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SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Will Toose, Tom Potter, Andrew Hawker (Coach), Will Perryman North Central League U18 Boort Football Club representatives. Played at Sea Lake. Well done to Frasier Holland, Angus Potter, Kobie Streader and Elias Lanyon who were invited to try out.



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Key finance documents out now for comment

Council's 2021/22 Draft Budget, Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges, and Revenue and Rating Plan are now out for community feedback until Friday 28 May 2021. Council remains debt-free, with no loan repayments, and a continued strong cash position. The Draft Budget maintains Council's approach of being financially responsible, while ensuring its commitment of providing a large range of services to our community.

The Draft Budget includes a rate increase of 1.5 per cent – in line with the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System. The Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges also proposes to increase fees and charges by 1.5 per cent – the same as the rate increase.

The Revenue and Rating Plan proposes the revenue raising framework for Council for the next four years.

The Draft 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.

Additionally, the Draft Budget includes 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.

Copies of the Draft Budget, Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges, and Draft Revenue and Rating Plan are available on Council's website at <u>www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Financial-reports</u>. Copies are also available for inspection at Council's Wedderburn office during business hours or can be posted out on request by calling Council's Customer Service on (03) 5494 1200.

Council will meet to consider any feedback to the Draft Budget, Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges, and Draft Revenue and Rating Plan at the Council Forum on Tuesday 8 June 2021. It will then consider adoption of these key documents at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 22 June 2021 and will give public notice of its decision.

Community Asset Committee events during National Volunteer Week

Community Asset Committee members are invited to come along to a range of free local information events to be held across Loddon Shire for National Volunteer Week from Monday 17 May until Friday 21 May.

The events planned for National Volunteers Week will provide valuable information for every committee member. Each information event is aimed at a different committee position.

Information events include *Governance and Dispute Resolution, Public Liability Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance for Volunteers: The difference between committee members and volunteers,* and *Attracting New Volunteers.*

Other information events include Using the new Treasurer's template, Casual Hire and Seasonal User Group Agreements and Involving the community with activities, such as movie nights.

For more information, including times and locations of events, visit <u>https://bit.ly/3gVmuRS</u>

Long contribution recognised

Having mentioned National Volunteer Week and community volunteers, I'd like to acknowledge Inglewood's Eucalyptus Distillery Museum's Committee member Bert Bradley who has left the Committee after 13 years.

Bert was involved with the Committee since the early days, including development of the plans for the museum to recognise the history of eucalyptus oil distilling in the region. Bert and his family participated in the eucy-cutting and distilling industry for many years. His knowledge and wisdom provided valuable assistance as part of the Committee during the past 13 years.

The museum is expected to reopen in July, following an extended closure after the COVID-19 lockdown – and some tours are already being forward booked.

The museum team is also looking for new volunteers to assist the Committee. To find out more, call the Secretary, Murray on 0409 309 090 to discuss how you may be able to assist.

Citizenship congratulations

Last week I had the honour of presenting citizenship certificates to our newest Australian citizens: Mr Russel Roma Ceballos (formerly from the Philippines), Mr Binu Karuvelil Varghese, Ms Saritha Sajan and their daughter Grace Karuvelil Binu (all formerly from India), Mrs Mary Grace Loosley (Philippines), Mr Mohammed Mubarak Meera Sahib (India) and Mr Amine Rasbey (Lebanon).

All made the Australian Citizenship Pledge during a ceremony at the Council Chambers last Tuesday. Congratulations to all.

FRRR grant program

Grant applications for the Foundation for Rural and



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Regional Renewal (FRRR) Strengthening Rural Communities program are now open.

The program gives small rural, regional and remote communities across Australia an opportunity to access funding to support broad community needs. Grants are available for a broad range of community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities.

For more information visit <u>https://frrr.org.au/funding/</u> place/strengthening-rural-communities/

Applications close at 5pm, Tuesday 25 May 2021.

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.

GBD Productions present: Don Pasquale

Saturday, 22 May 2021 | 02:00 PM to 05:30 PM Donizetti's celebrated comedy!

Mr Lyster's Touring Colonial Opera returns to its artistic home, Tarnagulla's Victoria Theatre in this rollicking production of Donizetti's famous comedy. Featuring Helen Koehne, Hew Wagner, Adam Jon, Jamie Moffat, Trevor Mills, Adelaide Soccio -Greenaway, Jessica Joan Graham and Thomas Saar, with musical direction by Pam Christie, and a special appearance by Madame Carandini, this is laugh filled entertainment set to great music!

Cost \$30. Book on line at <u>https://</u> www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=708043 Phone: 0410 890 388

Victoria Theatre Tarnagulla, 69-71 Commercial Road, Tarnagulla 3551

Loddon Community Travelling Dance – Boort

Friday, 4 June 2021 | 7:30 PM to 11:30 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.

