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WoolProducers working to keep the wool industry going

Peak woolgrower representative body, WoolProducers Australia has been working to ensure the wool industry, from production, harvesting, selling and exporting can continue to operate in these uncertain times.

WoolProducers President Mr Ed Storey said, 'In this unprecedented environment, we are trying to provide surety to our producers that the wool industry will continue to operate'.

WoolProducers has initiated several teleconferences with supply-chain partners to undertake a number of advocacy activities with the aim of ensuring that the wool industry is considered an essential industry during the current COVID-19 situation.

'WoolProducers has coordinated representatives from the domestic wool trade to highlight the economic, employment and animal welfare benefits that come from keeping the wool industry operational to both Federal and State Governments.' Mr Storey said.

WoolProducers has also been involved in a number of working groups and collaborative activities to demonstrate the wool industry's commitment to government health directives to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Mr Storey said, 'We have been working with the brokers, exporters, handlers, AWEX and AWTA to put in place protocols and contingency measures to safeguard the continued transaction of wool'.

'WoolProducers also facilitated a working group with shearing contractor associations, AWEX and SPA to develop industry wide guidance for both woolgrowers and shed staff for minimising risks around wool harvesting'.

'While there is no such thing as zero risk, we know that if everybody from growers, roustabouts to contractors do their bit by observing social distancing and implementing hygiene regimes, that we are giving the industry the best change at continued operations.' Mr Storey said.

WoolProducers has also updated their website to provide the latest wool industry specific advice and guidance, which can be found at <https://woolproducers.com.au/covid-19/>

'WoolProducers understands that this is an evolving issue and that things can change in a matter of hours. What we are trying to achieve is that we can continue to produce, harvest and transact wool for the longest time possible'. Mr Storey said.

WoolProducers: COVID-19 impacting wool growers 29 June, 2020

Peak wool representative body, WoolProducers Australia (WoolProducers), has today released findings of an online survey of woolgrowers gauging the initial impacts of COVID-19.

Key findings from this survey included that the vast majority of woolgrowers believe that COVID-19 has impacted their businesses both in financial and non-financial ways, including significant reductions in income, difficulties accessing farm inputs and labour, and declines in the wool price seeing many woolgrowers withhold or withdraw their wool from sale at auction, leading to reduced cashflows.

WoolProducers President, Mr Ed Storey said, "The global response to COVID-19 has obviously impacted nearly every facet of how the world operates, and the wool industry is no exception".

"Respondents to the survey estimated an average 32.6 per cent financial loss to their businesses during this time and further, over half of the respondents are currently not offering wool for sale." Mr Storey said.

After analysing the results, WoolProducers has made a number of recommendations to the federal government for short-term assistance measures and medium and long-term recovery support activities to assist Australian woolgrowers.

Mr Storey said, "The current environment and operations of the wool industry due to the pandemic, both domestically and internationally have the ability to potentially affect the viability of wool growing businesses in the short, medium, and long term."

"WoolProducers have therefore identified a number of actions that government can undertake to assist Australian woolgrowers during this difficult time". Mr Storey said.

The short-term activities are designed to help with immediate cash-flow and support services, including more effective communications regarding currently available government support measures.

While medium- to long-term recovery policy requests are aimed at trade diversification and other activities to mitigate trade exposure risks.

"Woolgrowers have repeatedly proven that they are resilient, and we have faced adversity many times before."

"WoolProducers would like thank those who participated in the survey as it has helped us better understand what is happening on ground and how we can best advocate these needs to government." Mr Storey said.

A copy of the full report can be found at [WoolProducers Australia](https://woolproducers.com.au/) website.

<https://woolproducers.com.au/>

Rod Stringer

I had a conversation recently when I was asked about writing an article for the ABOUT BOORT NEWSLETTER. This could be about the evolvement of farming, from horses and bullocks through until as we see it today, the history and ongoing of the stock and wool industry, the development of improved crops and technology and many other subjects. There are many out there with stories to tell and believe me people really do like to read these articles, especially about our own district. So please share them with us. I decided to offer a glance at,



Dogs and some of what they do.

When settlement was taking place in the Boort district, the people would have brought dogs with them and no doubt the size, shape and abilities of the dogs would have varied considerably. They would have been valued by their owners and others for their looks, and actual or perceived abilities, or just as pets. Some were for hunting or guard dogs, others for various skills including the ability to herd livestock etc. As is always the case when starting out, people look around to see what is of value and what works for them. If your neighbour on one side has a male dog that suits your needs and the neighbour on the other side has a female of similar character, you try to get a pup in the hope that it suits you. Hardly any of these dogs would have had a pedigree or any traceable family, however some really, good dogs did evolve. Many of these working dogs had to be very tough, for instance, to follow the stock horse many miles to work in the early morning, work all day, follow the horse home and be ready to do the same again tomorrow. There are many true stories, and many not so true stories about such great dogs. There have been many more great dogs who have not had their story told. As

a knowledgeable Gentleman once said “we only work so we can live. These dogs live so they can work”. Most dogs these days do not have to be that tough, because they ride in the ute or on the bike, and the paddocks are at least half mustered before they start. In many cases this has led to a quieter and sometimes softer dog being bred for today’s use. One of the older breeds of herding dogs is the Collie and they were the main source of bloodlines both pure and crossed with other breeds to work sheep, cattle etc. There were others such as the Heeler, mostly used for cattle, and the evolving Kelpie, now very, popular for cattle and sheep.

The sport of *Three Sheep Dog Trials*, brought here by settlers from the British Isles, is a very competitive sport. This involves three sheep being let loose in an open paddock. The handler then sends his dog around to bring them back, before manoeuvring them through a series of obstacles and finally putting them in a small yard. When the gate is shut the trial is over. This must be done within a set time. Points are taken off for any mistakes by the dog or handler, and the team that loses the least points, wins. Collies still dominate in *Three Sheep Trials*.

