with the temporary loss of regular routines, incomes and leisure activities causing a great deal of stress for everybody. To stay safe, we need to not only take care of our physical health but our mental health as well. For a list of tips and resources, visit Council's Health and Wellbeing web page:

<https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Health-and-wellbeing/COVID-19>.

In addition, the Victorian Government has announced a series of initiatives aimed at helping both small and large businesses deal with the significant challenges posed by COVID-19, whether from a downturn in trade, cancellation of events or other restrictions affecting employees and entitlements.

Businesses across the state can now access information on dealing with COVID-19 by calling the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15 or visiting the website at

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/>

### **Termination of fire restrictions**

From 23 March, the CFA has lifted fire restrictions in District 20, which encompasses Loddon, Campaspe and Gannawarra Shires.

### **Citizenship Ceremony**

Although the Council meeting was adjourned, I still had the privilege of officiating at a Citizenship Ceremony on Tuesday 24 March. Phanthila Maiyavong, who was originally from Thailand, has made Boort her home. In response to the arrangements for COVID-19, Phanthila made the pledge outdoors at Serpentine.



We have all been directed to stay at home to limit the spread of the virus. By staying at home and limiting your contact with other people, we can help our family and friends stay safe.

If you can stay home, you must stay home. There are only four reasons to leave your home: to shop for essential items, for medical or compassionate needs, to exercise while complying with public gathering requirements and to work and study if you can't do that at home.

We must all change our behaviour to help slow the spread COVID-19. People should stop looking for loop holes and do the right thing, to help save lives.

All recreational activities beyond basic exercise are now banned. This includes fishing, hunting, boating, camping and golf. All playgrounds, public parks, outside exercise equipment, BBQ facilities, water drinking fountains, picnic shelters and tables, rotundas, toilets and viewing platforms are also closed until further notice.

Churches and other places of worship remain closed to the public. The Government will ensure that all students have access to the internet and other resources so that no one is disadvantaged. For senior students, changes to the VCE, VET and VCAL programs will reflect the disruptions of this year.

In order to slow the spread of coronavirus, the message to students and parents is clear: all children who can learn at home must learn from home – with exceptions only in extremely limited circumstances.

The Department of Health and Human Services is the best place to stay informed about COVID-19. Factsheets and promotional materials may be found in plain English as well as translated into many languages for those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

For fact sheets visit:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/translated-resources-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

As well as ensuring the continued delivery of essential services, at Loddon Shire Council we are doing everything we can to assist those suffering financial hardship as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are working to assist residents, businesses and the wider community by developing a financial response package.

Council has developed COVID-19 Financial Hardship Guidelines aimed at providing assistance to those ratepayers who are experiencing difficulty in meeting the rate payment deadlines.

For those suffering financial hardship there will be assistance in establishing payment plans for both overdue and upcoming 2020/21 rates and charges, waived interest on overdue rates and waste charges from 16 March 2020 until 30 June 2021 and a hold on legal action for the collection of rates and charges. Council has a dedicated web page with all of the latest updates and links relating to our response to COVID-19, including links to Government announcements:

<https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/covid-19>.

**Another way to stay informed is by following our Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/LoddonShire/>

### **Support our local business**

Last week I mentioned how innovative cafés, general stores, takeaway shops and pubs in the Loddon Shire have been in response to new restrictions. Many of our other businesses have also had to find new and groundbreaking ways to survive. For some it has been by increasing their online presence, others have set up a Facebook shop and others are reinventing the products they can offer. Our businesses are showing that they can adapt in these challenging times.

When shopping from the comfort of your own home, make sure you remember to support our wonderful Loddon businesses and the great range of original and quality goods that are available. To browse some of the diverse offerings, check out

<https://www.facebook.com/Visitloddonvalley/>.

### **Check your smoke alarm**

While we do our part by staying at home to slow the spread of coronavirus, firefighters are reminding people to add checking their smoke alarms to the list of jobs to do while at home. Only a working smoke alarm will alert you and your loved ones in the event of a fire.

It is important to test smoke alarms and clean them regularly. It only takes a few minutes to clean and then test the smoke alarm by pushing the button.