Cost \$20 per couple and a supper plate. Contact Dede Williams and Greg Deimos on

0407 871 327, 0418 108 644 or

<u>danceloddon@gmail.com</u> Boort Memorial Hall, Godfrey St, Boort 3537

Loddon Community Travelling Dance – Newbridge

Friday, 2 July 2021 | 7:30 PM to 11:30 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.

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

Newbridge Public Hall, Newbridge 3551 Loddon Community Travelling Dance – Pyramid Hill Friday, 6 August 2021 | 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM



What is The Duke of Ed?

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global framework for non-formal education, which challenges young people find their purpose, passion and place in the world. The Award is open to young people aged 14 to 24, and is run in over 130

countries. https://dukeofed.com.au/

https://dukcolcu.com.ad/



Come to The Boort Resource and Information Centre on 25th May 2021 at 7pm to hear about how your child can be involved in the Duke of Ed Program and the lifelong benefits they can achieve.

A parent or guardian must accompany the student to the information evening.

If you cannot attend but would like more information please speak to Sophia Herrington at BRIC on a Tue, Wed or Fri. Visit dukeofed.com.au



Thank you to the Loddon Shire for their support



Wedderburn Open Gallery Mural Project launch

It was an honour last Thursday to launch the Wedderburn Open Gallery Mural Project "Birds Eye View", at the Uniting Church grounds.

On behalf of Council, I would like to congratulate the working group, the artists Andrew Bourke, Jimmy Dvate, Bryan Itch and the community of Wedderburn on this fantastic project.

The Wedderburn Open Air Gallery project originated from local artist Ross Currie, who approached Wedderburn Tourism regarding developing murals around the town. Following initial feedback, the project's working group identified the Wedderburn Streetscape Improvement Project vicinity as the initial location for the murals.

Wedderburn Community House, in conjunction with the working group, sourced funding from Creative Victoria to establish five murals – forming the open-air gallery and providing a point of difference for visitors to explore the town. The theme is "Birds Eye View", due to Wedderburn being identified as a mecca for birdlife.

Wedderburn's Uniting Church features the project's sixth mural. The mural was funded by the local community and Council's Community Grants scheme.

The event last week also saw the launch of the Storytown "Birds Eye View" podcast, which is designed to provide an entertaining experience for both travelling tourists and locals alike.

The podcast tells the story of the Mistletoe Bird mural on the Wedderburn Newsagency wall. It also features local conservationist and amateur ornithologist Jeroen van Veen and artist Andrew Bourke telling the story of Jimmy Dvate who painted the mural.

Visitors and locals can listen to the podcast via social media or the Visit Loddon Valley website.

Get your event featured in the 2021/2022 calendar

Event organisers and local community groups who would like their event featured in the 2021/2022 calendar of events brochure are asked to submit their events to Council by Thursday 27 May 2021.

To include your event in the brochure please submit the:

Event date and time

Event description (at least 250 characters)

Price

Event location

Contact details of the event host, including telephone number, website, email, Facebook page address or

website address.

A high-quality image, in landscape orientation, must also be provided.

You can provide your event submission to <u>loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au</u> or register your event online at <u>www.bendigoregion.com.au/visit-loddon-valley/</u> <u>register-your-event-loddon-valley</u>

Health and Wellbeing Plan survey

Council is currently preparing its Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 and is inviting you to help shape its development. The plan will identify and set out the main health and wellbeing priorities for our community for the next four years.

To help develop a plan that responds to challenges facing local communities, Council is keen to know what you think the main health and wellbeing issues facing our community are.

Community members are being asked to fill out a short survey and share your thoughts.

The survey will only take five to ten minutes to complete, and I thank our community in advance for taking the time to fill out the survey.

You can find the survey at <u>www.surveymonkey.com/r/</u> XC99XY5

Changes to Disabled Parking Permit Applications

The Victorian Government has made changes to disability parking to create an easier and fairer system for all.

A new disability parking permit scheme known as the Accessible Parking Permit (APP) scheme is now in effect. The new APP Scheme will streamline the application process, making it easier, simpler and consistent across the state.

Loddon Shire Council transitioned to the new APP scheme from last month. Residents and organisations who require a new permit, or need to renew or replace a permit, will need to apply with the new application process by going to: www.accessibleparking.vic.gov.au/permits/

You can also apply for renewals, replacements and cancellations to your current permit via this process.

If you require assistance through the application process, please contact Council's customer support team on (03) 5494 1201.

Community Engagement policy adopted

A new policy adopted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting in February encourages greater engagement by the community.

The Community Engagement Policy, which is a requirement under the new Local Government Act,

aims to communicate how Council will inform, consult with, involve, collaborate and empower the community in various engagement activities undertaken by Council.

A group of community members assisted with the development of the policy and will continue to monitor and review the policy over the next six months.

A copy of the Community Engagement Policy is available on Council's website:

www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Community-

Engagement/The-Loddon-Project/Community-

Engagement-Policy

Feedback on the policy is welcome anytime and can be provided via <u>loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au</u> or by calling Council on (03) 5494 1200.

