



**Boort
Services and Opening Hours
over Christmas and New Year**



Shire Bin Collection: Bin collection will be as normal unless yours takes place on Thursday (Christmas Day) which will change to the following Saturday same for New Year's Day.

Loddon Shire Council: Offices will close at noon on Tuesday 23 December for the afternoon. The offices will then be closed from noon Wednesday 24 December and reopen at 8:15am Monday 5 January 2015

Shire Tips: Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day New Year's Day and Australia Day

Boort Pharmacy: Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. Otherwise opening hours as normal.

Boort Medical Clinic: Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. Otherwise opening hours as normal.

Lakeside Café: Closed Christmas Day only.

Arnold Family Butcher: Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. Otherwise opening hours as normal.

Boort Post Office: Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. Otherwise opening hours as normal.

Boort Emporium:
 Monday 22nd December Open 7:30am-8:00pm
 Tuesday 23rd December Open 7:30am-8:00pm
 Wednesday 24th December Open 7:30am-5:00pm
 Christmas Day CLOSED
 Boxing Day Open 7:30am-1:00pm
 Saturday 27th December Open 7:30am -2:00pm
 Sunday 28th December Open 10:00am-1:00pm

I.G.A.
 Closed Christmas Day,
 Boxing Day Open 10:00am -1:00pm
 Saturday 27th Open 8:30am-1:00pm
 Sunday 28th Open 10:00am-1:00pm
 New Years Day Open 10:00am -1:00pm

Frank's Café Closed Christmas and Boxing Days

BRIC: Closed from 3:30pm Wednesday 24th December
 Reopens 10:00am Monday 5th January 2015

Home Hardware: Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day



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COMING EVENTS 2015

Sunday 21/12/14 Carols by the Lake
 Thursday 25/12/14 CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES
 Monday 29/12/14 Blue Moose Café opens
 Tuesday 30/12/14 Boort Ski Club AGM

2015
 Saturday 3/1 Clara Stringer's 100th Birthday party
 Sunday 4/1 Murray to Moyne training rides commence
 Monday 5/1
 Thursday 8/1 Boort Aquatic Education Program
 Wednesday 7/1 Blue Moose Café closes
 January 10/1 Music & Market by the Lake
 Monday 12/1 to
 Thursday 15/1 Boort Aquatic Education Program
 Monday 19/1 Kerang Computers at BRIC
 Monday 26/1 Australia Day celebrations in Nolen's Park
 Wednesday 4/2 Tennis Coaching starts
 Friday 6/2 Probus guest speaker on organic apple orchard
 Friday 6/3 Probus AGM
 Sunday 15/3 Boort Cup Day Trots at Boort Park
 28/3 & 29/3 Murray to Moyne cycling relay event
 18/4 & 19/4 Fishing comp at Pental Island

Read on for more details



Dear Santa,
 This year, please give me a big fat bank account and a slim body. And please don't mix those two up like you did last year.
 Thanks

Boort Park Tablecloths

**Have you taken tablecloths home to launder and forgotten to return them?
 If so, please return them as soon as possible to Ian Mercer.**

Boort Business & Tourism Council Present

Twilight Market & Music by the Lake

Saturday 10th January

4pm till Late

Market Stalls
 Food & Drinks
 Kids Entertainment
 Licensed Bar

Adults \$5
 Children Free



All children under 18 must be supervised by a parent at all times

For more information contact tourism.boort@gmail.com



BRIC will be closed for the festive season from

Wednesday 24 December, 3:30pm

and will re-open on

Monday 5th January, 10:00 am

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all

Invitation To Celebrate Clara Stringer's 100 years

Boort Tennis Club rooms
Saturday 3 January 2015
Between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm
Cutting of the cake 3:00 pm.

Friends and community are invited to join us.

At Clara's request - No presents please.

We look forward to catching up,
Phyl, Don, Gwen, Pete, Joy, Rod
and Wendy

BOORT SWIMMING CLUB

The Boort Swimming Club, will be conducting their annual Aquatic Education Program in January 2015.