Those working from home are also reminded not to overload power-boards and turn off electrical appliances when not in use. Don't leave electronic equipment like laptops and phones sitting or charging on beds. To download a free safety booklet, go to the CFA website

<http://www.mfb.vic.gov.au/Community/Home-Safety/Home-Fire-Safety-Booklet.html>.

### **Relief package for energy customers**

The electricity and gas network businesses have committed to delivering support for customers enduring hardships as a result of COVID-19.

Powercor has announced a relief package for small business and residential customers who have been impacted or temporarily ceased trading as a result of the pandemic.

This package provides direct support for affected small business and residential customers impacted by COVID-19 and will assist those facing hardships. The support is backdated to provide eligible customers with relief from 1 April 2020.

In addition, households and businesses facing economic hardship are protected from having their gas or electricity disconnected and need to contact their energy provider to work out a manageable plan.

## MAYORAL COLUMN continued.....

Even though we have to maintain our physical distance, we should make sure that we remain connected as a community. There are many ways to do this, including phone calls, social media and email. Check in with vulnerable members of our society to ensure they are not suffering from isolation and have access to food and medication.

The Federal Government has announced that evictions will be put on hold for 6 months. Landlords and renters are encouraged to talk about short term agreements for commercial and residential tenants facing financial hardships. Consumer Affairs Victoria has a specific webpage for inquiries:

<https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/resources-and-tools/advice-in-a-disaster/coronavirus-covid19-and-your-rights#renting>.

With more people staying at home to reduce the community spread of COVID-19, there may be an increased risk of people experiencing family violence. Services are still operating to help people in family violence situations, including crisis accommodation. Call 000 in an emergency or safe steps 24/7 crisis service on 1800 015 188.

Council is committed to ensuring the delivery of essential services and has a dedicated page with all of the latest updates and links, including links to Government announcements:

<https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/covid-19>.

Community care services such as meals on wheels, home-based care and Maternal Child Health services are running with modifications to protect clients and staff. Kerbside waste collection and waste and recycling centres are operating as normal.

Many businesses in the Loddon Shire have been affected by forced closures and restrictions. I applaud those businesses that have been so flexible in adapting to these difficult times and have found innovative ways to still meet the needs of their customers while complying with Government regulations.

For information for business, please call the hotline on 13 22 1 or visit the Business Victoria website:

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/>

Cafes, general stores, takeaway shops and pubs have modified their trading to accommodate restrictions and public safety. Now, more than ever we need to support our local businesses that are fighting to survive. For a full list, click through to the Visit Loddon Valley website:

<https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/visit-loddon-valley/blogs/loddon-valley-take-away-food-and->

## 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**

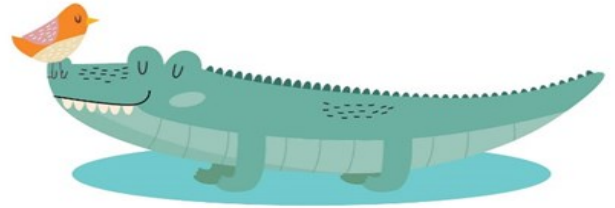
**Wednesdays 10:30am with Elise**

**Fridays 10:30am with Hayley**

Watch via Facebook:

[www.Facebook.com/GoldfieldsLibraryAgencies](http://www.Facebook.com/GoldfieldsLibraryAgencies) 

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## Storytimes Term 2

Storytimes will continue for Term 2 online with your favourite library storytimers, Ange, Elise and Hayley

Join them at 10:30am Mondays, Wednesdays  
& Fridays for stories, songs and rhymes.

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## Support from the Victorian Governor

On behalf of the Hon Linda Dessau, Governor of Victoria, I would like to pass on a message of support to the people of Victoria. In the wake of the Victorian bushfires and now COVID-19, the Governor acknowledges the far-reaching effect of our current health challenge. She urges us to support each other as our opportunities for social interaction are diminished.

"I encourage you to check on family, neighbours, the elderly, workmates and anyone who might be alone or doing it tough. Physical distance need not mean social isolation. Let's keep working on creative ways to keep in touch with each other."

"My husband, Tony, joins me in these thoughts and in particular in expressing our gratitude to the many Victorians working on the front line – not only our medical and emergency workers but all those working to care for the vulnerable, to look after our children, to keep essential services running and to respond to this unfolding situation."