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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

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 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/</u> <u>boortshow/</u> or email <u>boortshowsecretary@yahoo.com</u> Contact: Jodie 0418 149 904 Boort Park, 35 Malone St, Boort 3537

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 <u>hoskinggj@bigpond.com</u>

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 hoskinggj@bigpond.com

Bridgewater Railway Station, Erskine St, Bridgewater on Loddon 3516



Next Meeting **Mysia School Centenary Planning** MONDAY 7th June, 2pm All Welcome Julie Dean (Sec)





Loddon Shire broadband survey

Council is partnering with City of Greater Bendigo and Regional Development Victoria to develop a business case for enhanced broadband for local businesses in the Loddon Shire community and surrounding areas.

As part of this business case, Council is asking residents and businesses to fill out a survey regarding fixed broadband internet speeds and mobile phone network coverage in Loddon Shire.

Council has been advocating for improved internet access and mobile phone coverage for its communities for some time now. Recent changes to the demands on connectivity due to COVID-19 has made this issue even more important for both businesses and residents.

Council is asking as many members of the community as possible to fill out the survey. This will help Council identify where to focus its efforts in advocating for better connectivity, particularly where government funding requires such data.

The survey is available online at

www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCW8ZL6

Hard copies of the survey are also available by calling Council on 5494 1200 or visiting the Wedderburn office.

The survey is open until Friday 28 May 2021.

LRCI Program funding welcomed

Council has welcomed an additional \$4.77 million over two years in Federal Government funding as part of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI).

The funding, which was announced last week as part of the 2021-22 Federal Budget, is for Phase 3 of the LRCI Program. This is in addition to funding Council received under Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the program – providing a little over \$8.95 million overall.

On behalf of Council, I'd like to thank Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government the Hon Mark Coulton MP, and Federal Member for Mallee Anne Webster MP, for announcing the funding.

Projects identified as part of the LRCI funding will be included in Council's 2021/22 Annual Infrastructure program, which is currently being developed.

The 2021/22 Annual Infrastructure Program will go to Council for consideration for adoption early in the 2021/22 Financial Year.

Biggest Morning Tea is almost here

Cancer Council Victoria is encouraging Loddon Shire residents to host an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event with family, friends and colleagues in support of people affected by cancer.

In 2021, the official day to host a morning tea is Thursday 27 May, however participants can register to host at any time throughout May or June.

Every year an average of 68 people in Loddon Shire are diagnosed with cancer, while 36,000 people are diagnosed in Victoria.

By hosting or attending a morning tea, people will help Cancer Council Victoria continue its life-saving cancer research, prevention, advocacy and support programs for those affected by cancer.

For more information or to register, visit

www.biggestmorningtea.com.au or call 1300

65 65 85 to receive a free morning tea host kit.

Young Farmer Bootcamp coming to Bendigo

<u>Agriculture Victoria is running its first face-to-face</u> <u>Young Farmer Business Bootcamp in 12 months in</u> <u>Bendigo in June.</u>

The Young Farmer Business Bootcamp will be held over two days between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm on Thursday 17 June and Thursday 24 June.

The free two-day business bootcamp is for those who are young or new to managing a farm business and wanting to forge a long and successful career in beef, sheep or mixed farming enterprises.

Participants can expect to improve their understanding of profit and loss and cash flow budgeting, balance sheets and gross margins, risk management, and financial planning and analysis from doing the camp.

The Bendigo bootcamp, which will be held at Peppergreen Farm Eco Pod, will be delivered by Paul Blackshaw, Farm Business Advisor with Meridian Agriculture.

You can register for the Young Farmer Bootcamp via: <u>www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bendigo-young-farmer-</u>

business-bootcamp-tickets-153244980863

For more information contact Sarah Wallis at Sarah.Wallis@agriculture.vic.gov.au or 0419 571 208.

Date for entries for Tidy Towns Awards Program extended

The closing date for entries for the 2021 Keep Victoria Beautiful Sustainable Communities – Tidy Towns Awards Program has been extended to 23 May 2021.

The Sustainable Communities – Tidy Towns Awards recognise, celebrate and share grassroots initiatives and positive actions taken by community groups, educational institutions, businesses and councils in rural and regional areas in Victoria.

To find out more, visit <u>https://</u>

awardsonline.net.au/2021/tidytowns/

Bootcamp is back Bendigo for young farmers

Young Farmer Farm Business Bootcamp

Agriculture Victoria is running its first face-to-face Young Farmer Business Bootcamp in 12 months in Bendigo in June.

Agriculture Victoria's Young Farmer Network is excited to announce the two-day business bootcamp for those who are young or new to managing a farm business and wanting to forge a long and successful career in beef, sheep or mixed farming enterprises.

Young Farmer coordinator Sarah Wallis said participants can expect to improve their understanding of profit and loss and cash flow budgeting, balance sheets and gross margins, risk management, and financial planning and analysis from doing the camp.

