

BOORT

EDITION 126 March 2015

COMING EVENTS 2015

Friday 27/2	Family Movie Night @ BDS
Friday 27/2 & Saturday 28/2	Charlton Film Festival - 5 films
Tuesday 3/3 to Tuesday 31/3	Play Golf Women's Clinic
Wednesday 4/3	Future Farming Expo.
Friday 6/3	Probus AGM - 2:00 pm no lunch
Friday 6/3	Historical Society 3:30 pm
Friday 6/3	World Day of Prayer 10:00 am
Friday 6/3	Boat Safety course at BRIC
Monday 9/3	Labour Day public holiday
Tuesday 10/3	Mobile Bras fitting service
Saturday 14/3	Open Day - Boort's hidden treasures
Sunday 15/3	Boort Cup Day Trots at Boort Park
Tuesday 17/3	Women's Clinic
Thursday 19/3	Hockey registration
28/3 & 29/3	Murray to Moyne cycling relay event
Sunday 29/3	Boort Golf Club opening day
Friday 3/4	Good Friday
3/4 to 6/4	Easter Tennis Tournament
Saturday 4/4	"Easter market by the lake"
Wednesday 8/4	First Aid course at BRIC
Saturday 11/4	BFNH .v. Birchip Watchem
Saturday 18/4	Boort NCFL bye
18/4 & 19/4	Fishing comp at Pental Island
24/4, 25/4, 26/4	ANZAC Commemoration exhibition

Boort Men's Shed needs your help!

Keep reading, we're not after your money!

Boort Men's Shed are looking for some projects to keep us busy. We'd be happy to hear from community groups or organizations that need something done. This could include small construction projects, repairs, painting or maintenance; basically anything that has a community benefit.

Please make contact through Kev Sutton, Ken Loader, Tony Cooper, Greg Currie or any of the men's shed blokes.

We are reliant on our recycling of **aluminium cans** (uncrushed) and car or tractor **batteries** for our income. If you can help out and drop some off at the shed (or ask us to pick them up) we'd be very grateful.

BOORT TROTTING CLUB 1891-2015

AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST CONTINUOUS RACING CLUB

Loddon Valley Stud Pacers Cup & Haras Des Trotteurs Trotters Cup
Sunday 15th March 1st race at 1:15

Boort District Health & Ovarian Cancer Fundraiser

Whitmores Bus lines Fashion On The Field \$1000

Win N & D Beattie- Trips to Mildura Cup for 6 days or Noosa 5 days

Live Entertainment - Katie Streader

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2015

Different communities throughout the Shire structured their Australia Day ceremonies in different ways, but the same spirit of celebration and thankfulness was common to all.

The James Boyle Hall in Boort was packed to capacity for the annual celebration which is very well catered for by the Amity Club of Boort.

Congratulations again to the 10 recipients of the Shire's citizenship honours for their remarkable service to their communities.

The winner of our Citizen of the Year award, Des Roberts of Rheola, has given so generously of his time over many years.

Our Young Citizen of the Year winner Crystal Shaw-Beck of Dingee, is a young person of great character, while Community Group of the Year Boort Swim Club has distinguished itself by its dedicated group of skilled and passionate volunteers.

Well done to our community service award winners – Honie Tweddle from the Boort Ward, Ian Penny from Inglewood Ward, Fraser Ramsay of Tarnagulla Ward, John Twigg from Terrick Ward and Keith Ring from the Wedderburn Ward.

Bryan Jolly from Dingee was awarded an Australia Day award for his outstanding achievement in sport.

The Boort Swimming Club was awarded the Loddon Shire's Community Group Award.

In the Australia Day colouring & literature competitions, Macey Holland (Boort) won for Grade 6, Grace Field (Boort) for year 9 and her sister Felicity was highly commended.

Photography Ben Rothacker (Boort) and Olivia Pickersgill (Pyramid Hill) shared the honours in the senior category.

While we happily salute these individuals for their generosity in donating so much time and thought to their local communities, we, as a Council, must also thank the many others in our towns and districts who do a great deal – often unrecognised – to contribute to the life of their neighbours.

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Grant money on offer

Local sporting and community organisations have until Friday 1 May to stake a claim for a share of the \$200,000 pool, now available under Council's annual Community Grants Scheme.

