



ABOUT BOORT

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SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Alan Streader at Remembrance Day Boort
Photography by Sophia Herrington





NOTES FROM LODDON SHIRE 16 November 2020

COVID-19 and garage sales

Loddon Shire residents are reminded that outdoor garage sales are not permitted under the Third Step of the Roadmap to reopening as they are on private residential property.

The public gathering limit only applies to public spaces, and therefore is not applicable to household gardens or privately owned outdoor spaces. You can only have up to two people visit you at home each day.

The two people may be from different households and may visit separately. Your intimate partner and dependents are not included in the cap.

More information regarding the Third Step of the Roadmap to reopening is available from www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-reopening-roadmap-third-step-victoria

VICSES urges public to plan and prepare

Victoria has a long history of flooding, and is home to many flood-prone communities – something that many in our Shire know all too well.

With the Bureau of Meteorology declaring that we are now in La Niña, the Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) is urging us to prepare for what could be a very wet spring and summer.

According to the VICSES, those who plan and prepare for emergencies can reduce the impact of the emergency and recover more quickly afterwards.

VICSES's *Get Ready* website provides information and resources for preparing for emergencies at home and at work. You can also learn more about emergencies and steps you can take to prepare, including for floods and storms.

Visit www.ses.vic.gov.au/en/get-ready to find out more and to start planning.

Become a Health Voice

The Murray Primary Health Network (Murray PHN) is encouraging people to become part of its online Health Voices community.

As part of the Health Voices community, you will be asked to answer some simple questions about your experiences of the health system including

identifying the gaps and needs of communities. This will help Murray PHN to work to address issues and ensure the primary health care system is effective, efficient and equitable as possible for people living in the Murray PHN region.

The Murray PHN region includes North West and Central Victoria, Goulburn Valley and North East Victoria.

For more details and to register to be a Health Voice in your community go to www.murrayphn.org.au/health-voices

Young Farmer Business Bootcamp

Agriculture Victoria is delivering a new Young Farmer Business Bootcamp series designed to improve farm business skills.

The free bootcamp will be delivered via Zoom over four 90-minute online sessions, starting from Tuesday 24 November.

Further sessions are scheduled for Tuesday 1 December, Tuesday 8 December and Tuesday 15 December.

All sessions will run from 12 noon to 1.30pm with bootcamp details to be provided upon registration.

Participants can expect to improve their understanding of profit and loss and cash flow budgeting, balance sheets and gross margins, planning for and managing risks and financial planning and analysis.

To find out more and to register online via Eventbrite visit <https://bit.ly/2HJkaxD>

Loddon Healthy Minds Network art competition

Congratulations to the winners of the 2020 Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition, including Griffin Lanyon from Boort District School who won Best in Show with his entry *Using words to change your state of mind*.

The annual art competition aims to raise awareness of mental health within the Loddon community.

This year the themes were: "Stop Stigma" (Open Section and for ages 14 to 18 years), "Living happy and healthy" (for ages 9 to 14 years), and "Kindness begins with me" colouring poster (for children under 9 years old).

To find out more and to view all competition winners' entries go to www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au/events and click on "2020 Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition results".



L-R: Cr Linda Jungwirth, Cr Gavan Holt, Mayor Neil Beattie, Cr Dan Straub, Cr Wendy Murphy.

FURTHER INFORMATION: (03) 5494 1205

Mayor Neil Beattie

Cr Neil Beattie has been elected as Loddon Shire Mayor at a Special Council Meeting held last week.

This is the third time Cr Beattie has been elected Mayor. Cr Beattie was previously Mayor in 2015 and 2016.

Cr Beattie said he was delighted to be elected to the role.

"I thank my fellow Councillors for electing me as Mayor for the coming year," Cr Beattie said.

"This year has been difficult for many in our

community as we battled COVID-19 and its effects, including lockdowns and other restrictions.

"Together with our new Council, I look forward to working with our community towards recovery as we continue to see the re-opening of business.

"Hopefully we will remain on a positive trajectory and be on track to achieve COVID normal," Cr Beattie added.

NOTES FROM LODDON SHIRE

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Join the Let's Pivot community

A reminder to residents that the Let's Pivot program is delivering community and professional development free of charge entirely online until 31 March 2021.

Led by Make A Change Australia in partnership with Loddon Shire Council and councils from around the region, Let's Pivot is a resilience response program to

strengthen community efforts.

It delivers inspiration, information, digital connectivity, adaptation ideas, and real time support to wherever you work best.

All members of the community are invited to participate in any way that suits; info-mailers, Zoom discussions, online community, resource toolkit and more.

To find out more and to join, visit <https://makeachange.org.au/lets-pivot>

Community Tributes

Thank-you

Beth McConnell, Peg Mitchell and extended families send our sincere appreciation for kind messages, cards and flowers on the passing of their loved brother and uncle John Makeham.

Sincere thanks to all the staff at Loddon Place for their love and care of John.

The family of **Helen Beattie** who recently passed away would sincerely like to thank everyone for their condolences – cards, phone calls, food and kindness.etc

Helen lived a long life and left exactly how she wanted, very peacefully.