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Young Farmer Business Bootcamps have been held at a range of locations across Victoria since 2015 to help producers to understand and manage business risk, develop a business plan to grow their business and have confidence that there is a future in agriculture for them.

"These fun and interactive bootcamps use a series of farm case studies as real-life examples, providing participants with the skills to help them manage their farm business now, as well as planning for their business into the future," Ms Wallis said.

"Past participants tell us it's the opportunity to discuss their individual circumstances with the presenters throughout the bootcamp that really sets this course apart."

Register online for the free Young Farmer Business bootcamp in Bendigo at the Peppergreen Farm eco pod, 40 - 44 Thunder Street.

This event will be conducted in accordance with our COVID Safe Plan and under the directions of the Chief Health Officer with registrations limited and participants encouraged to register by 15 May.

The Young Farmer Business Bootcamps provided by Agriculture Victoria and acknowledges Australian Wool Innovation for its initial support of the bootcamp program.

FormoreinformationcontactSarah.Wallis@ariculture.vic.gov.auor0419571208orPaul Blackshaw o0427546643.

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



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WHAT'S ON



The Inglewood Lions Country Market Saturday, 12 June | 9:00AM to 2:00PM Friendly country market that is

held on the second Saturday of the month from 9am-2pm. Managed by the Lions Club of Inglewood. Phone: Eddie 0472 539 874 Brooke St, Inglewood 3517

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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.

Cost \$20 per couple and a supper plate. Contact Dede Williams and Greg Deimos on 0407 871 327,

0418 108 644 or <u>danceloddon@gmail.com</u> Newbridge Public Hall, Newbridge 3551

2021 Gold Fossickers Cup

Saturday, 3 July 2021 to Sunday, 4 July 2021 | 08:30 AM

Hosted by the Loddon Darts Association Inc.

Teams consist of 5 players per team, with \$5,500 in prize money awarded over the weekend.

Team registrations by 8.30am for a 9.00am 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.

5 Singles, 501 best of 3.

Bar opens at 8.30am both days. Ice cold drinks at amazingly low prices. Alcohol, food, tea & coffee available at venue. Definitely NO BYO alcohol to be brought into the venue.

Supported by Loddon Shire Council Major Events Program.

Entries & enquiries to Robert Day 0439 372 118 or robert.day83@y7mail.com

Wedderburn Mechanics Hall, Cnr Reef and High Streets, Wedderburn 3518



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: <u>robert.day83@y7mail.com</u> Website: <u>http://www.loddondarts.com</u>



SAVE THE DATE Sunday 10th October 2021 (Boort Show weekend) Mysia War Memorial School -Centenary Celebration More details closer to the date

We are currently looking for any memorabilia, photos, schoolwork etc contact details of ex-students or people with Mysia connections

stories or anecdotes from school days at Mysia Please contact: Susan Gould 0429 927534 susantgould@gmail.com or

Wendy Mills 0403 020715 loddonwjm@gmail.com

The next meeting to continue preparations for <u>Mysia School Centenary</u> is to be held

Tuesday 11th May 2021, 3pm at Mysia. All welcome. Julie Dean (Sec) 0427 602 516





ANZAC DAY COMMUNITY BBQ

Proudly sponsored by the Loddon Shire and the Boort Resource and Information Centre



The Boort Resource and Information Centre were very pleased when The Loddon Shire accepted the grant to offer the Boort Community a free BBQ on Anzac Day. It was a wonderful way to honour our Anzacs and the families of the Boort Community. Live music, Face painting a giant slide and delicious hamburgers and sausages were enjoyed by many.

The Loddon Shire have also recently funded the jumping castle, face painter and smoothie bike at the first Boort Football, Hockey, Netball game for the 2021 season. The activities were



well received and it was fantastic to see the community out having a great time together while supporting the Magpies.



Another very generous offer of support from the Loddon Shire and the Duke of Ed program is the set up for Duke of Edinburgh Award in Boort through the Boort Resource and Information Centre. Sophia Herrington will be coordinating the Duke of Ed program through BRIC. There will be a parent and student information session on the 25th May 7pm at BRIC. Anyone aged 14—24 are welcome to attend with a parent/guardian to hear about how the Duke



of Edenborough Award is delivered and run.

The Award is about individual challenge, variety of activity, duration, support and teamwork and recognition. As every individual is different, so too are the challenges that young people undertake to achieve their Award. With guidance from their Award Leader, activity Assessor or other Award volunteers, each young person is encouraged to look at themselves, their interests, abilities, and ambitions, then set themselves challenges in the four different Sections of the Award (Voluntary Service, Skill, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey).

Kids Pizza Night at BRIC sponsored by Coliban water was a great success. Wonderful to see the kids in Boort having a great time together.





Fishing & fun for all the family

BOORT ANNUAL FISHING COMP & FAMILY WEEKEND OCT 16th & 17th 2021

> Free camping lakeside Great environment, Friendly atmosphere, Lots of Prizes and Giveaways.

Spinning Wheel Saturday Evening and Sunday Lunch time.



