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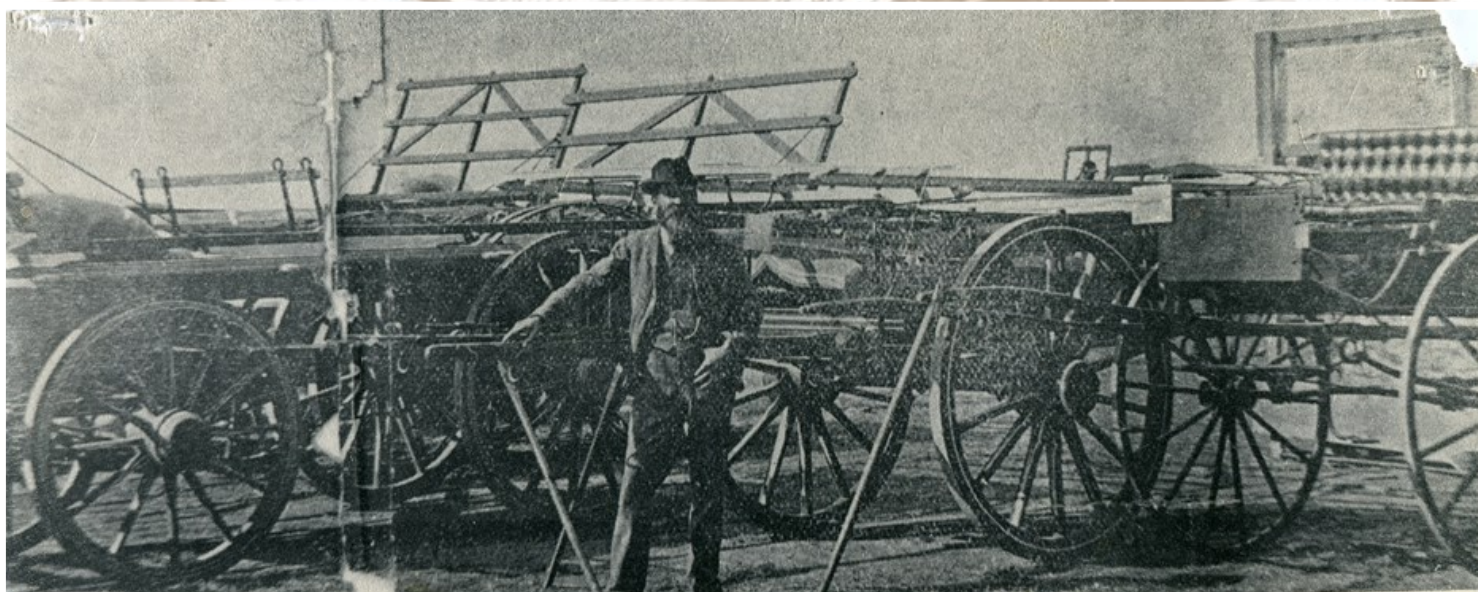


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Blacksmithing

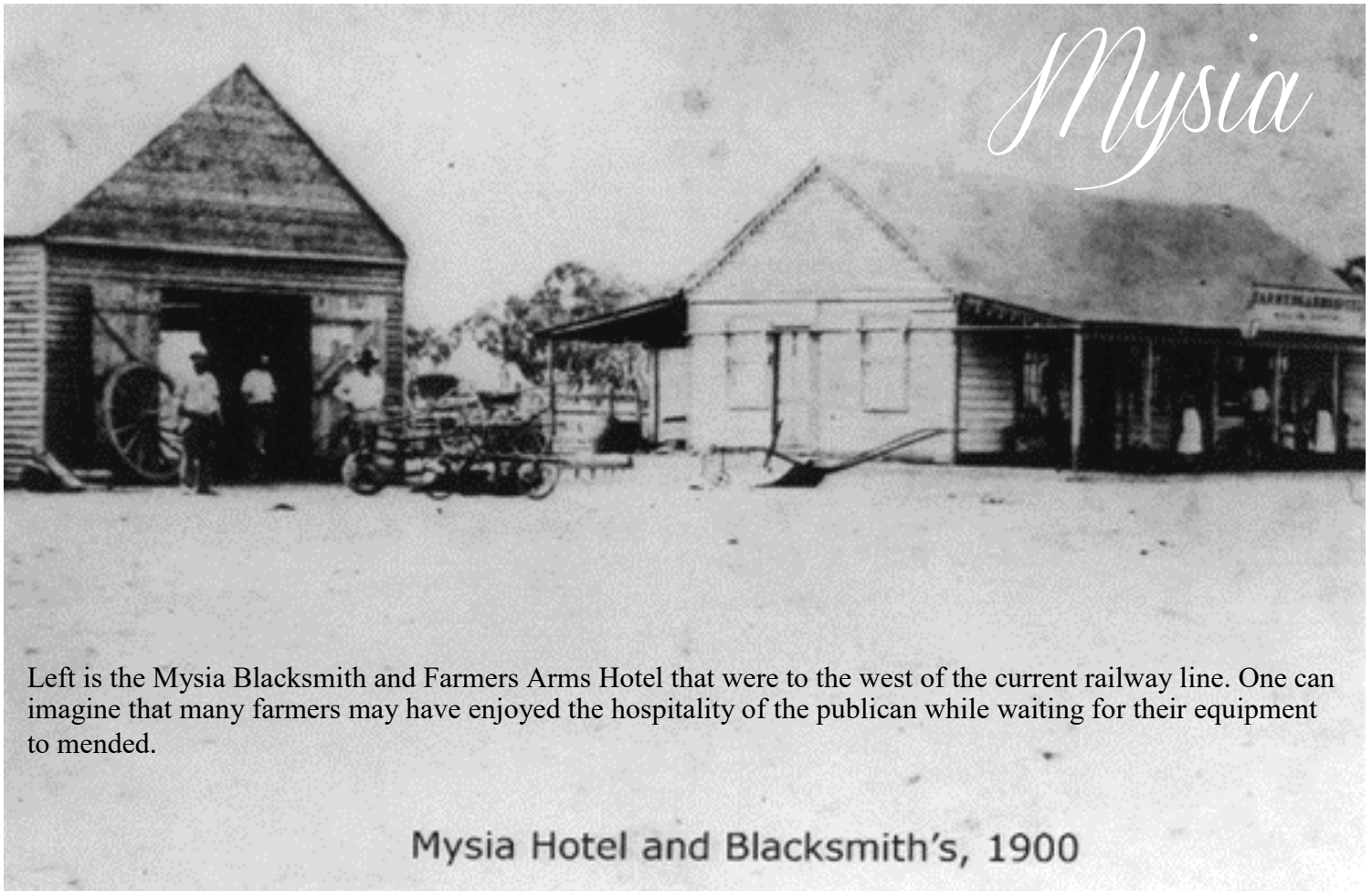
A BLACKSMITH IS A METALSMITH WHO CREATES OBJECTS FROM WROUGHT IRON OR STEEL BY FORGING THE METAL, USING TOOLS TO HAMMER, BEND AND CUT.