The program will be held at the Boort Swimming Pool on the following dates:

Monday 5th January to Thursday 8th January and Monday 12th to Thursday 15th January.

Groups are as follows:

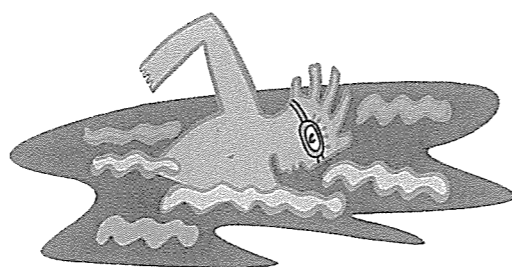
Water Familiarisation: 3 years
Water Confidence: 4 - 5 years (all pre-school kids)
Prep / Grade 1 Beginner

Cost is \$40 per child

Registration forms are available from BRIC and MUST be returned before Friday 19th December 2014.

For further information please contact myself.

Brooke Chamberlain
Aqua Education Program Co-ordinator Ph 0418 577226.



Please note: Articles need to arrive at BRIC by 9:00am on the 20th January for inclusion in the February newsletter - preferably by email to bric.boort@bigpond.com
Please be mindful of how lengthy reports can become as this makes a lot of work for the editorial team to précis the content where required.

Living Well with Diabetes and Heart Disease

Northern District Community Health Service has released a DVD containing a series of videos that provide tips for preventing and living well with diabetes or heart disease.

A copy of the DVD is available to borrow at BRIC.

FOOTY'S BACK IN 2015!

At a very well attended Annual General Meeting in November, Doug Aldrich was elected President of the Boort Football Club. With the aim of "Putting the fun into footy in '15", the 2015 committee were elected.

Di Johnston has taken over the Treasurer's position with Tom Bleicher the new Secretary. The 2015

Boort Football Club Committee also includes:

Ashraf Takla	Shane Featherby	Wayne Smith	Nathan Gooding
Mark Perryman	Robbie Kerr	Gordy Parker	Kane Arnold
Luke Stomann	Steven Lanyon		



Under Senior coach and Assistant coach, Sam Taylor and Aaron Wilson, and Reserves coach, Craig "Bunny" Robertson, the club is hoping to have a great year both on and off the ground. With many young players coming through, ex-locals returning and recruiting, we look forward to providing entertainment for all supporters and spectators. On the subject of recruiting – any ex locals, nephews, grandchildren or friends of friends

that may want a game of footy in 2015, please contact the club and give us some details. We need to attract a range of new players every year in order to get two teams out on the ground and provide the social and physical outlet that footy brings.

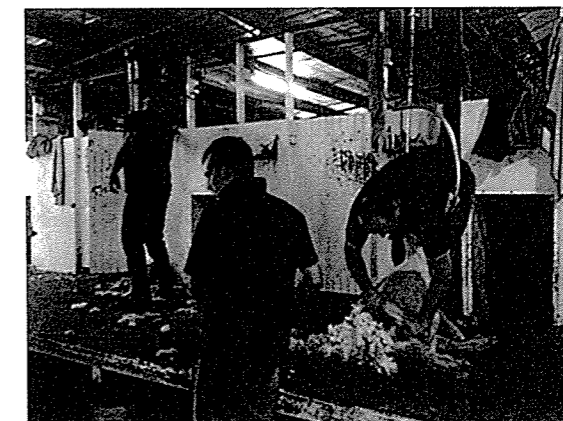
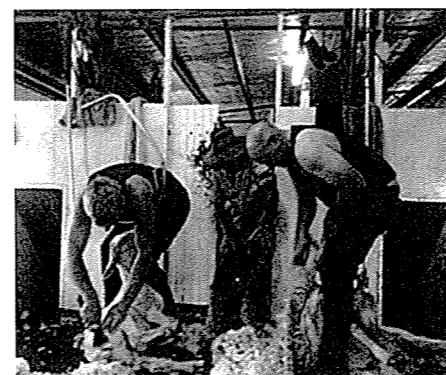
2015 will kick off in earnest on Sunday 18th January with a training run at 10:00am, beginning at Boort Park. This will be followed by a barbecue lunch and water ski session at the lake.