The idea is that such grants go towards projects which develop or improve existing community facilities, provide activities or deliver services that improve the quality of life for Loddon residents.

Over the past 15 years, Council has invested more than \$1.4 million in around 650 projects, worth, in total, \$5 million.

The scheme funds projects on a 2:1 basis, with Council giving \$2 for every \$1 contributed by the applicant.

The most that can be applied for is \$10,000, which requires a contribution of at least \$5000 from the applicant, either cash or in-kind or both.

Last year, 44 grants were made, taking up almost the full allocation.

For more information, please phone Tony Bellenger on 5494 1200.

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MATES Program needs you

The MATES Reading Buddies program is up and running again at Boort District School. MATES Reading Buddies is a program in which a volunteer adult forms a mentoring relationship with a student from Prep to Year 6 at the local school, through reading together. Boort District School currently has 4 regular mentors who spend some time each week with their special young person at the school. Although the usual activity is reading together, the main benefit is in the trusting relationship that develops. To provide a good mix of people as mentors, we are now particularly calling for any Boort men who can give an hour of their time each week.

Volunteer reading buddies require a Working with Children check (costs are reimbursed by the school) and are given a one-hour induction at the school – Boort District School will be holding another induction before the end of March, so if you are interested in this program, please contact Angela Poxon at Boort District School on 5455 2201 or Loretta Beattie at BRIC on 5455 2716.



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mentor assist target engage skills
Reading

Boort District School Parents' Club Family Movie Night

Parents' Club would like to invite all Families to an outdoor movie experience!

Friday 27th February 2015

Boort District School Oval

Pre-movie entertainment commencing at **7.30pm**

Movie commencing at **8:00pm** (Depending on light)

Drinks, popcorn and snacks available for purchase

BYO chairs and blankets

Cost \$5.00 per person

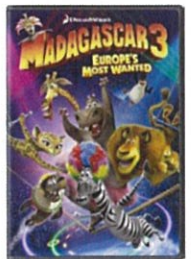
or

\$20.00 per Family

MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED

In the event of adverse weather conditions the movie will be held in the Community Centre.

Please park your car at Boort Park



ANZAC COMMEMORATION

The Boort Historical Society will be staging a display of World War I memorabilia on the weekend of 24th, 25th, 26th of April, 2015.

Any items which you can loan for exhibition at this special time will be guarded carefully by the Boort Historical Society and returned to you for safe keeping after the event.

A massive amount of work is going into this display to honour our local service men and women of World War I. Please help us to do them proud.

Contact: Robert Coutts President or Jennie Weaver Secretary.
Boort Historical Society Inc.

BOORT HOCKEY CLUB
ANNUAL TOMATO PICK

Place your orders now as we will be picking tomatoes soon.
Free delivery within a 25 km radius of Boort. \$15 per 10 kg box.
Phone Jacqui Verley 0419094449 54552307
Please support this major fundraiser.

HOOKIN2HOCKEY

Boort Hockey Club registration night - Thursday 19th March commencing from 3:45 pm at Boort Park
Lanyon.roslyn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au 0428 543 202

PARTNERS IN RECOVERY

This program is for people experiencing severe and persistent mental illness, who also have complex needs which require a comprehensive and co-ordinated response from a range of sectors - including health, housing, income support, disability, education and employment. The program is a Federal government initiative.
Email: pir@lmmml.org.au

Local contact: Kerry Harrower,
Northern District Community Health Service.

CHARLTON FILM FESTIVAL

SCREENING 5 FILMS

***Friday 27th and Saturday 28th
February.***

LODDON HEALTHY MINDS NETWORK

Mental Health First Aid instructor training – Course sponsorship
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training ensures that the skills to assist people with mental health problems are spread beyond mental health professionals, and contribute towards improved support, early detection and treatment of mental health problems while reducing stigma attached to mental illness.

Having qualified MHFA instructors delivering programs in our community ensures that we are teaching people the first aid skills needed to support people with mental health problems.

The Loddon Healthy Minds Network is providing up to \$5,000 sponsorship for one Loddon resident to undertake the standard Mental Health First Aid Instructor training course.