In more recent times *Yard and Yard Utility Trials* have become popular. This caters for dogs that are used to working closer to the sheep, so it gives yard dogs more opportunity to show their skills. There may be seven or up to twelve sheep in each lot. These start off in a small paddock or a large yard, so the initial cast to gather the sheep is shorter than in *Three Sheep Trials*. When the sheep are rounded up and settled down, the dog moves them into a yard and into the equivalent of a drenching race. The dog is often sent upon the backs of the sheep to work and pack them tightly in the race. When that has been completed, they are released out into the big yard and the dog again rounds them up into yet, another smaller yard and through a drafting race where the handler drafts them two ways as predetermined before the start. After that the sheep are let out into the big yard once again and the dog puts them through another gate which is shut to finish the trial. This has, to be done within a time limit. Points are taken off for any mistakes made by the dog or handler and the team that loses the least points wins.

Three Sheep Trials are great to watch but, like the handler and the dog, you need patience and an appreciation for quality and good stock sense. For the yard type trials these qualities are still needed, but generally things happen a bit faster, so it interests even those without an appreciation of the finer points. At many Agricultural Shows, Dog Trials are a great attraction and they have been running at Boort Show

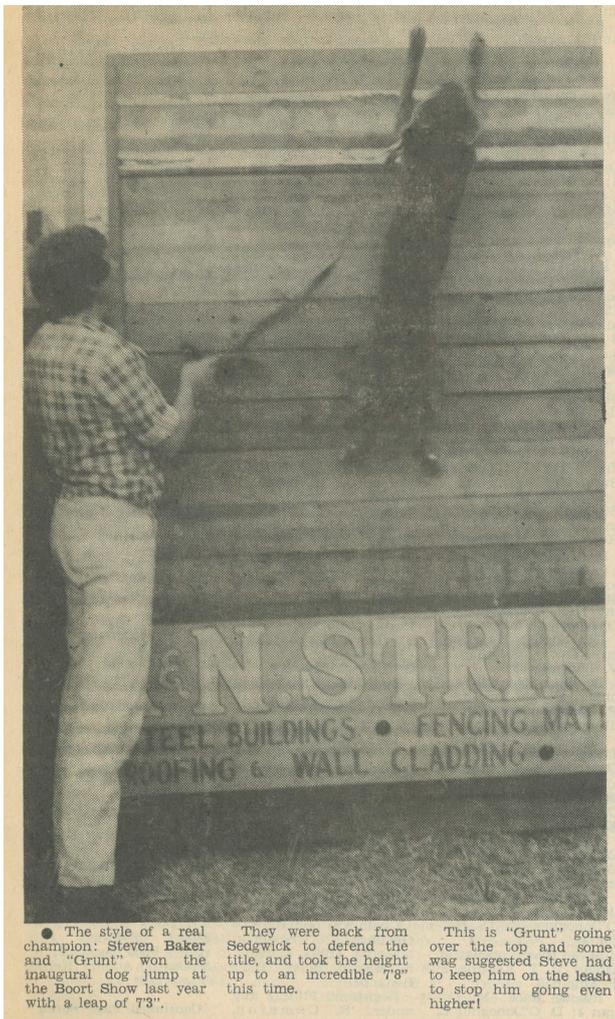
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since around about 1990. The Boort Working Dog Group (BWDG) was started in about 1999 and they ran a Working Dog Auction in 2002, 2003 and 2004. These were most successful, but because of a lack of people power to run them, we decided to close, and help Jerilderie in NSW to get started. Jerilderie have done well and still run one of the best Working Dog Auctions about. BWDG also ran, and helped to run, Working Dog Handler Schools that greatly assisted those who participated. BWDG disbanded in October 2008 when some of our main helpers left the district or the industry. There was almost \$2000- in the bank at that time which was distributed between Boort Hospital, Boort A&P Society and Junior Football.

Another great form of entertainment at the Boort Show for many years is the High Jump for dogs. This attracts both big and small from near and far to compete in their various sections. Some of these dogs are workers, others, pets, but they are keen to please, as the crowd cheers them on.

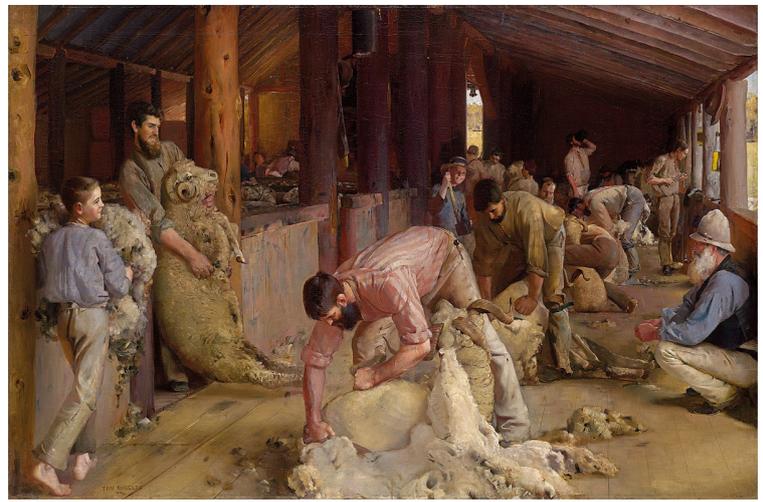
Of all the dogs, whether they work or not, most owners have the best one. And that is how it should be. People who like dogs and have them are fortunate. Those with good working dogs are blessed.

Enjoy, Rod Stringer



● The style of a real champion: Steven Baker and "Grunt" won the inaugural dog jump at the Boort Show last year with a leap of 7'3". They were back from Sedgwick to defend the title, and took the height up to an incredible 7'8" this time. This is "Grunt" going over the top and some wag suggested Steve had to keep him on the leash to stop him going even higher!

Acquired from "Boort Standard and Quambatook Times" 20th October 1987,



Shearing the Rams is an 1980 painting by Australian artist Tom Roberts. It depicts shearers plying their trade in a timber shearing shed. Distinctly Australian in character, the painting is a celebration of pastoral life and work, especially "strong, masculine labour", and recognises the role that the wool industry played in the development of the country.

One of the best-known and most-loved paintings in Australia, *Shearing the Rams* has been described as a "masterpiece of Australian Impressionism" and "the great icon of Australian popular art history". It forms part of the National Gallery of Victoria's Australian art collection, held at the Ian Potter Centre in Federation Square, Melbourne.



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The Boort Show

A brief history of the Boort Agricultural and Pastoral Society Show.

Pioneers of the A. and P. Society



A. and P. SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

The first district show was held in October 1879 at Catumnal Wesleyan Church, which is about 10 miles west of Boort. This first Show attracted an attendance of around 500 people.

