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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS 4TH APRIL– CLOCKS GO BACK AN HOUR When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, 4 April 2021, **3:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to **2:00 am** 



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#### **Circuit Breaker Action Business Support Package**

Last week the Victorian Premier announced a \$143 million Circuit Breaker Support Package for eligible businesses impacted by the recent COVID-19 circuit breaker action.

There are four initiatives available for eligible businesses as part of this support package: the Business Costs Assistance Program, Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund – Circuit Breaker Action Payment, Victorian Accommodation Support Program, and Travel Voucher schemes.

For more information regarding the support package and initiatives, visit <u>www.business.vic.gov.au/support</u> <u>-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/circuit-</u> <u>breaker-action-business-support-package</u>

#### Microgrid information session

The Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA) is partnering with the Centre for New Energy Technologies (C4NET), Powercor, Ovida and Loddon and Buloke Shire Councils on the Donald and Tarnagulla Microgrid Project.

The project, which will run for around three years, is looking to engage the Donald and Tarnagulla communities to listen and understand their needs and desires around their future electricity supply.

According to the CVGA, communities are becoming increasingly aware of alternative energy supplies to enhance their existing supply or explore alternative supply options, such as microgrids. Several community groups across the Loddon-Mallee area have sought to investigate whether microgrids are a better energy solution for their electricity needs.

#### **Congratulations Ivan**

I'd like to congratulate Ivan Streader who was recently honoured by the Boort Memorial Hall community asset committee for his dedicated contributions as a long-term member.

Boort Memorial Hall community asset committee President Ian Potter presented Ivan with a framed certificate and book, and gave a speech in recognition of all the work Ivan has contributed to the hall.

The Boort Memorial Hall committee was formed in 1990. Ivan was involved with this committee after previously maintaining the hall before the committee's official formation.

Ivan's building construction background was a huge



benefit to the Boort Memorial Hall as well as many other buildings around town. He has always been a champion for the hall, making sure it was in good condition and ready for use – demonstrating Ivan's dedication to his local community.

The local historical society is currently interviewing Ivan

about the work he has completed in the Boort area with the local halls.

#### ABS looking for field managers

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is currently recruiting for field managers in our local area for the next Census on 10 August 2021.

Census Field Managers play a critical role in helping their local community to complete the Census, and community participation in the Census is vital.

Roles start from May 2021. To find out more and to apply, visit <u>https://censusjobs.adecco.com.au/</u>

# — WHAT'S ON

We encourage community members to check directly with event organisers to see if listed events are proceeding. If events have been cancelled and the Loddon Shire has not received notice, they may still appear below.

#### Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree 2021

Saturday, 6 March to Sunday 7 March 2021 CANCELLED FOR 2021

#### Tarnagulla Archive Open Day

Open on the second Sunday of each month (except on Code Red days) | 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Tarnagulla History Archive is a repository for all things related to the local history of Tarnagulla and its surrounding district.

At Open Days visitors can:

- View temporary displays of local history images, footage and artefacts
- Have local and family history questions answered by a local historian
- Lodge research requests Order copies of historical images
- Buy local history books
- Register interest as a volunteer, a donor or for email updates.

Email: tarnagullahistoryarchive@gmail.com

Tarnagulla Public Hall, 69-71 Commercial Road, Tarnagulla 3551.

#### **Bridgewater Celtic Festival**

Saturday, 17 April 2021 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Have a great time catching up with friends, enjoy an Irish jig, go for stroll amongst the stalls, grab a blanket or a chair and sit on the oval and watch the Scots play those magic bagpipes. Gold coin donation entry. For more information contact Jenny on 5437 3198 or email hoskinggj@bigpond.com. Bridgewater Railway Station, Erskine St, Bridgewater on Loddon 3516

#### 8th NHMA National Tractor Trek 2021

Thursday, 30 September to Sunday, 03 October 2021 | 8:00 AM 3:00 PM

8th National Historical Machinery Association Tractor Trek in 2021 will be run in Wedderburn by the Wedderburn Historical Engine and Machinery Society Inc. Spectators welcome and encouraged.

Email: barry.bolwell1@gmail.com Phone: 0498 877 330

#### Boort Lawn Tennis Club 2021 Easter Tournament

Friday, 2 April to Monday, 5 April 2021 9:00 AM 5:00 PM

Tennis for all ages- Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles for Men, Ladies, Boys, Girls.

Individual events and Family events. Social activities during Saturday and Sunday evenings.

A family fun time assured.

To register or for more information contact Alister on 0427221098 or ahvmcd@bigpond.net.au.

Boort Lawn Tennis Club

# Wedderburn Bowling Club 2021 Easter Bowls Carnival

Thursday, 1 April to Saturday, 3 April 2021 | 12:00 PM 5:00 PM

The annual Wedderburn Bowling Club is held over several days offering competitions for singles, pairs and fours. All entries close one day prior to each event or when full. For more information or to enter a competition contact Neville on 5494 3086.

Wedderburn Bowling Club, 17 Chapel St, Wedderburn 3518

#### 2021 Boort Show

Saturday, 9 October 2021 | 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM Presented by the Boort Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc. The Boort Show is the longest running community event, beginning 133 years ago, and promises many of the popular, traditional attractions that keep the crowds coming back.