Sponsorship guidelines and an application form can be obtained from:

Stacey Williamson: Telephone 5437 7999 Email healthyminds@loddon.vic.gov.au
Website: <http://loddonhealthyminds.com.au>

Further enquiries about this position may be directed to Wendy Gladman, Director Community Wellbeing, on 5437 7999. **Applications close on Monday 30 March 2015 at 9.00am.**

Boort just got a little friendlier

The Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) has officially declared Boort as an RV Friendly Town.

The partnership will encourage travellers to visit Boort and in turn provide an economic boost to the community.

The CMCA do an evaluation of the general attitude of small communities and local councils as part of its assessment when identifying RV Friendly Towns.

The advantage of Boort becoming an RV Friendly Town is that the business community will benefit from the dollars spent by these mobile travellers. The value of road based tourism in Australia is estimated to be \$7 billion per annum. It is important for Loddon, especially as a regional municipality, to attract as much of this revenue as possible.

RV = Recreation Vehicle (as in caravan or motorhome with built in toilets and showers)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING ON 6TH MARCH WILL BE HELD AT 3:30 PM DUE TO WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND PROBUS BEING ON THE SAME DAY.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March 10:00am

St Patrick's Catholic Church

Guest speaker – Tricia Currie Northern Districts Community Health

The focus of prayer for this year is **The Bahamas**.

The Bahamas is an island country consisting of more than 700 islands.

This beautiful area of the world, known as a tropical holiday destination for the rich and famous, is struggling with hidden violence.

Domestic violence crosses all races, social and economic backgrounds, cultures, religions and relationship types. The effects of violence within the home are far reaching and devastating, particularly to families and children.

We invite you to join us as we pray for the people of the Bahamas.

All welcome!

Please also join us for morning tea after the service.



Northern District Community Health Service's Women's Health Clinic including Pap Testing

Consult our Women's Health Nurse about all women's health issues such as pap smears, breast health, contraceptive advice & menopause.

Boort

17th March 2015

In our office at BRIC in a comfortable and confidential environment.

**Please Phone: 5451 0250 for
appointment.**

Cost: \$10.00 or \$6.50 concession

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In Boort

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Tuesday 10 March at BRIC

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bestbras@hotmail.com



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Boort & District Probus Club March AGM

2:00 pm Friday 6th March at BRIC – note time– no meal

Guests and visitors welcome.

Following meeting is on Friday 10th April 2015 at 10am: Barry Kennedy travels in Canada and USA.

Open Day

Saturday 14th March

Here's your chance to discover Boort's Hidden Treasures

We at Simply Tomatoes are organizing a special self drive OPEN day to share our Boort treasures with you and fund-raise for the Boort Murray to Moyne cycling team and Boort Business and Tourism Council.

The Murray to Moyne team fund raise for Boort Hospital Emergency Care Equipment and have raised over \$100k since 2004. So we are throwing open our doors to you (or gates as the case may be) and asking you for a donation to aid the fundraising.

Come along, have a lovely day out and see something new in your own backyard!

10:00am - 12:30pm Simply Tomatoes & Aussie Wool Quilts- Boort

Collect your open day ticket here and enjoy a delightful morning tea, meet the menagerie, stroll the garden & see our 3 manufacturing operations: pickled green tomatoes, wool bedding & wheat and wool therapeutic heat pads. Entry by donation, morning tea and tour included.

GPS address - **479 Parkers Road, Yando** (off the Boort-Kerang Rd)

12.30pm - 2.30pm Pop along and explore the local shops and museum in town. Enjoy lunch (own cost) at one of these great venues; Frank's Café, Commercial Hotel, Railway Hotel, The Lakeside Café, even picnic by our lovely lake! **3:00pm - 4:30pm The SpannerMan** John & Sonia Piccoli's remarkable Spanner Sculpture Garden is a fascinating attraction. Set in 2 acres of beautiful garden, with a wonderful array of birds, including rare macaws, and the world class sculptures that have been designed, created and erected by John, made entirely from spanners. You'll love it, even if you've been before, there'll be something new! Entry \$5 to Boort Tourism **1314 Quambatook Road, Boort**

4 - 5.30pm Visit **Salute Oliva** boutique olive grove on the edge of town. Hear about Swiss couple, Peter & Marlies Eicher's journey from engineers to successful organic and eco friendly olive farmers.