Special thanks to Dr Chris and the excellent and very caring staff at the Boort District Health Centre. You couldn't get a better place for your loved ones to live their final years

Rest in peace Helen

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October 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021

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supporting community leaders,
organisations, and individuals
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Delivering inspiration, information, digital
connectivity, adaptation ideas,
and real time support to wherever you work
best!

Community and professional development will be
delivered **free** of charge and entirely online from

A Resilience Response Program
to Strengthen Community Efforts
<https://makeachange.org.au/lets-pivot/>

Men's Pit Stop

Time to look under the bonnet?



It only takes 20 minutes. We ask you about your health and wellbeing and your health awareness. It is FREE, easy and fun in a friendly setting.
You can also join in the Respect Victoria's Respect Women: 'Call It Out' Campaign.

Wednesday 2nd December 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wedderburn - Soldiers Park
Boort - Godfrey Street

Wednesday 9th December 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Inglewood - Lions Park (opposite Cousin Jacks)
Boort - Godfrey Street



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NOTES FROM LODDON SHIRE

23 November 2020

Mayor elected

Congratulations to Cr Neil Beattie on being elected as Loddon Shire Council Mayor for the coming year.

This is the third time Cr Beattie has been elected Mayor. Cr Beattie was previously Mayor in 2015 and 2016.

Councillors were also officially sworn in at the Special Council Meeting, taking the Affirmation of Office and making a written declaration that they will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct.

Fire danger period for Loddon Shire

The 2020/21 Fire Danger Period (FDP) for Loddon Shire is now in effect.

The FDP, which is declared by the Country Fire Authority (CFA), started at 1am this morning (Monday 23 November). The FDP will run through the warmer months, ending on 1 May 2021.

During the FDP fires cannot be lit in the open air without a written permit from the CFA or a Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.

For more information about the Fire Danger Period and restrictions visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions-during-the-fire-danger-period

To find out what you can and can't do during the declared FDP and on days of Total Fire Ban visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can

Customer service office reopens

Council's Wedderburn customer service office has reopened, with COVIDSafe measures in place.

All visitors to Council's customer service office must follow these COVIDSafe measures, which includes sanitising your hands on entry and following social distancing markers. Face masks must be worn unless you have a valid reason to not wear one.

Until otherwise advised, cash payments will not be accepted by Council's customer service staff. If you wish to make a payment by cash, please go to your local Australia Post Office.

Meetings with non-reception Council staff will be by appointment only. To arrange an appointment, please call Reception on 5494 1200.

As many Council staff are still working from home (as per the direction from the Victorian Chief Health Officer) most appointments will be conducted via video conferencing. Please let Reception staff know if you need help with video conferencing when making your appointment.

In some cases, a meeting room and Council computer may be used for video conferencing. For people familiar with video conferencing, you can use your smart phone, tablet or home computer.

Swimming pools now open

Council's five public swimming pools are now open for the 2020/21 season.

Swimming pools are located at Boort, Inglewood, Mitiamo, Pyramid Hill and Wedderburn.

To make our pools safe and to operate within current COVID-19 guidelines, restrictions are in place at all pools.

This includes using the QR code access system or providing staff with contact details upon entry to pools, wearing of masks when outside of the pool and maintaining social distancing.

Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance/kiosk for use by attendees when entering pools and any time as needed.

During busy periods, attendees will be asked to stay no longer than two hours at the swimming pool. There will also be a maximum number of people allowed in a pool at any one time.

For more information, including COVID Safe operating measures in place at pools and opening hours, visit

www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Community-facilities/Swimming-pools

Volunteering@Loddon logo design

Congratulations to Ella Hocking on winning the Volunteering@Loddon logo design competition.

Council would also like to acknowledge and thank the competition's finalists Rhiannon Last, Callum Hercus and Elektra Ward for their entries, as well as everyone who voted in the competition.

Ella now has the opportunity to work with a graphic design artist on her logo before it is unveiled on International Volunteer Day on Saturday 5 December 2020.



BOORT TENNIS NEWS

TENNIS COMMITTEE -

President - Damien Lanyon
Vice - Stuart Gould
Secretary - Kristen Gooding
Asst. Secretary - Maree Stringer
Treasurer - Alister McDougal
General Committee - Greg Boyd, Adam Potter, Kim Potter, Greg Bear, Kellie Hare, Lee Lanyon

Boort Tennis Club commenced their 'unofficial' season on Saturday 17th October with some social tennis. About 50 players have joined in for a casual hit of tennis. It is wonderful to see some community sport back up and running.

Enjoyable afternoons of tennis have followed including some much needed 'socialising' off the court.

All abilities welcome to attend. Names submitted on the Saturday by 12pm to Alister McDougal, Kristen Gooding or Lee Lanyon.

Big thank you to Lee Lanyon for his leadership over the past 4 years as President. A job well done. Congrats and thank you to Damien for taking over this role.

With a unanimous vote from players, it was decided that the remainder of 2020 will continue as 'Social Tennis'.