TINT CENTRAL MAJOR PRIZES

Adult Prizes. 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Total Value \$1500 | Junior Prizes. 1st – 10th, Total Value \$2500 SNOOZE EARLY BIRD PRIZE (for entries received before 16th Sept) Value of \$650 *Conditions apply

ENTRY FEES

Adult \$40 | Juniors (under 16 years) Free | Limited entries

Entry Includes: Saturday night BBQ, breakfast on both days and puts you in the Tint Central Major Draw



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

The 2021 Annual and General Meeting was held on Thursday 20th May at Clubrooms.

Office bearers for the next year are. President, Rod Stringer. Vice President, Ron Hird. Secretary, to be determined. Treasurer, Guy Contarino. Committee, Office Bearers plus any Three financial Members. Annual Membership, from today onwards, is now \$20--- per Adult. Juniors (15yrs and under) Free.

General Meetings have been changed to the <u>SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.</u> <u>BAC Club Competitions will be on SECOND</u> <u>SATURDAY and SUNDAY AFTER EACH GENERAL</u> <u>MEETING, so (10 and 11 days after).</u> <u>Next ANNUAL MEETING is on</u> <u>WEDNESDAY 11th May 2022.</u>

It has been a tough year. Uncertainties associated with COVID, plus a general drop off in people supporting most sporting clubs has led to less events and a loss of income. Because we could not hire out the Clubrooms or run some events. It has been tough to survive and keep the bank balance reasonable. There has been financial assistance from Loddon Shire and other Government Departments. We should and do acknowledge this.

We have survived and will continue to do so. BAC membership numbers are now on the rise, defying the general trend. We have achieved a lot over recent years, the improvements to the Clubrooms have made it a better and safer venue for BAC members and others to enjoy. We have provided opportunities for juniors and families to fish and have fun, improving the perception of our Club and fishing, within the local and the wider community. This is reflected in the entry numbers in the Annual Competition over the last five competitions. A healthy relationship with the Little Lake Boort Asset Management Committee, Parks and Gardens and other Loddon Shire Departments means we all strive for a common goal. A safe and enjoyable place for locals and visitors, all year around. Long term success. Those of us that have been fortunate enough to fish rivers, lakes etc, have had some good catches and

social times. We need to attract more to our Club Competitions to share in great times, so to all events, please invite a friend or friends. OUR NEXT CHALLENGE is Looking FORWARD, NOT BACK.

You have seen how the numbers of fisher people at the Annual Competition have grown as our advertising abilities and organisational skills increase. Much of the advertising is word of mouth from very, happy visitors. We are currently progressing into Social Media, to improve advertising and reporting to assist with COVID REQUIREMENTS, make it easier to enter and get information about forthcoming events. It has been necessary for our facilities to improve to cater for this increase in participation. This has been and still is happening, which is beneficial for the Club and wider Community. Currently the BAC (Club Rooms Improvement Project 2021 Stages 1 to 5) funding application is awaiting approval. This will further enhance the facility and conclude most of the major works needed. I would like to sincerely thank all who have contributed in any way during this last year.

Rod Stringer President

Advertising for the BOORT ANNUAL FISHING COMP

 & FAMILY WEEKEND OCT 16th and 17th 2021 Has been launched on Social Media.
 Entry Fees are, Adults \$40--- Juniors (15yrs and under) Free. Enter online.
 Go to Facebook Page BOORT ANGLING CLUB for further information on event and enter online.

Boort District Health Debutante Ball Set (2020)

Early last year, students from Boort District School started training for the Boort District Health Debutante Ball. Training sessions were going along well; dresses had been ordered and purchased and plans were set. Then, along came COVID 19 and the Ball was postponed and then cancelled. This year, with the easing of restrictions – the Ball is on again! Five couples are working hard on perfecting their presentation dances under the wonderful guidance and of trainers Cheryl and Murray Chalmers.

The Boort District Health Debutante Ball Set of 2020 will dance on Friday June 25th at 8.00 pm. Doors open at 7.30 pm.

Ticket sales and information will be available soon – watch out for promotional posters.

There will be another Debutante Set presented later in the year – the 2021 set – stay tuned for dates and information when confirmed.

Email: boortanglingclub@yahoo.com

Boort Lakeside Croquet Club

The Boort Lakeside Croquet Club President, Alan Puttick, was re-elected at the recent AGM meeting for the incoming year 2021-22. At this meeting Alan related the difficuluties that the previous year 2020 had presented to our Club during the COVID19 lockdown; cancelling play at times, restricting numbers playing together and a shortened Pennant season. Despite these obstacles our Club remained strong, winning the 2020 Golf Croquet Pennant and coming 2nd in the 2020 Association Croquet Pennant season.

From the Murray Valley Regional Golf Croquet Association, 3 representatives all from Boort Croquet Club played at Cairnlea Victorian Croquet Centre (Melbourne) on May 1-2. They were Daryl Henderson, (replacing Ian Potter), Robert Coutts and Wendy Mills.