Entry by donation, tour & tastings included. **5 Templeton Drive, Boort**

RSVP preferred 5455 4237 annie@simplytomatoes.com.au

ANGLING CLUB REPORT

We are back! Not because of fishing though, just the summer break. There have although, been a few who braved the hot weather flies and mozzies to catch some good sized cod, I believe. A group of us travelled for a five day trip to the bay, due to strong winds ended up as a two days fishing. We were able to luckily, catch a few flathead and small snapper to 35cm.

Our AGM was held early this month.

Positions stay the same:- President -Ron Hird, Vice President—Alan Wilson, Secretary—Fred Lanyon, Treasurer- Jack Kane, Ass. Treasurer—Troy Perryman

Subs remain the same:- Single \$10 Family \$20

Comp fees:- \$5 Children 16 and under Free

Meeting nights, in the clubrooms, are the second Wednesday of the month. This year we are holding our meetings as social nights with BBQs (bring your own) or pizza etc. Only comp details will be discussed, general meetings will be held when business is required.

Up coming Competitions.

Feb 28th March 1st

At Nyah in conjunction with Lake Boga club This will be our Feb comp.

Feb 28th March 1st

Barham and Koondrook

March 16th 18th

Our club is taking a bus to Western Port for a fishing charter. Camping will be at the courtesy of the charter operator. The cost of the charter for one and a half days is \$250 which includes meals on board plus all fishing tackle and bait. Other costs would include the bus, other meals and drinks. If interested give Alan Wilson a call on Mobile 0429 798 352 This is a mid week event and due to weather the date may change.

April 11th 12th

Bendigo Club at Lake Eppalock

April 18th 19th

Mid Northern Ass. of Angling Clubs at Pental Island

This year run by Lake Boga Club. This is the annual competition between clubs, which includes us. We will be running our own comp at the same time at this venue.

Hope that has filled every one in on our up coming events

Happy fishing and good luck.

Ian

Boort Golf Club Opening on Sunday 29th March

The Boort Golf Club for 2015 will be in the hands of President Andrew Kane, Captain Stuart Tweddle and the ladies will be guided by President Pauline Gardner and Captain Loraine Linehan.

The Boort Golf Club season will commence on Sunday 29th March and all intending players are invited to the opening. There will be a barbecue at 12:30pm followed by 14 holes of golf commencing at 1:30pm. Cost is \$10 per player.

This cannot happen without lots of work going into the preparation of the golf course and the Club would welcome anyone that can assist in this. Please contact Andrew Kane, Barry Kennedy or Stuart Tweddle as the course needs cleaning up and there is a new shed to be erected.

The ladies will have a meeting shortly and a working bee for cleaning the Club House will be organised then and to arrange the Ladies Opening and season fixtures.

New lady players are reminded of the "Have Fun Golf Clinics" being run by the Club each Tuesday in March 7:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a great opportunity to get a feel for the game of golf. Enquiries to Andrew Kane 0428 378 738



Discover the latest farm research and innovation at the third annual Future Farming Expo.

Listen to experts, scientists and industry colleagues and share ideas with like minded farmers who are looking to take their farm businesses to the next level.

When: Wednesday, March 4.

Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm

Where: Rich River Golf Club Resort, Twenty Four Lane, Moama NSW 2731

RSVP: Places are strictly limited, RSVP is essential

Email: info@nccma.vic.gov.au or Phone: 03 5448 7124

Further info: www.nccma.vic.gov.au.

The expo is a free event brought to you by the North Central CMA, Goulburn Broken CMA and Murray Landcare.

- Regenerative agriculture
- Soil health
- Enterprise stacking
- Value adding
- Online marketing
- Irrigation modernisation
- Rabbit control
- Climate science
- Nitrogen management
- Farmer stories
- Sustainable agriculture
- Maximising profit

Provide First Aid (Level 2)



Where: Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC)

When: In the school holidays, on **Wednesday 8th April**, from 9:00am – 3:30pm.

The cost: \$145 (if we have 9 or more participants)

CPR – **can be done as a stand-alone unit**
(in the morning session) - \$80

This course is nationally recognised and accredited and a certificate will be issued upon successful completion. Accreditation is for three years.

BOAT SAFETY COURSE

At the completion of this 4-hour course, participants receive a certificate which they can present to Vic Roads, whereupon a licence will be issued. No further testing is required.