The 2015 NCFL Draw is now out and sees Boort open up its season against Birchip-Watchem at home on Saturday 11th April. The Sunday game on the ANZAC Day weekend against Wedderburn will also be an early season highlight. It will be a busy season, full of highlights, including hosting the Feeny Medal and a final of some sorts.

Thanks to all who turned out or contributed in any way at Perryman's Shearing Shed to kickstart our fundraising for 2015. Hard work (for some!), and a chance to have some food, drinks and a chat, were the order of the day. Some fat lambs are growing even fatter out at Lanyons!

All players and supporters are urged to come along on the 18th to support the coaches, committee and players for the next season. Look for the posters around mid January for more information.

Go Pies!



Kerang Computers at BRIC in January

Kerang Computers will be in Boort (at BRIC) on Monday 19th January. If you need your computers serviced, or if you need any computer consumables, contact Oscar on 0409 638 420 or oscar@kerangcomputers.com.au

2015 Murray to Moyne

A group of cyclists from Boort and Pyramid Hill will once again take part in the upcoming Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay. The event consists of a 520 kilometre relay from Echuca to Port Fairy with a night stopover in Hamilton and will take place on March 28 and 29, 2015.

This will be the 7th year running that local community members have taken part in this event to raise in excess of \$130,000 for the Urgent Care Centre at Boort District Health. Dr. Ashraf Takla will once again take on the role of team leader. This year, we invite anyone interested to take part in our training rides. Please see below for training schedule. Any enquiries can be sent to boortm2m@hotmail.com and donations can be delivered to Boort District Health.

JANUARY		
Sunday 4th - 7.00am	30/40km	training ride
Sunday 11th - 7.00am	30/40km	training ride - Durham Ox
Sunday 18th - 7.30am (leave Boort Ski Club 7.00am)	70/80km	training ride - Pyramid Hill
Sunday 25th - 7am	60km	training ride - Yando
FEBRUARY		
Sunday 1st - 7am	60km	training ride
Sunday 8th - 7am	60km	training ride
Thursday 12th - 8pm	30-40km	training ride
Sunday 15th - 7.30am	70-80km	training ride - Pyramid Hill
Saturday 21st - 7am	60km	training ride (Boort Hockey Club Triathlon Sunday)
MARCH		
Sunday 1st - 7am	70 - 80km	training ride
Thursday 5th - 8.00pm	30 - 40km	training ride
Long wknd Monday 9th - 8am	60km	training ride Pyramid Hill
Thursday 12th - 5pm	90km+	training ride Wychitella incl meal
Saturday 14th - 9am	10 - 20km	Parade ride around town (Boort Trots on Sunday)
Sunday 15th - 10am onwards		Selling raffle tickets Boort Trots
Thursday 20th - 8pm	30 - 40km	training ride Pyramid Hill
Sunday 22nd - 7am	90km+	Quamby cycle over, breakfast, cycle home
Thursday 26th - 8pm	30-40km	training ride
Friday 27th - 8pm		pack up vehicles with bikes & bags
M2M Weekend 28/29	520km	Echuca to Port Fairy - ride through Boort between 12.30-2pm Saturday 28th March

Boort & Pyramid Hill riders meet in Durham Ox for team photo

CAROLS BY THE LAKE

Come and join us for an evening of Community Christmas Carol singing and enjoy our great local talent.

Sunday 21st December at 8:00pm
Nolen's Park by the Lake.



BOORT CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 21st December

A.O.G. CHURCH — 6:00pm at the BRIC. All welcome.

Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

BAPTIST — 7:00pm: A Family Service followed by Christmas Pudding and Tea & Coffee. All welcome.