At Cairnlea Victorian Croquet Centre, Daryl Henderson lowered his handicap from 3 to 2, Robert came 4^{th} in his level of play and Wendy played very well being her 1^{st} trip to Cairnlea. The team won 4^{th} place on aggregate for the tournament, missing out with only 1 hoop from receiving 3^{rd} place on aggregate on State title.

This event at Cairnlea Victorian Croquet Centre represents 12 regions throughout Victoria. Alan expanded on the fact that not only Boort players aquitted themselves very well but the Murray Valley Region, our Club and town are proud of them.

Alan also commented on the new fencing and kitchen renovations that have been completed at the Club during 2020 and special thanks to the Loddon Shire and the Bendigo Bank for their continuing support for the Boort Croquet Club.

Boort Golf Croquet 2020-2021 Aggregate winner for weekly play is Jean Henderson with a total of 417



Izzy Coutts played u17's & Carly Isaac was in the open/ 2 Boort representatives.

17 & Under North Central jumped out of the blocks early and looked very impressive, while Sunraysia appeared a little nervous. It wasn't too long before Sunraysia settled and forced NC girls to make errors with their intense pressure. At quarter time NC were down by 1 and changes were made in defence. Abby Thompson as Goal Keeper was well matched for height with Sunraysia's accurate hoops. Well played Jean, Congratulations.



Murray Valley Croquet Golf Championship winners from Boort Croquet Club – from left, Level 1 Daryl Henderson, Level 3 Wendy Mills, Level 2 Robert Coutts at Cairnlea Victorian Croquet Centre, Melbourne. Playing on May 1-2, the Boort team came 4th as a team at the VCA Regional Championships.

WINTER CROQUET – at Boort.

Winter Social Croquet is underway. Play begins at 1.00pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come along to watch or 'have a go' at playing our enjoyable sport. This is a great time to enjoy some outdoor winter sunshine and fun. Our Club will make you most welcome.

Any enquiries – Kindly contact President – Alan Puttick 0439 979 485 or Secretary Jean Henderson 0427 554 266

Goal Shooter. The second term saw Sunraysia increase their lead to be up by 5 at half time. NC attack line of Issy, Aliza, Maddi, Claudia were working very hard to pass through the opposition's tight defense and goal. Defenders Abby, Olivia, Natalie and Kiara were getting turnovers from persistence and sending us back into attack. Coaches Kim Fitzpatrick and Sharyn Lockhart made changes at each

interval showing versatility within the team, but unfortunately it wasn't enough to close the gap that had extended by 9. NC had some strong passages of play in the final term pegging Sunraysia back to be within 5 goals with only minutes to play. Sunraysia finished strong to win by 9. Final Score: 47-56





BOORT GOLF NEWS

Dates: Friday June 25th Farmers 4 Ball

July 15th – 18th Boort Tournament

The golf season this year has started on a very nice green playing area and sandscrapes that were very well presented. Thank you to all the people that attended Working Bees assisting Damian to get everything looking great. Let's all hope that we are now going to have a normal golfing season and see lots of people out playing golf. This year we start with very nice renovated Change Rooms and Toilets, also new lights in the Clubhouse. All golfers will be surprised by the changes and thank you to those that assisted with the renovations.

The Ladies have been having a regular 7-9 Players each week enjoying the well prepared golf course. The Ladies Pennant matches have finished with Boort being able to field a team of 5 players for each match. There are 2 rounds of 9 holes Pennant matches played on Monday's in April and May. The Pennant competition ran over 4 Mondays with the result being Birchip winners and Boort in second place followed by Charlton, Wycheproof, Donald, St Arnaud, Wedderburn.

The Ladies have commenced their Singles Knockout Competition and on June 2nd will play the first Round

of the Championships which runs over 3 Wednesdays. Men's Club Championship is a little different as it is played over four rounds with the best three rounds counting.

July will be a busy time as the Golf Tournament will commence on Thursday 15th with a Ladies Fourball Event followed by Friday Men's Fourball, Saturday 17th is Men's & Ladies Stroke event, Sunday is the Mixed event.

Looking forward to seeing lots of Golfers on the golf course over these 4 days.

The men have played the 1st round of the Singles Knockout with Doug Couper, Damian Lanyon, Alister McDougal, Shayne Morris and Stuart Tweddle all going through to the second round. The President versus Captains event has been played with Stuart Tweddle defeating Captain Andrews team, second year in a row.

The next big Golf Club event will be the Farmer's Fourball 4BBB Stableford on Friday 25th June. This includes Men's and Ladies events, Names in by 11am, Hit Off at 11.30 am sharp. Thanks go to the Sponsors for this day, KJL Linehan Livestock & Nutrien Ag. Solutions.

More information about Golf Events please contact the following:

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



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 Solutions Boort Second Prize: Voucher Valued at \$50

JUNE - 'BUSH KIDS'

First Prize: Voucher from The Boort Post Office Second Prize: Voucher from the Boort Newsagency

Judging by

STEPHEN O MALONE

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 sponsored by: bric, north west ag boort, nutrien ag solutions boort and collban water



Boort Pre School's BUY A BRICK Path!