You can read the full message on our Facebook page or in the 'News' section of our website. If you would prefer to listen, you can hear the message on the Wedderburn Visitor Radio station <http://wedderburnradio.com.au/>



## Free waste disposal

Loddon Shire Council is offering residents quarterly **free waste disposal** at each of its Landfill and Transfer Station locations on the third weekend in February, May, August and November on the dates shown below during [normal opening times](#) for each location:

### Upcoming Dates:

<b>May</b>	<b>2020</b>	Sat 16	Sun 17
<b>August</b>	<b>2020</b>	Sat 15	Sun 16
<b>November</b>	<b>2020</b>	Sat 14	Sun 15

Residents presenting to dispose of waste will be required to provide proof of address showing Loddon Shire residency (eg. Rates Notice, Licence).

**Residents can dispose of up to 4 cubic meters of general domestic waste free of charge.**

### This includes the following items:

Green Waste, Mixed recyclables, General household waste.

E-waste - TVs, computer screens, home appliances and electronic items, refrigerators, freezers microwaves and air conditioners, end of life battery operated products

**The following items are NOT included, as these items have additional third party costs associated with their disposal and therefore will be charged as per normal disposal charges:**

- Tyres
- Bricks and concrete
- Mattresses



## 2020 Sally Isaac Memorial Scholarship

In more positive news, nominations are now open for the 2020 Sally Isaac Memorial Scholarship Fund Award. This scholarship recognises a significant contribution to the Victorian community by a young woman, 35 years and under. Nominations are open to Local Government officers, Councillors and community members.

Nominees will have demonstrated achievement and commitment to improving community life in Victoria in the areas of social justice, Aboriginal affairs, arts and music, community health, urban planning, environment and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The winner will receive a \$10,000 educational scholarship for research or study in Australia or overseas. Nominations close on 4 May and the winner will be announced in July. For more information go to <https://bit.ly/2Wmh5cj>.

### BOORT COMMUNITY PHARMACY

The Pharmacy have flu vaccine shots scheduled to arrive in early May. They also have Smart Phone Sanitiser in stock.

Remember some people can get their medications delivered due to the COVID-19 situation. Give the pharmacy a call for more information. Ph. 5455 2044.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the Committee of Management of the Boort Memorial Hall. This venue was recently named as a finalist in the 2020 Brides' Choice Awards – Bendigo and Ballarat. The Brides' Choice Awards is dedicated to recognising, supporting and rewarding Wedding Businesses that operate in regional areas of Australia.

### NBN waives additional charges

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, NBN Co has announced that it will waive charges for additional capacity of up to 40 per cent to Retail Service Providers for at least three months to help support Australian residential and business NBN customers. The additional capacity pricing relief will apply to all fixed line, fixed wireless and satellite NBN technologies.

This announcement will be welcome news to the many Australians now working from home as the wholesale network prepares to meet the demand. For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/3dou7w7>.



## Loddon Shire Community Grants Extension of closing date

The Loddon Shire Council understands that due to the current COVID-19 situation, organisations may be experiencing difficulties finalising their applications for a community grant.

Please be advised that we have extended the closing date for 2020-2021 Community Grant applications to **5pm on Monday 1 June 2020**.

We hope that this enables organisations to complete and submit their applications in time.

Please contact the Community Support Department on (03) 5494 1231 or via email at [communitysupport@loddon.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitysupport@loddon.vic.gov.au) should you require any further information.



## 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 are 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](http://www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au)



centrelink

## Centrelink Farm Household Allowance

**call Rural Financial Counselling Service on 1300 769 489**



## Agriculture Energy Investment Plan

Agriculture Victoria offers free on-farm energy assessments and grants as part of implementing the Agriculture Energy Investment Plan. The plan supports on-farm businesses to improve energy efficiency, manage energy cost, improve energy reliability and support own-generation capacity.

To be eligible for an on-farm energy grant, a free on-farm energy assessment is required. The on-farm energy assessment will provide recommendations on how to improve the energy efficiency and productivity of your farm business. In light of current events, the program has been extended until 30 June 2020. To find out more visit [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/agenergy](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/agenergy).

