



ABOUT BOORT

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SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Construction at
Boort Lakes Holiday Park,
where a \$3,000,000
upgrade is well underway.

Photo of Owners Tim and Wendy James
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Inside the kitchen of a one bedroom flat



Photograph by Sophia Herrington



ALGA National General Assembly

With the easing of COVID-19 border restrictions for regional Victoria, I've been fortunate to be able to attend the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly in Canberra this week with my fellow Councillors Gavan Holt and Dan Straub. Cr Wendy Murphy is also attending the National General Assembly virtually.

The 27th ALGA National General Assembly, which is being held from 20 to 23 June, provides a platform for local government to address national issues and advocate to the Federal Government on critical issues facing the sector. It sees representatives from all 537 councils across Australia attend the event.

As well as an important opportunity to meet and discuss issues affecting councils with Mayors, Councillors and senior officers from across Australia, the assembly provides the chance to meet with political leaders and bring to their attention issues affecting our region.

A number of motions are also put to the National General Assembly and voted on by councils. COVID-19 response funding, management and recovery, as well as climate change, water security, renewable energy, bushfire management, and health and aged care, were some of the themes of the motions raised at this year's assembly.

Go Local First

Following its success last year, the Go Local First campaign is back for 2021.

As part of the response to the impacts of COVID-19 on the small business sector, the campaign encourages communities to back small businesses by buying goods or services from them either in person or online. The campaign also encourages small business owners to use other small businesses as suppliers.

When you shop locally, your money stays in the community. This helps keep local jobs and helps the local economy to thrive.

Another way to support our local businesses, employers and workers is to simply leave a positive review and like their social media pages. Sharing their messages can be a big help, especially for those businesses in smaller communities.

To find out more visit www.golocalfirst.com.au

QR code check-in reminder

Although we have seen further easing of COVID-19 restrictions for regional Victoria, I'd like to remind residents

that QR code check-in is mandatory for all businesses settings, for any duration of a visit.

This includes Council offices, Council landfill and transfer stations, and Loddon Visitor Information Centre.

For more information regarding QR code check-in, including downloading and using the Service Victoria app, visit

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checking-qr-codes#where-do-i-need-to-check-in

A step-by-step guide for business registration with the QR Code Service is available from

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-to-use-vic-gov-qr-code-service

Please note, that failure to comply with Victoria's record keeping requirements can result in an on-the-spot fine of \$1,652.

Premier's Sustainability Awards now open

The 2021 Premier's Sustainability Awards are now open for entries. The awards recognise and celebrate Victorians who are leading the way to a sustainable future.

This year the award categories have been revamped to reflect the current focus of sustainability activity in Victoria and align with global best practice.

The categories are: Clean, affordable and secure energy; Climate action; Healthy environment; Social and economic justice; Sustainable places; and Waste reduction and the circular economy.

Entries for the 2021 Premier's Sustainability Awards close Friday 30 July.

For more information visit

www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/about-us/awards-we-administer/premiers-sustainability-awards

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.

Pyramid Hill & District Historical Society Book Launch

Sunday, 27 June 2021 | 1:30 PM

Join us for a Scottish afternoon at Kelly Park on Sunday 27 June. BYO chair, if weather inclement we will proceed to the Memorial Hall.

Euan McGillivray will launch a history of the Pyramid Caledonian Society and the Pyramid Pipe Band Calivil Pipe Band.

The book will be available to purchase for \$35.00

Pipers will be in attendance playing some items on



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their bagpipes.

Afternoon tea and a chat will end proceedings.

Contact: Helen 0481 367 585

Email: pyramidhill.hist.soc@gmail.com

Tarnagulla Archive Open Day

The Archive is open to the public from 10am-3pm on certain Sundays throughout the year. Next Open Days in 2021 - July 11, Oct 10, Nov 14 & Dec 12. We will also accommodate access by appointment wherever possible (please email us).

Email: tarnagullahistoryarchive@gmail.com

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

Wedderburn Golf Club 100th Annual Tournament

Tuesday, 20 July 2021 to Sunday, 25 July 2021

Wedderburn Golf Club's annual tournament is played on our picturesque course over 4 days, commencing on Tuesday 20 July concluding on Sunday 25 July.

20 July - Ladies 4 BBB - hit off at 10.30am

23 July - Men's 4 BBB - hit off at 11.00am

24 July - Ladies and men's day - hit off at 9.30am

25 July - Mixed day - hit off at 11am

Contact: Owen 0491 155 108

Wedderburn Golf Club, 61 Hospital St, Wedderburn 3518

Loddon Community Travelling Dance – Pyramid Hill

Friday, 6 August 2021 | 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

A good variety of all dance genres for all ages and skill levels from beginner to accomplished. The initiative is not-for-profit and will move around the Loddon Shire on a monthly basis.

A supper plate to share would be appreciated. Bookings not required.

Free entry (made possible by the support of the Loddon Shire Council and the Wedderburn Community House).

Contact: Dede Williams 0407 871 327 or Greg Deimos 0418 108 644

danceloddon@gmail.com

Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall, 30-32 Kelly St, Pyramid Hill 3575

Korong Vale Golf Club Annual Tournament

Friday, 20 August to Saturday, 21 August 2021 | 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM

64th annual tournament with afternoon tea on Friday and lunch on Saturday. Ladies and men four ball on Friday. Ladies and men 27 holes on Saturday.

For more information contact Laurie on 5494 7401 Korong Vale Golf Club, Kinypanial Road, Korong Vale 3520

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Contact: Dede Williams 0407 871 327 or Greg Deimos 0418 108 644

danceloddon@gmail.com

Wedderburn Mechanics Institute Hall, 92 High St, Wedderburn 3518

Loddon Community Travelling Dance – Serpentine

Friday, 3 September 2021 | 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

A good variety of all dance genres for all ages and skill levels from beginner to accomplished. The initiative is not-for-profit and will move around the Loddon Shire on a monthly basis.

A supper plate to share would be appreciated. Bookings not required.

Free entry (made possible by the support of the Loddon Shire Council and the Wedderburn Community House).

Contact: Dede Williams 0407 871 327 or Greg Deimos 0418 108 644

danceloddon@gmail.com

Serpentine Memorial Hall, 20 Chapel St, Serpentine 3517

Spring Wildflower Special Activities Weekend

Saturday 18 Sept to Sunday 19 Sept 2021

The Annual Friends of Kooyoora weekend will showcase the unique and wonderful native flora of Kooyoora State Park and surround. The two day event will be packed full of information, including the static wildflower display, guided wildflower walking tours, guest presenters on a range of topics and more.

For more information contact: 0447 036 952 or kooyoorafriends@gmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofkooyoora/>

Rheola Hall and surrounding Park and Forest areas Inglewood-Rheola Rd, Rheola 3517



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.