Back in 2019, Boort Pre School ran a 'Buy a Brick' Fundraiser to help create a path in our Kinder as a border along the sandpit and the lawn area. With the help and support from the local community, this was achieved and constructed in 2020. Once Covid hit, we haven't been able to present our completed path nor thank everyone that bought a brick to help make this happen. Boort Pre School thank you for all your support and here is our path! **Boort Pre School.**

Loddon Cluster Kindergartens

2022 Kindergarten Information Sessions

Do you have a child turning 3 or 4 in 2022? Come along to one of our information sessions for prospective parents and learn more about the kindergarten program, meet the education team and find out how to enrol your child in kindergarten

Boort Preschool

123-127 Godfrey Street, Boort Tuesday 22nd June 2021 7:30pm

Dingee Preschool

785 Dingee Rd, Dingee Monday 21st June, 2021 2:30pm

Inglewood Kindergarten

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75A Grant St. Inglewood Monday 21st June, 2021 9:30am

For more information contact council's Early Years Team on 03 5494 1201









Pyramid Hill

67 Kelly St, Pyramid Hill

Wednesday 9th June 2021

77 Ridge St, Wedderburn

Thursday 24th June, 2021

Wedderburn Kinder

Preschool

7:30pm

2:30pm



Kinder teachers help our kids dream big.

The Victorian Government is rolling out Three-Year-Old Kinder.

And that means 6,000 new teaching jobs across our state.

To find out what it means for a career in early childhood - including financial support visit: vic.gov.au/kinder





Education and Training



The Boort Men's Shed is going well with many projects on the go. The members have restored some indoor furniture, take care of the garden, including the growing of vegetables and are cutting kindling and recycling aluminium cans. Members cooked the B.B.Q. in the park on ANZAC Day and were ably assisted by a number of BRIC Committee members. It was a successful event in honour of members of the defence forces, past and present. Members of the Men's Shed were pleased to be able to contribute to such an important day of commemoration. The involvement of the Men's Shed and BRIC is testimony to their dedication to the local community.

The members were saddened by the passing of a longstanding member, Wes James. Wes spent many a year actively involved in the workings of the Shed and regularly provided a tasty morning tea of scones and savouries. Wes often entertained the members by playing his range of musical instruments, including accordion and harmonica, which the members enjoyed immensely. Wes will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Members of the Donald Men's Shed are visiting Boort on Thursday, May 20 to catch up with the Boort members. They will join members in a morning tea and convivial chat and discuss the workings of the two Sheds. The Boort Men's Shed thank BRIC, local businesses and the community for their support and in helping make the Boort Men's Shed such a successful and welcoming place for members to meet.

The Boort Men's Shed is a health and wellbeing centre and all are welcome to enjoy a coffee, a scone and a friendly chat. The Men's Shed operates from 9:30 - 11:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Wayne Pappin: Co-ordinator, Boort Men's Shed

Travelling Dance Entry: \$20 a couple plus a supper plate Bookings not required







BDH POSITIONS AVAILABLE ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Boort District Medical Centre is seeking an enthusiastic and motivated administrative assistant to join the team. Must have excellent customer services skills and good work ethic.

For a full position description or any other enquiries, please contact Practice manager on 03) 5451 5220 or practice.manager@bdh.vic.gov.au

Applications to practice.manager@bdh.vic.gov.au or\ Practice Manager 2 Coutts Street Boort Vic 3537 Practice Manager Phone : 0354 515 220 v : 15200 | Email : Practice.Manager@bdh.vic.gov.au Boort, Victoria, 3537 Web Site: www.bdh.vic.gov.au

Boort Library Agency Storytimes 2021

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

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Boort Resource and Information Centre 119-121 Godfrey St

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



FEB-JUN

Eternity Centre Church Services (BRIC) Winter: Sunday at pm: May 20th, June 27th, and July 25th Enquiries Mr Tonkin 0428 947 344 Eternity Centre Church Call To Prayer Meeting (BRIC) Sunday at p.m: May 2nd, June 6th, and July 4th

BOORT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Boort Senior Citizens Club are hosting a Blumes Fashion Event

Monday 24th May at 2pm \$5.00 ENTRY





ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2021 at BRIC with Hayley from Goldfields Library





May 5th was world Asthma day. Chronic respiratory conditions such as Asthma, Emphysema or Bronchitis affect millions of Australians and impact a person's quality of life and results in thousands of deaths every year.

Asthma, and other respiratory diseases, affect a person's ability to inhale oxygen that is needed by every cell in the body. The symptoms of these conditions can be exacerbated by factors such as weather, stress, exercise, pollen and when a person is unwell with a cold or flu.

Although these conditions are incurable, symptoms can be managed with both preventative and relieving treatment.

As we head into the cold and flu season, its important to ensure that if you suffer from respiratory conditions, your management plan is up to date.