For the latest information visit

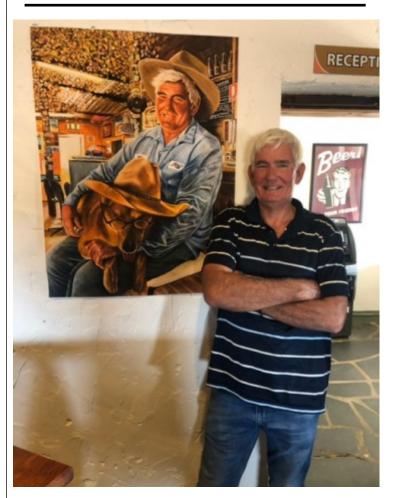
<u>https://www.facebook.com/boortshow/</u> or email <u>boortshowsecretary@yahoo.com</u>. Boort Park, 35 Malone St, Boort 3537

#### LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER



SAVE THE DATE Saturday 9th October, 2021

#### Proudly entertaining Boort since 1886!



Trevor Wright—from Wright Air, pictured here with a portrait hanging at the Birdsville Pub, painted by artist Poppy Ross. Poppy won the Darcy Doyle art award for this work. Loddon Community Travelling Dance – Boort Friday, 4 June 2021 | 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM Boort Memorial Hall, Godfrey St, Boort 3537 Loddon Community Travelling Dance – Newbridge Friday, 2 July 2021 | 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM Newbridge Public Hall, Newbridge 3551 Loddon Community Travelling Dance – Pyramid Hill Friday, 6 August 2021 | 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall, 30-32 Kelly St, Pyramid Hill 3575 Cost \$20 per couple and a supper plate. Contact Dede Williams and Greg Deimos on 0407 871 327, 0418 108 644 or danceloddon@gmail.com

# BOORT WALKING GROUP

# Meets Every Tuesday at Nolen's Park fitness equipment area.

Walking is at your own pace and there is no expectation to walk the full lap of the lake. Some complete a short walk and rest along the way and others choose to walk the full lap of the lake, at the end we all meet up for a coffee and chat.

Our first walk on 23rd March had 5 people, which was a good turn out for the first one considering it had been raining earlier in the morning.

A good time was had walking and talking and we enjoyed a cuppa afterwards as well as a look at the gym at BRIC.

We are keen for next week! See you then!

Maree Stringer: Social Support Co-ordinator Boort District Health Sophia Herrington: BRIC Manager







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#### Be vigilant against fruit fly

Following a community member's report of fruit fly having been located in Bridgewater, I'd just like to remind residents to ensure you remain vigilant against fruit fly.

The Queensland fruit fly (QFF) is a serious pest for both home gardeners and commercial growers. QFF attacks a wide range of fruits and fruiting vegetables. One female QFF can lay up to 100 eggs per day.

Because they provide food and shelter, home gardens are an ideal place for QFF, particularly those with a range of different fruit and vegetable varieties which ripen all year round, enabling QFF to rapidly increase in numbers.

When controlling QFF, prevention is the best option. According to Agriculture Victoria, to reduce the risk of attracting QFF to your garden make sure you:

Pick and use fruit or vegetables as they ripen, or harvest the produce early if it will ripen after it's picked.

Reduce the size of your trees so they don't produce more fruit than you need.

Remove any unwanted or neglected host trees and replace them with early-maturing host plants or nonhost alternative plants such as local wattles or grevilleas.

Collect and destroy any rotting or unwanted host produce, whether it's on the ground or on the plant.

Don't put untreated produce in your compost or worm farm, or directly into your rubbish. Rather, to stop the life cycle of QFF and prevent spread to other areas:

microwave unwanted fruit or vegetables to kill any maggots, place the produce in a plastic bag, seal the bag and either leave it in the sun for five to seven days or place it in a freezer for two days.

You can then put the bagged, treated fruit or vegetables in your rubbish bin.

For more information about how you can protect your garden from QFF, visit the Agriculture Victoria website at <u>https://bit.ly/3rdd2vo</u>

# Sustainable and Regenerative Agriculture Group information evening

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network (LPLN) and North Central Catchment Management Authority are holding

an information evening to canvass interest in forming a Sustainable and Regenerative Agriculture group based on the Loddon Plains.

The information evening was held on Wednesday 10 March at the Inglewood Town Hall Hub.

intends to This program support adoption, and development skills in sustainable and regenerative agriculture practices. It will form part of LPLN's commitment to Sustainable Agriculture through its Loddon Plains Sustainable Agriculture Strategy with a focus on community and adoption support.

For more information email Danny Pettingill on <u>facilitator@lpln.org</u> or call 0490 412 430.

#### Community Grants Scheme NOW OPEN

Applications for Council's Community Grants Scheme are now open.

Up to \$10,000 is available for not-for-profit clubs and organisations based in the Loddon Shire to deliver projects that directly benefit residents. This includes enhancing the provision of activities, facilities or delivery of services to people in our community.

Successful grant applications are funded on a two-toone basis. This means for every \$2 provided by Council, the successful applicants must contribute a minimum of \$1 towards the cost of the project. Up to 50 per cent of an applicant's contribution can be inkind.

Applications for Council's Community Grants Scheme close at 5pm, Saturday 1 May 2021.

Please note, applications must be submitted online through Council's SmartyGrants program <u>https://loddon.smartygrants.com.au/</u>

Support is also available to assist with the Smarty Grants process.

To find out more, call Council's Community Support Team on 5494 1200.

#### **Finance course for Young Farmers**

Agriculture Victoria is running a new online express course for young farmers around farm finance.

The course, *Farm Finance* – *Getting Prepared* will be run as a series of five 90-minute webinars focussing on farm finance, risk and farm management planning.

Each webinar runs from 7pm to 8.30pm and will start on Thursday 25 March with *The Business Case*.

The other four webinars in the series are *Creating the Cashflow budget* (Thursday 8 April), *Farm business risks* (Thursday 29 April), *Business Risks impact on cashflow* (Thursday 13 May) and *Putting the plan into actions* (Thursday 27 May).