Phone: 0498 877 330

Email: barry.bolwell1@gmail.com

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

Engine Park, Cnr Racecourse Road and Calder Hwy, Wedderburn 3518

2021 Laanecoorie Gold Bash

Friday, 1 October 2021 to Sunday 3 October 2021

3 days of action-packed detecting activities for all the family include gold panning, gold tour, token hunt and metal detecting. Friday night trivia, Saturday night major auction, Saturday and Sunday raffle, stalls, and demonstrations. Lions club catering all weekend. Food and drinks available.

All proceeds go to Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation. For more information head to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/laanecooriegoldebash/> or contact Di Hodgson 0402 472 275, Laanecoorie Lakeside Park 03 5435 7303

E: laanecooriegoldebash@hotmail.com

Laanecoorie Lakeside Park, 58 Brownbills Rd, Laanecoorie 3463

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 <https://www.facebook.com/boortshow/> or email boortshowsecretary@yahoo.com

Contact: Jodie 0418 149 904

Boort Park, 35 Malone St, Boort 3537

Loddon Community Travelling Dance – Inglewood

Friday, 15 October 2021 | 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

A good variety of all dance genres for all ages and skill levels from beginner to accomplished. The initiative is not-for-profit and will move around the Loddon Shire on a monthly basis.

A supper plate to share would be appreciated.

Bookings not required.

Free entry (made possible by the support of the Loddon Shire Council and the Wedderburn Community House).

Contact: Dede Williams 0407 871 327 or Greg Deimos 0418 108 644

danceloddon@gmail.com

Inglewood Town Hall, 20 Verdon St, Inglewood 3517

2021 Inglewood Women on Farms Gathering

Friday, 12 November 2021 to Sunday 14 November |
8:00 AM

The weekend begins on Friday from 1.00pm with a market showcasing local Loddon producers. Tea at St Mary's Primary School with women sharing their stories around the theme 'revitalised'. Saturday morning features workshops, guest speakers and tours around the local areas in the afternoon.

The highlight of the weekend is the 'Boots "n" Babes' dinner at Newbridge Recreation Reserve, where you can dance and view a fashion parade. Sunday includes an Ecumenical church service at St Augustine's in Inglewood followed by a meeting at the Inglewood Town Hall for the final main inspirational speakers. For more information contact Jenny on 5437 3198 or email hoskinggi@bigpond.com

The Wedderburn Christmas Patchwork Festival

Friday, 26 November 2021 | 10:00 AM - Saturday, 27
November 2021 | 05:00 PM

A festival of fun, hosted by the Wedderburn Patchwork Group Inc. celebrating Christmas, all the creativity that goes into Christmas, from the children at school to the grandparents.

All the wonderful work that you have been churning out over the year, you can now show off and see other beautiful works that have been produced.

Creative Christmas trees, brightly coloured sewing,

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.

Maree Stringer: Social Support Co-ordinator
Boort District Health

Sophia Herrington: BRIC Manager



knitting and crochet projects will all be on display. A selection of locally made products will be on sale for that perfect Christmas gift.

The social part is an important aspect of our festival. Susie Lockhart again will be running the canteen, with her delicious food and beautiful cakes. Take the time to have morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea and catch up with friends.

Join in the fun and get creative in our 30 year anniversary, Pearl Pack Challenge.

For more information contact Elizabeth Steinki 0419 324 762 or bexjex@icloud.com for your Pearl Pack Challenge and trading table details.

Entry: \$5:00

Pearl Challenge: \$5:00

Wedderburn Mechanics Institute Hall, Cnr High St & Reef St, Wedderburn 3551

2021 White Twenty Darts Tournament

Saturday, 4 December 2021 to Sunday 5 December 2021 | 8:30 AM

Hosted by the Loddon Darts Association Inc.

\$5,500.00 total prize pool (subject to entry numbers). Team registrations Saturday & Sunday by 8:30am for a 9am start. Round Robin format, 5 players per team, plus up to 3 reserves. No requirement to play Saturday to qualify for Sunday. Individual prizes shared if multiple winners.

Bar opens at 8.30am both days. Ice Cold Drinks at amazingly low prices. Alcohol, food, tea & coffee available. No BYO alcohol to be brought into the venue.

Entries & enquiries to Robert Day 0439 372 118

Email: robert.day83@y7mail.com

Website: <http://www.loddondarts.com>

2021 Australian Masters Water Ski Championships

Friday, 21 January to Sunday 23 January 2022

Hosted over three days this event attracts Australia's best athletes in the country in water skiing, slalom, trick and jump and includes competitors in all age groups ranging from under 10 to over 65 as well as our top national open men's and women skiers.

Contact: Craig 0491 182 050

E: craigsclc29@outlook.com

Bridgewater Public Caravan Park, Park St, Bridgewater on Loddon 3516

2022 Bridgewater Celtic Festival

Sunday, 17 April 2022 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Have a great time catching up with friends, enjoy an Irish jig, go for a 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 hoskinggi@bigpond.com

Bridgewater Railway Station, Erskine St, Bridgewater on Loddon 3516

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Victorian Government mobile coverage and broadband survey

The Victorian Government is asking people to provide feedback via a survey on where it should be prioritising better mobile and broadband connectivity.

The survey is an opportunity to have your say about connectivity issues where you live or work, and when you're out and about. It will also help the State Government to understand where mobile and broadband improvements are needed across Victoria. The survey is part of the \$550 million *Connecting Victoria* program, under which the Victorian Government is fast-tracking better mobile coverage and broadband across the state.

The program will focus on getting more Victorians access to business-grade broadband and upgrading mobile coverage, improving 4G mobile coverage, helping more places become 5G ready, and improving access to safety information during bushfires and other emergencies.

To find out more and take the survey visit <https://engage.vic.gov.au/connecting-victoria>

The survey is open until 20 September 2021.

Have your say on the proposed new State electoral boundaries

The Electoral Boundaries Commission (EBC) is asking Victorians to have their say regarding new State electoral boundaries.

Every eight years, Victoria's State electoral boundaries are reviewed and adjusted to make sure that each of the State's 88 districts and eight regions represent an approximately equal number of enrolled voters.

This formal process is called a 'redivision', and one is currently underway in Victoria. The EBC is the independent and impartial statutory body responsible for a redivision, which is a consultative process that invites submissions from the public.

People interested in making a submission can map

their proposed boundaries using the Public Submission Tool available on the EBC website.

To look at the proposed boundaries and have your say, visit www.ebc.vic.gov.au

A hard copy is also available for viewing at Council's Wedderburn office.

The EBC are accepting submissions until 5pm, Friday 30 July 2021.

NAIDOC Week

This week celebrations and events are being held across Australia for NAIDOC Week, which started on Sunday 4 July and runs until this Sunday 11 July.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week is Heal Country! – which calls for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage.