Mr V Bergman, Mysia Implement Works.

This photo is probably from the Boort Show as the records say that he won first prize in the 'Buggies and Waggonettes' category of the 1899 Show for his Tip Dray.

Marg Piccoli has a buggy in Yando with a plaque reading V. Bergman, Builder, Mysia.



Left is the Mysia Blacksmith and Farmers Arms Hotel that were to the west of the current railway line. One can imagine that many farmers may have enjoyed the hospitality of the publican while waiting for their equipment to be mended.

Mysia Hotel and Blacksmith's, 1900

Blacksmith

GUS GOULD, Aged 18

When did you first start blacksmithing?

The first bit of 'blacksmithing' I ever did was put the fire poker in the fireplace and wait for it to get red hot then hit it with logs, there's a few scorch marks on the kitchen floorboards but I've got no idea how they happened! But the first real blacksmithing I ever did was when Dad and I made an anvil out of a piece of train track and I 'borrowed' my sister's hair dryer and got a piece of pipe and blew air into the fire pit.

Who has helped and inspired you along the way?

John Madigan (who visited our school when I was in primary school) Otis Lanyon has given me plenty of tips, both of my grandfathers Alan Gould and Bill Twigg have encouraged me and taught me that I need to be efficient. I've also done a blacksmithing course at Waterside Metal Art Studio, which I would highly recommend to anyone who is interested in blacksmithing.

What equipment do you have?

I use my great-grandfather's anvil (Joe Gould from Woosang) and tongs that I've been gifted and bought

from clearing sales and specialist stores. I also have a water-cooled side-blast forge that I made myself, but it's not the first forge I've made. I had few other



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Gus's story continued...

forges beforehand, all under-blast farrier style, but I've found them not as good as my current one.

What are some of the things you have made that you are most proud of?

The gate that I made for VCE Art this year, it took a lot of planning and a lot of time.

What do you most enjoy about blacksmithing?

I dunno really, I s'pose it's just the ability to take something as hard and commonly used as steel and take it to a state where it's like working with clay and transforming it into something else.

Where do you see it taking you in the future?

I've just launched an Instagram page called goanna_forge where I am showcasing some of the things I've been making and have for sale. I'm also open for making pieces for the general public.



Allotment

1941- late 1950's Peter Dinner

Foundry / Blacksmith

1926-1942 Peter Dinner & H. Stebbins, building owners Peter Dinner & H. Stebbins

Agricultural Implement, Wagon & Coach Builders

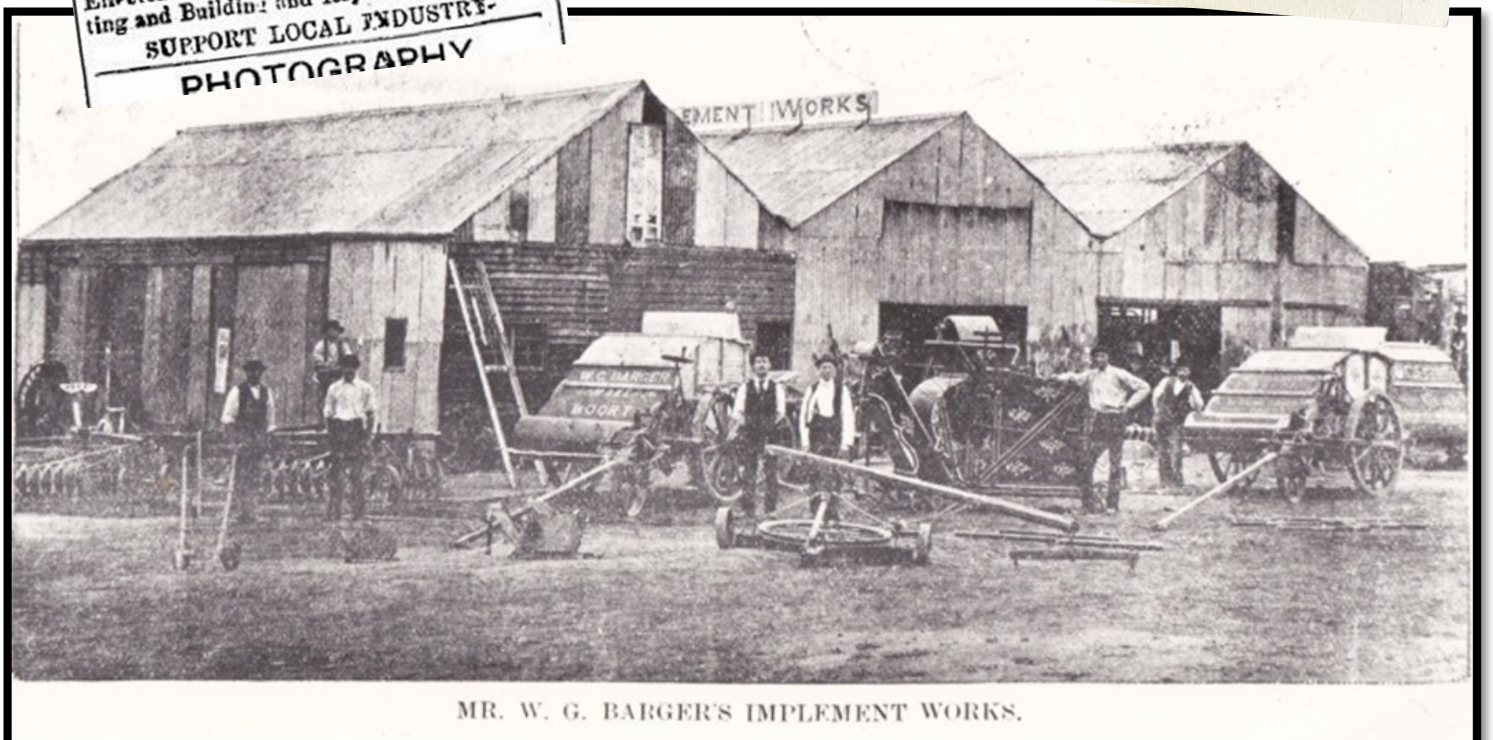
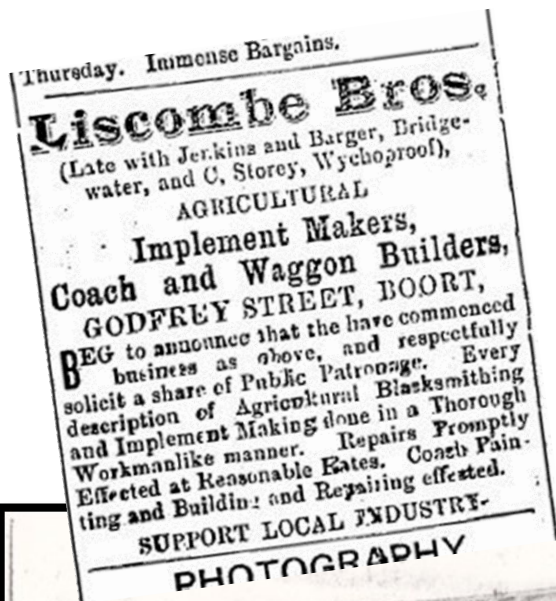
1907-1913 Dinner & Stebbins

1896-1902 W. G. Barger

1894-1896 W. M. Barger

Implement Makers, Coach and Wagon Makers

1893-1911 John H. Liscombe





President's Report

Well another year of Amity has come and gone. This year has been a challenging year as Boort Amity President.