This has proved very successful so far, giving players more flexibility week to week and will also ease the pressure on those involved in harvest. Casual players are welcome each week- so spread the word- the more the merrier. Every week we gather some more new faces- which is wonderful to see. Names in by 12pm each Saturday to Alister 0427 221 098 BBQ tea and bar available.

The official season will start January 30st for six weeks only plus finals. If you would like to play in a team in the new year instead of being listed in the pool please let Alister McDougal know by December 5th. (All names that have been put in prior will remain in team selections).



Boort Cemetery Trust



Photo by Carol Judkins

Our family would like to sincerely thank Allen Stringer, President Boort Cemetery Trust for his prompt attention and expertise in the recent restoration of our family members memorial plaque in the Boort lawn cemetery. Over time our plaque had weathered and become illegible and after we spoke to Allen he very promptly sourced a solution and coordinated removal of plaque, freight to restores and reinstatement once restored. We cannot recommend restoring your loved ones plaque highly enough: a very reasonable cost to as new condition.

Once again special thanks Allen and very well done.

Sue Pilcher

Mammatus Clouds



Photography by Tamara Boyd
Sunday 15th November 2020

Mammatus clouds are some of the most unusual and distinctive clouds formations with a series of bulges or pouches emerging from the base of a cloud.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/learn-about/weather/types-of-weather/clouds/other-clouds/mammatus>

The shape of mammatus formations can vary widely; from the classic protruding shape, to a more elongated tube hanging from the cloud above.

Mammatus clouds are usually formed in association with large cumulonimbus clouds. Typically, turbulence within the cumulonimbus cloud will cause mammatus to form, especially on the underside of the projecting anvil as it rapidly descends to lower levels. This reverses the usual cloud-forming process of upward growth, making for an uneven cloud base.

Mammatus often forms in association with Cumulonimbus clouds, which in turn bring thunderstorms due to their huge mass of unstable air. Mammatus cloud generally form in the most unstable cumulonimbus, meaning that there is also a chance of hail, heavy rain and lightning in the vicinity, and if the air is cold enough during winter they can produce snow. Sometimes mammatus may form on other cloud types which produce no rain, though this is far less common.

Mammatus comes from the Latin mamma which translates to "udder" or "breast". Their striking appearance is most visible when the sun is low in the sky and their pouches are framed by the sunlight. This supplementary feature is a firm favourite with many meteorologists as well as cloud and photography enthusiasts.

JOSH KING AWARDED LODDON MALLEE REGIONAL DIRECTOR AWARD

Ambulance Victoria would like to congratulate Boort's own Josh King for being awarded this year's Regional Director (RD) Award. The annual award recognises an individual who continuously demonstrates AV's values as well as serve as an inspiration to others through continued excellence.

Josh is the Loddon Mallee Paramedic Community Support Coordinator (PCSC) and undertakes proactive community engagement to improve local community resilience and health outcomes.

Josh joined Ambulance Victoria five years ago, after spending two years with the South Australian Ambulance Service.

Loddon Mallee Regional Director Michael Georgiou said Josh received the award for his ability to lead others in providing best care for patients, along with his efforts to create a safe and enjoyable working environment for his colleagues.

"The feedback about Josh from his teams and colleagues is that he is kind, caring, compassionate and a role model for others," Mr Georgiou said.

"I'm very proud to see him receive this year's award."

In his role as PCSC, Josh has implemented several initiatives to



improve health outcomes for people living in rural and remote areas.

"He's worked with health services to provide patient follow up where these patients would have never seen their GP. He's also organised "hour with paramedic" chat sessions and health checks in communities of poor health," Mr Georgiou said.

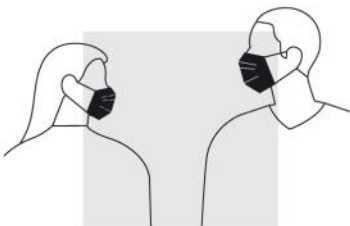
"Josh is also passionate about education and plays a leading role in our First Responder (CERTs and ACOs) training."

Keep an eye out for Josh in Wedderburn and Boort.



TREE PLANTING DAY FOR CHILDRENS WEEK

EVERYTHING WE'RE DOING IS KEEPING US ON TOP OF THIS VIRUS



Keep our fitted face masks on when indoors, on public transport and when we can't keep our distance.



Keep catching up outdoors.



Keep washing our hands.



Keep getting tested if we have any symptoms.