For more information and links to the webinars, visit <u>https://bit.ly/304gGM7</u>

#### Anzac Day schools awards



The Anzac Day Schools' Awards are now open, with this year's theme 'what does commemoration look like in our

#### community?'

Hosted by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the awards recognise the commitment of students, teachers and schools to engage with veterans and honour Australia's wartime history.

The national winner's school will receive \$5,000, a trophy and a certificate. There will also be state and territory winners, with the schools receiving \$3,000 and a certificate. Winners in the special categories will receive \$2,000 and a certificate.

For more information, including award categories, judging, criteria and how to apply visit https:// anzacportal.dva.gov.au/research-education/ competitions/anzac-day-schools-awards

Entries close Wednesday 30 June 2021.



#### **Expressions of Interest are open**

Keen to have your say on some of the big issues affecting our water future? We want to hear from you as we consider our Urban Water Strategy 2022. The Strategy is a long-term planning tool which will inform our actions and help secure our water future over the next 50 years.

We review this Strategy every five years, which involves assessing our plans against a number of factors such as climate change and population growth. It identifies better ways to service our customers while maintaining a sustainable future.

This is your chance to be involved in these discussions. Register your Expression of Interest to be involved in the consultation events: <u>https://bit.ly/3cwghl1</u>

More information: <u>https://coliban.com.au/.../</u> policies.../urban-water-strategy



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# Goulburn to Murray trade and Murray delivery risk webinar

Agriculture Victoria held its irrigation webinar series on Wednesday 24 March from 1pm to 2pm.

The title of the webinar is *Goulburn to Murray trade* and *Murray delivery risk.* 

Topics included recent developments in the Goulburn to Murray Trade Review, including proposals for longterm changes to trade and operating rules, and recent findings on Murray River delivery risk.

The webinar explored what this all means for Victorian irrigators and actions that can be taken to be better prepared, as well as discussing the impact of these developments and the associated management strategies on valuable ecological sites.

#### **MASH Inglewood meeting a success**

The More Australian Solar Homes (MASH) solar and battery storage bulk-buy program meeting in Inglewood earlier this month has been declared a success. More than 20 people attended the meeting, with the program receiving a number of follow-up enquiries.

Cr Linda Jungwirth and Cr Wendy Murphy both attended the meeting, with Cr Murphy providing the opening welcome speech.

The MASH solar bulk-buy program is part of Council's ongoing partnership with the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance. The program makes it easier and more affordable for Loddon Shire households and businesses to install a solar power system in order to cut their electricity bills and CO<sup>2</sup> emissions.

The next Loddon Shire MASH information meeting will be held at the Boort Resource and Information Centre on Tuesday 13 April from 6pm to 7.30pm.

The information meeting is for anyone (household, business owner or farmer) thinking about getting a solar power system installed and/or battery storage.

To register your place, call 1300 466 274 or visit <a href="https://mash.org.au/solar-event/information-meeting-boort/">https://mash.org.au/solar-event/information-meeting-boort/</a>

#### Supporting young people during COVID-19 webinar

headspace Bendigo, in partnership with headspace National, hosted a webinar on Wednesday for parents and carers of young people around supporting their mental health through COVID-19.

Information presented during the webinar included strengthening understanding of mental health, building skills and strategies to support mental health and wellbeing of your young person, and the support available to young people. The webinar also included a presentation on youth mental health, followed by a panel with guest speakers.



# What is the Individual Placement & Support Program (IPS)?

The IPS program offers employment and study support to young people with mental health issues.

It is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.

The IPS Program is an evidence based and clinically integrated service.

Young people work one on one with a dedicated Vocational Specialist receiving vocational support whilst receiving support for their mental health and wellbeing.



For further information contact headspace Bendigo on

5406 1400 78-80 Pall Mall, Bendigo

#### Farm Safety Rebate now open

Eligible farm businesses can now apply for a rebate of up to \$5000 to invest in infrastructure and equipment to improve safety for workers, visitors and family through the Victorian Government's Farm Safety Rebate Scheme.

Eligible projects include animal handling infrastructure, animal management infrastructure, chemical handling infrastructure, shearing, dairy or machinery shed upgrades, and creation of safe onfarm play areas for children.

The program will close 31 December 2021 or when all funds are allocated.

For more information or to apply for a rebate visit <u>Rural Finance</u> at <u>www.ruralfinance.com.au/industry-</u> <u>programs/farm-safety-rebate-scheme</u>

or call 1800 260 425. You can also email

governmentservices@ruralfinance.com.au



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

Again, Please send suggestions to; <u>boortanglinclub@yahoo.com</u> or talk to our members. Next BAC Comp will be Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at Lake Tchum. Next General Meeting will be Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 7.30pm at BAC Clubrooms. Next Meeting of Competition

**Sub Committee**, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 7pm at BAC Clubrooms.

Rod and Peter Stringer helping Goulbourn-Murray Water salvage cod and yellas!

BOORT ANGLING CLUB (BAC) are considering running a Fishing Competition and Social

Hope lots of people got out and about to enjoy the coolest Summer I can remember. There were fish to be caught if you went looking.

BAC thank and congratulate Goulburn Murray Water and Fisheries Victoria for their Joint Project in February, when they caught Native Fish from a local GMW channel and released them into the Loddon River and Little Lake Boort. This was done prior to a weed treatment program GMW needed as part of their channel maintenance. We like to think that more native fish will be saved when feasible and that in future the fish be tagged to gain input into how they react when released. 34, Murray Cod at an average length of 584 millimetres.

6, Golden Perch (yellow belly) at an average of 341 millimetres.