I have tried to run the club as a caring Service Club and hopefully the 2020-21 year will hold great values for all our members as the club needs everyone to work as a team.

Being the only Service Club in Boort and with a small membership of fourteen we sure do achieve a lot and I am personally very proud of Amity for achieving this. Firstly I would like to thank all of our Amity Members for their friendship, help and support that they have shown me and to the people of the Boort community. As a Service Club we donate to many worthy causes, some of those donations were to – the Good Friday Appeal, Very Special Kids, R.F.D.S., Able, Boort District School, Salvation Army, About Boort, Boort Pre School and the Anti-Cancer Council. As well as sponsorship for the essay competition at the Boort Show and the sponsorship of students from Year 8 and 9 to go to France last year.

Some of the many things that Amity has been busy with are the Boort Wer'zat stickers, Christmas light competition, the Christmas night up the street, Phone books, Cook Books, Cool Room and Portaloos hire, Amity Auction, Meals on Wheels, I.G.A. noticeboard, Post Office clock, Anzac Day helping the R.S.L., Australia Day, Pink Night and numerous others.

Some of the projects still in limbo are the James Boyle Hall grant to refurbish the kitchen and the tourism sign for the Historical Society.

We have been able to keep our Amity subs at \$40.00 again for the coming year.

Meetings are held at the Railway Hotel, we thank them for making our meeting place comfortable and members welcome and well fed.

We enjoyed a Christmas break up on the Wetlander on the Gunbower Creek, so relaxing and enjoyable.

Amity members have a strong bond and we have members who pay memberships and reside elsewhere.

It was great to read about Amity in the About Boort newsletter, thanks Maree, let's hope we have given the public a better understanding of this great club.

In regards to the annual Amity trip, this year we

planned to go to Mildura but due to the Covid 19 pandemic we were unable to go.

This has changed our year with cancellations to the trip, Auction, Pink Night and meetings.

I am proud to be a part of such a great club and would like to say a big thank you to all the Boort Amity members on another successful year.

To Maree and her new board members for 2020-2021 I would like to wish you all a great year ahead.

Yours in Amity

Sandra Poyner
President



Maree Stringer
2021 President



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Kerrie and Andrew are looking forward to the new adventures ahead and would like to thank everyone for their support.

On behalf of Amity we would thank Kerrie and Andrew for their hospitality throughout the years and wish them all the best for their future.



CHELSEA CHALLIS-BROAD
2019 BOORT BEST AND FAIREST
NORTH CENTRAL RUNNER-UP



FIONA CAINE
BOORT PRESIDENT



JENNY ALLISON
NCHA AND BOORT LIFE MEMBER

Teams: Boort, Sandhurst, Ex High
Years played: My kids say "too many" – 31 years

Club Best and Fairest: Ex High – 1, Sandhurst – 2, Boort – a few more

Career highlight: Toss-up between, winning State U17 School Championships, playing in and winning 2 Grand Finals in one weekend (Boort and Sandhurst), winning 2010 Men's grand final or winning a bronze medal at World Masters in 2017

Toughest opposition player: Kathryn Velleley, she's so competitive and rarely gives up

Player you admire: All the "mature age" players, you know who you are. You are an inspiration to us all!

Team you look forward to playing: Wycheproof-Narraport as the game is played in good spirit and I love the friendly banter on the field

Fun fact: I can still beat my 5 kids and husband at distance running.....not sure for how much longer.

Teams played in: I haven't played competitive hockey but love to have a hit with my kids. I did play a bit of social roller blade street hockey when I was younger.

Years involved: I have been around the Boort Hockey Club for 7 years. I was Minkey co-ordinator for several years before being President for the last 2 years.

Career highlight: Being from a non-hockey background I am now super passionate about hockey. Watching my son Sid score a goal in the State School Championships in Melbourne was awesome. 2019 my daughter Lily competed in both netball and hockey grand finals was special. Personally, being awarded Club Person in 2019 was an enormous honour.

Players you admire: I admire all the players that get our there and have a go every Saturday. Especially some of the older players that continue to play to allow our kids the benefit of their knowledge, skills and ensure there are enough players to allow clubs to field teams.

Fun fact: I moved to Boort from West Footscray for one year after graduating from Uni and 20 years later I'm still here! I absolutely love Boort and the BFNHC is a

Teams played in: Boort and a Bendigo team.

Years playing: 3 years in Bendigo and 35 for Boort.

Other roles: Umpiring, coaching, President, League delegate.

Career highlights: Winning the League Best and Fairest in 1979 and being the President of the League in 1975 and 1976.

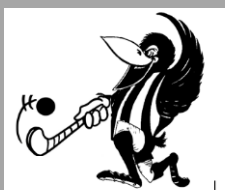
Toughest opposition player: I played goalie most of my life and I never enjoyed seeing Kathy Velleley from Wycheproof making her way towards me.

Player you most admire: Judy Wall from Donald was a strong player who seemed to have the ball on a string.

Teams you look forward to playing: None of them really. I especially didn't enjoy the penalty flicks in the finals. I felt the pressure of the whole team relying on you.

Rule changes in your time: It's much better hitting the ball back into play instead of the roll in. There used to be a bully to start the game.

Fun fact: We used to play in a cow paddock at the back of the car park in Watchem. I was knocked out from a ball deflecting off a clump and had to wait for Dr Walklate to finish his round of golf to be assessed.



NCHA PROUDLY
PRESENTS

BOORT CHAMPIONS

Dedication to the sport

2019 BEST AND FAIREST, PRESIDENT AND LIFE MEMBER



Teams played in: Boort, North Central
Years played: 7 years
Club Best and Fairest: 2019 Under 15
Premierships: Men's 2019
Career highlight: Winning the Preliminary Final for a spot in the 2019 Under 15 Grand Final.

Zachary Mayberry

2019
Boort
Under 15
Best and
Fairest

Toughest opposition player: Tadhg Lowry who is a great competitor and makes you pay if you give him half a chance.

Player you admire: Jamie Dwyer, great skills and awesome to watch.

Team you look forward to playing: St Arnaud are a great rival and you know you've really earned it when you win against them.

Fun fact: I'm 6 foot three and my grandfather was only five feet tall.

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Farm Household Allowance can help support you and your family while you take steps to improve your situation.

More information

Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/farmhouseholdallowance

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P.O Box 43 Boort, Vic. 3537



19th August 2020

Well, we are in lock down again and therefore no meetings, Club Comps or Get Togethers until further notice. Fishing as we knew it may look a fair way off but keep doing the right thing and hopefully, we will soon be back out there. The fish will still be growing and breeding, so good catches are ahead. Spring is just around the corner and the days will get longer and warmer.