Date: Friday 6th March 2015

Time: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Venue: BRIC

Cost: \$115.00 (boat only)
\$140.00 (includes the jetski component)

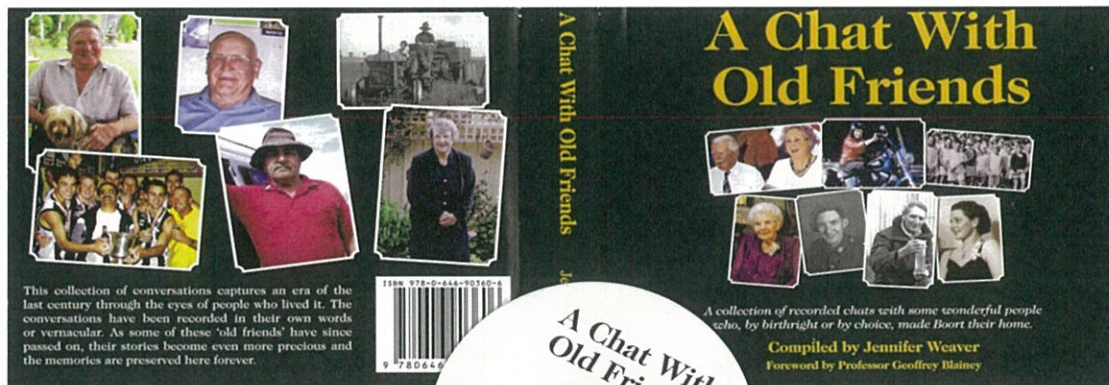
Tutor: Australian Volunteer Coastguard, Eppalock

Participants: Minimum 10

Requirements: Participants must be aged 12 or older. Must supply appropriate proof of identity (e.g. passport, driver's licence or learner's permit) - enquire at BRIC regarding evidence of ID requirements



Call BRIC on 5455 2716 to enrol or if you have any queries.



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Ideal for those who enjoy reading with their ears.

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Boort Emporium, Lakeside Café or
Boort Historical Society,
P.O. Box 144, Boort. 3537
0428133381
Jennie Weaver

DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE.

Commencing Wednesday 18th March, 2015.

At Wedderburn Community Centres' HUB, Chapel St. Wedderburn.

This is an 18 month course, with one day a week in the classroom, one day a week placement, course work to be completed at home.

The course will be run by a reputable Bendigo RTO (Registered Training Organisation).

Fees for the full course depend on student status, concession status, etc.
Very reasonable cost.

As of June 2015 all preschools & childcare centres will have to have more than half their staff with the Diploma.

Be ahead of the pack! For more information or to book a place 54943489.



Boort Business & Tourism Council COM

Easter Market by the Lake

Following the success of our inaugural 'Twilight Music & Market by the Lake' in Boort, we have decided to run a similar event on Easter Saturday when our town is once again abuzz with visitors and the Annual Easter Tennis Tournament.

The Easter Market by the lake will be held on Saturday 4th April 2015 from 11:00am at Nolen's Park. There will be local stallholders, food, drink and children's entertainment.

If you are interested in operating a stall at the market please email tourism.boort@gmail.com or phone Brooke on 0400 791 959 as soon as possible.

More information will be available soon – please start spreading the word to family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you all on the first weekend in April.

Boort Business & Tourism Council COM Calendar of Events:

Saturday 14th March 2015 - Open Day "Discover Boort's Hidden Treasures"

Sunday 15th March 2015 – "Birdcage" @ Boort Trots (In conjunction with Boort Trotting Club)

Saturday 4th April 2015 – "Easter Market by the Lake"

Sunday 16th August 2015 – "Tour de Boort"

Sunday 6th September 2015 – Father's Day at Piccoli's Star Spanner Sculptures & Gardens

Saturday 10th October 2015 – "Sculpture by the Lake" @ Boort Show

Saturday 31st October 2015 – "Luncheon by the Lake"

Friday 11th December 2015 – Christmas Street Festival

Saturday 2nd January 2016 – "Twilight Music & Market by the Lake"

Become a "friend" of Boort Business & Tourism Council.....

The primary objective for the BBTC is to promote Boort. Over the next year we will be very busy hosting a variety of events to improve our profile as a quality tourist destination. Many of these events can also be enjoyed by local people and therefore provide benefits for all our community.