For further information on NAIDOC 2021, please visit www.naidoc.org.au

Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art competition reminder



LODDON HEALTHY MINDS NETWORK
<http://loddonhealthyminds.com.au>

A reminder that entries for the Loddon Healthy Minds Network art competition close Monday 2 August.

Categories include an open section for those aged over 18 years (or under 18 if no longer attending secondary school), upper secondary students in years 9 to 12 and middle school students in years/grades 5 to 8. There are also two junior students' categories – grades 3 and 4 and grades Prep to 2.

The competition also includes literary entries between 500 to 1000 words.

To find out more about the competition and to download an entry form, visit the Loddon Healthy Minds Network website: <https://bit.ly/3wNhODb>

If you would like to receive an entry form via mail please contact Council's Community Wellbeing Officer on (03) 5494 1230.

You can also call the Community Wellbeing Officer for any other enquiries about the competition or by emailing healthyminds@loddon.vic.gov.au

CONSTRUCTION AT BOORT LAKES HOLIDAY PARK, WHERE A \$3,000,000 UPGRADE IS WELL UNDERWAY.

This is a jointly funded partnership with between the Loddon Shire, Agricultural Victoria and Tim & Wendy James.



The upgrade includes the following:

- . New toilet block,
- . Powerhead & sullage points,
- . Lighting,
- . Sealed roads,
- . Fencing,
- . Ensuities added to 3 cabins,
- . 16 new cabins,
- . 8 ensuities on powered sites,
- . Boom Gates,
- . Upgrade of Electrical, Plumbing and IT infrastructure.

We are extremely pleased to have these dollars being invested into the caravan park and the follow-on effect of the economical impact for the business community will be both positive and generous.

The growth of the caravan park over the last 4.5 years has been significant and will continue to new heights with the current opportunities.

The increased opportunities are already evident with the growth of 4 new employment positions and the use of local tradesman and businesses.

Wendy and Tim would like to thank the Boort community for their continued support and are very proud of the contribution this community makes to this amazing town!



Key finance documents adopted

At its Ordinary Meeting last week, Council adopted the 2021/22 Budget, 2021/22 Schedule of Fees and Charges, and Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025.

The Budget allocates a capital expenditure program of \$6.92 million, which includes \$3.07 million towards roads, \$350,000 for urban and road drainage, and \$240,000 for footpaths. The total figure also includes \$1.33 million for leisure and community facilities.

There is also a \$300,000 allocation for works associated with the Building Asset Management Plan and full funding of Council's ongoing commitment to community planning of \$750,000.

As outlined in the Schedule of Fees and Charges document, fees and charges will increase by 1.5 per cent – the same as the rate increase in the 2021/22 Budget.

The Revenue and Rating Plan, which is the revenue-raising framework for Council, is required to be prepared under *the Local Government Act 2020* to cover a minimum period of four years following each Council election.

The 2021/22 Budget is available on Council's website at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Financial-reports

The Schedule of Fees and Charges is available from www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Current-fees-and-charges

You can also view the Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Plans-strategies-and-policies/Plans-and-strategies

Skidders Flat Reservoir Master Plan

At its Ordinary Meeting last week, Council received and noted the Skidders Flat Reservoir Master Plan.

The master plan was developed to provide the Wedderburn community and visitors with greater access to outdoor recreation activities and to address issues around ad hoc development and maintenance at the site. The need for a master plan was identified in Wedderburn's Community Plan.

The master plan, which underwent extensive community engagement in its development, provides direction for future recreation activities, amenities and infrastructure improvements at the reservoir. It also includes options for the delegation of management under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

In noting the content of the document, Council observed the pre-conditions influencing future Council decisions around implementation of any options or actions in the master plan.

This includes the need to complete an engineering report for the Skidders Flat Dam Safety Upgrade. It's anticipated there will need to be extensive work on the reservoir's wall, which will take significant time to complete. This may then lower the water capacity of the reservoir, meaning that activities at the site could be limited.

There will also need to be confirmation of a secure and affordable water supply in order for suitable water levels at the reservoir to be maintained.

This all means the implementation of the Skidders Flat Reservoir Master Plan will take time to complete.

The Skidders Flat Reservoir Master Plan can be viewed at: www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Plans-strategies-and-policies/Plans-and-strategies

Get Bushfire Resilient webinar series

Bushfire Resilience Inc. (BRI) will be holding a series of free webinars for households in rural areas and on the urban fringe regarding getting bushfire resilient.

The five 90-minute webinars will feature industry experts and representatives from the CSIRO, CFA, Flinders University, University of Melbourne, University of Wollongong, La Trobe University, and clinical psychologist Dr Rob Gordon OAM.

You also have the opportunity to send questions before each session or ask the subject matter experts live during Question and Answer sessions.

The first webinar *Reduce your house and property risk*, will be held on Wednesday 21 July at 7.30pm with Justin Leonard from the CSIRO.

Webinars will also be held on 4 August (*Get water ready: tanks, pumps and sprinklers*); 19 August (*Your physical and emotional preparation*); 1 September (*Triggers to take action*); and 15 September (*Your sheltering options*).

For more information and to register for the webinars visit <https://bushfireresilience.org.au/>

BRI is a local community organisation whose aim is to provide bushfire information to households based on science, experience and best practice.

Digital Agriculture Investment Scheme now open

Applications are now open for the Digital Agriculture Investment Scheme, which supports farmers to invest in digital agriculture technologies.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to assist eligible farm businesses to invest in on-farm digital technology projects to improve productivity, resilience and long-term viability of their farms.

Eligible projects could include technology such as weather stations, animal monitoring systems, robotics,

drones or unmanned autonomous vehicles, sensors, on-farm networks and farm management software.

The project will be delivered by Rural Finance on behalf of Agriculture Victoria.

To find out more and apply, visit

www.ruralfinance.com.au/industry-programs/digital-agriculture-investment-scheme

Applications for the scheme close on 31 October 2021 or when funds are fully allocated.

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Baileys Road Bridge replacement underway

Works are currently underway on the replacement of Baileys Road Bridge over Bullock Creek in Derby.

Due to the replacement works, which started yesterday (12 July) the bridge will be closed for up to three months (dependent on weather).

The new bridge will be a concrete structure, and will enable vehicles with a higher load capacity to travel across the bridge.

New South Wales/Victoria border closure

A reminder that all of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory has been declared a red zone under Victoria's travel permit system.

This means the Victorian border is effectively closed to New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory – except for Victorian residents returning on a red zone permit for 14 days of quarantine, and for people with exemptions, exceptions or other valid permits (such as specified workers and cross-border residents).

Loddon Shire has been classified as a Local Government Area within the cross-border community.

This means you can enter Victoria without a permit but you must travel with proof of address. You cannot enter if you have been to a red zone outside of the cross-border area, or if you have COVID-19, any symptoms, or have been defined as a close contact by a state health authority.