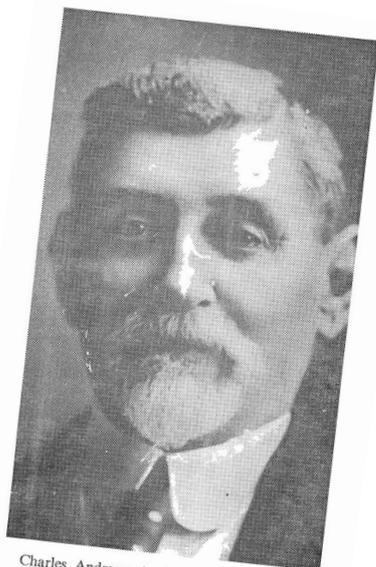
In 1880 the Boort District Pastoral and Agricultural Society was formed and the Inaugural Show was held on the 22nd October, 1880, at Boort in the newly erected Pound Yards – that is down the west end of Boort on the old salt flats.

By 1881 the attendance at the Boort Show was estimated at 2,000 people – visitors attending from Inglewood, Bridgewater, Wedderburn, East Charlton, Sandhurst, Melbourne and Ballarat.

1882 saw the first appearance of the Boort Brass Band. A special train from Sandhurst brought 500 people, and the

show crowd of over 1500 came from a radius of over 40 miles – this of course in horse and buggy, riding horses, or walking with exhibits of preserves and bread and home baked goods and livestock in hand. By 1885 the Show had 56 entries in home-made bread, 60 entries in fresh butter and an attendance of 3,000 resulted in a £7 gate.

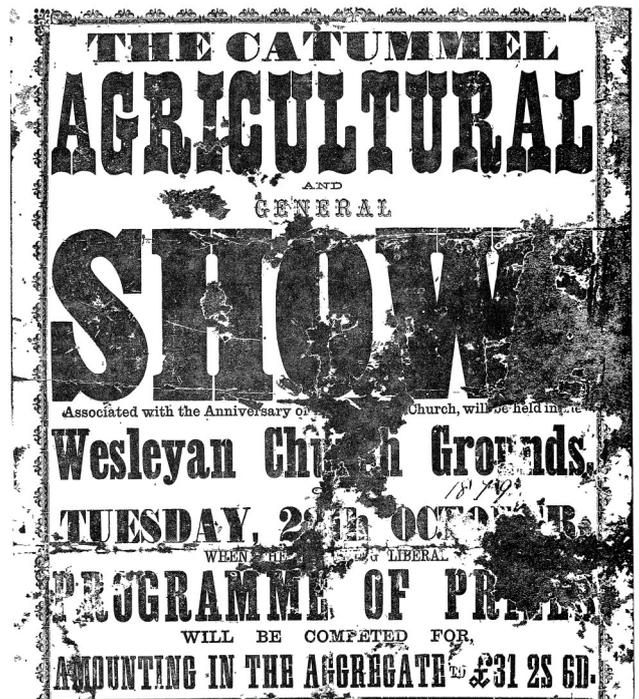
In 1888 Boort held a Grand National Show –



Charles Andrews, instigator and foundation President of A. and P. Society

attendance was 4,000 and gate takings were £94. Two special trains were required to accommodate traffic between Korong Vale and Boort and there were 1700 exhibits – imagine bringing chooks, pigs, sheep etc. on the trains to exhibit at the show. The Governor His Excellency Sir H B Loch attended the Boort Show in that year and there was a Guard of honour from Durham Ox Mounted Rifles.

The Boort Trotting Club is Australia's oldest and you will still see a 3 race Trotting Event at the Boort Show – a great spectacle.



Poster for 1879 Catummel Show

Horses have always played a large program in four or five horse rings – Show Jumping, and Olympic Jumping. In 1911 it was moved that ladies be allowed to ride astride as well as side saddle!

The price of a cup of tea with a sandwich or a bun had risen to sixpence to meet rising costs!

In 1889 prizes were given for the most sparrow heads and eggs collected (two eggs to count as one head), sparrows being of pest proportions.

By 1917 Special prizes were again offered for sparrow and starling head and eggs, five eggs counted as one head, and the Secretary to do the



● Campbell Chalmers with the Champion Polli Ram exhibited by D. Chalmers and Sons. This magnificent Marino Ram was also Grand Champion and Supreme Exhibit of the Show.

Photo from the 20th October 1987, "Boort Standard and Qumabatook Times"

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tallying. Very politically incorrect these days!

In 1929 the showgrounds were flooded and the Show postponed to November 10th when His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria Lord Stradbroke opened the Show and toured the district.

Parking fees of two shillings for motor cars was introduced in 1924.

In 1929 the buildings and Grandstand were relocated to the area known as Boort Park where the Show continues to be held these days, and incidentally Boort Show is the only Show still being conducted in the Loddon Shire – something for the Show Committees and volunteers over the years to be very proud of.

In 1934 the Pyramid Hill Pipe Band and the Boort Band played at the Show to the crowds great enjoyment, and the average cost of growing a bushel of wheat was 3/10 ½d or 39c.

During the War years the Show was not held, but a combined Carnival and Gymkhana and a Ball were organised and the proceeds donated to the War Effort and the Red Cross.

It is pleasing to see sixth and seventh generation descendants of the original committee taking an active part in organising and conducting the Show, which has proved of so much value to the district since its beginning.

The community of Boort survives on the work of volunteers and they are all commended on the continuing success of the Boort Agricultural and Pastoral Society Show. The Boort Show has an interesting and colourful history – I hope you have enjoyed this reminder of the way things were.

Jennie Weaver, Secretary Boort Historical Society Inc.

It was unfortunate that the Boort Show did not run as we usually know it for 2020, but as we have just read in the article above, times change and our wonderful community always adapts and makes the best of a situation. Congratulations to the Boort Agricultural and Pastoral Society for running the online events, and to the competitors. The response to the voting online was a credit to the community, displaying their enthusiasm for the show and everything it offers. You can see the entries and winners on the Boort Show Facebook page.