STAY SAFE
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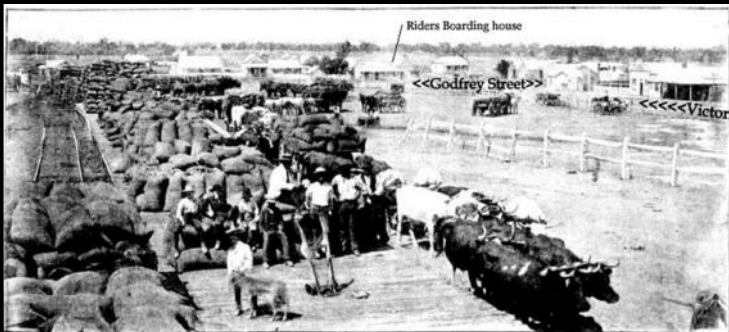
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Boort Historical Society Inc. ***A Piece of History***



HARVEST TIME IN BOORT March 12th 1898 Weekly Times
National Library of Australia



***Barraport wheat stacks, C.S. Balding the Buyer,
Mick Thomas has bag on back and
Harry Stewart on the stack.***

Harvest season in 1898 was a much better year than the 1897 season, it was a busy year for the local farmers with a continuous flow of bullock and horse teams to the station yards. Boort sent 8100 bags of wheat in December from the station with several hundred more waiting to be loaded onto railway trucks. By the end of the season the total amount given for the 2 months was 20,720 bags of wheat sent from Boort station. In surrounding districts the numbers were Barraport: 8111 bags, Gredgwin: 1382 bags, Oakvale: 4107 bags and Mysia: 9500 bags.



Picture: 2019 Prep—Year 4 Entry

Categories for 2020

- Best Tree made out of Recyclables
- Best Traditional Tree
- Best Non Traditional Tree/Not Decorated
- Best Non Traditional Tree Decorated
- Junior Student – Best Tree by an individual
- Junior Students – Best Tree by a group
- Senior Student – Best Tree by an individual
- Senior Students – Best Tree by a group

**Entries must be submitted by 12pm
on the 8th December to the
Boort Resource and Information Centre
with the entry form.**

**Contact BRIC to arrange drop off on
the 14th & 15th Dec**

Prizes vary with categories.

Entry Forms available at BRIC.

and the Boort Newsagency

Trees will be placed on display in Godfrey Street from the 14th and at Nolans Park on the 20th Dec

Any queries call 5455 2716

BOORT BOWLS CLUB



Pam Gould

The Boort Bowls Club held their official opening day on Saturday 31st. October. The day was well attended. Pam Gould last season's Ladies' Club Champion delivered the first bowl for the day. A two bowl triples event was played and the winners for the day were Ian Allison (Skip) Glenn Hudson and Graeme Moresi.

A decision has been made to run a Pennant Mid-Week and Saturday competition - playing one full round this year instead of 2 full rounds. Boort, due

to lack of numbers has only entered a Division One team on Saturdays - the first round commencing on 28th. November. Mid-week Pennant remains the same as last season and will commence on 1st. December.

The Night Pennant will also be starting up once again after Christmas - date to be decided.

It was decided to hold social bowls every Saturday afternoon this season (Weather Permitting). Anybody wishing to come along and play is most welcome. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee for night pennant and social bowls.

Bowls are available for use at the Club by anyone wishing to come along and play night pennant or social bowls. Everybody is most welcome at any time.

Christmas is almost here



Christmas is almost here at the Dean's and the decorations are nearly up. We will have them complete by the 1st of December. Please drive or walk through starting at the entry elf so we can have one way traffic. We have many new Christmas decorations this year with most of them we have made. A lot of our lights are solar so they don't come on until it's dark so don't miss them by coming too early. If you appreciate our lights a donation tin will be out fundraising for the Uncle Bob's Club.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you when you come
From Julie, Alison & Charlie



Boort Swimming Pool

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

<https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Community-facilities/Swimming-pools>

Opening hours

The opening times may vary from time to time depending on weather and maintenance, and are at the discretion of management.

Boort, Inglewood, Pyramid Hill and Wedderburn pools

Monday to Friday (non school holidays)	3.30pm - 7.00pm
Monday to Friday (school holidays)	2.00pm - 7.00pm
Weekends and public holidays	2.00pm - 7.00pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED

These opening times may vary depending on weather conditions

Entrance fees

Entrance fees for the pools are set annually by Council and are posted at the pools.

You can purchase a season ticket or pay your casual entrance fee at the pools.

Season Tickets

Family	\$132
Adult	\$77
Child	\$51

Casual Entrance Fees

Family (1-2 adults and children)	\$10.50
Adult	\$5.10
Child	\$2.60
Adult non-swimmer	Nil
Child non-swimmer	Nil

POSITIONS VACANT

BOORT RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE

- Relief Cleaner: Casual Position
- Cleaner: Permanent Position
- Trainee Office Position 2021
Available at BRIC
Contact BRIC 5455 2716

BOORT TYRE SERVICE

Tyre Fitter and or Mechanic
Send resume to cleo@boorttyrecentre.com.au

BOORT FOOTBALL CLUB

Reserves Coach 2021
Contact Kane Arnold: 0438 858 491
boortfc@y7mail.com
Applications Close 8th Dec

STATION STREET WELLBEING CENTRE

Psychologist/Provisional Psychologist
Contact Naomi 0439 320 444

BOORT LAKES HOLIDAY PARK

Office Administration/Reception

Up to 25 hours per week
Contact Tim & Wendy
5455 2064

SOUTHERN RIVERLANDS POULTRY

Assistant Farm Manager

BOORT HOME HARDWARE

Fulltime position
Enquire within
Contact George Tallis: 54554 2244
gtallis@bigblue.net.au

BOORT DISTRICT HEALTH

Positions Available
See listings at
<http://bdh.vic.gov.au/careers/job-alert.html>



December/January Be Connected Online Workshops

Join us to develop the skills you need to explore what is on offer online. Book into one of our events in November to discover zoom, tips for staying safe online, research your family history online and using online tools to stay informed during bushfire season. We can help to get you started.