If you are entering New South Wales as a Victorian cross-border community resident, you must stay within the New South Wales cross-border area. If you travel beyond this area, a red zone permit will be required for re-entry into Victoria. The Victorian Government strongly advises all Victorians against travelling to red zones.

A full list of Victorian Local Government Areas within the cross-border community and advice for cross-border community members is available from

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-cross-

[border-communities](#)

Excellent Farming workshop in Wedderburn

Agriculture Victoria will be holding a workshop in Wedderburn next week titled *Excellent Farming: Crops, people, money and you*.

The workshop will be held at the Wedderburn Bowls Club on Monday 19 July from 12.30pm to 3.30pm (registrations from 12pm), and will be presented by agriculture scientist and author, Dr Kate Burke.

Dr Burke has 30 years' experience in agriculture, working mostly in northwest Victoria and is the author of *Crops, People, Money and You*, *The Art of Excellent Farming and Better Returns*.

The workshop will cover crops, people and money, and the influences that inform both business and personal decisions. Dr Burke will provide valuable insights in managing risk on cropping farms and mixed farms.

Registrations are essential. To register please contact Martin Hamilton on 0429 946 149 or

martin.hamilton@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Workshop attendees are asked to bring farm maps, grain yield and gross margin records for crop types, if you have them accessible (the more years, the better).

A to Z waste and recycling guide now available

Council has released a new A to Z waste and recycling guide, which can be used by residents to find where to recycle or dispose of items properly in Loddon Shire. The guide provides advice as to which items can go into your kerbside bins and what items can be taken to waste landfill or transfer stations. Some goods may also be appropriate to be donated to a local charity and reused.

You can download and print the guide from Council's website at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Your-home/Garbage-and-recycling and clicking on "A-Z waste and recycling guide".

Feedback sought for Climate Change Adaption Actions Plans

The Victorian Government is inviting all Victorians to have a say on how to make key sectors of the economy and environment more resilient to the impacts of climate change.

Consultation is under way on seven draft Climate Change Adaptation Actions Plans: Primary Production, Built Environment, Education and Training, Health and Human Services, Transport, Natural Environment and Water Cycle.

The plans are due to be completed by the end of 2021 and will guide adaptation efforts over the next five years, laying the foundations for dealing with climate change.

To view the plans and provide feedback via a survey, visit <https://engage.vic.gov.au/aaps>

The survey is open until 11:59pm, Friday 6 August.

Biosecurity Awards nominations open

Nominations for the Australian Biosecurity Awards are now open until 30 July 2021.

The awards recognise individuals, groups and organisations that have shown a commitment to supporting and promoting Australia's biosecurity and the systems that uphold it.

There are eight categories for the 2021 awards: Dr David Banks Biosecurity Lifetime Achievement, Dr Kim Ritman Award for Science and Innovation, Farm Biosecurity Producer of the Year, Industry, Government, Environmental Biosecurity, Community, and Education.

For more information on the Australian Biosecurity Awards, including the nomination form, visit www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/australia/public-awareness/aba

WHAT'S ON

Mysia War Memorial School Centenary

Sunday, 10 October 2021

A community event – all welcome

Please spread the word among ex-Mysia and district residents. This will be an informal day with plenty of



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 10th October 2021 (Boort Show weekend)

Mysia War Memorial School - Centenary Celebration

More details closer to the date

Please contact:

Susan Gould 0429 927534

susantgould@gmail.com or

Wendy Mills 0403 020715 loddonwjm@gmail.com

opportunity to talk and share stories. We welcome Mysia memorabilia to share on the day.

A souvenir photographic book and a detailed history of the war service of the Mysia WWI soldiers will be available for purchase.

11.00am: Registration

12.00pm: Official plaque unveiling and planting of a seedling Lone Pine.

BBQ Lunch and Afternoon tea

If possible, RSVP by 1st October 2021 to assist with catering.

mysiaschool@gmail.com

Wendy Mills: 0403 020715 Julie Dean: 5494 7398

Susan Gould: 0429 927534

Inglewood Lions Country Market

Saturday, 14 August 2021 | 09:00 AM to 02:00 PM

Our friendly country market is held on the second Saturday of the month from 9am-2pm outside the RSL Hall in Inglewood. Managed by the Lions Club of Inglewood.

If you are a first-time stall holder at our market the first month is free.

Contact Eddie 0472 539 874 or check Inglewood Lions Country Market Victoria 3517 Facebook page for any Committee decisions to close the market due to COVID-19 precautions.

E: inglewood@lions201v1-4.org.au

Brooke St, Inglewood 3517

BOORT BADMINTON

Every
Thursday 7.30
PM at Boort
Sporting
Complex.

WINNERS

24.06.21 Thursday

Winners

Kaitlyn & Mubarak

Total 18 players

All new and returning
players welcome.



Boort Badminton Club Facebook page for updates.





Moritz (Morrie) Gierisch

Article by Sue Gould and Jacqui Verley



Morrie and his sister,
Barbara

I was born in the Bendigo hospital in 1935, one of five surviving children (three sisters and one brother). Gierischs had a 400 acre farm in a small place called Shelbourne.



Morrie as a young boy

It is on the Maryborough-Bendigo Rd. There were only about five families along the creek in those days – but now it is like a suburb of Bendigo. My brother Bruce still has the farm.

I believe my great grandfather Gierisch came from Saxony [part of Germany now] in 1848, apparently due to the religious persecution at the time. They came to Huntly and farmed there. My mother was also from Huntly, she was a Hamilton but was descended from the Strauchs, who also came to Huntly from Germany. I was named Moritz which was

an old family name handed down through the generations. I didn't really like that name, so when I left school, I changed it to Morrie.

My grandfather was chasing gold all his life. He had a cyanide plant with horses and drays, and he would treat the mullock heaps on the goldfields, looking for the fine gold that had been left behind. He did pretty well, he told me he averaged £5 a week (approx. double the average wage at the time). Him and my grandmother used to go on cruises up through the islands, which was relatively unheard of back then (1920s). My grandparents were very progressive (my father was a lot more conservative). There were only ever two cars in Huntly in 1910 and granddad had one of them. A T- Model Ford. My grandmother was one of the very few women that drove a car in Bendigo.

We farmed about 100 acres of crop and 150 sheep at Shelbourne. That country was good oat country. Dad had a team of horses, and he would cart hay into Bendigo roughly three times a week. With five tonnes of hay on the wagon he would leave at 5.30am, take it to Golden Square to be processed into chaff, and be home just before dark. Mum would have to get up with the hurricane lamp and hold the horses while he was harnessing them.

We had to ride our bikes four-and-a-half miles each way to the Lockwood School. When I left school, we were still following with six horses and a three-furrow plough. It took three weeks to plough our 100 acres. Three acres a day. They were mouldboard ploughs, 10-inch furrows ploughed inland and then when you go to the end of the paddock you had to jump off and steer the bloody thing around the corner so you could get lined up to go back. It had to be in a straight line, or you'd hear all about it (from Dad). He had horses until 1958, until you could not buy good horses anymore - thank goodness! When Dad got a tractor, he was not very impressed when it ran out of fuel half-way down his first run down the paddock. That tractor is still going – it's down in my shed.