At our General Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March we formed a Sub Committee to investigate to possibility of holding our BAC ANNUAL CARP COMPETITION AND FAMILY WEEKEND again on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2021. The twelve members who came to this meeting, agreed to continue with this great event. There is, already some people stepping up with new ideas and skills and they will welcome input from others. Evenings for Juniors and Adults if interested.

These can be, but is not limited to just a couple of hours in the evening, possibly on Sundays and maybe can happen fortnightly if desired. This note is to invite comment and ideas so that, if possible, we may provide what people desire for fishing activities.

Club Membership for Juniors (under 16 years) is still free and Adults only \$10 – You do not have to join to participate. So cheap entertainment. Please send suggestions to

boortanglingclub@yahoo.com

Or talk to our members *Rod Stringer President* 

Email: boortanglingclub@yahoo.com





# Kirkland Lake Gold invests in Loddon Campaspe youth

A new project led by the North Central LLEN will take a collaborative approach to reducing youth unemployment in the Loddon Campaspe region over the next three years.

Funded through the Kirkland Lake Gold Community Partnership Program the **Youth Pathways Facilitator** project will address the problems young people face entering the labour market after leaving school, particularly in a post Covid-19 environment.

A partnership between the North Central (project lead), Goldfields, Central Ranges, and Campaspe Cohuna LLENs, the project will work across the Loddon Campaspe region to bring together people and resources to effectively address the significant challenges faced by some young people transitioning from school to work in our local economies.

North Central LLEN Executive Officer Jane Hosking said that youth unemployment is high in our region and has been impacted further by COVID-19.

"We have employers in the region who say they have entry level work and want young people, but young people say they don't know how to find it, that the process to find work is complex, and the support system difficult to navigate. This project will help address that."

"Over the next three years the LLEN's across Loddon Campaspe will be looking to tailor services and programs to support the young people using our experience as partnership brokers, and our expertise in engaging young people, industry and community organisations," she said.

"As a small charity, this type of project is only possible with the investment from Kirkland Lake Gold which will enable us to better achieve our vision of creating opportunities for young people to thrive in education, work and life," said Ms Hosking.

#### Historic Inglewood to celebrate Mary Quant exhibition

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION: (03) 5494 1200**

The historic town of Inglewood will further showcase its vintage antique and collectable stores in celebration of the *Mary Quant: Fashion Revolutionary* exhibition at the Bendigo Art Gallery this month.

The exhibition, which will run from 20 March to 11 July, focuses on iconic British fashion designer Dame Mary Quant. Bendigo is the exclusive Australian venue for this exhibition from London's Victoria and Albert Museum.

As part of Bendigo Regional Tourism, Inglewood businesses will link in with the exhibition – including displays in its vintage antique and collectable shops, connecting the town with the event. The town will also host a focus month of Mary Quant displays in April.

Inglewood Emporium owner Denise Gartside said the Mary Quant-themed displays would greatly complement the town.

"It is really exciting for Inglewood to be under the Bendigo Regional Tourism banner," she said.

"Our town is very authentic, so the 1960s Mary Quant theme throughout our stores will add to a wonderful vintage vibe.

"Most of the windows of the shops in town will be very attractive with the colours and clothes of the era.

"The Empire State Hotel will also be joining in with either a Mary Quant-themed cocktail or dessert. I'll also be doing a 1960's display on the hotel's wall."

The Inglewood Emporium will also be highlighting the Mary Quant exhibition, with Mrs Gartside planning two window displays.

"One will be a Mary Quant theme with original clothes from that era. I have sourced 1960's clothes for the display.

"The second window will feature pop culture from 1960's UK when Mary Quant was big – including my Dad's stereogram.

"I actually remember when my Dad bought it brand new. So I will be putting that in the display and have music playing from that era."

Mrs Gartside said the town was encouraging people visiting the exhibition to take the opportunity to come to Inglewood and explore its Mary-Quant-themed shops.

"Inglewood is only half an hour from Bendigo so people can spend the day and browse the shops, and the 60's vibe, enjoy a day out and a great meal at the Empire State Hotel."

Mrs Gartside, who has been involved in sourcing and selling clothes for over 30 years, particularly vintage clothes, said she has seen a growing interest in clothes from the 1960s.

"Our vintage and gift stores all have something different to offer many age groups – including the young avid vintage collectors of Australian-made vintage designs," she added.

Bendigo Art Gallery Marketing and Audience Engagement Officer Mark Orlandi said it was great to see businesses in the town getting behind the exhibition.

"It's really exciting to see the shops and businesses in Inglewood linking in and getting behind the Mary Quant exhibition – especially the town's vintage, antique and collectable stores," he said.

"It's fabulous to be able to collaborate with Inglewood on the Mary Quant exhibition, and we hope it will further bring extended overnight stays to Bendigo and the wider region."

For more information about the Loddon Valley call the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 3489 or email <u>loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au</u>

For more information about the Mary Quant exhibition visit

www.bendigoregion.com.au/bendigo-art-gallery/ exhibitions/mary-quant-fashion-revolutionary

#### Calling all Loddon Valley artists! FURTHER INFORMATION: (03) 5494 1200



Local artists, makers, creators and local businesses who operate or live in the Loddon Shire are encouraged to be part of an Arts Trail this coming spring.

To be held from 23 to 24 October, the Loddon Valley Arts Trail will be created by artists for artists and is open to both professional and amateur artists.

The Arts Trail is a joint project between Arts of Olde in Bridgewater on Loddon and Loddon Shire Council.

Bridgewater on Loddon artist Ainsley McPherson, who owns the Arts of Olde art gallery and gift shop, said the idea for the Arts Trail initially came via Bendigo.