Celebrate Children's Week

24 October – 1 November 2020



FREE FAMILY EVENTS - suitable for 1-5 year olds

This year's Children's Week theme is '**Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others**' and is based on Article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

To highlight the importance of children's health and wellbeing, BRIC is working with Goldfields Library to host an **online Storytime on Thursday 29th October.**

Hayley, the librarian, will be reading the books: "Only a tree knows how to be a tree" and "My tree and me". The pre-recorded Storytime will be available on the Library's Youtube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/GoldfieldsLibraries/featured>

Tree-planting event - Sunday 8th November - morning Session times to be assigned on registration

Young children of Boort and their families are encouraged to take part in this free family event - we will plant locally indigenous trees in our local parklands. Local environment expert, Paul Haw, will speak to the children about caring for the environment and the history of our area.

Please be aware that we are now in "snake season" - please wear gumboots or sturdy work boots to this event.

As our event involves spending time together in person, we will deliver our event in line with the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) health advice and guidelines and we have a COVIDSafe plan in place.

Due to our COVIDSafe plan, **numbers are strictly limited and bookings are essential.** As social distancing must be observed throughout this event, family groups **must register by 30th October and participants must adhere to allotted arrival and departure times.**

These Children's Week activities are presented by Boort Resource and Information Centre in partnership with the Victorian Government.

To register for the tree-planting event, or if you have any queries, call BRIC on 5455 2716.

Community Tributes

Sarah and John Fiddler would like to announce the safe arrival of baby Frank on the 12.10.2020.

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The Fiddler Family have come forward to all those who celebrated with them and mourned his loss. Thank us by your kind thoughtful words at a listing.

The Fiddler Family and Depp Family are so pleased to announce their future marriage on the 12.10.2020 at the Mornington Uniting Church in Mornington.

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What are Some Grandparents Day Ideas for Children?

To mark Grandparents Day, many events and activities organised all across Australia. We have listed five ideas for how children can celebrate Grandparents Day.

- **Phone call.** Just a simple call or impromptu visit can mean the world to grandparents everywhere.
- **Crafts.** Creating a personalised gift is a fantastic idea with grandparents will love.
- **Interview them.** Grandparents appreciate being asked questions and it's a great way for children to learn about their lives.
- **Poetry.** Encouraging children to write poems is a good way of encouraging creativity and for making personal gifts for the grandparents.
- **Certificates.** Make it official by creating personalised certificates. The award? The best grandparents in the world, obviously!



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
- Best Tree as voted by the public/ Facebook "liked"
- Best Handmade Decoration

Entries must be submitted by 12pm on the 3rd December to the Boort Resource and Information Centre with the entry form.

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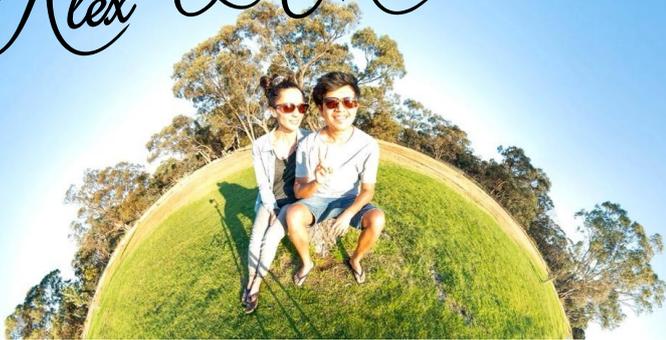
As hard as this is, every sacrifice we're making is making a difference. But we can't stop now, or lose everything we've worked for. We will get through this together.

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Alex & Mel



from Canada and France.

We both are studying in Melbourne and are here to help Tim & Wendy at the Boort Lakes Holiday Park.

Alex is passionate about photography, patisserie and new technologies.

Mel likes teaching, dancing and watching movies.

We both love travelling all around the world to meet amazing people. We enjoy the thrills of taking new challenges and always strive to grow both personally and professionally.

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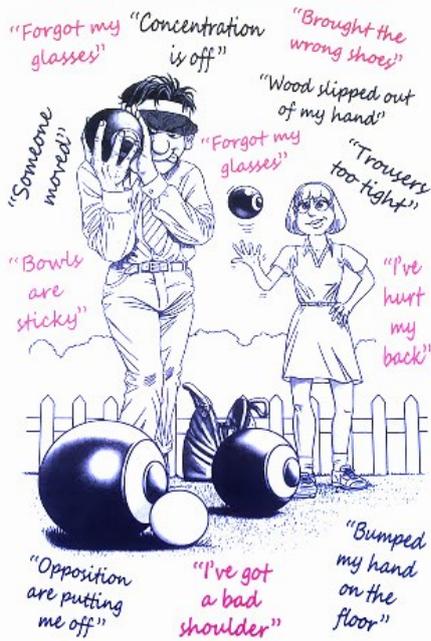
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BOWLS EXCUSES



BOORT BOWLS CLUB

The Boort Bowls Club recently got together to hold their delayed Annual Meeting for 2019-2020 in a Covid safe way. It was quite well attended. The Club has just started to commence the season with some social bowls following all Covid 19 rules. The N.C.B.D. has not been able to arrange any pennant as yet, but are hoping to get some pennant organised for the 2020-2021 season soon.



Goldfields Libraries

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BAC October General Meeting was held at the Commercial Hotel, Boort, where we enjoyed a nice meal before the meeting.

The agenda included some good news such as the Grant of \$3260--- to complete Stage Two of the Air Conditioner Project.

We have purchased a Spinning Wheel with one hundred numbers which should be a great hit at the October 2021 Carp Competition and hopefully other times as well.

BAC has for several years been looking for ways to source a Defibrillator (AED) to have around that side of Little Lake Boort, and why not at the Club Rooms? Ambulance Victoria, as part of their intention to make Boort a "Heart Safe Community" have donated two AED unites to Boort. One is on the wall of the Boort Pharmacy in Godfrey Street and the other on the outside wall of the Boort Angling Club Rooms on Ring Road. On the 15th October BAC members, nearby residents and wider community participated in "virtual lessons" on the correct ways to use this valuable equipment to save lives. We thank all who have helped to make this work.



Rod Stringer, Guy Contarino and Ron Hird after receiving Defibrillator



Guy Contarino with PB Cod assisted by Andrew Dean

At some stage when COVID has passed, AV will return and give revised lessons face to face to help improve understanding and techniques.

There is still plenty of discussion on what is a suitable and affordable door for the six metre opening on the BBQ area.