CATHOLIC — 7:00pm: Mass will be celebrated. All welcome.

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)

ANGLICAN — 9:00am: A Service to celebrate Christmas Day. All welcome.

UNITING & CHURCHES OF CHRIST —

9:00am: Combined service at the Uniting Church to celebrate Christmas Day. All welcome.



Boort Power Boat & Ski Club inc

The Annual General Meeting of the Boort Power Boat and Ski Club Inc

will be held on Tuesday 30th December, 2014 at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse.

All members are invited to attend

Pete Cameron
President

It's Blue Moose Season!

The Youth Dimension Blue Moose team will again be returning to Boort for the 2014/2015 summer!

From the 29th of December to the 7th of January the team will be run a youth drop in centre at the James Boyle Hall at Nolen's Park each night. Games, music, good conversation and atmosphere free, plus soft drink, lollies and more all available for a small price. New Year's Eve festivities will also take place on the 31st of December at the hall!

The Blue Moose Team will also be running a kids program for Primary School aged children on the 5th and 6th of January, from 9:00am-11:00am at the James Boyle Hall.

This year there will be a youth church service featuring young people from Boort alongside Blue Moose team members, it's sure to be a great night and everyone is welcome! This will take place at the Boort Baptist Church on Sunday night the 4th of January, from 7:30pm. (There will be no activities at James Boyle Hall this night)

Keep your eyes and ears open as the dates grow closer!

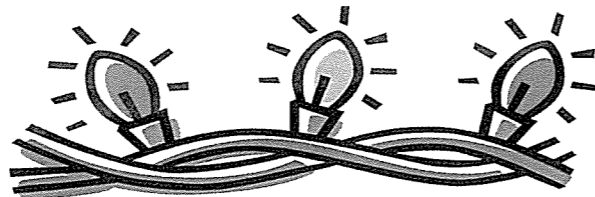
Thank you very much!

Amanda Parker.

BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL 2015

Key dates:

Office opens	22nd January
Book Collection	22nd January
Teaching staff commence	28th January
Year 11 & 12 commence	30th January
Year 10 students undertaking a VCE subject	30th January
All other students commence	2nd February
Canteen opens	2nd February
Labour Day Holiday	9th March
Term 1 ends	27th March
Term 2	13th April - 26th June
Term 3	13th July - 18th September
Term 4	5th October - 18th December



Well done to Boort Community Pharmacy for being judged as the best decorated business in the Amity Christmas lights competition and Congratulations to David & Merryn Rees on having the best decorated home which is in Holloway Street, Boort. Thank you to all the people who did go to the trouble of getting with the Christmas spirit by decorating their homes and businesses.

COURT HOUSE MUSEUM OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Wednesday 24th (Christmas Eve) 2:00- 4:00
and every Friday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm
and Monday 26th January Australia Day
2:00 - 4:00 pm

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Members of the public are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Boort Historical Society Inc. to be held at 2:00 pm on Friday 6th February 2015 in the Court House Museum.

EXERCISE PARKS

The Tourist Group is considering placing some "Exercise Parks" around the lake. Subject to funding of course. The areas being considered are Myrnong Beach, the boardwalk, pumping dam and the Angling Club. What do you think? Discuss with members of the Tourist Group.

Red Cross Centenary

Council has recognised the dedicated work of all Loddon's Australian Red Cross volunteers with the installation of a beautiful rose garden. The garden is a feature at the Serpentine Council office grounds. We are blessed to have had dedicated volunteers who have helped our community through rough times.

In recognition of Red Cross volunteer's hard work and dedication throughout the 100 years, the Shire has planted 10 red roses to represent each decade of Red Cross in Australia.

It is interesting to note that the Australian branch of Red Cross formed in response to World War I.

Hundreds of thousands of volunteers signed up during World War I and World War II, making Red Cross the largest volunteer charity organisation in Australia.

Post war, Red Cross has focussed on social welfare, national emergencies, natural disasters, the blood bank and first aid programs, which were sustained by the extensive branch network and thousands of volunteers.