"Bendigo was having an arts trail, and a couple of us here in the Loddon Shire enquired as to whether we could be part of that trail," Mrs McPherson explained.

"Unfortunately, because we didn't live in the City of Greater Bendigo, we were unable to take part in the arts trail.

"So we thought – 'why not do our own arts trail? There are plenty of artists around here'.

"We put the idea to Council's tourism staff Robyn Vella

and Shelby Hutchinson, and they said "why not?"

"The Arts Trail is also a way of encouraging tourists to our Loddon Shire that are into art."

Mrs McPherson said there had already been plenty of interest in the arts trail.

"There seems to be quite a lot of interest so far. I can think of eight people to start with and that's just people I know," she said.

"However, as I've only been here for two and a half years, there would be a lot more artists around than just those I know.

"I think there's a lot of artists around – they can be hard to find," Mrs McPherson added.

"But we're encouraging these artists to come forward and be part of the Loddon Valley Arts Trail and showcase their work."

Mrs McPherson emphasised that the Loddon Valley Arts Trail was open to all local artists, makers, creators and local businesses.

"For example, of the artists and makers I know there are a couple of painters, a photographer who also has an open garden, a sewer who makes cloth from Aboriginal patterns, as well as Aboriginal artists.

"I'm fairly new to the area so there are people I've met who have come into the shop who would also be more than welcome to be part of the arts trail, for example rustic items that they hand make.

"We also know that there's a few places around the Loddon Shire that are makers and producers of food – that's an art in itself."

Mrs McPherson said people might also be interested in displaying someone else's work for the arts trail.

"An artist, creator or maker might not have enough space to showcase their works, but someone else might have adequate studio space to do so. For example, the Tarnagulla Tea Shop has been displaying art in their studio space.

"It could be a two-fold thing for the Arts Trail – food and displaying of works."

Once artists and locations have registered for the Loddon Valley Arts Trail, a "mud map" of locations would be produced.

"This will provide information as to where the work of all our artists, makers and creators can be found, which will let visitors do their own outings – and book accommodation for the weekend," Mrs McPherson said.

If you would like to be involved in the Loddon Valley Arts Trail please complete an Expression of Interest form at <u>www.bendigoregion.com.au/visit-loddon-valley/node/5130</u>

For further information contact the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 1257 or email Ioddonvisitorinformation@Ioddon.vic.gov.au



# Skinners Flat Reservoir Master Plan

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** (03) 5494 1205

Loddon Shire Council

seeks to develop a master plan for Skinners Flat Reservoir. Council will engage with key stakeholders and the community over the coming months to provide direction for the future development, recreational uses, management and maintenance of Skinners Flat Reservoir.

To address any issues around ad hoc development of the Skinners Flat Reservoir, Council has identified a need for the master plan, created through collaboration and consultation with stakeholders the community.

Planned community and stakeholder engagement will commence in March 2021.

The project will engage and consult with the local community, user groups, key government and nongovernment agencies, and other groups identified through the planning process.

In doing so this project will consider any recommendations in terms of delivery and maintenance to align with Council's capacity. Future recreation activities need examining and all potential recreation activities will be considered in consultation with stakeholders.

This project contributes to Council's strategic objective to "support development of a prosperous and diverse economy".

To register your interest in taking part of the community consultation process please email <u>executive@loddon.vic.gov.au</u> or contact Loddon Shire Council on 03 5494 1200.



# — PROBUS —

The Probus Club of Boort held their Annual General Meeting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March being their first meeting for twelve months due to Corona limitations. Office bearers were happy to take on their previous positions, and all in attendance enjoyed the social interaction which Probus meetings bring.



#### GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

David Turnbull of The Royal Flying Doctor Service will be guest speaker at our next meeting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00 am at BRIC followed by lunch at a mystery destination.

Everyone is invited to attend at 11:00 and hear of the very important role David Turnbull is playing in our community and the diverse services offered by The Royal Flying Doctors.

Please call BRIC to indicate your expression of interest in attending 5455 2716.

#### BOORT PRE-SCHOOL & SCALLYWAGS EASTER HAT PARADE

Our annual Easter Hat Parade is planned for the last day of Term 1 on Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 We missed our event last year by days, so hoping all goes well for this year to occur Due to our large numbers with the combined Pre-school & Scallywags group we won't be able to visit inside the shops and businesses However, we would love to wish everyone a Happy Easter as we walk down the street and back showing off the Easter Hats that the children created



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## 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)



*Pictured on opening night (12th March) is Ray Taylor rolling the first kitty* 

# GCS Service Management Pty Lt



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Email: shop@gcs-g4g.com.au

93 Godfrey Street, Boort Vic 3537

## **Boort Indoor Bias Bowls Club**

The Boort Indoor Bias Bowls Club has recommenced.

Held on a Thursday evening in the Memorial Hall's Function Room. Presently we are trialling to meet at 5:45pm for a 6:00pm start. Anyone welcome to come along for a fun evening. For further information about indoor bowls, please make contact with President Allen Stringer 0427 552 163 or Secretary Ian Potter 0427 554 252



#### Have your say – complete The Loddon Project survey

Council is seeking community feedback on priority actions for the next four years. Every four years Council develops a Council Plan containing planned actions and key performance indicators.

Council will be conducting a number of engagement exercises with the community to seek input on those proposed actions and indicators.

One way to provide input is to complete a survey in either the Loddon Bulletin circulated to households this week, or the same survey online at <u>https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Community-Engagement/The-Loddon-Project</u>.

FURTHER INFORMATION: (03) 5494 1205





#### **Sporting Club Grants Program extended**

Applications for the Victorian Government's Sporting Club Grants Program have been extended to 19 April 2021.