I had three ambitions in my life. The first was to have £1000 in the bank by the time I was 21 (I achieved that), the second was to see around Australia (which I achieved) and the third was to own a new tractor (I've had a lot of second hand ones [there are nine down in the shed] but unfortunately never a brand new one)

I had many jobs as a young bloke. You could get work anywhere in those days. As a 15-year-old, my first real job was on the State Rivers in Bendigo, it was all picks and shovels in those days. We were putting a pipe down Holdsworth Road, which was all diggers' holes and mullock heaps. I was getting £8 a week as a billy boy. Then I was working as a plant operator – jack



hammer and air compressor on the concrete channel that goes through near the Melbourne road at Elphinstone.

Dad was pushing me to go shearing (well if I lived to be a 1000, I'll never be much of a shearer!). There were a couple of neighbours, Stuart Hamilton and Jim Kelly that had a bit of a shearing team and that's how I came to be up here in 1953. I never got to great heights (not like your old-man Jacqui - referring to Shane Verley). Everyone else could shear 100 in three runs, but it took me four runs. There was no mulesing in those days. They were wrinkles from one end to the other! Once we were shearing up between Hell's Gate and Balranald and the owner bought in 2000 wethers from Louth. They were burrs from one end to the other - I smashed two combs in the first run. When I was shearing, we got to the jobs on our push bikes. We didn't have cars. Everyone did the same.



We shored up here, and around Kyneton. It was quite different. In this area, shearing is a big event, and they killed the 'fatted calf' and looked after you. Kel Jeffery always bowled over a turkey for the shearers. But down in Kyneton it was different, you were just a *bloody shearer*. Most of them were only tin-pot cockies, but the shearers and rousies ate outside, while the owner and the wool classer ate inside.

When I wasn't shearing, I would go back and work at the State Rivers or help Dad with the hay. It took six men three weeks to cut and bind the 100 acres of oats. You would cut and bind the hay in the morning and stook it in the afternoon. Then it would take about three weeks to cure in the stooks, and then your would bring it in and stack it. Dad was a brilliant stack



Elma in the 1950s

builder.

I worked out at Barraport, then went to Yando working for Murd Sutton. He was a fine man. I went there on my first morning and he said to me, "Morrie, men don't work *for* me, they work *with* me". And I worked there on and off for years. If we were busy, we worked and if it was a bit slack we'd go off shooting.

Elma was from the neighbouring family at Shelbourne. We used to go to the same dances, and I used to ride the push bike to visit her.

Elma - "When I left school I just stayed home and worked on the farm and then if someone nearby had a new baby I'd



Our wedding day 1960

go over and help them. I had always wanted to go to Bendigo to be a hairdresser but Mum wouldn't let me go to Bendigo - she was probably over-protective."

They gave us a big farewell at the Woodstock Hall and a gift of a big canteen of cutlery. When we married in 1960, we lived out at Yando near where Marg Piccoli is now for 18 months. I was doing some share cropping (I got a third of 300 acres - that was a workingman's share.) for George Sutton and with that income I built up a bit of a plant - £100 combine, £100 header and a £600 Field Marshall tractor.

Then, I also got the offer of cropping 100 acres out at





Buchanans. They were poor years, but I did alright. Then when I was shearing out at Wilsons, I asked Stan Wilson if he had any share-farming for me. He initially said no but not long after he came to me and asked me if I'd be interested in working for him. I said "I wouldn't be interested in working for wages, Mr Wilson", and he said "I'll give you 160 acres on the shares and you can live out here for nothing, as long as you look after the joint" (see picture of house below, where Morrie and Elma still reside). Well, that first year, 1962, that 160 acres went 16 bags and I made £2000 out of it.

I ended up share-farming Stan Wilson's for six years and then rented it for five years. Stan Wilson was a very good man, he paid my rates the year wheat quotas came in and I was struggling.

Stan sold his farm in 1973. We bought 800 acres of it, for \$100 an acre. I had enough for a fifty percent deposit but still Rural Finance wouldn't touch me. Wilsons left their money in it and helped me out.

The next year 160 acres of Perc Weaver's came up and I told Stan about it and even though I still owed Stan a lot of money, Stan said to me "take it, you won't get the chance again". Stan was a very fine man.

Then later, I bought some of Wal Weaver's. He wanted \$350 an acre and I said I'll give you \$300 if you finance me and lo and behold, he did, and that bought me up

Playing with the Gay Charmers 1980s



to 1200 acres that I have now. It shook me up a bit, buying that land – ten percent interest, but Weavers helped me out and gave me a couple of extra years to pay.

My family was not really musical. When I bought my first accordion my mother said 'what did you buy that thing for? I learnt by teaching myself in front of the mirror with a candle so I could see. There were lots of dances around in those days and tin-kettlings and



Morrie with his first accordion 1950s

kitchen teas. The first dance I played, I got payed £2, which was how much my accordion cost me. I've gone through 26 since then. Those accordions have got me around all the states of Australia.

In my hey day (from the late 60s) I played 700 nights in 10 years. It was a busy time. I was share cropping with Lloyd Weaver, doing my own cropping, driving the school bus

and playing two balls a week. In the old days there was always a dance after football or a tennis. I played with the Gay Charmers for 60 years. I also played with the Wedderburn Old Timers for 25 years. Also, Nance Wishart and I also played together for a while. She was a very good piano player.

None of us in the Gay Charmers could read music and we knew each other, and the dances, so well, we did not need a program to follow. We used to dress up fancy at various times. We had brown outfits with a yellow shirt and another outfit with blue pants and shirt with a red tie. About a year ago at Lake Charm, they came from all over Australia to celebrate our 60 years of playing.

The Wedderburn Old Timers and the Gay Charmers were employed to be the entertainment for many bus trips, and that gave us the opportunity to travel all around Australia. One trip back from Kangaroo Island on the ferry, we hit a very bad storm. I am usually very prone to motion sickness and I'd just eaten two pies - but we just kept on playing our instruments and I was as good as gold.

Our first son Gavin was born in 1961, followed by Trevor in 1963 and Ian in 1969. Sadly, like two of my sisters, Trevor passed away from a brain tumour in 2006.

I never had any interest in sport. I suppose music was

Harvesting with Les Whittington in the early 1980s



great dogs - Diesel and his son - Kerosene. Now we have Ginger [who slept on the couch during our interview and tapped her tail in time to Morrie playing the accordion]. Minnie was one of our last pet lambs. She follows me everywhere and she loves 'Black and Gold Milk Arrowroot' biscuits. We had the shearers here and she came in and settled around the kitchen table. She's 12 now. She can get into the groceries if we leave the boot unattended. When I went to open the gate the other day and came back to the car, she

was sitting up in the front seat. She loves the roses, much to Elma's despair.