Thanks to all those who have come forward and paid memberships etc, to try to have the Club in good shape for when we get back to normal. We are now getting enquiries from younger, potential members, which is great for the long-term future of the Club.

Thanks also to the Loddon Shire for allocating \$550— for cleaning and chemicals for an initial clean when we are preparing to move back into the Club Rooms. Apparently, they have done this for lots of organisations in the Shire.

The photos here are just a reminder of fun times at our Carp Comps.

Tight lines to all, Cheers , BAC Committee.

Email: boortanglingclub@yahoo.com

BOORT GOLF CLUB

We are in interesting times with some of our golf news from July and as of the beginning of August we are back to restrictions, although being in the country does have some benefits: fresh air, walking around a lovely golf course.

Our Golf course is open to anyone who wants to have a social hit, but please adhere to Golf Victoria and Vic Golf Rules. Socially distancing, groups are limited to two unless all reside in the same household, masks are to be worn, wash hands and enjoy the fresh air and exercise that the golf course offers.

The Ladies have a social game of golf on Mondays that Di organises - usually 14 holes Hit Off at 11 am as well as playing our usual golf on Wednesday that is now a social event. Anyone is welcome to come along and join in on Mondays or, if you wish, Wednesdays - names in by 10.15am.

In July, the Ladies Singles Knockout Competition commenced and hopefully this will be completed at the end of the season. The July Club Medal event went to Nola Cocking with a great 67 nett and a very happy Nola received her 1st major prize win. Nola also won the Ladies' July Monthly Eclectic event, which is a new Club event sponsored by Damien Lanyon Fencing.

The Men have their Saturday golf commencing 12.15pm

and have played some of their Club competitions. Hopefully they will be completing these events before the end of the season so that we can include the winners in the next "About Boort". The winner of the July Monthly Eclectic sponsored by Damien Lanyon Fencing was Scott Rollinson on a count back from Kevin Linehan.

The Ladies' Kara Kara Champion of Champions

which was to be held in Boort

has been postponed and it is hoped that this will be played at Boort at the end of the season.



Photo: Nola Cocking
winner of:
July Club Medal event and
Ladies July Eclectic event

If unsure of any playing regulations or what event is being organised please contact any of the following:-

PRESIDENT Stuart Tweddle 0413 482 385,

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LADIES Dot Beattie President: 0427 552 461,

LADY CAPTAIN Di Johnston: 0427 434 625

Margaret Nelson

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MEDIA RELEASE

Nominations now open for 2021 Australia Day Awards

FURTHER INFORMATION: (03) 5494 1200

Nominations are now open for the 2021 Australia Day awards.

Council is receiving nominations for the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Services and Community Group/Event of the Year awards.

Mayor Cheryl McKinnon encouraged community members to consider putting forward an Australia Day award nomination.

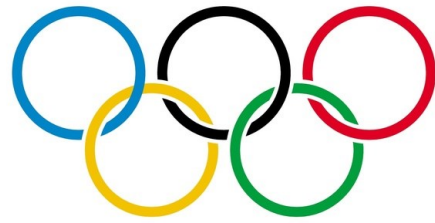
“The Australia Day awards celebrate the achievements and contributions made by outstanding members of our community,” Cr McKinnon said.

“I urge our residents to consider nominating people and community groups who continue to contribute so much to our Shire and in recognition of their achievements.”

The awards’ criteria includes contribution towards values such as a fair go, concern for the environment, shared prosperity, participation in sport, cultural diversity, importance of strong community values and support systems.

Nominations are also open for the Community Service Awards. These awards recognise the outstanding contribution to the local community during the year or noteworthy service to the community over a number of years. An award is given for each ward (Boort, Inglewood, Tarnagulla, Terrick and Wedderburn).

Cr McKinnon said that Council would again hold competitions as part of its Australia Day celebrations for 2021.



“This includes a literature competition for Prep through to Year 12 around the topic **The Five Rings** and a colouring competition for Prep to Grade 2 on the topic **The Olympics**.

“There will also be a photographic competition featuring Junior, Senior and Open categories. The topic is **Sports Action**,” Cr McKinnon added.

The competitions are free to enter. Competition entries close at 4pm Friday, 30 October 2020.

Nominations for the Australia Day awards close Friday, 30 October 2020.

The Australia Day awards are provided by Loddon Shire Council in conjunction with the Australia Day Council of Victoria.

For more information or for nomination forms and competition entry forms, visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au or call Council on 5494 1200.

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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 www.Facebook.com/GoldfieldsLibraryAgencies

Or find us on YouTube:

 www.youtube.com/goldfieldslibraries



For more information please visit
www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes





LOCAL WOMEN LEADING CHANGE

Women make up over 50 per cent of Victoria's population - they should be more than 38 per cent of its councillors.

In line with the Victorian Government's [Gender Equality Strategy](#), and the [Best practice guide to gender equity in local government](#), the vision for the October 2020 local government elections is to see 50 per cent women elected.

Go to the link below and watch a video on what it's like to be a Councillor and register for an interactive workshop at a time that suits you.

<https://www.vlga.org.au/advocacy/womens-policy/online-workshops>

You can also, view the campaign toolkit at <https://www.vlga.org.au/advocacy/womens-policy/campaign-toolkit>

Jobs skills package

The Federal Government has established the JobTrainer fund which will provide access to free or low cost vocational education and training in areas of defined need.

The fund will provide additional training places to help school leavers and job seekers access pre-apprenticeships, short courses and full qualifications to develop new skills and create pathways to more qualifications.

The apprenticeship wage incentive scheme has also been expanded to support both the apprentices and the small and medium sized businesses that employ them.

The JobTrainer package is a vital part of the national recovery efforts from COVID-19 by keeping apprentices in jobs and ensuring that businesses are able to get the skilled workers they need.

Community connector

As mentioned in the previous Mayoral Column, physical distancing, stay at home restrictions and work-related isolation have led to feelings of loneliness and disconnection in the community.

In response, the Victorian Government has established the COVID-19 Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative to help people maintain and build social connections in their local communities.

An important element of the initiative is a community connector who liaises with the people who contact the hotline seeking assistance. The connector links people to local support and service agencies or groups, depending on their need. In Loddon Shire, the community connector work is being undertaken by the Bendigo Loddon Primary Care Partnership.

If you are distressed and needing someone to turn to, a friendly listening ear and caring voice, to link you into local supports or give vital information, then call the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

Loddon Mallee Renewable Energy Art Exhibition

Ten artworks from last year's Loddon Mallee Renewable Energy Art Exhibition are currently on show at the Inglewood Town Hall until the end of August.

In 2019, emerging and established artists from across the region submitted works to the theme, 'Our renewable energy future' in a range of mediums in



response to an invitation from the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP).

The aim of the initiative is to provide an opportunity for artists and their communities to understand renewable energy through creative expression and to imagine a future that can help tackle climate change.

It is hoped that people will be inspired by the art and take the time to reflect and engage in discussions with family, friends and peers about renewable energy.

The exhibition will be open from 9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Thursday. Appropriate hygiene, physical distancing and contact tracing protocols will apply.

Farm Safety Week



National Farm Safety Week 2020, focused on educational programs to help make farms safer, especially for children.