The program provides funds to assist with costs associated with the impact of coronavirus as well as funds for equipment, training coaches, officials and volunteers, and improving administrative expertise.

This latest funding round includes the new Circuit Breaker Event Support category, which provides grants for incurred costs that were unable to be recouped following cancellation (or postponement) of events or activities due to the February circuitbreaker action.

To find out more and to view the grant application guidelines, visit

https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/ourgrants/sporting-club-grants-program



Call BRIC for further details and to register your interest in attending for catering purposes 5455 2716 SUPPORTED BY Coliban Water



Violet Jobling

The Boort Resource and Information Centre recently had the pleasure of delivering bunch of flowers to each resident and short stay patient at Boort District Health . The personalised card on



each bunch was to share with the residents and patients, that they are all in the community's thoughts and that we think they are a wonderful part of the community. We are also very grateful for the generosity of Gladfield Cut Flowers on the Loddon Valley Highway Gladfield, for

donating all the flowers after they heard about the idea.





# **BOORT Lawn Tennis Club**

At the conclusion of a shortened season the final positions of teams were; Barraport 16 pts, Mysia 12 pts, Marmal 8 pts, Leaghur 4 pts. The semi final was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March in rainy conditions. Leaghur took on the top team, Barraport, and were successful and Marmal had a win over Mysia. It just goes to show you can be winners from the bottom half of the ladder. The Grand Final between Marmal and Leaghur was played on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The match was very competitive and entertaining.

| Marmal                             |   | Leaghur                       |   |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Chris Hatcher & Greg Boyd          | 3 | Jacob Moresi & Steve Lanyon   | 8 |
| Alister McDougal & Kristen Gooding | 8 | Ewan Collins & Kath Lanyon    | 4 |
| Grant Malone & Glenda Bird         | 8 | Kellie Hare & Angus Verley    | 7 |
| Doug Perryman & Rachel Weaver      | 8 | Jake Boyd & Karen Haw         | 2 |
| Jacob Mulquiny & Loretta Beattie   | 8 | Lynette Clark & Natham Wright | 7 |
| Ros Wright & Sam Toose             | 8 | Sam Isaac & Alby Bear         | 6 |
| Max Beattie & Nikki Lanyon         | 8 | Nick Scott & Isabella Lanyon  | 4 |
| Chris Hatcher & Alister McDougal   | 5 | Jacob Moresi & Ewan Collins   | 8 |
| Greg Boyd & Kristen Gooding        | 8 | Steve Lanyon & Kath Lanyon    | 5 |
| Grant Malone & Doug Perryman       | 7 | Kellie Hare & Jake Boyd       | 8 |
| Glenda Bird & Jacob Mulquiny       | 8 | Angus Verley & Lynette Clark  | 6 |
| Rachel Weaver & Loretta Beattie    | 8 | Karen Haw & Natham Wright     | 2 |
| Ros Wright & Max Beattie           | 6 | Sam Isaac & Nick Scott        | 8 |
| Sam Toose & Nikki Lanyon           | 8 | Alby Bear & Isabella Lanyon   | 5 |
| Chris Hatcher & Kristen Gooding    | 8 | Jacob Moresi & Kath Lanyon    | 5 |
| Greg Boyd & Alister McDougal       | 4 | Steve Lanyon & Ewan Collins   | 8 |
| Grant Malone & Jacob Mulquiny      | 5 | Kellie Hare & Lynette Clark   | 8 |
| Glenda Bird & Rachel Weaver        | 7 | Angus Verley & Karen Haw      | 8 |
| Doug Perryman & Loretta Beattie    | 8 | Jake Boyd & Natham Wright     | 7 |
| Ros Wright & Nikki Lanyon          | 8 | Sam Isaac & Isabella Lanyon   | 5 |
| Sam Toose & Max Beattie            | 3 | Alby Bear & Nick Scott        | 8 |
| Total 13 sets 144 games            |   | 8 sets 129 games              |   |
|                                    |   |                               |   |

There was a fantastic amount of encouragement and support from the many spectators who attended the Grand Final. President Dan Lanyon took the microphone and warmly welcomed everyone for coming and celebrating the end of the 20/21 season. He thanked all players, pool players, captains and spectators who have been a part of our club this season. He acknowledged the up and coming youth and encouraged all players to do some recruiting in the off season. Dan also acknowledged the work of our greens keeper Jake Boyd, who has done a fantastic job.

#### Dan and Alister also presented awards to the Club Champions of 2021-

B grade mixed- Joe Kane & Rachel Weaver A grade mixed- Chris Hatcher & Judy Parker B grade Ladies Doubles- Maree Stringer & Tayla Gooding A Grade Ladies Doubles- Rach Weaver & Kristen Gooding A Grade Men's Doubles- Craig Scott & Nathan Gooding U16 Round robin doubles- Tom Potter B grade Men's Singles- Joe Kane B grade Ladies Singles- Rach Weaver A Grade Men's Singles- Nathan Gooding U16 Boys Meadows Cup- Tom Potter U16 Girls Meadows Cup- Tayla Gooding Boys Singles- Cooper Gooding "McDougal Cup"- Barraport John Nelson presented the "John Nelson Junior Incentive award" to Tom Potter Edna Boyle presented the shield to the Marmal captain, Greg Boyd.