Groups will be small and follow up help will be provided.

Find all our events on <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/goldfields-libraries-9805186189>

Be Connected – Intro to Buying and Selling Online Tue 8/12/20 2-3pm

[Join us to learn the basics of buying and selling online. Build your confidence to pay for things online, and explore how shopping from the safety and comfort of your home can benefit you. Ask questions, share your experiences and develop your skills.](#)

Be Connected – All About Android Phones Wed 9/12/20 2-3pm

We'll show you how to set up your Android smartphone safely and customise it to suit your needs, whether you're new to using the Android system, or have been using it for a while. Ask questions, share your experiences and develop your skills.

Be Connected – Intro to Online Banking Thu 10/12/20 10am-11am

Using your computer to control your finances doesn't need to be stressful. We show you how online banking works, how to get started and use a practice area, to help practise common online banking tasks on a desktop or laptop computer. Ask questions, share your experiences and develop your skills.

Be Connected – All About Apple iPhones Tues 15/12/20 10am-11am

[We'll show you how to set up your Apple iPhone safely and customise it to suit your needs, whether you're new to using an iPhone, or have been using one for a while. Ask questions, share your experiences and develop your skills.](#)

Be Connected – All About Apple iPads Wed 16/12/20, 2-3pm

We'll show you how to set up your Apple iPad safely and customise it to suit your needs, whether you're new to using an iPad, or have been using one for a while. Ask questions, share your experiences and develop your skills.

Be Connected – Armchair Exploration with Google Maps and Google Earth Thurs 17/12/20 10am-11am

Discover how you can use online tools to travel the

world from the comfort of home. Explore places that you've never visited and even see how the world looked in the past. Ask questions, share your experiences and develop your skills.

Groups will be small and follow up help provided.

Be Connected – Watching and Listening Online Wed 13/01/21 2-3pm

In this online workshop you will learn how to watch TV online and access catch-up services like ABC iView, SBS on Demand and Freeview. We will also show you how to access the radio online and use music services to listen to your songs whenever you like. Ask questions, share your experiences and develop your skills.

Be Connected – Family History Tue 19/01/21 10am-11am

Learn how to start researching your family history online. With tips and tricks on how to get the most out of the internet, step-by-step guides on beginning your family tree and much more, you'll be your family's ancestry champion in no time!

Be Connected – Exploring the Internet Wed 20/01/21 2-3pm

Navigating the online world can be tricky at first, but we can teach you some essential skills to get started. Learn how to use search engines such as Google, discover some useful websites, see how to make bookmarks and more. We will finish with a mix of Q&A and activities that put your learnings into practice.

Be Connected – All Things eLibrary Thu 21/01/21 2-3pm

Join our guided tour of the Goldfields Libraries website and discover a treasure trove of online books and resources for adults and children.

Be Connected – More Family History Thu 28/01/21 10-11am

Join our Family History experts for a more in depth look at online family history resources. Discover how to get the most out of Ancestry.com, and tips and tricks to make your research easier. Ask questions, share your experiences and develop your skills.

GROUPS WILL BE SMALL AND FOLLOW UP HELP PROVIDED.

Hug a Bear Day was on November 7th and the residents at the Boort Hospital enjoyed a hug from a little friend.

History of Hug a Bear Day

The history of stuffed animals goes back a long ways, some archaeological evidence suggests as far as Ancient Egypt. What is known for certain is that plush toys as we know them first started hitting the scene in the 1830's, but the most iconic of all of them, the Teddy Bear, came about in 1902. Story goes that American President

Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt was hunting, and refused to shoot a baby bear they came across. Since that day the Teddy Bear has stood as the childhood toy that is given to almost every child. The term "Teddy" was even derived from the name of this self-same president. There are now millions of Teddy Bears produced every year, in a rainbow of styles and colours. No matter what your imagination may produce, there is sure to be a Teddy Bear that meets your idea of the perfect fuzzy protector.



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34 Ring Road, Boort, Vic. 3537 or P.O Box 43Boort, Vic. 3537

It has been quiet on the fishing front and many people are busy doing harvest, so the fishing may be on hold for many. A great place to consider fishing at over Christmas holidays is Tchum Lakes, 8km east of Birchip, Birchip—Wycheproof Road, Narraport, Victoria.



Email: boortanglingclub@yahoo.com

BOORT GOLF CLUB

The actual golf playing season finished end of September when we should have been having our Annual General Meeting but due to the COVID-19 restrictions it was changed to the end of the year.