Next BAC Fishing Comp will be on 24th and 25th October, on Private Property and so will be Members only.

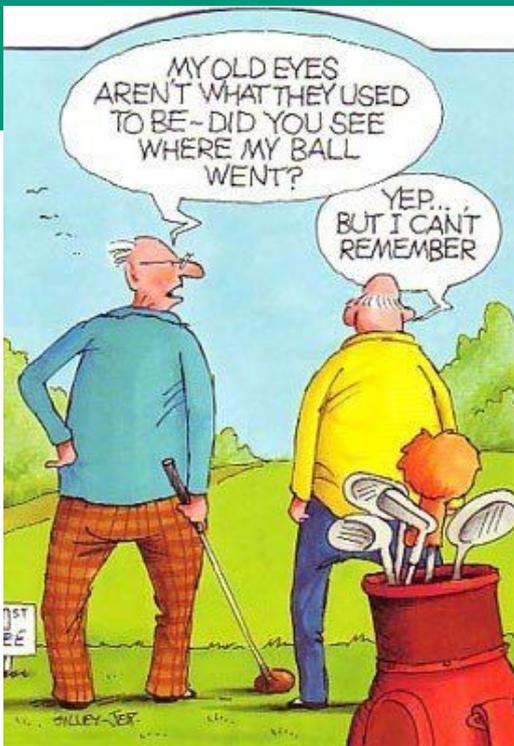
When COVID restrictions eased four of our members headed off to one of their favourite spots for a couple of days, armed with plenty of worms, shrimp etc to catch a couple of Yellow Belly. The yellow belly had different ideas and all the fish caught were Cod, which are out of season, so all were returned to the water. Phil caught 4, Andrew 1, Ron Nil (sorry Ron), and Guy a personal best. The weather threatened but held off and they had a couple good days camping.

If you have not been to the Lake lately, get around there for a look. Its full and looks great. The weather is warming up so find your fishing gear, get out and have a go. The Redfin will likely be active in that freshly filled lake.

Happy fishing, tight lines, BAC Committee.

Email: boortanglingclub@yahoo.com

BOORT GOLF CLUB



What a year we have had to play golf.

Nobody will forget 2020 the year of the Global Pandemic. There was a lot of work done around the golf course, clearing away dead trees, sowing down bare patches and a lot of cleaning up. Thank you to all those people who brought in machinery to help with the many working bees. We had a lovely course to start playing golf on even though it was not until the middle of May. We thank Stuart, Andrew, Dot and Di for keeping up with rules changes and guiding us through the golf season.

The Club would like to thank all the extra people who either became new members or paid Green Fees to enjoy a hit of golf this year, you helped to keep the local golf Club going. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and we look forward to seeing you around the golf course next year.



Even though we were unable to play Kara Kara Pennant, Shield and Association Days nor able to hold out yearly Tournament and Major Fund Raising Raffle the restrictions were lifted in time for the Kara Kara Champions of Champions to be played in Boort. Di Johnston and Gaye Sim represented Boort. There were 5 ladies in Silver Division representing Boort, Donald, Birchip, Wedderburn, St Arnaud and 5 ladies in the Bronze Division from Boort, Sea Lake, Wycheproof, St Arnaud, Birchip all playing 27 holes.

Di Johnston (40,88 - 128) won the Silver Division with Mandy Male runner-up (44,87-131)
Gaye Sim (50,95-145) won Bronze Division with Cindy McMillian runner-up (54,97-151). The next weekend at St Arnaud

Andrew Kane represented Boort in the Men's Championship and came home with a win. Congratulations Boort players, that was a triple for us this year.

Towards the end of the season some ladies have played either 14 or 9 holes on Monday or Friday as well as Wednesday, but on their last Day they played 9 holes only using 3 golf sticks, some interesting golf was had. After this event the ladies enjoyed a lovely lunch at Godfrey & Bear followed the presentation of the yearly trophies.

The golf club AGM will be held towards the end of November, date to be announced after the renovations of the club house are completed. A notice will be displayed on the IGA noticeboard. All members welcome to attend.



Any Questions please contact any of the following:-

President: Stuart Tweddle 0413 482 385

Ladies: Dot Beattie President 0427 552 461

Captain: Andrew Kane 0428 378 738

Lady Captain: Di Johnston 0427 434 625

October 2020

COVID-19 business information on website

Council would like to remind local businesses in the Shire to regularly check the COVID-19 business support section of the Loddon Shire Council website. This page is regularly updated with details on government support (including Council, State Government and Federal Government support) and resources available during COVID-19.

The business support page also has a list of available grants eligible businesses can apply for, as well as information webinars and training opportunities.

Find out more at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/COVID-19/COVID-19-business-support

If you would like to be notified of updates to this page, click on the “Subscribe to this page” button to receive an email whenever a change is made.

Business recovery and resilience mentoring

The Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has partnered with the Victorian Government to deliver a business mentoring program to help small businesses navigate the economic challenges posed by COVID-19 restrictions.

Eligible business owners will be matched with an experienced professional who will provide them with up to four one-on-one mentoring sessions over a three-month period. Each session will last for two hours. Mentoring sessions will be conducted by phone, video conferencing and if appropriate, face-to-face.

The program will offer guidance on business recovery, market transformation, digital literacy and engagement, market and supply chain diversification, and reskilling and retraining.

For more information and to take part, go to

www.victorianchamber.com.au/business-support/crisis-information and click on the “business recovery and mentoring” link.

Inclusive employment webinar

The Champions for Change team will be holding an inclusive employment webinar with information and resources for local businesses interested in employing people with a disability.

The free event will present a business case for inclusive employment and will connect businesses with the local supports and services that they’re not aware of, or know much about. The webinar is also a great way to find out what resources and financial supports are available to employers of people with a disability.

To register go to

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/inclusive-employment-webinar-registration-122155944719

The webinar will be held from 11am to 12.30pm on Tuesday 13 October. A Zoom link will be put in your calendar upon registration. The Champions for Change team is based at the City of Greater Bendigo, in partnership with Mount Alexander Shire, Loddon Shire, The Australian Network on Disability and be.Bendigo GROW.

Call-out for community leaders

LEAD Loddon Murray are calling on emerging and aspiring community leaders to apply for the 2021 Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program.

The Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (LMCLP) is a transformational program delivered annually since 1998 to support participants’ personal and professional development in a community context.