The boys appreciate machinery just like I do, but they like new stuff. Gavin and Ian drive some nice trucks. Perhaps I am a bit unusual - I live in the past, rather than the future. An old bloke once said all the farmers around Boort get their machinery from Les Saunders, but Morrie Gierisch gets his from the Swan Hill Folk Museum!

To finish, Elma reflects - ***"I've never really had very much, but I've been content with what I've had - I've looked after kids and dogs. Life's just got away. I wonder where the years have gone."***

Morrie concurs, "From about 20-40 you are working hard to make a living and from 40-70 the years just go.. and all of a sudden you realise you are old."

"I never had any great ambitions, as long as I always had a quid in my pocket - enough to pay my way, that's all."



One of our best dogs - Diesel

my sport. It was always a job to knock off early and get up to Barham to play. Once Elma, unbeknownst to me, left the dog in the boot of the car. I was sitting in Kerang waiting for my ride, when the policeman knocked on my window and asked me if I had a dog in my boot. I thought this was a very strange question and said, "what in the bloody hell would I be doing with a dog in the boot?" But sure enough when I opened the boot the dog jumped out. Alma had rung the police!

I've had some wonderful pets. We have had some



Shearing Minnie the pet lamb

State-wide COVID-19 lockdown extended

As announced by the Premier this morning, the current state-wide lockdown has been extended to 11.59pm Tuesday 27 July.

Due to the lockdown, Council offices remain closed to the public until further notice. You can still call Council on (03) 5494 1200 or email loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au for assistance.

A reminder that the lockdown means we must stay at home other than for one of the five reasons:

shopping for necessary goods and services
care and caregiving, including medical care or to get a COVID-19 test, exercise, authorised work and permitted study, to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

Victorians may also leave home to visit their intimate partner, their single social bubble buddy, or in an emergency – including those at risk of family violence.

Exercise and shopping is limited to five kilometres from your home. If there are no shops in your five-kilometre radius, you can travel to the ones closest to you. Shopping is limited to one person per day, per household. The five-kilometre limit does not apply to care and health care.

Face masks must be worn indoors and outdoors whenever you leave your home.

For full details regarding current restrictions, please visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings

Excellent Farming Workshop

Excellent Farming workshop postponed to 26 July
Due to the lockdown, the *Excellent Farming* workshop, due to be held in Wedderburn on 19 July, will now be held online this Monday 26 July at 1.30pm.

This session is for growers and agronomists wishing to make informed decisions based on climate information and their own data amid uncertainty.

Titled *Excellent Farming Master Class*, the workshop will be presented by Dr Kate Burke. Dr Burke uses evidence, experience and humour to shine a light on what matters for sustainable, profitable farming, to make the most of opportunities available and manage risk along the way.

This master class will focus on understanding climate moods, using farm knowledge and numbers to map trends and help decision making, and a simple process for seasonal risk management and managing

uncertainty. The workshop will also focus on the 2021 seasonal outlook and putting the process into practice.

The workshop will be held via Zoom. To register in advance for this meeting visit: <https://bit.ly/3rjG6SL>

You will then be sent an automatic email with the link to the event. If you are asked for a password or passcode it is: Grains

If you have any issues registering please call Martin Hamilton at Agriculture Victoria on 0429 946 149 or email martin.hamilton@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Bioenergy online workshop this week

If you would like to know more about renewable energy options or are interested in understanding more about bioenergy, then don't miss the next Agriculture Victoria energy webinar, which will focus on bioenergy.

Bioenergy is energy generated from organic materials such as manure, straw or produce residues through processes including anaerobic digestion and combustion.

To be held this Thursday 22 July from 12pm to 1pm, the webinar will include a broad overview of the bioenergy in Victoria, and information about anaerobic digestion (what it is, and its application, opportunities and benefits in agriculture).

The webinar will also explore thermal bioenergy, including how thermal bioenergy technologies operate, its use in agriculture and common risks and barriers.

There will also be an opportunity for questions after the presentations.

You can register or join the webinar at <https://bit.ly/3zghwVV>

If you need assistance registering or would like more information, please contact Sarah Clack at Agriculture Victoria on 0417 316 345 or

sarah.clack@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Mysia News

Planning is well underway for the centenary celebrations on 10th October.

WANTED – OLD SCHOOL DESKS - BORROW/BUY

As a part of our centenary celebrations, we are having an old-time school day. We are seeking the old-style school desks (steel frame and hinged tops) to use for that day in October. We can pick-up or drop-off.

Contact Susan Gould 0429 927 534

Chris Rothacker 0427 947 382





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Performed by the star of the recent hit film *The Merger*, Damian Callinan, **NEWK (The John Newcombe Story)** is a comedy-drama tracing the life of the great Australian tennis champion.

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DREAM HORSE

Sat 24 JULY 8pm
Sun 25 JULY 2pm
Tue 27 JULY 8pm

PG 113 mins | Drama

With very little money and no experience, Jan Vokes (Toni Collette) convinces her neighbors to chip in their meager earnings to help raise Dream and competes with the racing elites. Their investment pays off as Dream rises through the ranks and becomes a beacon of hope in their struggling community.



PERCY vs. GOLIATH

Sat 31 JULY 8pm
Sun 1 AUG 2pm
Tue 3 AUG 8pm

PG 99 mins | Drama

PERCY follows small-town farmer Percy Schneider, who challenges a major conglomerate when the company's genetically modified (GMO) canola is discovered in the 70-year-old farmer's crops. As he speaks out against the company's business practices, he realizes he is representing thousands of other disenfranchised farmers around the world fighting the same battle.

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OLD CAR (PRE 1986)

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Ford, Land Cruiser,
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Storytimes 2021

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THU 29 JUL	10.30-11am
THU 12 AUG	10.30-11am
THU 26 AUG	10.30-11am
THU 9 SEP	10.30-11am
THU 7 OCT	10.30-11am
THU 21 OCT	10.30-11am
THU 4 NOV	10.30-11am
THU 18 NOV	10.30-11am
THU 2 DEC	10.30-11am



Agency
Boort Resource and Information Centre
119-121 Godfrey St

For more information please phone 5449 2790
or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/children



DOG TESTS POSITIVE FOR EHRlichiosis IN VICTORIA

Wednesday 23 June 2021 | Media contact:
Sarah Hetherington, 0409 405 639
agriculture.vic.gov.au

A dog in Horsham has tested positive for ehrlichiosis – the first detection of this disease for an Australian-born dog in Victoria. The dog came from the Northern Territory where the disease is established.

Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Graeme Cooke urged all Victorian dog owners and veterinarians to be on the lookout for this new dog disease that is spread by brown dog ticks.