The AGM is now on Wednesday 2nd December at the Clubhouse commencing at 7.pm

Hoping that all members and intending members will be able to come and while at the meeting they will get the opportunity to look over the great new renovations to the Ladies and Men's Change Rooms

and Toilets. The lighting in the Clubhouse has also been greatly improved, looks great.

Thanks to all those hard working people who are working on these improvements.

Any Questions please contact any of the following:

President: Stuart Tweddle **0413 482 385**

Ladies: Dot Beattie President **0427 552 461**

Margaret Nelson



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Updates during December on
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& BTC Facebook
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Maryborough, Wedderburn,
St Arnard, Charlton
and also Boort People

For more information, contact Boort Trotting Club:

Secretary, Brook Shaune-Bould 0417 344 802

President, John Campbell: 0437 077 887



SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Love your community?

Want to help shape the next four years?

Council is seeking 10 community members to join a community reference group to help guide the development of documents such as the Community Vision, Council Plan and budget. More information is available at <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/our-council/community-engagement/the-loddon-project/the-loddon-project-crg-terms-of-reference.pdf>

If you would like to become a member of the community reference group you can register by completing and returning this form: <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/our-council/community-engagement/the-loddon-project/community-reference-group-nomination.pdf>.

All successful applicants will receive an iPad to help them contribute.

Don't have that much time to help shape the future?

Why not attend one of five webinars Council will be holding in early December.

Webinars will discuss your vision for the community, economy, natural environment and services/infrastructure of Loddon Shire Council.

You can register here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSCWardWebinar>. If you don't get a chance to register, you don't have to miss out! You can log on by clicking the link that applies to you below and entering in the Meeting ID and Passcode 5 minutes before the meeting.

Wedderburn 3:30-4:30pm 2 December 2020	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85975133926?pwd=NnFEMHlwSmhvT1FiNDFsQj9JZ3JrUT09	Meeting ID: 859 7513 3926 Passcode: 588605
Tarnagulla 5:00-6:00pm 2 December 2020	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81514267633?pwd=OHdjbjFIHQnc2VzFCWHhacjJ5YkNndz09	Meeting ID: 815 1426 7633 Passcode: 220474
Boort 6:30-7:30pm 2 December 2020	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84759637604?pwd=UEFrQnB5aEd3N1RvS2hjeGJ2WngvZz09	Meeting ID: 847 5963 7604 Passcode: 098007
Inglewood 5:00-6:00pm 3 December 2020	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87466738861?pwd=Ty8wZ3lhL0txMG5CcUIPcHpCR3AvQT09	Meeting ID: 874 6673 8861 Passcode: 959180
Terricks 6:30-7:30pm 3 December 2020	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84860013590?pwd=SzgyNFVSeml2K3JYQ2lRckFUQzkvQT09	Meeting ID: 848 6001 3590 Passcode: 588447

2020 Turning the Page

Loddon Community Book Project

Let's put 2020 behind us, but let us not forget it!



Send us your photos, stories, poems, songs.
Anything that tells your story about life in Covid 2020.
We will publish a special book to show off your efforts.
The best entries will be picked, so get creative!

Hurry, there's no time to lose - all information must be emailed to turningthepage@loddon.vic.gov.au by 10th December

For enquiries email: turningthepage@loddon.vic.gov.au or call: 0436 981 382





Primary Care Partnership
BENDIGO LODDON

Join the Loddon Songbirds Community Choir

Virtual Community Choir – Sing along at home, reconnect with family and friends, while making new friends.

Held each Thursday from 10.30am
Term 1 runs for 6 weeks starting 5 November

Gain skills and confidence using Zoom videoconferencing while having fun singing familiar songs.

If you've wanted to have a go at singing but always worried about how you might sound, this is perfect. During the songs everyone's microphones are turned off so you just need to follow the leader, James Rigby, a musician and singing leader with decades of experience engaging with community singers leading them into a joyful experience of musical immersion.

"We don't all sound the same when we sing or play but we all feel the same"

Enjoy plenty of time for chatting and catching up between songs as well as before and after the singing.

To register contact:
Betha Robertson
Community Connector
betharobertson@bchs.com.au
0417 520 249



Wally Manallack

Photograph by Jennifer Weaver 2008

I was looking through the archives at BRIC and discovered this fantastic image of Wally. As a child growing up in Boort I have very fond memories of Wally with his ute and a big smile. He is a resident at Boort District Health. Wally is definitely a legend of Boort with many stories to share. He has also been interviewed in the past by Jennifer Weaver and published in 'A Chat With Old Friends' - definitely worth a read, copies available at BRIC.

Sophia Herrington



The Boort Amity group are meeting again, with a COVID Safe Plan in place. We welcome new members to join our amazing community group.



TO HIRE THE COOLROOM OR PORT-A-LOO

PH: 0473 090 784



BOORT TOY LIBRARY

BOORT TOY LIBRARY (LOCATED IN BRIC)

Yearly membership costs are as follows:

Single: **\$20** (2 toys per fortnight)

Family: **\$30** (4 toys per fortnight)

Borrowing times are each Friday from
11:10 am to 11:30 am.