Many of the LMCLP’s 502 past graduates have gone on to serve in positions such as Local Government Councillors and executives, and as board members and volunteers on key community and government groups across the region.

The program runs between February and November each year encompassing 22 program days held in different parts of the region, showcasing rural communities, towns and major regional centres.

Through the support of program partners including Loddon Shire, a number of scholarship places are on offer to participate in LMCLP at a reduced cost. Scholarships available include dairy industry, natural resource management sector, Indigenous people, those with an interest in the arts or the environment, and residents.

Applications close Friday 23 October. For more information visit www.leadlm.org.au or call Program Manager Jude Hannah on 0499 171 663 or email jude@leadlm.org.au

Remembrance Day 11th of November

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month

One minute's silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. Today the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts is commemorated on Remembrance Day.



Our red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community. The poppy is a well-known and well-established symbol, one that carries a wealth of history and meaning with it.

Boort RSL Sub-Branch

The Boort RSL is struggling with the COVID 19 as much as anyone else and finding it difficult to operate as a successful RSL branch.

This year we have lost four valuable members - Noel Featherby, Kel Jeffery Lance Slatter and John Makeham. This is the end of an era, as there are no second world war survivors around Boort and possibly the Shire.

Due to COVID 19 we have decided not to sell Poppies and badges outside IGA this year. Instead, people who are keen to support Remembrance Day will be able to purchase a badge at the Post Office and at the Newsagency.

A small Remembrance Day service will be held on the 11th November as usual, outside the RSL Club Rooms. This service will commence just after 10:30am. Masks and Social Distancing will be enforced.

Remembrance Day falls on 11th November each year, on the 11th hour and the 11th month, a minute silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect our nation in all wars and armed conflicts.

We would advise the general public to observe Remembrance Day at home, but you are welcome to come, even if you are standing across the street.

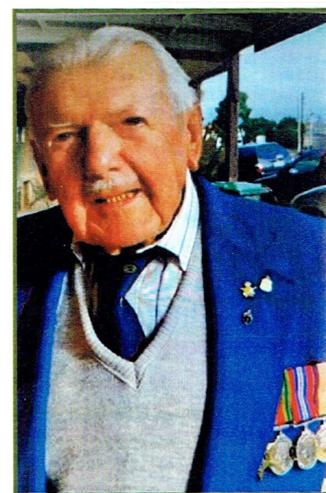
Paul Haw (President)

SERVICEMEN WE REMEMBER



Lance Slatter proudly wearing his medals from World War 2 Airforce (his left) and (his right) are his father's World War 1 medals (army). On his lapel are the RSL then MASONIC then the ANZAC.

Middle Right: Kel Jeffery
World War 2, Airforce



Above: Noel Featherby



Bottom Right: MAKEHAM, John Wilson World War 2, Army

MEDIA RELEASE

Baking up a wonder loaf

FURTHER INFORMATION: (03) 5494 1257



While the bread from Bridgewater Bakehouse has always been delicious, now it could be better for you, thanks to an exciting partnership between the bakery and former My Kitchen Rules contestants, Jodie-Anne and Mick Barlow.

The Bridgewater Bakehouse is one of a

select group of bakeries throughout Victoria chosen to pioneer, Aloe Bread. Adding Aloe juice to the bread delivers a loaf that perhaps can aid digestion and promote good gut health without altering the flavour.

Jodie-Anne and Mick Barlow have been strong advocates for the reported health benefits of Aloe Vera since Jodie-Anne started taking the juice to alleviate her osteoarthritis. She has also seen the health of friends and family improve as a result of taking Aloe Vera. Since then, she has looked at ways to make getting your daily dose more accessible.

The conceivable health benefits of Aloe Vera (*Aloe barbadensis miller*) have been recognised since the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans used it for medicinal purposes, including for digestive health, skin disorders and healing wounds.

In 1977, Jennifer McDougall imported the plants to Australia and began commercial cultivation in 1980. Jennifer's dream was to improve people's lives through the use of Aloe Vera in a range of natural food and cosmetic products. Her company, Aloe Vera of Australia, researched the perfect growing conditions and how to stabilize the inner leaf gel of the plant for commercial use.

Known as one of nature's 'miracle plants', there is a long list of vitamins, minerals and naturally occurring compounds found in the Aloe Vera gel which may be supportive for both inside and outside the body.

The plants are grown in northern Victoria and harvested as a renewable source. The juice can be taken as a tonic, mixed with other foods or used in a range of skincare products. It is used to help regulate the intestinal tract, detoxifying and stimulating the digestion.

Aloe Vera has also been shown to achieve good results in the control of arthritis, ulcers and

dermatitis. Taking the juice could help with the absorption of vitamins and minerals and with muscle building.

Jodie-Anne and Mick have already teamed up with bakeries in Moama and Echuca to begin baking bread with Aloe Vera juice. They were motivated to learn that the food value of the Aloe Vera is not diminished in the cooking process.

Now the idea is coming to central Victoria with Pat O'Toole from Bridgewater Bakehouse trialling the bread in the Cob, Vienna and block varieties. By adding Aloe Vera juice to the multigrain bread, the result is expected to be an all-round healthier loaf, aiding digestion, gut health and adding vitamins, minerals and amino acids to the diet while enjoying one of our favourite foods.

Just two slices per day of the bread may be enough to deliver the potential health benefits of Aloe Vera which include improving the immune system, improved gut health, better circulation, reduced inflammation and many more. This is why Aloe Vera is considered to be a wonder food by its growing band of fans.

Proprietor and baker Pat O'Toole said he is excited to introduce a new product to the Bridgewater Bakehouse range and is impressed by the potential health benefits. He is keen to add the Victorian-grown Aloe Vera extract as a natural combination with the locally milled Laucke flour. He is always looking for speciality lines to add to his traditional offerings of bread, pies, cakes and slices.

To help spread the word about how good this bread is, Jodie-Anne and Mick will visit Bridgewater to try Pat's bread for themselves. They are currently



working on a 10-part television series called 'Champagne Food on a Beer Budget' that aims to showcase the country's primary producers and demonstrate how to make delicious, wholesome food without a big budget. Soft, fluffy and now healthier, Aloe Bread will be available at Bridgewater

Bakehouse, Main Street Bridgewater and Bath Lane Bendigo in Cob, Vienna and block loaves.