Dr Cooke said common signs of ehrlichiosis could include fever, lethargy, eye changes such as conjunctivitis, cloudy or red eyes; abnormal bleeding and swellings, small spots or bruising; and swellings on the body and limbs.

"When detected early, antibiotics may be used to treat the disease," Dr Cooke said.

"Prevention is crucial as there is no vaccine for the disease. Protect your dogs from ehrlichiosis by regularly checking them for ticks, using effective tick control and seeking veterinary advice promptly if they become unwell.

"You should regularly check your dog for ticks by running your fingers through their coat, on the skin, paying attention to the head, neck, ears, chest, between their toes and around their mouth and gums.

"Be particularly vigilant if you're taking your dog out bush and travelling interstate."

Ehrlichiosis was found for the first time in an Australian dog in the Kimberley region in mid-2020. Since then, it has spread around the country and now found in most states and territories.

"This is a notifiable disease in Victoria, which means it must be reported to the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888 when suspected," Dr Cooke said.

"If your dog is unwell or you find any abnormal bumps or ticks, make sure you promptly arrange to take your dog to your vet. Discuss with your vet the testing system in place for ehrlichiosis in Victoria.

"Put a tick in a clean resealable bag and take it to your local veterinarian to submit for identification. Freeze the bag with the tick first if you cannot take it to a vet immediately. If you are unsure about what is an appropriate tick control product to use, then consult your Veterinary advisor."

On rare occasions humans can become infected through the bite of an infected tick. Please seek medical advice if you feel unwell after being exposed to ticks.

For more information on ehrlichiosis (or e-canis), visit the

Agriculture Victoria website or call the Customer Contact Centre on 136 186.



POSITION VACANT- LODDON AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE

Loddon Shire Council is calling for nominations from residents of both Boort Ward and Tarnagulla Ward to fill a vacancy on the Loddon Australia Day Committee.

The Loddon Australia Day Committee comprises a community representative from each ward of the Loddon Shire, a Council representative and a Council-appointed administration officer. The position is voluntary.

The committee meets twice each year to select winners of the Loddon Australia Day Awards and judge entries into the Shire-wide Australia Day competitions.

Applicants will require a passion for their community, demonstrated experience as a volunteer, good communication skills and an interest in Australia Day in the Loddon Shire.

Applicants must reside in either the Boort Ward or the Tarnagulla Ward of the Loddon Shire and have time available in November and December to critically assess nominations and award entries. Please forward expressions of interest to Loddon Australia Day Committee, PO Box 21, Wedderburn, 3518 by 20 August 2021.

**For further information please contact
Robina Little, Administration Officer
Australia Day on 5494 1200 or
austarliaday@loddon.vic.gov.au**

BOORT



FOOTBALL NETBALL HOCKEY RESULTS for Round 11 - July 10

NETBALL

U13A

Boort 16 lost to Birchip-Watchem 21
Awards went to:
Insurance House – Emma Malone
Coutts Ag – Phoebe Henderson

U16B

Boort 39 defeated Birchip-Watchem 14
Awards went to: Bendigo Bank – Bridie Doyle
Beatties Newsagents – Britney Sykes

U16A

Boort 55 defeated Birchip-Watchem 21
Awards went to:
Sportspower – Annie Perryman
Bendigo Bank – Eliza Perryman

C Grade

Boort 37 defeated Birchip-Watchem 31
Awards went to: Charlton Massage – Eliza Perryman
Korong Vale – Kaley Ritchie
Judy Parker was injured whilst playing and was taken to hospital.

B Grade

Boort 34 defeated Birchip-Watchem 25
Awards went to:
Sportspower – Erin Twigg
Beatties Newsagents – Annie Perryman

A Grade

Boort 37 lost to Birchip-Watchem 52
Awards went to: Charlton Massage – Emma Darker
Lashes by Roxy – Emmerson Doyle

FOOTBALL

U 13

Boort 8 (1.2.8) lost to Birchip-Watchem 45
Cooper Gooding scored Boort's only goal

U 16

Birchip 34 (5.4.34) lost to Boort 62 (8.13.62)
Boort had a rough start, but came through in the second half.
Awards went to Frasier Holland, Dylan Leersen, Jack Potter and Sam Barraclough

Reserves

Boort 40 (6.4.40) drew with Birchip 40 (4.16.40)

Senior

Birchip 111 (16.15.111) defeated Boort 65 (9.11.65)

HOCKEY

U 12

Boort 0 drew Birchip 0
Awards went to Archer Lee and Victoria Lanyon

U 15

Boort 4 def Birchip 1
Goals scored by Harry Malone (1), Alex Cockerell (2), and Sienna Boyd (1)

Awards went to Luke and Sienna Boyd

Women's

Birchip 2 def Boort 1
Awards went to Kate Rhook and Chelsea Challis Broad

Mens

Boort 13 def Birchip 0
Awards went to Alex Cockerell and Harry Malone

HOCKEY

North West Lightning

The first week of the holidays saw nine Boort hockey players play in the North West Lightning representative teams at the Junior State Championships. These teams include players from Sunraysia,

Wimmera, North Central and Hockey Central Vic Associations. This was the first year the event has been held outside Melbourne with two fantastic regional venues in Bendigo and Shepparton hosting JSC. All players had a fantastic week, thoroughly enjoying the experience and pushing their hockey to another level. They played against nine other teams from across the state, including three other regional teams. Many of the teams in the competition play on synthetic turf all the time and are able to train as a team on a regular basis leading up to the Championships.



Boort players: Luke Boyd, Madeleine Lanyon, Tia Lanyon, Alex Cockerell, Lily Caine, Lucy Malone, Jake Boyd, Toby Poxon and Ella Lanyon

The ladder positions of the teams may not have reflected the true grit, determination and achievements that the players showed but they should all be proud of their involvement over the tournament. There are so many positives to take back to club-based hockey where the rewards for the team will be recognised.

The Under 13 girls played against the Bulls in their final match going down 3-0. An amazing experience with many of the girls eligible to be back in the team next year. Thanks to coaches Jess Melsen and Brioni Lahn for their wisdom, guidance and development of our future players. It has been amazing to watch the Under 13 boys growth, confidence, friendships and skills develop over the tournament. They won the wildcard match against the

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Eagles 2-1 which gave them the right to play against the Hotshots for seventh position. Led by coaches Brad Evans and Ian Berry they played as directed, using short passes and creating opportunities to score, winning 3-1. This team only lost one game for the tournament and we are hoping to see more of this combination next year.

The Under 15 girls played strongly and were unlucky with a 1-0 defeat in their final game against the Eagles. Dale Boyd and Brioni Lahn have been positive and enthusiastic coaches developing some great game strategies that will help in each players' development and strengthen their home clubs. The Under 15 boys had earned their place in the bronze medal match against the Flames. They kept in touch in the first half with some strong defensive skills and had a few opportunities in attack. The 4-0 score line did not reflect the competitive game that was played. Thanks to coach Stu McCleary in his 10th year of coaching a Lightning team for his calm and measured approach and always pushing the boys to make good team decisions in their games.