## Croquet Tournament

Boort Lakeside Croquet Club recently hosted a successful tournament over the weekend of 14 and 15 March. Participating players represented fifteen clubs from Victoria and southern New South Wales and all had an enjoyable weekend in Boort.

Loddon Shire was pleased to be associated with this event which provides a welcome boost to accommodation and hospitality facilities in Boort. I hear that bookings have already been received in anticipation of the 2021 event

## Boort Netball Club 2020 Contacts



**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.

### 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

**For further information contact the Secretary:**  
April Griffiths: 0488 501 667



**Expressions of interest are being taken for these courses:**

Provide CPR \$70<sup>HLTAID003</sup>

Provide First Aid \$170<sup>HLTAID001</sup>

**Call BRIC on  
5455 2716**

# Boort Lakeside Croquet Club

Boort Lakeside Croquet Club held its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Boort Golf Croquet Tournament on the weekend of March 14-15, 2020. The Club managed to get a fabulous Croquet Tournament completed before the dreaded COVID-19 virus put our State into lockdown.

The Tournament saw many croquet players returning to the Boort Annual Golf Croquet Tournament and many new attendees this year were totally impressed with everything the tournament offered, commenting that they wish to return to Boort next year. Our tournament has a healthy reputation of good food, good hospitality and wonderful playing grounds which have been prepared and nurtured by Ian Potter. He is ably assisted by Daryl Henderson who meticulously prepares the side-walks, mows and whipper snips the surrounding areas inside and outside the fence line, together with taking care of shrub trimming. Not forgetting one of the most important tasks that Robert Sim takes care of in a very diligent manner. That is the marking of lines in readiness for play.

Committee members take much pride in the club's aesthetic appearance and spend many hours painting, cleaning, and preparing the clubs' outlook. The Catering and Social Committee, kitchen staff, worked tirelessly to have all under control for the weekend's success. The fabulous Garden raffle prepared by Rosalie Evans, was once again a winner and real boost to the weekend's tally. Special thankyou to all the Boort community and visitors who supported this initiative with the 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner, an Echuca player and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize going to Andrew (Publican from the Boort Railway Hotel).

Special mention to the Boort Tennis Club who allowed the Croquet Club to use their grounds during the Tournament weekend. Also, thank you for your generosity in allowing croquet players to use your Club rooms for refreshments and eats.

The tournament hosted 54 players from 14 different towns, with 23 1<sup>st</sup>-time players participating. The weekend produced the following Winners and Runners-Up in both singles and doubles, as well as listing the clubs they represented.

## 2020 Golf Croquet Winners

Event	Players	Club
Level 1	John Young	Shepparton
Level 2	Tom Dixon	Sandringham
Level 3	Andrew White	Sandringham
Group 1 Doubles	Brian Rowe & John Lanyon	
Group 1 Doubles runners up	Jim Saunders & Heather Dawn	(Belmont and Macedon Ranges)
Group 2 Doubles	John Alstin & Di Smyth	(Echuca Moama and Rich River)
Group 2 Doubles runners up	Alan Puttick & Kaye Joyce	(Boort and Rich River)
Group 3 Doubles	Ian Harrowfield & Hamish Menzies	(Essendon and Drouin)
Group 3 Doubles runners up	David Maher & Carmel Allison	(Rich River and Boort)
Group 4 Doubles	Tom Dixon & Jeanette Young	(Sandringham and Shepparton)
Group 4 Doubles runners up	Colleen Coutts & Peter Van der Zande	(Boort and Echuca)

## 2020 Golf Croquet Runners Up

Players	Club
Ian Potter	Boort
Jeff Pumpa	Echuca Moama
John Graham	Echuca Moama

Enquiries – kindly contact President – Alan Puttick 0439979485 or Secretary – Julie Puttick 0432996965



Ian Potter (Boort)  
Level 1 Runner Up



Robert Coutts jumps his ball



Jan Prout (Sandringham) and Tom Dixon, Level 2 Winner (Sandringham), Alan Puttick, Boort Lakeside Croquet Club President, and Carmel Allison, Group 3 Doubles Runner up (Boort).