Find them on Facebook

www.facebook.com/BridgewaterBakehouse/



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 Roberson
Community Connector
betharobertson@bchs.com.au
0417 520 249



WANTED Orange Pom Poms



EACH YEAR BOORT DISTRICT HEALTH TAKES PART IN THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM TO RAISE AWARENESS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE.

This event takes place at the end of November. This year our team are looking to make hundreds of pom poms to decorate the town orange to raise awareness and start conversations. The BDH Family Violence team; Donna, Mubarak, Sam and Maree are looking for assistance to make the orange pom poms and would really appreciate your help.

If you think you could make a pom pom or two, could you please contact Maree at the hospital 5451 5200 or BRIC 5455 2716

Family violence is a health issue in community that affects many people, most of whom you would not know about. We can pick pom poms up from your home or you can drop them at BRIC. Thank you to those who have already offered their help.



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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**



The lake is full, and we are looking forward a ski season that may be a little different this year

With our Covid safe plan in place we have many exciting things planned so keep an eye out for regular updates from the club

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



BoortSkiClub on Facebook/Instagram



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Library Agencies Storytimes Online

Nurture your child's listening and learning skills in these fun-filled sessions of stories, songs and rhymes.

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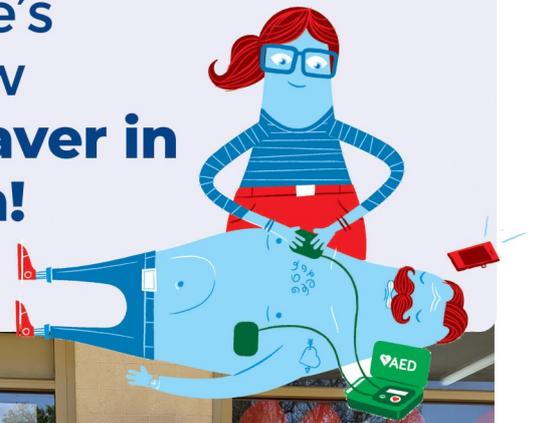
www.Facebook.com/GoldfieldsLibraryAgencies



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



There's a new lifesaver in town!



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

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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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

Following the Premier's announcement to support property owners to prepare their rural property to reduce the risk of natural emergencies, Loddon Shire Council has created an online application process. Applications are available at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/COVID-19/Travel-permits-for-fire-and-emergency-preparation

Applications will take between 2 and 5 business days to process.

Property owners are able to request a letter of support to travel from their primary residence to their rural property in the Loddon Shire. They will be required to:

- travel within a defined 72 hour period requested by them
- only stay overnight at the property if required
- follow all restrictions in place at their primary residence.

There are many local slashing and gardening businesses that provide grass cutting services in Loddon Shire that can assist with works in the absence of the ability to travel to Loddon Shire properties. Property owners are strongly encouraged to use local contractors and businesses to prepare your property to avoid travelling, as per the government guidelines.

On receipt of an application, Council will confirm:

- the applicant owns the property
- the property is situated within or nearby a bushfire prone area, floodway overlay or other hazard overlay
- the intended works to be undertaken
- the period of intended travel, including the dates of travel and the duration of stay by the owner
- that only members of the owner's immediate household are travelling with them

Following this assessment, successful applicants will be provided with:

- a letter to the owner allowing travel, subject to conditions
- a copy of a letter from the Chief Health Officer explaining the responsibilities of the property owner and the penalties for not complying
- a checklist informing the applicant of the conditions of travel and that by travelling they agree to these conditions

Property owners are encouraged to go to Council's webpage to commence the application process www.loddon.vic.gov.au/COVID-19/Travel-permits-for-fire-and-emergency-preparation. Frequently asked questions (FAQ) have been published by the Victorian State Government at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/emergencies-and-coronavirus-covid-19>



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Become a teacher to lead us into the future, and inspire who comes next.

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Appointments now available in Boort

Providing Hearing Services - Hearing Assessments, Hearing Aids, Alternative Listening Devices, Batteries & Accessories - to you, without the need to travel.

Visiting Boort Medical Clinic - Ph (03) 4418 2820 for more information or to book an appointment.

Free Hearing Assessments for Pensioners & Veterans

PRESS RELEASE

Monday 19 October 2020

Let's have a

conversation about leadership

Current and future local leaders are encouraged to participate in the second leadership webinars on Monday 26 October at 7pm. Designed to inspire conversations and to build strong community skills to meet the current and future challenges facing our rural communities, the second webinar builds on the theme of the first: 'Turning a great idea into reality.'

Northern District Community Health (NDCH) CEO Mandy Hutchinson said The Gannawarra Conversation Series – Community Leadership Webinars provides an important forum for community members to listen to each other, build hope, explore possibilities and strengthen the community. At our first webinar Bryan Goble shared his story of leadership with the Koondrook community, and there were some great take home messages.

Ms Hutchinson added that local community leaders are the backbone of our vibrant communities, and that *an amazing group of Gannawarra leaders supported Northern District Community Health (NDCH) to co-design The Community Leadership Webinars.*

"Our community is not new to facing challenges, but with



the extra pressure from COVID, we thought now was the perfect time to have a conversation and start tackling how we as a community can adapt to these changing times. All community members, volunteers, club members, especially those new to leadership are encouraged to attend."

The webinars are free and will be facilitated by leadership expert Christine Kotur whose experience and learnings from government inquiries and three Royal Commissions have earned her immense respect. Ms Kotur has worked with leaders in the Gannawarra region before and is Leadership Victoria's Leader in Residence.

Rotary Cambodia Alternative Schoolies will be the local example of leadership showcased and discussed, led by Sharon Champion and Gerardine Prendergast.

The *Community Leadership Webinars* will next occur via Zoom on Monday 26th October, 7.00pm until 8.30pm. Groups such as progress associations, neighbourhood houses, service and sporting clubs along with schools and businesses are able to nominate up to 2 people to attend. All welcome. For more information and to book visit www.ndch.org.au/events or call us on 5451 0200.

This program is an initiative of the Gannawarra Resilience Committee and is being funded by the Gannawarra Shire Council through the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme.