Children in Victoria's outer regional areas aged younger than 15 are four times more likely to die due to injury than children in major cities. Drowning is the leading cause of death of children on farms.

Two programs took place in Victoria to target primary and secondary school students to increase awareness of known injury hazards such as dams, farm equipment and off-road motorbike use.

Teaching children about farms as workplaces is a vital part of changing attitudes, with information showing children influence the decisions their

parents make, in turn improving farm safety for the whole family.

Stay connected

On the subject of being connected, the Victorian Government is offering grants for community organisations, incorporated not-for-profit and industry groups through the 'Let's Stay Connected Fund'.

The fund offers eligible groups between \$5,000 and \$200,000 to support innovative, community-based initiatives that build connection, reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and can also be implemented quickly, in order to provide much-needed support across the state.

The funds could help groups adapt the way they deliver programs or events, improve their digital skills or help develop new ways for people to volunteer while maintaining physical distancing.

The funds will boost communities and support them to develop new ideas to stay connected, highlighting the link between social connection and community wellbeing.

Applications for the Let's Stay Connected Fund are open until 31 August and applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible at www.djpr.vic.gov.au/lets-stay-connected.

Small business financial counselling

The Rural Financial Counselling Service is offered to eligible small businesses or those looking to start a small business in North West Victoria.

The free service is a confidential and independent program that aims to provide businesses with the tools to make informed financial and business decisions. The counsellors can provide advice on such things as: record keeping practices, debt management, employer obligations, taxation, lending institutions and support services.

Since 1984 Rural Financial Counselling Services has assisted farmers and small business owners to understand their business results and position and have helped with planning and developing business options.

On Tuesday 4 August 7pm, Loddon Shire Council hosted a virtual information session with Rural Financial Counselling Services for Loddon Shire businesses who wanted to know more about what assistance the service can give to their business.

This session was for one hour and aimed to help business owners work on their business not in their business.

Stage 3 restrictions



Regional Victoria returned to Stage 3 restrictions for six weeks. This means that there are now only four reasons to leave your home: shopping for food and essential items, care and caregiving, to exercise, and work and study (if you can't do it at home).

These restrictions also mean that you can't have visitors to your home, and schools have returned to remote learning.

Businesses will also return to Stage 3 restrictions – this includes the closing of pubs, while cafes and restaurants are take-away only.

Unfortunately these restrictions also mean the closure of our parks, playgrounds and outdoor gym equipment.

Council's Wedderburn and Serpentine customer service offices continue to remain closed to the public. However, you can call our customer service on 5494 1200, or email loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au

All Goldfields Libraries branches and agencies have closed and are expected to remain closed until at least Sunday, 13 September (in line with the Victorian Government's anticipated easing of Stage 3 restrictions).

The Goldfields Library teams will still be hosting online programs and events – including Storytimes (via Zoom, YouTube and Facebook).

You can also enjoy a range of online library services, such as eBooks, audiobooks, digital magazines and newspapers, family history and learning at home resources, movies and television, children's activities and wellbeing activities.

Visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/ to find out more.

If you have any queries or would like more information, please email or give your local library a call and leave your details. A staff member will then give you a call back.

You can follow any Council updates on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/LoddonShire as well as our website www.loddon.vic.gov.au

For a full list of Stage 3 restrictions, as well as

updates and advice about COVID-19, please visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Going back to Stage 3 restrictions will no doubt be challenging for many of us. Please ensure to support those around you however you are able – be it a phone call, video chat, a text or through a message on social media. As we saw the last time we faced these restrictions, I am sure our community will once again work together and help each other out during this time.

Rates and COVID-19 Hardship Policy

With the distribution of rate notices from late last week, I just wanted to remind our community that Council has implemented a COVID-19 Hardship Policy. This policy helps ratepayers experiencing difficulty in meeting rate payment deadlines – whether you pay your rates by instalment or in full.

For people suffering financial hardship, Council can help by discussing payment plans for rates and charges that are tailored to suit a ratepayer's individual needs. Deferments of rate payments for a short time can also be negotiated.

If you're paying your rates by instalment, the first instalment is due on 30 September 2020. If you choose to pay your rates in full, the payment is due on 15 February 2021.

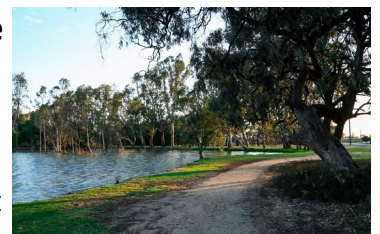
You can also now receive your rates notices electronically via EzyBill. This safe, securely hosted and easy-to-use system lets you receive future rate notices electronically to your email address. You will just need a copy of your latest rate notice to register. If you have any questions regarding your rates notice or would like more information regarding Council's COVID-19 Hardship Policy, please call the rates department on 5494 1200.

Funding for Little Lake Boort Footpath Project

In some positive news, the Victorian Government recently announced funding of \$50,000 to complete the Little Lake Boort foreshore footpath project, through its *Building Works* package.

Healthy Heart of Victoria has also provided \$5,000 in funding towards the project and Council \$5,000 in-kind support.

The footpath, to be constructed at the northern end of the lake, will allow community members to walk,



run or ride around the lake without needing to cross the main road, providing an uninterrupted footpath and improved safety.

The funding for the footpath is very much welcomed. According to Council's Active Living Census 2019, Little Lake Boort was identified as the number one recreation facility used throughout the Loddon Shire. Completion of the footpath will not only improve this well-loved facility, but will have a positive impact on the community, including by encouraging physical activity.

The project was originally identified through the Healthy Heart of Victoria and the Boort community, with Boort Tourism Development Committee providing \$7,000 in seed funding to establish parkrun events (once easing of COVID-19 restrictions permit this). Parkruns are free, weekly community events held around the world.

The works are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Victorian Country Market e-commerce initiative

Loddon Valley producers are encouraged to join the Victorian Country Market (VCM) – an e-commerce initiative that promotes the best that regional Victoria has to offer.

The VCM is a unique and purpose-built site for regional vendors and producers to continue to showcase their quality products to Victorians. It also provides a way for the public to continue to support our farmers, growers, makers and traders during these uncertain times.

The VCM is not intended to replace any current e-commerce ventures or existing markets/networks. Instead the market aims to enhance and extend them – similar to regular farmers markets, trade show or field day would.

The market is free to join for the first year of operation, and includes free delivery within Victoria until the end of August.

To find out more visit:

<https://viccm.rechargevic.com.au/>

Projects update

A number of projects are currently underway in our Shire – including drainage works in Kiniry Street at Boort.

The works include underground stormwater drainage, new footpath as well as kerb and channel. The works are anticipated to be completed towards the end of September.

Initial preparation work for the replacement of Sloan's

Road Bridge over Bullabul Creek south west of Bridgewater is underway. All components for the new concrete bridge have been cast, with works to start soon on dismantling the old bridge for its replacement. The project is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Safety upgrade works on the Old Inglewood reservoir are also progressing, with works anticipated to be finished by the end of the year.