We are looking to establish a volunteer database to assist with the logistics and running of these events. It may be assisting on the gate for an hour, setting up tables & chairs, providing a food donation or an endless list of smaller jobs which always require completion.

Our committee is only small – we would therefore be grateful to anyone who may be interested in assisting our group. You are not expected to attend our monthly meetings (although everyone is most welcome), but simply provide some extra 'man power' when it may be required.

If you are interested in becoming a 'friend' please contact Brooke at tourism.boort@gmail.com with your name and best contact details or contact Boort Emporium. If you have any questions please contact Kathryn on 0427 288 889.

Umbrellas for Hire

Need some shade for your next event? The BBTC now have 11 cream market umbrellas & stands available for hire.

Each umbrella & stand can be hired for \$20. Please contact Brooke at tourism.boort@gmail.com or drop in at Boort Emporium.

Youth to help steer Council projects

Council has joined with the Shire's four high schools to pilot a program which will allow Loddon's youth to make decisions within the municipality.

Boort District P-12 School, East Loddon P-12 School, Pyramid Hill College and Wedderburn College will appoint two Year 11 leaders to form the Youth Advisory Council.

The group will consult with the Shire on a range of issues and work with Council on its project planning.

This is a great opportunity for Loddon's future leaders to gain an insight into civic duties and compliance policies and procedures.

Councillors, Council officers and principals will mentor the advisory council.

The Mayor will be attending the inaugural meeting this month with Council's CEO

John McLinden. There is no formal program set in place.

Shire Councillors will work with the advisory committee to set our joint initiatives for the year.

FOOD HYGIENE COURSES

This is an online course. By joining a group you have the benefit of discussing the information and ideas without the cost of an instructor.

BRIC is organising the above course(s) prior to the 17th March 2015, if you're interested contact BRIC for further information, on 54552716.



All Schools Swimming Carnival

On Friday 20th February, twenty five Boort District School students from year 2 – year 11 travelled to Swan Hill to compete at the twilight All Schools Swimming Carnival. We had some impressive personal results – Macy G swam PB's in her three events, Rory G shaved 3 seconds off his backstroke, Luke M and Eliza P had PB's in freestyle and Sophie C and Sophie P achieved PB's in their breaststroke. Place getters for the night included Charlotte V and Sophie C 3rd in their breaststroke events, Bella G 2nd in Freestyle and 3rd in Breaststroke (PB), Rory G 1st in freestyle, 2nd in breaststroke and 3rd in backstroke, Meg L and Sophie P, 3rd in their freestyle events and Eliza P 3rd in her backstroke. Conor G placed 2nd in all 4 races (PB in Breaststroke).



Because our students were so involved at the carnival, it was a very successful night for Boort as we won the School Aggregate for competitor numbers to school enrolment. Well done to all competitors and thank you to the fabulous parent support in the roles of official starter, time keeping and cheer squad. It was a fun and positive night for everyone.

Boort Junior Football Club

Under 16 Training has commenced, it is held each Thursday at 4:00pm. U13 football training begins on Thursday 12th March.

Contact:

President: Adam Potter
Mob: 0428 554 204
Email: akpotter@y7mail.com

Secretary: Troy Perryman
Mob: 0428 947 448
Email: perhook@bigpond.com

Coaches for the 2015 season: U13 Coach - Wayne Maxted, U13 Assistant Coach - Shane Featherby.
U16 Coach - Ken Holland & U16 Assistant Coach – Richard Cockerell.



BOORT NETBALL CLUB

Boort Netball Club are seeking expressions of interest for all coaching positions for the 2015 season. For further information or to apply please contact Deb Maxted on 0407 583 769 or email boortnc@gmail.com

Boort District School News

In 2015 we welcome Lee-Anne Sherwell as Principal. . We welcome new staff: Mrs Pam Adams (Year 4), Mrs Susan Harley (Year 3), Miss Jessica Stone (Year 2) and Mr Michael Fowles (Commerce). We hope they enjoy their time at Boort District School.