**Come in and see our new toys for 2020
for children from 6 months to 5 years.**

New members are most welcome and casual/
grandparent borrowing is also available.

**BRIC membership is required to be a member of the
toy library at a cost of \$5 per year.**

For further information and to learn about our COVID
borrowing policy please contact

Megan Crilly on **0409 665 859**

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Our new AED is located

The Boort Community Pharmacy on the wall outside
Boort Angling Club outside wall of Club House

SHOCKTOBER
RESTART A HEART



AmbulanceVictoria

Boort Community Christmas by the Lake Sunday 20th December from 5:00pm.

A very special guest appearance from approx. 6:30pm

Due to the year we have had we are unable to run our normal Christmas Street Party, however we thought a casual, relaxed and community focussed event still needed to occur! So grab a group of family and friends, sit back, relax and celebrate Christmas and the year that was 2020.

WE ARE ASKING GROUPS TO SPREAD OUT ALL AROUND THE LAKE.

Murray Valley Wood Fired Pizza and the Potato Man will be set up in Nolens park.
Platters can be pre-purchased through the Boort Preschool Committee
and take-away orders also available through the Lakeside Cafe.

Please ensure all COVID-19 restrictions are followed.



Event Calendar 2020/2021

All events tentative and will follow current COVID restrictions and the Boort Ski Club COVID safe plan.

Strict guidelines will apply and be shared prior to each event.



27th Dec 2020 (Morning)		Barefoot Breakfast Enjoy breakfast on us with a special on water barefoot twist
30th Dec 2020 (Morning)		Annual General Meeting & Presentations Outdoor AGM with virtual (Zoom) option followed by presentations for last season's final tournament
30th Dec 2020 (Evening)		Kids Outdoor Movie Night Join us on the banks of the lake for children's movie
6th Jan 2021 (Afternoon)		Boat Tie up & Float Party Let your hair down and social distance with your family in your boat while floating near others doing the same thing
24th Jan 2021 (Evening)		Last Man Standing Draw Be part of our yearly big event with big prize money and many spot prizes and games during the night
13h Feb 2021		Coaching Day Want to start or improve your skiing? Don't have a boat and your children want to learn? We can help!
14th Feb 2021		1st Club Tournament All age groups welcome, test yourself against the best of the best Very social, easy going competition
27th Feb 2021		2nd Club Tournament OK you now realise after the 1 st round that none of us are very good, second chance to compete or to improve on your score
6th Mar 2021		Family Day BBQ, new members drive, members raffle, beginners coaching, Water slide and Tournament presentations

We love to see new members young and old getting involved, so please reach out if you want to know more about our family friendly local club

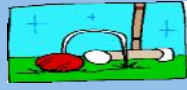


BoortSkiClub on Facebook/Instagram



Boortskiclub@hotmail.com

Boort Lakeside Croquet Club



Croquet enquiries: Kindly contact

President Alan Puttick 0439979485 or

Secretary – Jean Henderson 0427 554 266

Boort Lakeside Croquet Club is back following a very quiet year of no or little croquet play due to the COVID19 virus. Recently, our members returned to enjoy play after a trying year for all sporting events within our State and community.

Golf Club Croquet Championships were played during the first 3 months of 2020. Club presentation of these championships were finally presented by the Club's President, Alan Puttick recently, at the Boort clubrooms. The winners of these championships were awarded to-

Level 1 – Daryl Henderson

Level 2 – Robert Coutts

Level 3 – Joy De Piazza

Daryl Henderson played exceptionally well during the championships reducing his handicap to 3.



Boort Club Champions 2020,

Left – Level 1 Daryl Henderson,
Level 3 Joy De Piazza, Level 2 Robert Coutts.

Association and Golf Croquet Pennant 2020 season resumed recently with a reduced number of weeks playing the competition. Final round is incomplete, and an update will be in the next news edition. A pennant breakup is scheduled for late November.

Veteran Badge- The Veteran's Badge is a new addition to the Club's accolades. It represents and honours mature croquet players with the presentation of a badge. At the November meeting President, Alan Puttick awarded badges to Barry Barnes and Hazel Whitmore for their service to the game. Barry and Hazel proudly wearing their veteran's badges.



Official Opening of the 2020-2021 Boort Lakeside Croquet season

The first hoop was run by Barry Barnes, a formidable croquet player, with style and gusto.

During the Summer months our Croquet playtimes are changing to morning sessions from the 1st week in

December;

8.30am ready for

9.00am play. These times will commence on Wednesday December 2, 2020 including weekly play for both Wednesday and Saturday.



Social Croquet Play (Friday Nights under lights)

Commencing on Friday December 4, social croquet will be available for all keen and new players to come and enjoy a game at 7.00pm for 7.30pm play. Wear casual clothing with mallets available for use.



HEALTHY HEART OF VICTORIA

LAUNCHES ADVENTURE BINGO

TO GET RESIDENTS ACTIVE ACROSS THE REGION



Residents are encouraged to get physically active across the Loddon Campaspe region while having some fun at the same time. Take part in *Adventure Bingo* - a new initiative from the Healthy Heart of Victoria.