- Do you have a management plan?
- Does your family know your management plan?
- Do you know when to call an ambulance?
- When was the last time you discussed your plan with your GP?

It is important to get regular check ups with your GP and let them know if anything has changed with your symptoms.

For more information visit: asthma.org.au.

BOORT BOWLS

The Boort Bowls Club held their Annual General on

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Meeting Monday 17th. May. Office bearers were elected and some time was spent learning and

discussing about the new format which is to take place in bowls in the season 2021 - 2022.

Local members Laurie Maxted, Shayne Morris and Jo Maxted attended the yearly tournament at Moama and were successful in the biggest winning margin in the triples event.

Thelma Moresi who was selected to play in the Wimmera side at the Group Sides State Event at Shepparton also was part of a successful side. The Wimmera side reached the final but were defeated by a very strong Ovens and Murray side finishing Runners- Up. All players and selectors were very happy with the week-ends result their best ever in this event.

Social bowls will not be held at the Boort Club during the winter, but hope that all bowlers will be ready to have a good and successful year when the new season commences next September.

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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.



Quamby Town TWIG

An intimate and FREE community concert for the people of Quambatook, as part of the ACRE21 festival.

COVID regulations mean a limited number of people can be part of this unique event. You MUST book online - from 19 April.

Quambatook Memorial Hall Free event Saturday 15 Marcet 7 Saturday, 15 May at 7pm

www.acreproject.org.au/acre21



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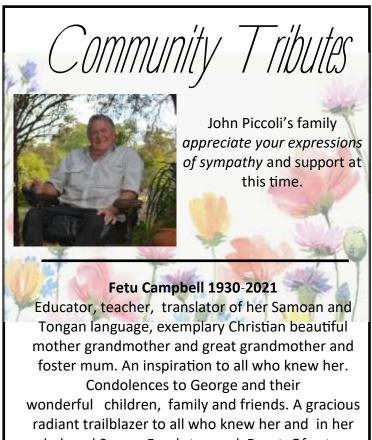
Boort District Health celebrated International Nurses day on 12th May 2021.

The theme this year is *Nurses:* A Voice to Lead - A vision for future healthcare. The theme highlights the ongoing development of nursing and how the profession will transform the future of health care around the world

Boort District health Clinical team has 40 staff which include Nurses and Carers.

Clinical Team BDH provides compassionate evidence based care to the patients, residents and to the wider community of Boort.

BDH Director of Clinical Services Donna Doyle and the Nurse Unit manager Mubarak Meera Sahib thanked the selfless contribution and dedication of our clinical team without which we will not win our battles against outbreaks and achieve our sustainable development goals.



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A positive outlook for the future of Boort.

Loddon Shire Mayor, Cr Neil Beattie presented a very positive outlook for the future of Boort at the recent

public meeting arranged by Boort Probus Club. There was a good attendance and some interesting questions posed which Cr Beattie was able to answer highlighting the proposed developments and investments in the future of our town.

With irrigation now producing a variety of crops, some new industries are developing and providing employment and growth in the community. We greatly outnumber other small towns with the number of sports participants we are able to put on the fields each Saturday, which is a very healthy sign for our future. This is a wonderful family activity and a great support to our local businesses.

The Shire is spending millions on improvements in our district which attracts new investment from big corporations and increased tourism, which is very encouraging for locals who have a vested interest in Boort.

Probus has plans for a very interesting year ahead, with guest speakers from CEO's of Boort's new industries. We might even see if Gina Reinhart is available to tell us about her gold exploration in our area. A visit to the Mary Quant exhibition in Bendigo is just one of our many outings. Members of the public are warmly welcome to join us on outings and to see if perhaps Probus is for them. We meet on the first Friday of each month at BRIC at 10:00 am followed by a very social local lunch.

Golden Dragon Chinese Museum, Yi Yuan Gardens and Guan Yin Temple, Bendigo, Dr Skye Kinder, President Rural Doctors Association, and the Grand Stupa Bendigo which is nearing completion.





Connecting with Kids

Come along to this workshop and find out more about how to use emotional intelligence to teach children about managing their feelings.

Emotional intelligence is the ability to identify your emotions, understand them and be in control of the way we express them.

- Do you often wonder why children do what they do?
- Would you like to learn how to help children manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger?

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Workshop dates & locations:

Location Name – Inglewood Primary School, 77 Sullivan Street, Inglewood

Dates: Wednesday 2nd June 2021 @ 9:30AM – 11:30AM Arrival and Registration – 9:15AM

RSVP:

Alison Gillett | Inglewood Primary School M 0488 357 117 | E <u>Alison.Gillett@education.vic.gov.au</u>

Please note this is a single session workshop only.

There is no cost for this workshop.

Sorry no childcare provided.

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged.

Please remember your mask. We ask that all participants follow social distancing and face mask regulations.



Connecting with Kids 176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550 T (03) 5438 1300

www.ccds.org.au