Please bear in mind that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the re-introduction of Stage 3 restrictions, there may be an impact on these projects' expected date of completion.



DANCING MAN: This now-famous still from a newsreel features an anonymous man dancing on the street in Sydney, Australia, after the end of WWII. It was featured on a 2005 commemorative \$1 coin.

<https://www.portnews.com.au/story/6885191/dancing-man-and-the-potential-spy-who-filmed-him/?cs=19316>

Remembering the end of WWII

On 15 August, it was 75 years since Japan surrendered and brought about the end of World War II for Australians – marking what's now known as Victory in the Pacific Day (VP Day).

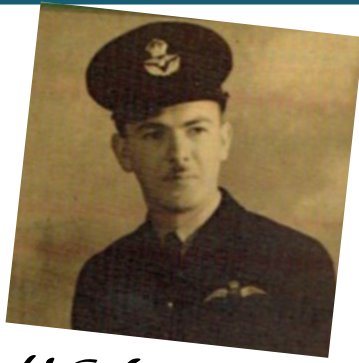
The Victorian Government is encouraging everyone to commemorate the day and pay tribute to the service of World War II veterans from our homes.

This includes an online ceremony which will be hosted by RSL Victoria and the Shrine of Remembrance on their Facebook pages from 11.20am on VP Day.

A series of virtual exhibitions and augmented reality experiences will also be held online to mark this significant anniversary. To find out more visit www.vic.gov.au/75th-anniversary-end-world-war-two-wwii

Thank you

JEFFERY – KEL



We would like to express our sincere thanks for the love, support, phone calls, cards, flowers and visits we received following the passing of our Dear Dad, Granddad and Great Granddad.

We would also like to thank the wonderful Medical Personnel, and Community, whose care, support and visits helped allow Dad to stay on his beloved farm.

Kaye, Michelle and Families



A LOOK BACK AT HISTORY TO REFLECT

This article was originally published in the Weekly Times on November 7, 2018

[HANNAH DRISCOLL,](#)

World War II Veteran prepared to mark significant day in history

The 94-year-old continues to run cattle on his 400ha property at Canary Island, near Boort, where his father and grandfather farmed before him. But he says it took him a while to settle back into farming life after he returned from WWII.



Picture: DANNIKA BONSER , Weekly Times 2018



***World War II Veteran farmer Kel Jeffery.
Picture: Dannika Bonser.***

THE bright red poppy pinned to Kel Jeffery's chest stands out against the golden landscape he has been part of almost his whole life.

Kel enlisted into the RAAF and served overseas in England and Scotland, mainly training pilots.

"I was very unsettled," he said. "You're with a lot of people when you're away ... then you come home to a totally different life."

At 11am on Sunday [11/11/2018], Kel and people from all over Australia and the world will mark a significant day in history: the centenary of the end of WWI.

While Anzac Day is a bigger event for Boort RSL, Kel says, he is expecting a strong turnout to the Sunday ceremony, where he has the "little job" of raising the flag.

On both of those dates, he says there is a lot to reflect on.

"We're very proud of what we achieved on Anzac Day, or tried to achieve — some of our results weren't perfect were they?" he said.

"It's to remind us of the fact that there are no winners, are there? Some lose more than others, that's about what it boils down to.

"It's good to have the young ones involved and to teach them a little bit about what is going on, more than I ever knew."

Kel buys cattle to fatten on his farm. He has about 80, but is planning to add to that number.

**ADVERTISING in the
About Boort Newsletter
will begin November 2020.**

Advertising is to support our local businesses and to serve our community.

Private ads also available for garage sales, selling goods, birth notices, obituaries.

Prices Per Month (artwork ready)

Price includes GST and payment is required prior to publication. *The digital version is produced as full colour.*

197w x 284h	Full page	\$200
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96w x 70h	Eighth	\$25
96w x 35h	Sixteenth	\$12.50

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www.farmerhealth.org.au/access-a-psychologist-online



**PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS
In the About Boort Newsletter**

Articles for the 'About Boort' newsletter must arrive by **9.00am on the 20th of the month** for inclusion in the next newsletter.
Email: bric.boort@bigpond.com



Digital devices for loan



Goldfields Libraries

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](mailto:beconnected@ncgrl.vic.gov.au) at beconnected@ncgrl.vic.gov.au or call on 5449 2700 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
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 6 months and over
- 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.



MEDIA RELEASE

Stand for Council

If you are considering standing for Council or curious about local government and the role of Councillors, attending one of these sessions will provide the information you are looking for.

The Municipal Association of Victoria is running two sessions for the Loddon community and potential candidates to gain a greater understanding of: the role and purpose of local government; the new Local Government Act; information about Loddon Shire Council and the municipality; roles, responsibilities and expectations of a councillor; the experience of being a councillor; and the electoral process and campaigning including key dates and information provided by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Details of sessions are:

Stand for Council - Community and Candidate Information Session 1

Date: Tuesday, 4 August 2020

Time: 2:00:00 PM - 4:00:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://event.me/GVlyRQ>

Stand for Council - Community and Candidate Information Session 2

Date: Tuesday, 18 August 2020

Time: 7:00:00 PM - 9:00:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://event.me/GVlyRQ>

Register now for zoom link and password for your session.



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Volunteering@Loddon LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

Loddon Shire is looking for a logo!
Design brief – Volunteering@Loddon logo

Loddon Shire is looking for talented young people to design a logo that is instantly recognisable as a Loddon Shire Council brand.

Volunteering@Loddon is a brand that will apply to Loddon Shire Council volunteer opportunities and resources.

Volunteering@Loddon logo design competition is open to any Loddon Shire resident 25 years and under who can design a logo that uses the Loddon Shire Council logo, font and colours as inspiration and that incorporates symbolism that represents volunteers and/or volunteering.

Entries:

The competition is open from Monday 10 August, 2020 and logos must be submitted by Monday 7 September 2020.

Each finalist will be invited to submit a biography for publicity purposes. Therefore each finalist will be required to sign a Photo and Information Consent Form.

The designer of the best 5 logos as shortlisted by the panel will be showcased on the Loddon Shire Council Facebook page and on the Loddon Shire Council website – one final ist a week.

The logos will be open the popular vote from Wednesday 23 September at 4pm until Wednesday 28 October 2020 at 5pm.

The winner will be the design with the most likes and shares on Facebook, each like and share worth one point.

The prize:

The winner will be offered a chance to work with a graphic design artist to fine tune their logo before it is unveiled to the public.

The winning logo will be unveiled to the public to coincide with International Volunteer Day Saturday 5 December 2020.

The winning designer will be presented with a prize of \$100.

Important Note:

The winning logo may not be used by Loddon Shire for the intended purpose of representing Volunteering@Loddon.

Use of the logo is at the discretion of Loddon Shire Council.

Please note:

All entries must be accompanied by a completed Photo and Information Consent Form which can be found on the Loddon Shire Council website www.loddon.vic.gov.au Alternatively, you can contact the Volunteer Support Officer on (03) 5494 1277 to have one sent to you.