## BOORT RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE

# PHOTO GRAPHIC COMP

THREE CATEGORIES OVER THREE EDITIONS OF THE ABOUT BOORT PUBLICATION

# APRIL - 'BOOTS'

First Prize: Voucher for Boots to the value of \$100 from North West Ag Second Prize: Voucher Valued at \$50

# MAY - 'DOG'

First Prize: Two Bags of Dog Food from Nutrien Ag Boort Second Prize: Voucher Valued at \$50

# JUNE - 'BUSH KIDS'

First Prize: Voucher from The Boort Post Office

OPEN TO ANY AGE. COLLECT ENTRY FORMS FROM BRIC. CONDITIONS OUTLINED ON ENTRY FORM. CALL OR EMAIL BRIC FOR FURTHER DETAILS 5455 2716 OR bric.boort@bigpond.com

# **BOORT BOWLS**



Mid Week Pennant and Saturday Pennant has been completed. Boort

Mid Week Pennant played Wycheproof in the semi -final and had a win but were defeated by Korong Vale in the Grand Final. Boort were only able to field one team for Saturday Pennant this

season. They competed well but were unable to make the four.

Congratulations to Thelma Moresi who has been selected in the Ladies' regional side to play in the Group Sides Championships at Shepparton in late April. Congratulations to Shayne Morris who has been selected in the Men's last sixteen for

#### **Mysia School Centenary Meeting. Tuesday 13th April at 4pm**

After a COVID pause, we will reconvene in Mysia to continue to plan our 100 year celebration to be held on Sunday 10th October (Boort Show Weekend)

Contact Susan Gould, Julie Dean or Chris Rothacker for more information trials for Shepparton with the final 12 still to be decided.

Club Members have been busy travelling and supporting lots of tournaments with Thelma Moresi (s) Tania Noles, Gill Tweddle and Pam Gould having a win at Korong Vale Ladies Invitation Day.

Congratulations to Kevin Walton (s) and Jim Nolan and also to Thelma Moresi (s) and Tania Noles on winning the Men's and Ladies' Club Championship Pairs. They will now go onto represent their Club at Divisional Level.

Saturday 10th April the men will be holding their Club Triples Championship Event. There will be a barbecue tea that evening to be followed by the Club holding their Annual presentation night. All bowlers and family members welcome.







Every Australian online.

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We are currently loaning iPads with Wi-Fi for over 50's to learn how to use a digital device. Please see the staff at BRIC if you are interested



**ALL WELCOME** Enquiries: B. Malone 5455 2403

#### ST.PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**EASTER SERVICES** 

**HOLY THURSDAY** Zoom via Birchip Church

Meeting I.D. 951 - 4208 - 9239

Passcode 724 328

**Good Friday** 

**3pm Lay Led Service Easter Sunday** 

Mass 4th April at 5pm



Date: 9/04/2021 Time: 11:00am – 11:45am Location: Boort Resource Information Centre (BRIC) Presenters: David Turnbull, RFDS Mental Health Clinician and Molly Stilo, Mental Health Program Coordinator

Join local RFDS mental health clinician, David Turnbull and program coordinator Molly Stilo to find out more about the history of RFDS and the Flying Doctor Wellbeing service. David will provide some practical tips and strategies on how to maintain your wellbeing in difficult circumstances.

For more information contact the Flying Doctor Wellbeing team on (03) 8412 0480 or wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au

## **Boort Self Defence Group**

On March 16 the Boort Self Defence Group had our first grading for some time. Many of our students moved up a Belt a job well done after a tough 12 Months for us all. Acacia Vernon became only the second member of the fairer sex to reach the rank of Red Belt. This means Acacia is in striking distance of a coveted Black Belt. All things being equal we are hoping she will grade in December. Everyone at the BSDG gets great satisfaction and enjoyment seeing one of students having the determination to see the program through.

#### - CONGRATULATIONS

Red Belt - Acacia Vernon. Brown Belt - Kayden Whykes & Cameron Roulston + the Fergusson family by 6! Brown/White Belt - Milly Scott. Purple Belt - Meredith Thompson, Emma Zanker, Caitlin Zanker. Blue Belt - Mitch Edwards. Blue/White Belt - Owen Byrne & Tristan Zanker. Yellow Belt - Sophie Barraclough

## **Croquet News**

Over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March, Boort Lakeside Croquet Club conducted a very successful Golf Croquet tournament. 60 Participants from 20 different clubs all over Victoria played over the two days. Saturday was warm and humid with the change coming in time for the finals to be played in the rain. Sunday was much cooler with the wind keeping conditions pleasant.

Six croquet courts were needed for the singles and we thank the Bowls Club and Tennis Club for sharing their facilities with us so we could set up temporary courts. It was amazing on Saturday to look out from in front of the Bowls Clubhouse and see croquet, tennis and bowls all being played at once.

All the visitors were very impressed with our town and its facilities and the cooperation between all the clubs. It was a great team effort but special thanks to tournament manager Ian Potter, and Julie Puttick and the catering team for a job well done.

Thank you to our tournament sponsors Loddon Shire, Bendigo Bank and Nutrien Ag and to our raffle sponsors Simply Tomatoes and Boundary Bend. The raffle of a hamper of local produce was won by Robert Sim, second prize went to Rastus Lang, third prize Shelley Nelson and fourth prize Mark Klose. **Croquet Winners were** 

Level 1 Singles: Winner - Daryl Henderson (Boort). Runner up - Russell Smyth (Rich River)

Level 2 Singles: Winner - Dianne Wilson (Belmont). Runner up - Peter Van der Zande (Echuca Moama)

Level 3 Singles: Winner - Di Smyth (Rich River). Runner up - Kaye Joyce (Rich River) Doubles:

Level 1 Doubles Winners - Brian Rowe (Essendon) & Gale Knight (Geelong Eastern Park). Runners up - Gary Devlin (Horsham) & Ed Chatwin (Drouin)

Level 2 Doubles Winners - Daryl Henderson (Boort) & Kaye Joyce (Rich River). Runners up - Les Matthews (Drysdale) & Lyn Hughes (Numurkah)