# COMING EVENTS

One of the best ways to stay informed about what is happening in the Loddon Shire and to see important Council updates is by following our Facebook page. The page is updated daily and is a useful source of information for alerts, notices, news and job vacancies. Make sure you 'like' the page to receive updates in your newsfeed

<https://www.facebook.com/LoddonShire/>

Contact the  
**Loddon Visitor Information Centre on  
(03) 5494 3489 or  
[www.visitloddonvalley.com.au](http://www.visitloddonvalley.com.au)**



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.

**We encourage everyone to have a flu vaccine, especially if they intend on visiting an aged care facility as now it is mandatory for anyone working in or visiting an aged care facility.**

## FREE FLU VAX for over 65 / Bulk Billed

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.

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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](mailto: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](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:

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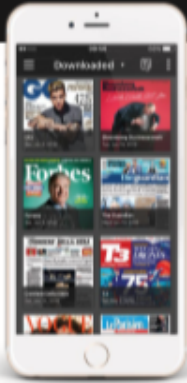
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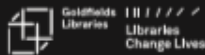


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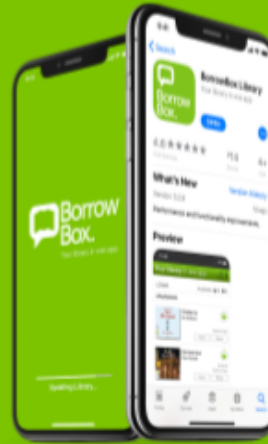


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## ABOUT BOORT

NDCH staff have been working in collaboration with BRIC to get information out to the community. Thanks to our local Boort Health and Community services for their contributions.

We know that our efforts as a community and working to slow down the spread of COVID-19. Keep up the good work, take care of yourself and your loved ones by continuing to follow all the social distancing and hygiene recommendations regarding COVID-19. School is back remotely, so some time being out and about will be very important to our children and teenagers and their parents and carers alike!

Most importantly take time out for your mental health. We live in a beautiful community and have noticed many people taking advantage of walking the Boort Lake and other walks, physical exercise is not only good for your body but your mind also.

## NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH

With your mental health in mind NDCH encourages our community to practice the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. These include connecting, being active, taking notice, keep learning and giving. NDCH are regularly sharing 5 Ways to Wellbeing tips, exercise at home and tips on how to support your children study at home on our Facebook page.

Most NDCH services are still available while many staff work remotely. Doctors in our NDCH Medical Clinic can now offer phone or video appointments as well as some in clinic appointments, which are all currently bulk billed, you can call the Medical Clinic team on Ph. 5452 1366 or make an appointment online.

## Screening and Assessment Clinics

COVID-19 swabbing can occur at NDCH Medical Clinic or at Echuca or Swan Hill Hospitals. Please call NDCH on 5451 0200 for further information.

## Covid-19 Local Services Update

## Health care – other than COVID-19

Please take care of your overall health. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has our attention make sure you continue to access your GP and health care professionals for your general health and wellbeing. Some of the feedback we are getting is that some people have possibly placed important health issues on hold, please don't. Get your check-ups, GP and Chronic Disease Management Plans and health issues seen to, they are still important.

## BOORT DISTRICT HEALTH

**Flu Vaccine** – it is now mandatory for anyone visiting or working in an aged care facility to have proof of influenza vaccination to visit. **Food Support** – Remember if you are finding it difficult to shop and prepare your own meals Boort District Health is able to help out. They are able to provide community members with soup, bread, main, dessert and a fruit box for a very reasonable \$12. Contact Donna Doyle from BDH for more information Ph. 5451 5200. Boort District Health is continuing with its social distancing, restricted visiting and encouraging all community members to stay home and stay safe.

**Boort Medical Clinic** is currently offering Tele-Health and Face-to-Face consultations.

## BOORT IGA Supermarket

We hear there is plenty of toilet paper on the shelves. No need to stock pile anymore! The IGA staff continue to offer support for the community to place orders for food over the phone, to deliver food to homes in the town and out to cars. Many farm families are working together to pick up each other's food – so great to see everyone supporting each other – thank you!

**Remember to be kind to all our front line workers who continue to be at work to provide very important services to us.**