Boort branch of Red Cross like so many others became non operational some time ago but the work of it's members over the years is fondly remembered and greatly appreciated.

About Boort is compiled by volunteers Jean Henderson, Jennie Weaver and Helen McDougal and printed using the facilities at BRIC. Funding is provided by the Shire of Loddon.

Defibrillator "How to" DVD available to borrow:

Just a reminder to all Community Groups – Boort CERT has accessed a training DVD and kit which is designed to help community groups practice their resuscitation skills. It allows you to familiarise yourself with Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use and is free to borrow from BRIC.



FIRST AID KIT reminder

Sincere thanks to all the Boort clubs and other groups who were happy to have their first aid checked. I feel it was a worthwhile exercise and all are now up to date. So now I would like to ask about workshops on the farm and in town, tractors, trucks and cars. Is your work place first aid ready? Is it signed for others to tell where it is kept? BRIC have a good small kit and George Tallis has a larger one for workshops etc. Please put it on your list of things to do in early 2015 if you need one. I'm happy to help with any queries. Honie Tweddle

V/Line Changes for Summer

In the heat of summer rail tracks expand and can buckle so trains need to slow down to make the trip safe and comfortable for customers. When the temperature hits 36 degrees V/Line applies heat restrictions. The train speed is reduced to 90km/h and this could extend the journey by more than 30 minutes. Heat speed restrictions usually affect services from midday to 8:00pm and the Swan Hill train is one of the most affected.

Some long distance services will be operated by VLocity trains as close to the destination as possible and then customers will be transferred to air-conditioned coaches for the remainder of the journey. The hot weather timetable will be activated two days in advance.

V/Line asks customers to allow extra travel time when the temperature is over 36 degrees. They can also sign up for V/Line Inform SMS or email updates and get the latest information through Twitter, via the My Line app or by visiting vline.com.au

Free Tram Travel in CBD from January 1 2015

The new free tram zone in the Melbourne central business district and docklands will operate from January 1 2015. Customers in Zone 2 will now be able to travel in Zones 1 and 2 for a Zone 1 fare. For this they will need to touch on and off with their myki as normal.

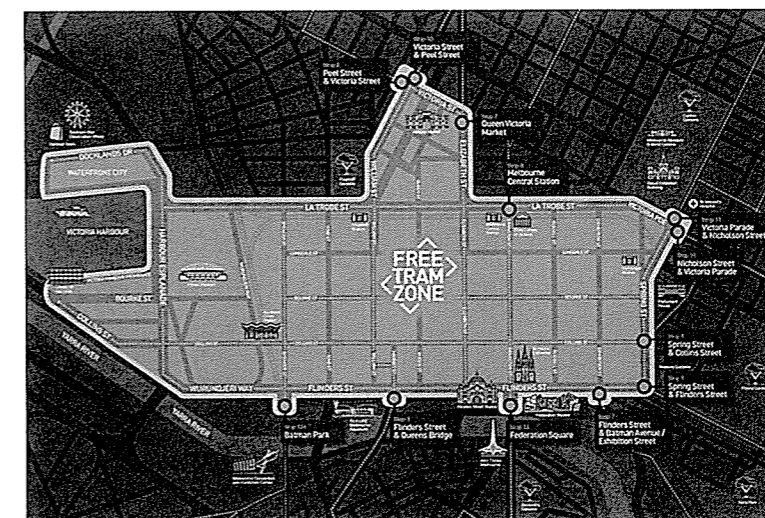
V/Line customers will still receive free metropolitan travel after touching on, depending on the zones they are travelling in. This applies on metropolitan trains, trams and buses.

Travel in 1-5 zones = 2 hour fare
Travel in 6-11 zones = 3 hour fare
Travel in 12-3 zones = 4 hour fare

Customers making a return/Line trip the same day will continue to receive unlimited travel in the zones covered by their return ticket.