Level 3 Doubles Winners - Mary James (Deniliquin) & Sue Chandler (Ballarat Alexandra). Runners up - Ian Londey (Numurkah) & Di Smyth (Rich River)

Level 4 Doubles Winners - Eileen Ennis (Frankston) & Lyn White (Sandringham). Runners up David Maher (Rich River) & John Graham (Echuca Moama)

Level 5 Doubles Winners - Peter Van der Zande (Echuca Moama) & Glenys Londey (Numurkah). Runners up Carmel Allison (Boort) & Robyn Devlin (Horsham)



Level 1 Singles Winner – Daryl Henderson and Runner up Russell





Level 3 Winner -Di Smyth and Runner up Kaye Joyce



Playing croquet on the bowling green

Level 5 Doubles Runners up – Carmel Allison and Robyn Devlin

Playing croquet on the tennis courts.



Level 2 Singles Winner – Dianne Wilson and Runner up John Van



# **GOLF NEWS**

#### Dates:

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April Club Opening Day Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April Ladies Opening Day

The Club Opening Day is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April and will be a surprise as the Event will be decided depending how many Ladies and Gents turn up to play. Names are to be in by 12.30pm.

The Ladies will be commencing their season on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April with names in by 10.15pm for a hit off at 10.30 pm. and Di will have the event organized.

The Kara Kara Ladies Pennant will commence at Boort, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April following the format of 2 matches being played on that day, that being two 9 hole matches to be played with Boort having a bye in the morning and then playing Wedderburn in the afternoon. The other Pennant days are to be played at Donald, Wycheproof and Charlton.

The Saturday competition will commence on the 17<sup>th</sup> April with a Stableford event and the following weekend will be rather hectic for some people as on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> will be a Stroke round followed by the

Golf Club Diggers Day on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. A team event will be played so that non golfers can join in and we encourage anyone that would like an afternoon out to come and play. The Club House will be open at mid-day.

The Golf Club will hold a Single Stableford competition on Easter Saturday  $2^{nd}$  April for locals and any visitors that may be in town looking for a social game of golf, Names in by 12 Noon and Hit Off 12.30pm.

A good opportunity to get the dust of your golf sticks and the spiders out of the golf bag.

The Kara Kara opening event was held at Barham on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March with 34 players enjoying a stableford event and 8 of those from Boort with all other clubs represented.

Winners – Craig Burn, Geoff Weston, Laurie Barby, Doug Couper (Boort)

R.Up – Ron Thoulis, Geoff Smith, Will Perryman (Boort), Damien Lanyon (Boort)

For Information about Golf Events the following can be contacted:

Captains – Andrew Kane 0428 378 738 or Di Johnston – 0427 434 625



#### <u>Boort Swimming Club End of</u> <u>Season Wrap Up</u>

The Boort Swimming Club celebrated the end of the swimming season with our annual Badge Night and Presentation.

Adrian Grogan was awarded with Life Membership of the Boort Swimming Club in recognition of his dedication to the club. Adrian has volunteered his time for the past 14 seasons assisting with swimming lessons, sometimes up to 4 nights per week! He has been a member of the committee for many years and was heavily involved in organising and running District Swimming Carnivals. Adrian enjoys working with the older children, assisting them in improving their technique and performance. He is always encouraging our swimmers to attend different competitive carnivals and supports them along the way. Most recently Adrian identified a need for adult swimming lessons and has commenced providing these this season.

This season we have had 60 children attending swimming lessons on a Wednesday and Thursday Night. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and improvement each of them has made. The Boort Swimming Club has introduced 2 new swimming programs; a session for kinder/prep aged children with 7 participants throughout 2020-2021 and most recently an adult's swim class which we intend to expand further next season.

We are extremely thankful and appreciative to all our swimming teachers who volunteered their time and knowledge to ensure the swimming program could continue to operate, without them it would not be possible to offer this wonderful program to the children of Boort. A huge thankyou to Adrian Grogan, Roxy Aldrich, Karen Haw, Ella Lanyon, Hannah Streader, April Griffiths, Courtney McOrist, Liam O'Neil and Hannah Hogan.

This year we have also introduced an important program with our assistants. Some of our teenage swimmers have ably assisted our teachers, making the group sizes far more manageable, whilst learning some valuable skills along the way. Thank you to Phoebe Malone, Carissa Haw, Tayla Gooding, Alice Lanyon, Milly Scott, Anna Lanyon, Eliana Haw, Emma Malone and Macey Grogan.

Our annual Badge Night was very successful with many swimmers attending on the night and challenging themselves to swim as far as possible. All of our swimmers received a badge swimming between 25m and 3km. Some of our youngest swimmers surprised us swimming over 500m!! Congratulations to everyone who participated a fantastic effort!

The season concluded with all swimmers being acknowledge for their effort and improvements in the pool. We are extremely proud of all the swimmers who attended throughout the season and look forward to seeing you in the pool again next season.

#### 2020 – 2021 Award Recipients:

<u>George & Jean Austin Award:</u> Phoebe Malone This is awarded to someone who has shown dedication to training and is encouraged to participate competitively

<u>Mellott Trophy:</u> 'Haw Family' (Karen, Carissa & Eliana) Awarded to a swimming cub member who contributes above and beyond



Encouragement Awards: Tadpoles: Chloe Nolan Rice: Becky Stringer Campbell: Lucy Lanyon Fraser: Troy Holland Perkins: Mason Young Jones: Scarlett Crilly O'Neill: Connor McNally Trickett: Eva Perryman Klim: Victoria Lanyon Thorpe: Finlay Arnold Hackett: Phoebe Malone























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