Entries can be submitted .jpeg file format via email to loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au or submitted on USB in person or by post with a completed entry form and Photo and Information Consent Form to:

Volunteer Support Officer: Loddon Shire Council
41 High St, Wedderburn, Vic 3518

Questions?

Contact Volunteer Support Officer on (03) 5494 1277 or via email sdevereaux@loddon.vic.gov.au

The Rhyme of the Ancient Biker

His flowing silver mane framed a weathered face
The mantle of the seasoned biker and his halo of grace
A beard in hues of grizzled grey
Canvassed a portrait painted that way

His leathers all faded, scuffed and worn
Crafted the image that greeted the morn
Shrouded in vestments of the code
He made ready for the open road

With gloves and helmet under arm
He drifted to the chapel of his charm
The door rolled back and what a sight
Aura'd in awe and splendid might

There in raiments of red and gold
Noble in stature and written in bold
Beckoned with lust and tempting guile
A two wheel wonder sculptured in style

Gifted with majesty and Indian by name
Summoned an icon of historic fame
A thundering big twin to steal the soul
Throbbing with power and passion to roll

The old man with glint and wrinkled grin
Preened his beloved and primed her for a spin
He scanned its' form and awesome glory
While adding another chapter to the story

It growled like a tiger with one swift kick
A twist of the throttle had lighted the wick
He dropped the clutch and let her run
Taking off for adventure and the setting sun

Heading for a distant vista making for the grail
The rhythm of the black top caressed a saintly tale
It was poetry in motion to see him ride that day
A pilgrim on a mission and all that comes what may

Eighty cubic inches hummed a melody divine
Music to his ears while riding for the line
Trekking through the hinterland among the fields of green
Paradise scrolled its beauty and decorated the scene

Nirvana lit its lustre and the siren call did sing
Giving smile to the spirit of a biker on the wing
Basking in the moment of a ride so heaven-sent
Gunning for the far horizon 'till the day be spent

The pace be brisk while sweepers teased the dream
Where shadows dappled and danced a waltz supreme
The ballad of the odyssey is lyric to this tome
When the script be writ he turned the beast for home

The sun was sinking o'er the land
Thoughts of the ride and senses so grand
To reach for the sunset all fanciful and free
Is the opus and the anthem for him and for me.

Congratulations to our newest citizens

I'd like to congratulate our newest Australian citizens Ursula Fionne Dotollo Garchitorena as well as the Talaid family – Marissa De Leon, Rolando Cuizon and Raphael De Leon. All our citizens are originally from the Philippines.

It was a great honour to conduct the citizenship ceremony which was held virtually due to current COVID-19 restrictions.

Help develop the 2030 Community Vision

Council is asking residents to participate in developing the 2030 Community Vision as part of The Loddon Project.

The Community Vision will be a statement of our Loddon Shire communities' goals and aspirations for the future over the long term. We will be asking you to consider *What do I want my community to look like in the year 2030?*

You can have your say in a number of ways. This includes via the online survey at The Loddon Project

page on Council's website www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Community-Engagement/The-Loddon-Project

This webpage also provides updates regarding The Loddon Project and has a link to join The Loddon Project's Facebook group. I'll also provide regular updates about the project via my Mayoral Columns and messages.

You can also register your interest in joining The Loddon Project Community Reference Group by completing an Expression of Interest form which is available from the website.

Additionally, you can have your say by filling out brochure/worksheets that will be located at various locations across the Shire or you can take part in random phone sampling if you receive a call.

Virtual Loddon Valley Business Network evening

A virtual Loddon Valley Business Network evening will be held on Tuesday, 1 September at 7pm.

Council's Tourism Department will provide an update on tourism initiatives moving forward post COVID-19.

This virtual evening is open to Loddon Valley businesses directly or indirectly involved in tourism.

To register your attendance for the event, please email loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au by this Thursday, 27 August.

Once you've registered an email will be sent with a link to join the presentation.

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We provide free legal advice in areas that include:

- Child Protection
- Family Violence
- Parenting Arrangements (Family Law)
- Debt

To book a telephone or video link appointment, contact us:

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We can help people with family violence intervention orders via telephone at courts in Bendigo, Maryborough, Echuca, Kyneton and Castlemaine. Call us for more information.

SECONDARY LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

We also provide general legal information to workers in the health and community sector, to help you support your clients and make the most appropriate referrals. Secondary consultations are general in nature, so please do not share your client's name or any identifying information when speaking with our lawyers. Contact us to book a telephone appointment.




Boort District Health

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 and 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.

Donna Doyle | Director of Clinical Services

Boort District Health Phone: 0354 515 200

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v : 15200 | Email : Donna.Doyle@bdh.vic.gov.au

Kiniry Street, PO Box 2, Boort, Victoria, 3537

Web Site: www.bdh.vic.gov.au

For more information, or if you have any questions about the presentation, call the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 1257.

Kindergarten enrolments closing soon

Enrolments for four-year-old and three-year-old kindergarten in Loddon Shire close Monday, 31 August.

If your child will be three years old or four years old by 30 April 2021 and you live in the Loddon Shire, you can enrol your child via the online kindergarten enrolment form. If you live outside of the Loddon Shire, please contact Council's Early Years Department on 5494 1201.

For more information and to access the online kindergarten enrolment form visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Services-for-our-younger-residents and click on the Kindergartens link.

Shade structure grants now open

Applications for the Victorian Government's Community Shade Grants Program are now open to incorporated community organisations.

The program provides funding for new permanent shade, repair or replacement of existing permanent shade, natural shade, portable shade, and sun protective items

Applications close at 11:59pm on Friday, 11 September 2020.

To find out more or to submit an application visit www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/preventive-health/skin-cancer-prevention

Regional Growth Summit registrations open

Registrations are now open for the next virtual Regional Growth Summit on Wednesday, 2 September. The theme is **How to get your business to stand out.**

The one-day event will bring together business leaders from across regional, rural and outer metro communities. The summit also provides the opportunity to meet these business owners through interactive sessions and participate in a marketing masterclass or workshop.

The cost to join the Regional Growth Project is \$20 (for lifetime access). However, Loddon Shire residents are able to join for free by using the code: LoddonRGSPass

Registrations are open right up to the event. You can also register after the event to access recordings to watch at a later date.

To register (and to find out more) visit www.marketingentourage.online/courses/regional-growth-virtual-summit-sep-2020

Loddon Valley Spring Calendar postponed

Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the Naturally Loddon Spring Festival Calendar has been postponed for 2020.

I know our groups put in a lot of work to bring us these events. However, Council's tourism team is looking forward to bringing a fun-filled family calendar of events in 2021.

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“Think about who you love, then think about them in ICU.”

For Sarah, who's been battling coronavirus for nearly 8 weeks, being separated from her two little boys, has been heartwrenching. On top of coronavirus attacking every one of her body systems, intense pain and acute breathing difficulty, she still has no idea when she will be well enough to see her boys. Sarah's hope is that by us all doing the right thing, no one else will have to experience the heartache her family has.

Please, play your part and help stop the spread of the virus. If you have symptoms - please get tested. Payments of \$450 are available to help you stay home and wait for your test result.