People staying over night or more than one day in Melbourne can take advantage of the Free Tram Zone at no extra cost. (No myki card required to use Free Tram Zone)

Zone 2 will still exist and travel entirely within Zone 2 will be at a lower fare.



SANTA SUIT lost

A new full Santa Suit was on loan two or three years ago for a Christmas night at the Tennis Club. If anyone knows where the suit may be please Contact Marilyn Lanyon 5455 4237 I hope Santa is OK !! Happy Christmas to all. Marilyn.



Boort Angling Club Report

Last news letter for the year! We have no plans for any comps until February 2015. The next meeting will be the second Wednesday of February which will also be our annual meeting. Be sure to keep this in mind as the holiday season flows through.

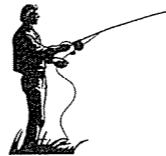
About 30 anglers, including Boort members, fished Lake Boga, recently, where over 200 carp were caught. Just shows that our lake is not too bad. Talking of carp, remember that Lake Merran is having a competition on New Year's Day.

There has been talk of members going up on the Edwards where there were a few cod of legal eatable size taken. Good luck to them.

That's about all for now but hope that a few can get away fishing over the break.

All have a happy Christmas and New Year.

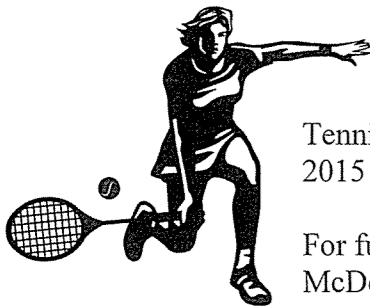
Ian



TENNIS COACHING WITH PETER BEWLEY

Tennis coaching with Peter Bewley will once again be offered during Term One 2015 in Boort – from Wednesday 4 February through to Wednesday 18 March.

For further information or to provide names, please make contact with Alister McDougal as soon as possible on 54552595 or 0427221098 or email at ahvmcd@bigpond.net.au Cut-off date will be Saturday 31/1/2015



Boort & District Proboscis Club February Meeting

10:00 am Friday 6th February at BRIC

Sally van Gent: Clay Gully, stories from an Apple Orchard

An Organic Orchard near Bendigo

Guests and visitors welcome.

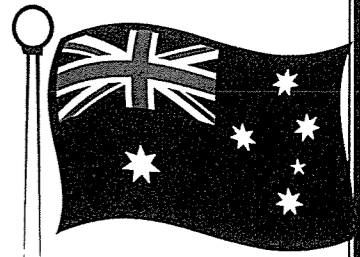
Following meeting is the AGM on Friday 6th March 2015.

Australia Day Celebrations in Boort

Monday 26th January

9:15am

Nolen's Park



Flag Raising, National Anthem & Morning Tea

Guest Speaker: Dr Rob Moodie Australia Day Ambassador

Rob Moodie is Professor of Public Health, University of Melbourne. Between 1998 and 2007 he was the CEO of VicHealth, the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation.

Since 1979 he has worked for Save the Children Fund, Medicins Sans Frontieres, the Aboriginal Health Service in Alice Springs, the Burnett Institute, the World Health Organization and the joint United Nations' Program on HIV/AIDS.

He chaired the National Preventative Health Task Force from 2008-2011 and he chairs the Technical Panel for the Gates Foundation's HIV prevention program in India. He chaired the Melbourne Storm Rugby League Club until 2011. He is Co-editor of four books, including Hands on Health Promotion, with his most recent being Recipes for a Great Life written with Gabriel Gate.

He is married to Anne, a physiotherapist, and they have two children, Nick and Penny.



Weed Boat Willy is launched again on Little Lake Boort and will be busy preparing for the water activities and the influx of visitors over summer.



When there's work to be done in Boort, leave it to our wonderful volunteers, with the support of the Little Lake Boort Development Committee.