Well done to the Under 18 girls who drew in their final



match against the Eagles nil all, finishing 5th in the tournament, losing only two games over the competition.

Thanks to coaches Sue Wakefield and Jade Chapman for instilling disciplined play and creating opportunities for the girls to push their hockey skills to another level. Congratulations to the Under 18 boys who fought hard all tournament and were only a goal away from playing in the gold medal match. Despite the bronze medal match not unfolding as planned, losing 5-0 against the Tigers, the boys continued to attack and create chances to score. Thanks to coaches Ross Evans and Keenan Lucas for their passion, enthusiasm, knowledge and ensuring all players embraced their role in the team's strategy. With only 4 players too old to play next year, we hope the core group returns to set the bar higher.



Madeleine Lanyon and Luke Boyd have since been selected to join the Hockey Victoria Under 13 Development Academy, alongside five other Lightning players. They will have the opportunity to show their skills over the next few weeks prior to selection for the Under 13 State teams. This is a fantastic achievement by both Boort Hockey Club players.



Stroke attacks the brain - the human control centre - changing lives in an instant.

Your brain is fed by blood carrying oxygen and nutrients through blood vessels called arteries. A stroke happens when blood cannot get to your brain, because of a blocked or burst artery. As a result, your brain cells die due to a lack of oxygen and nutrients.

Who is at risk?

Stroke can happen to anyone of any age.

Men are at greater risk of stroke and as we get older our risk increases.

In saying that, stroke is preventable for many. Some of the causes within our control include high blood pressure, being overweight, smoking, high cholesterol, a high intake of alcohol and diabetes.

How to identify a stroke?

When it comes to identifying a stroke, remember to think **F.A.S.T!**

FACE: Has their face drooped? Can the person smile normally or is one side drooping?

ARMS: Can they lift both arms? Is there weakness or loss of movement?

SPEECH: Does the person have slurred speech? Are they making sense?

TIME: If you find any of the signs and symptoms above, its important to call 000 without delay as time is critical!



Take the steps to reduce your risk of stroke today.

Make an appointment with your GP and take charge of your health. Your GP can work with you to identify any risk factors for stroke, provide management to reduce the risk.

Making healthy changes to your lifestyle including quitting smoking, drinking in moderation, eating a healthy diet and regular exercise will also greatly reduce your risk of stroke.

For more information come along to a FREE community education session or visit ambulance.vic.gov.au. Follow the Loddon Paramedic Community Support Coordinator (PCSC) on Facebook (facebook.com/pcscloddon)

Saving lives is a team effort and the community is a vital part of the team.



BOORT GOLF NEWS

Margaret Nelson

Here we go again, just when we have a great Golf course to play on, thanks to the time put in by those members that have worked hard and the work put into mowing the fairways, all we can now do think of what we are missing because of Covid. The Ladies were successful in playing the "Ladies' Fourball" event the day before Lockdown.

We had a pleasant group of ladies visit us from 10 different Clubs plus the Boort Ladies. The winners were mainly from out of town being A Grade Heather Hogan & Lyn Boyle 38 pts, with Glenda Bird & Carolyn McHugh 37pts a close second. In B Grade Sharyn Ewin & Di Roberts 36 pts while Dot Beattie & Beth Thompson 34 pts came in second. Everyone enjoyed the day until the announcement of a possible Lockdown was heard.

With the announcement of a Lockdown the Club is now hoping to play the other 3 days of the Tournament near the end of our golfing season when all the generous sponsorship items will be put to good use. Thanks go to all the Businesses and people who assisted in any way towards supporting the Golf Tournament. It is greatly appreciated.

The Ladies' Club Championship was Completed - sometimes the rain and wind added extra competition. The Ladies' Club Champion is Di Johnston and the B Grade Champion is Gaye Sim. These ladies will play in the Association Champion of Champions event in St Arnaud at a later date. The Club Singles Handicap event is in progress and will be completed hopefully shortly.

Despite the inclement weather, this year's Famer's Fourball was successful with players coming from many Kara Kara Clubs as well as some players from further afield. Four pair of Ladies competed in the Ladies' event with Heather Hogan (Birchip) and Sandra Mott (Woomelang) 43 pts winners with Lorraine Linehan and Jeanette Naylor 36 points second. In the Men's Event the local members of Damien Lanyon and Mark Perryman had a very impressive 45 points to win from our visitors from Charlton Troy Heenan and Brett Schofield 43 points. In the Nearest the Pin prizes, Heather Hogan claimed the 1st, while Alister McDougal claimed the 2nd shot on the 18th and our visitor from Lilydale claimed the 9th and 15th prizes. A big thank you to Kevin Linehan, whose business KJL Livestock was the sponsor for this year's event.

Eleven players played in the last round of the Men's Club Championships with Andrew Kane securing



Shayne Morris, Weaver Cup
Andrew Kane, A. Grade Champion
Damien Lanyon, B Grade Champion



Gaye Sim, B Grade Champion
Di Johnstone, Ladies Club Champion

another A-Grade title after finishing with a pair of 1-under rounds of 70, to go with his first round 64. Runner up was Stuart Twedde with rounds of 77, 79, 73. In the B Grade event Damien Lanyon came in with rounds of 80, 88 and 78 to claim the event for the second year, while Alister McDougal came second with 85, 96 and 93. The winner of the Weaver Cup for the best nett overall in the Club other than a Champion was Shayne Morris. Hope to see you all back on the Golf course soon.

Margaret Nelson

**THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE (RFDS)
CONTINUES TO OFFER MENTAL HEALTH
APPOINTMENTS IN BOORT**

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Victoria continues to offer free and confidential mental health support to people living in Boort. Mental health clinician, David Turnbull has been providing support to

the Boort community since 2019.

David is a Mental Health Accredited Social Worker and has a great understanding of both the challenges and the rewards of living in the bush. David has been providing mental health support to communities in the Wimmera and Loddon region for over two years and is passionate about continuing to provide high quality mental health care to the Boort community.



Flying Doctor Wellbeing offers free and confidential mental health and wellbeing services to people who live or work in the Boort community.

No GP referral is required to access the service.

Contact us on (03) 8412 0480
or wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au



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Ceramics from Central and Regional Victoria

June 12 to August 23 2021
Launch Saturday, June 12, 2pm

(Queens Avenue, St Arnaud Victoria. Located directly behind Ridleys Barastoc 7-19 McMahon Street)

View Friday to Monday (11am to 4pm)
St Arnaud Railway Station Gallery

Featured Artists. Trina Ambrose, Minna Graham, Judy Hilbig, Amelia Kingston,
Desiree Radi Mansbridge, Ruby Pilven, Marina Pribaz, Petrus Spronk, Sarah Taylor.

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