Adventure Bingo invites residents to collect or download an *Adventure Bingo* booklet and participate in one of six walks in each of the participating local government areas. Through the initiative participants spot points of interest listed in the booklet during their walk and once they've spotted three items in a vertical, horizontal or

diagonal line, they've got Bingo.

As part of the initiative, a series of weekly prize draws will be conducted from Monday 23 November to Sunday 13 December, where residents who submit a photo of their completed Bingo card to hv@bendigo.vic.gov.au will go into the draw to win sporting equipment. Participants can send a photo of themselves at one of the sites on their Bingo card via Facebook message to Healthy Heart of Victoria to enter a special photo prize draw.

Healthy Heart of Victoria Coordinator, Alicia O'Brien said *Adventure Bingo* encourages physical activity in our local region in a fun and simple way, especially for children and families.

"It also provides a free opportunity to explore walks in our region in a COVID-safe way as the walks are outdoors, self-guided and can be done individually or in very small groups," Ms

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ADVENTURE Bingo!

Win sporting equipment by sending us your Bingo card!

Email a pic of your completed Bingo card to hv@bendigo.vic.gov.au along with your name and phone number and you're in the weekly draw!

Plus, win with our weekly photo prize draw

For another chance to win, take a photo of yourself with one of the items on your Bingo card and send it via Facebook message to @HealthyHeartofVictoria. Don't have Facebook? Send your photo to hv@bendigo.vic.gov.au.

Prize period runs from Monday 23 November – Sunday 13 December, 2020. For full terms and conditions visit bendigo.vic.gov.au/hv.

You can join in Adventure Bingo at any time! So even after our prize period is over, you can still challenge your friends and family to see who gets Bingo first!



O'Brien said.

Recent data released by AusPlay has shown that children's physical activity levels were heavily impacted by COVID-19. The data highlighted that less than one in five Australian children were active in organised activities outside of school during COVID-19 lockdown.

"Even before the pandemic, there were concerns that children were not moving enough, and with students learning from home for much of 2020, with no access to a playground at lunchtime or organised sport after school or on the weekends, the research has shown that levels of inactivity have increased during this time.

"The Active Living Census told us that walking is the most popular physical activity across the Loddon Campaspe region and so through *Adventure Bingo* we hope residents are encouraged to have a bit of fun when out on a walk.

"You can get involved both during the prize period or afterwards when you can challenge friends and family to see who can get Bingo first," Ms O'Brien said.

The Loddon Shire *Adventure Bingo* walk is located along the Nardoo Trail in Wedderburn. Bingo booklets are available for free at the Wedderburn Post Office, Loddon Shire Council Offices and Wedderburn Community House or online at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Health-and-wellbeing/Healthy-Heart-of-Victoria



ADVERTISING in the *About Boort Newsletter* from 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
197w x 140h	Half Page	\$100
96w x 140h	Quarter Page	\$50
96w x 70h	Eighth	\$25
96w x 35h	Sixteenth	\$12.50

Design Service is available - (prices will vary depending on requirements)

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The advertisement features a photograph of a man wearing a hat and glasses, sitting at a desk and using a laptop. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a farm or a community center. The text is overlaid on the image in a clean, sans-serif font.

SEEKING WRITERS & ARTICLES For 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



KNOW YOUR A-Z

Prevent violence against women - challenge gender stereotypes and promote respect.



ASK

women you know about their experiences of sexism and harassment.



BELIEVE

reports of violence and sexual assault. Offer support, not suspicion.



CHANGE

the conversation to talk about who she is, not what she looks like.



DON'T

ask "Why doesn't she leave?"; ask "Why is he violent?"



ENCOURAGE

men and boys to talk about their thoughts and emotions.



FIND

ways to support women's choices, whatever they are.



GIVE

women and men equal opportunities and assume they have equal abilities.



HELP

young people understand sexual consent and free agreement.



INSPIRE

boys and girls to be equally strong, thoughtful and compassionate.



JUST

don't laugh at jokes that put women down.



KNOW

that gender inequality hurts men, women and kids.



'LIKE A GIRL'

isn't an insult; don't use it like one.



MAKE

an effort to talk positively about strong and powerful women.



NOTICE

when a woman is interrupted or spoken over, and call it out.



OPPOSE

gender stereotypes - they disadvantage all of us.



PUSH

yourself to parent equally with your partner.



QUESTION

what it means to be a 'good man'.



RELEARN

your history: Google women who changed the world.



SHOW

children examples of women and men doing non-stereotypical jobs.



TALK

about equal pay at work.



UNDERSTAND

that there are many myths about what causes violence.



VALUE

women's voices and opinions; ask them what they think.



WALK

away from mates who don't respect women.



(E)XAMINE

how women are portrayed in popular culture - don't buy into it.



YOU

have a role in ending violence - speak up and act whenever you can.



ZIP-IT

Don't make that sexist joke or demeaning comment.

Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria

Preventing violence, promoting respect.

Our WATCH
End violence against Women And Their Children