SWIMMING POOL SHADE STRUCTURES

Shade structures have been erected across Loddon at each of the region's five pools. Each pool has benefited from a 10x10 metre shade structure installed in the shallow end of each of Council's five pools. Wedderburn and Mitiamo also received shade structures over the toddler's pool while Boort had a shade structure installed over its barbecue area and learner's pool. The project cost \$150,000, with \$110,000 from the state government's Sport and Recreation Fund and Loddon Shire Council chipping in the remaining \$40,000. The shade structures will not only provide an attractive feature, but they will also provide swimmers with more protection from the harsh sun.

Council invests in emergency water supply points for farmers

Farmers are yet to see a reprieve from the dry weather conditions with dams across Loddon drying up, and current forecasts predicting an extended and dry summer period.

In light of current pressures being placed on farmers to keep water up to their stock, Council has stepped up to the challenge and has been working with the Victorian Farmers Federation to provide a viable solution for emergency stock and domestic water supplies over the pending summer period as well as into the future.

Last month Council put together a plan to install four emergency water supply standpipes, thus expanding the existing standpipe network from seven to 11. The new standpipe sites are different from the existing facilities in that they will not operate on the existing Avdata key system and will not provide for an overhead fill point (i.e. low fill point only).

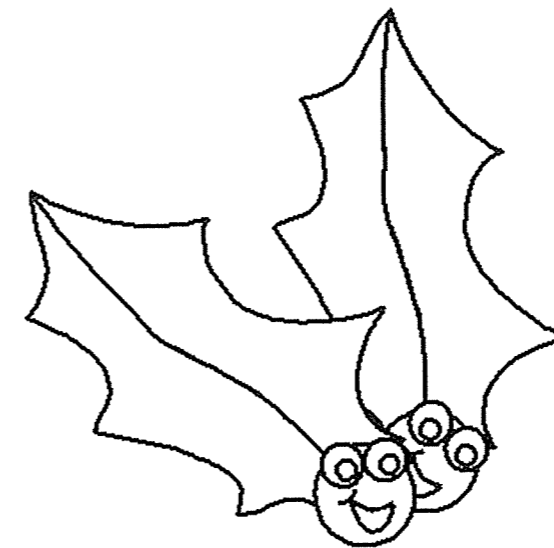
The four new supply points have been located on either existing pressurised pipelines or groundwater bores in areas believed to offer the best accessibility to those farmers most affected by the dry conditions. Operation of the emergency supply points will be different to existing standpipes in that residents wishing to access water from these sites will need to register at the Shire office and obtain a manual key and log book.

New emergency supply standpipe locations are as follows: the corner of Borung-Wedderburn Road and Boort-Wedderburn Road, at the Bridgewater Recreation Reserve, Logan Bore on the Emu-Logan Road and at Yeungroon. The installation of these four standpipes is a worthy investment into Loddon's farming future and it's expected to help the hip pocket for many farmers around the region.

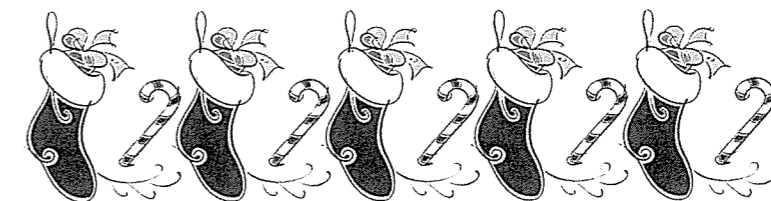
For further information or details about how to access or operate the emergency water supply points contact the Loddon Shire office on 5494 1200. For the location of all 11 standpipes or to determine whether supplies from particular standpipes are potable or non-potable visit Council's website at www.loddon.vic.gov.au

Christmas Word Search

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| holly | stuffing |
| lights | tinsel |
| mistletoe | turkey |



- Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
 A. "Its Christmas, Eve."
- Q. Why is turkey popular at Christmas?
 A. Because the weather is warmer over there.
- Q. What is the most popular whine at Christmas?
 A. "Do I have to eat my brussel sprouts?"