**To learn more of Sarah's story
go to vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS**





Launch of The Loddon Shed – bringing the farm gate to the front door

Farm gate, handcrafted, pure and organic – Loddon Valley is rich with unique and gourmet products, creative crafts and eco-friendly microbusinesses.

The lands of Loddon allow for true sustainable living. A Mediterranean climate, rich soils, open plains and ancient granite outcrops, wetlands and forests teeming with life all attract innovative and eco-conscious creators, farmers and artisans to produce unique products in the region.

Now, thanks to an exciting new partnership between the Loddon Shire Council and The Food Purveyor, The Loddon Shed puts high quality produce and creations of the Loddon Valley Shire makers at the fingertips of discerning shoppers throughout Australia.

The Loddon Shed is an online store showcasing the best of Loddon food producers, growers and microbusinesses to offer a range of locally produced products in one easy shopping experience.

The online store allows customers anywhere in Australia the opportunity to purchase unique and hard-to-find gourmet and artisan products and have them transported directly to their door. Customers can also choose to have gift hampers custom made and delivered directly to the recipient, with a gift card.

The Food Purveyor's boundless experience makes it the ideal partner to put even the most niche business within reach of an extensive range of customers. By boosting the exposure and distribution opportunities, emerging and established local businesses will be able to prosper within the Loddon Shire.

The vast range of suppliers available through The Loddon Shed include the organic hand poured soap making company Xanna Natural, pure Blue Mallee eucalyptus oil, nougat sweet treats to enjoy with family and friends, uniquely creative Bridgewater Berets, wool grown, dyed and spun locally at Yaruga Plains, Woolly Warmers therapeutic heat pads made from wheat and wool, luxury soy candles created by

Little Red Candle Co, lovingly and organically grown saffron from Squirrel Gully Saffron and products from award winning olive producer Salute Oliva.

Bridgewater Bakehouse, Red Dog Chillies, Bush Track Bees, Chiron Organics, Pyramid Salt, Mincha Munchies, Simply Tomatoes, Billabong Organics as well as wines from Black Wallaby Wines, Blanche Barkly Wines and Newbridge Wines are all available from the store.

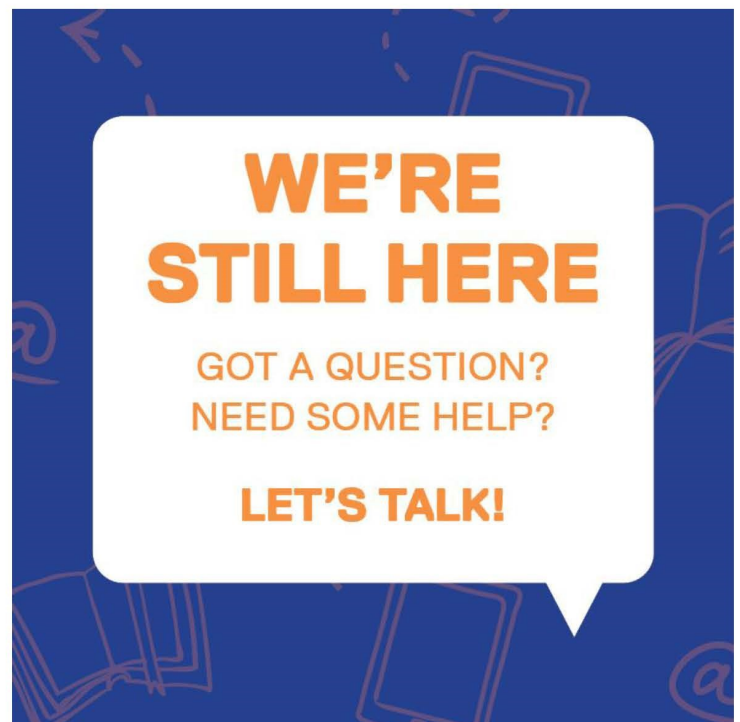
This store is the not only the perfect way for small businesses to extend their reach and sales as part of the recovery of COVID-19, it also offers a fantastic opportunity for our local producers to show the rest of Australia the great range of innovative and high quality products currently offered in the Loddon Valley.

The Loddon Shed was officially launched by Mayor, Cr Cheryl McKinnon on Tuesday 11 August at 7pm via Facebook live stream on www.facebook.com/Visitloddonvalley.

For more information visit

www.visitloddonvalley.com.au or contact

Shelby Hutchinson: shutchinson@loddon.vic.gov.au or (03) 5494 1278.



Libraries are closed, but we're still here!

Our libraries may be closed, but staff are still busy working! Please [call or email](#) if you need to get in contact. Leave your details and we'll get in touch as soon as we can. Even if it's just for a chat!

We can help out with [eBook suggestions](#), talk you through accessing or troubleshooting the [eLibrary](#), or how to sign up to one of our [online events](#).

We're all in this together, so please stay connected via our [social media channels](#) and check our [website](#) for up-to-date information.

And remember, social distancing doesn't mean social isolation!



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. 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



North Central LLEN

Creating opportunities for all children
and young people to be on their way to
success in education, work and life.

Child and Young Adult Census in Buloke and Loddon Shires

8 July 2020

The North Central LLEN is about to facilitate the trialling of a new early life monitoring system designed to follow the social and emotional development of children and young people to better understand how young Australians think and feel about their lives.

The project will focus from early childhood (birth to 3 years), into middle childhood (9 and 12 years), adolescence (15 and 18 years) and young adult life (18 to 21 years) and will be held across the Buloke and Loddon Shires, with the Young Adult Census as the first stage.

According to North Central LLEN Executive Officer Jane Hosking, this is the first time feasibility of a study of this magnitude has been undertaken in Australia, and the information will help inform the way we support all children and young people in the future.

"We know mental health and behaviour problems are among the most debilitating and costly health problems facing families, communities and countries globally."

"Most have their origins in the very earlier experiences of childhood and adolescence, with almost all problems peaking in adulthood (18-24 years)," said Ms Hosking.

"Despite this we currently have no systematic way of identifying young people at risk and informing government where supports are most urgently needed in the early life course."

"This method holds considerable promise for strengthening community-based approaches to promoting mental health, and preventing mental disorder, within and across generations, she said.

Ms Hosking says the project builds on decades of longitudinal research that has repeatedly shown that every age and stage of development matters in the trajectories that children and young people take.

"A life course approach to monitoring and supporting the social and emotional growth of children and young people is essential for strengthening populations to successful psychosocial adjustment across the entire life course," she said.

Participation is confidential and the first stage involves young people between the ages of 18 and 21 who have left school completing a short survey (less than 10 minutes) which can be found at redcap.link/youngadult.

The project is being led by the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) as an extension of the Australian Early Development Census in Victoria, in collaboration with Centre for Social and Early Emotional Development at Deakin University, the Human Early Learning Partnership (University of British Columbia, Canada), and the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne).

It is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Victorian Department of Education and Training, and the Ian Potter Foundation.

For more information about the Australian Early Developmental Census Extension Project, visit www.ncllen.org.au.

**For more information please contact:
Jane Hosking on 0439 886 339.**