There are several new families to join the school this year and we wish them a happy association with Boort District School

School Captains

The school captains of 2015, Culture captains Josh Smith and Nathan Watkins and Civics captains Harrison McConnell and Ryley Verley,

Year 11 Careers

Year 11 students are currently undertaking a careers program for one period a week. The aim of this unit is to provide students with the resources and the skills required as they prepare to enter the work place. This will be a highly practical unit and over the course of semester 1, we hope that students will

- Organise their work experience placement
- Complete OHS modules for work experience
- Concession card and travel arrangements for work experience
- Complete an up to date resume
- Apply for and undertake mock interview for a real job in an area that is of interest to them
- Talk to past students of BDS on their experiences of work

The school is fortunate to have the services of NCLLEN staff; Barry McKenzie (Workplace co-ordinator) and Barb Bear (MIPs coordinator) who will be presenting and overseeing many of the activities.

Buddies

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation in conjunction with the National Australia Bank have sponsored the Better Buddies Program at Boort District School. Year 6 students were trained last year as Buddies and will work with the Prep students over the coming weeks participating in a number of activities. The Prep students were presented with a Buddy Bear from their Year 6 buddy.



School P-4 Swimming Program

The school would like to acknowledge the support of Honie Tweddle, Belinda Perryman, Loretta Beattie, Brooke Arnold, Jess Pay, Anya Eicher, Bailey Walsh, Alicia Mentiplay, Gary Armfield and Geoff McClelland who have kindly volunteered their time to assist with the Prep – Year 4 swimming program. As a school we are very fortunate to have parents support in programs, past students willing to offer assistance and that of community members prepared to provide expertise. We sincerely thank everyone for their commitment to this swimming program.



CHANGE OF PLANS FOR EXERCISE STATIONS

Working with the Loddon Shire there has been a change of plans regarding the position of the out door gym equipment. It is now proposed to have a single site at Rotary Park, between the picnic table and the Scout boat shed. This change of thinking means that all people will have better access for exercise much closer to town. Night time use will also be possible as lights are already installed there.

This is a well shaded area with plenty of access for cars to park. It also allows some privacy for the users and also from view of any houses.

I will soon be writing to all Boort Clubs and organisations seeking support for this project. Then funding will be sought to finance it.

Honie Tweddle



Thank you

To all my family and friends I would like to say a big thank you for helping me celebrate my 100th birthday. It was a wonderful time to reminisce and to catch up which I enjoyed immensely.

Thank you too for the many cards and well wishes I have received.

Please accept this as my personal thank you.

Clara Stringer

QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY



Adult QFF are about 6 to 8 mm long and are reddish-brown coloured with yellow markings.

The above are two images of the QFF which is beginning to infiltrate our area. If we decide as a community to tackle this threat now, we may have a chance of stopping it in its tracks.

Obviously, as orchardists, we are deeply concerned about the spread of this threat, but if you enjoy growing your own fruit and vegies, you too should be concerned, as the QFF has the ability to completely destroy almost any fruit or vegetable crop.

If you would like to see if you have this pest, or would like to destroy it, there are a few simple rules.

Buy some traps from a hardware shop and install around your fruit trees or vegie garden. (QFF prefer to infest fruit that is still hanging on the tree so put the trap inside a tree).

Collect all fruit and vegies that fall to the ground, as they could be infested and the pupae have a chance to hatch if they can move into the ground. Put all fruit that isn't used into a sealed plastic bag and either freeze and then put in the rubbish, or put the sealed bag in the sun for a few days to cook.

Lifecycle

There are four stages in the life cycle of QFF: egg, larva (maggot), pupa and adult. Completion of the QFF life cycle is dependent on temperature and moisture. Each stage may take from a week to several weeks and under favourable conditions one generation takes about four weeks. (Last winter, the QFF managed to survive throughout winter in northern Victoria.)

Small eggs are laid just under the skin of the fruit where they develop into maggots.

Decay begins inside the fruit while the outside of the fruit may appear intact. These maggots become larvae, which when matures leave the fruit and burrow into the soil beneath the tree. Each larva forms a hard, brown barrel-like shell from its skin, inside which the pupa develops into a fly

Female QFF are capable of laying several hundred eggs during their lifetime, and adults can live for many weeks. Female flies usually mate once or twice but male flies mate multiple times. There have been sterile males developed to be released into the environment to try and stop the epidemic.

If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact us and feel free to share this information with others.

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