Media: Mandy Hutchinson 5451 0200

THE *Gannawarra* CONVERSATION SERIES

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP WEBINARS

Two

We have used the rich themes discussed at our first Webinar to tailor the content of our next session.

Turning a great idea into a reality!

Sharon Champion and Gerardine Prendergast will bring to life their experience of developing a sustainable leadership program, 'Rotary Cambodia Alternative Schoolies'.

Online via ZOOM from 7 PM to 8 PM

- Monday, 26 October 2020

The Gannawarra Resilience Committee through Northern District Community Health (NDCH) has worked together with Community Leaders to co-design this conversation series tailored to both the current and future challenges facing our community.

Register to attend

www.ndch.org.au/events

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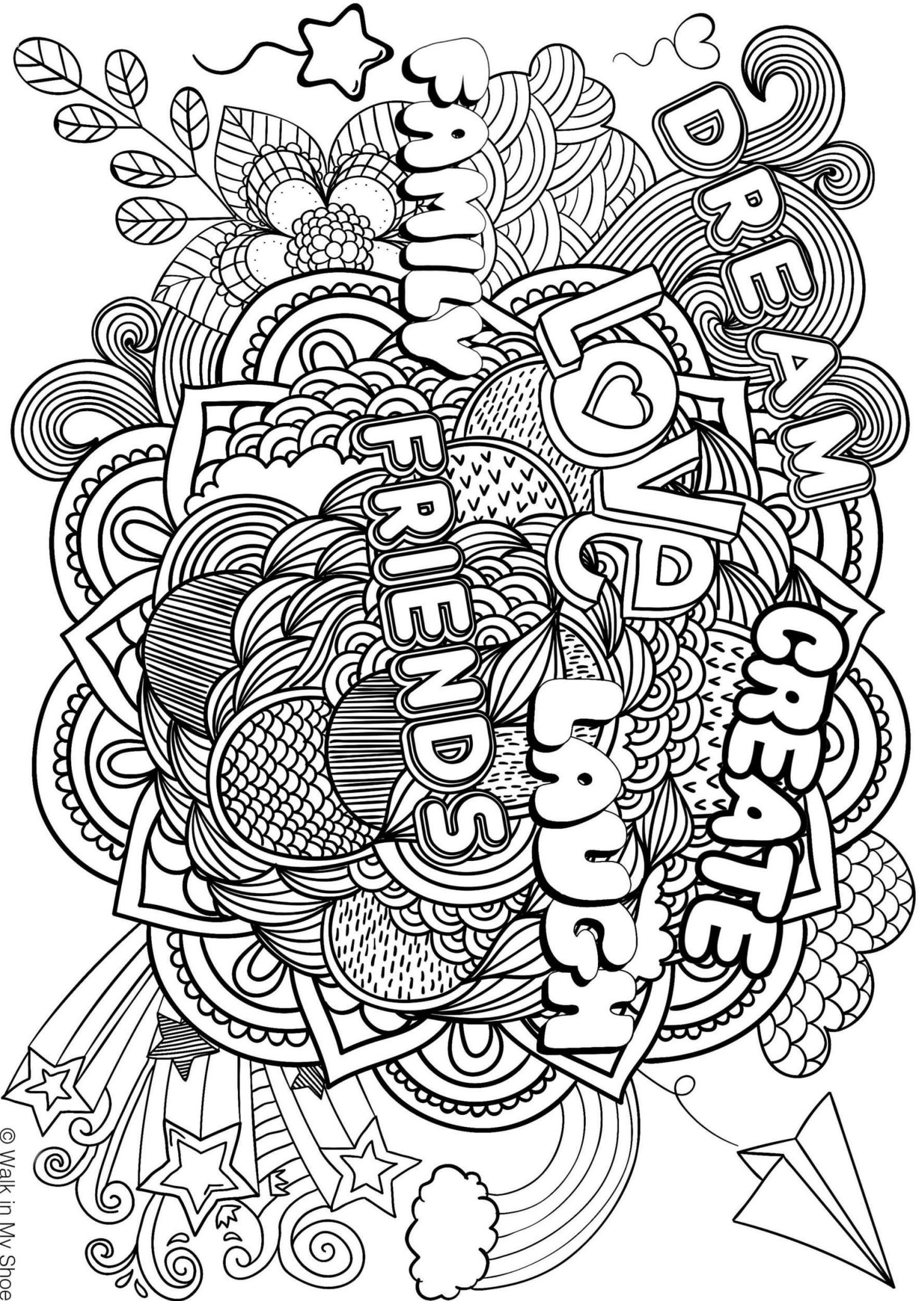
Designed for Gannawarra community members, emerging and established leaders, or others with an interest in leadership. Groups such as progress associations, neighbourhood houses, service and sporting clubs along with schools and businesses are able to nominate up to 2 people to attend. All welcome.



PROGRAM FACILITATOR

Christine Kotur provides expert professional services in the fields of strategy, governance, leadership development, complex inquiries, reviews and facilitation. She is a highly regarded independent chair, company director and strategic advisor to CEOs, senior executives, board chairs and directors, councillors and committees.

This program is being funded by the Gannawarra Shire Council through the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme—extension





Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



One of the best ways to stay informed about what is happening in the Loddon Shire and to see important Council updates is by following our Facebook page. Make sure you 'like' the page to receive updates in your newsfeed

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

Contact the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on (03) 5494 3489 or www.visitloddonvalley.com.au



Photo by Anna Beamish

RAINBOW

Rainbow, rainbow over the sky
Ever so beautiful up on high
When it rains you colour bright
Making for a pretty sight
Yellow, purple and orange too
The kiddies love to see you in your shades of hue

There in all your glory such delight
A crown of peace all tinged with light

Wayne F. Pappin

Fire Safety and Preparing for Summer

(online forum due to COVID restrictions)

LISTEN TO OUR RECORDED COVERAGE

...online forum with ... CFA, ... District Hospital, Ambulance Victoria Loddon Shire and The Boort Resource and Information Centre to help you prepare for fire safety and summer conditions.

Monday 26th October 2020

Time: 7.30pm

The recorded event can be seen on

BRIC Facebook and

Web page boortbric.net

BRIC GYM

OPENING October 28th

Boort Community Gym is re-opening on Wednesday 28th October.

Please come into BRIC to have your Membership card reinstated.

COVID-19 guidelines for indoor Gyms must be observed.