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Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

BOORT

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Happy New Year

Welcome to the first Mayoral Column for 2022. I hope all residents had a great Christmas and a happy New Year. On behalf of Loddon Shire Council, I would also like to wish you a happy and successful year ahead.

It looks to be another busy year for Council, with a number of exciting projects on the horizon – including:

- Donaldson Park Community Hub
- Pyramid Hill Streetscape Revitalisation Project.

This is in addition to other planned works around the Shire on roads, bridges, townships and parks and gardens.

Together with Council, I also look forward to continuing to work with our community in advancing the Community Vision 2031 – that is “Creating a community where everyone is welcome and has the opportunity to live, work and thrive”.

Please see page 12 of this publication (Boort Tourism Development) for more information about how you can provide valuable community support and ideas.



Bushfire planning provisions feedback sought

The Victorian Government is currently consulting with the community about making the existing bushfire planning scheme provision clearer.

It is seeking feedback on issues and opportunities with the bushfire planning provisions including developing: a more usable state bushfire planning policy clearer planning requirements for developing land in bushfire prone areas better bushfire hazard assessments improving the implementation of bushfire-related planning permit conditions training and capacity building opportunities.

The Victorian Government remains committed to the planning policy objective of prioritising life in decision making.

For more information and to read the discussion paper and make a submission, visit <https://bit.ly/33hvw6W>
Consultation closes 11 February 2022.

Expressions of interest for GWMWater Community Panel

GWMWater is seeking expressions of interest from customers and community across its operational area to join its Community Panel 2022.

The panel is being formed to provide customer and community perspectives on GWMWater’s proposed services and pricing for its 2023-2028 Pricing Submission to the Essential Services Commission.

The panel will meet up to five times between March and June 2022.

GWMWater is seeking to appoint a diverse range of community members including, residential, rural and commercial customers from across its operational area.

To find out more visit <https://gwmwater.engagementhub.com.au/ps2023>

Startup Central Vic accelerator program

The Accelerator Program, which starts in early February, has 15 places, and was open to aspiring and emerging entrepreneurs aged 18 years-plus (individuals and teams) from central Victoria who are looking to startup or scale up a business idea.

The program includes 12 free hybrid evening sessions with three tailored learning streams and is supported by experts, coaches and mentors.

The three tailored streams are Discovery – early-stage founders; Development – creation, testing and validation; and Advanced – scaling-up nationally and internationally.

For more information and to submit an EOI visit <https://startupcv.com.au>

Deaf Children Australia’s inaugural art competition

Deaf Children Australia’s inaugural Art Competition This competition was open to deaf and hard of hearing young people aged between 12 and 23, and is designed to provide young people with a platform to explore deaf identity through this year’s theme: This is Me.

More information is available from www.deafchildrenaustralia.org.au/art-competition/

Changes to COVID-19 requirements

The State Government has recently introduced some changes around COVID-19 requirements, including the mandating of masks for all indoor settings (except in the home) for everyone aged eight and above, unless an exception applies.

There has also been changes to testing and isolation protocols, including the use of rapid antigen test as a first option and reporting these results.

For more information regarding COVID-19 and current restrictions and requirements, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

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.

Inglewood Lions Country Market

Saturday, 13 February 2022 | 09:00 AM to 02:00 PM
Our friendly country market is held on the second Saturday of each month.

Managed by the Lions Club of Inglewood.

For more information contact Eddie 0472 539 874 or Inglewood Lions Country Market Victoria 3517 Facebook page

E: inglewood@lions201v1-4.org.au

Brooke St, Inglewood 3517

Bendigo Triathlon Club - Bridgewater event

Sunday, 27 February 2022 | 08:15 AM

A triathlon event with the swim in the Bridgewater swimming hole, ride on quiet country roads and run along the banks of the Loddon River. Distances to suit all ages and abilities with long, short, enticer and a kids race. Come and try triathlon!

Registration opens at 7:15am, closes 7:45am sharp. Start time 8:15am.

For more information on the Bendigo triathlon Club visit www.bendigotriathlon.com

Contact: 425 757 458

Bridgewater Hotel, Eldon Street, Bridgewater on Loddon 3516

Boort Trotting Club

Sunday, 6th March 2022 | 12:00 PM to 05:00 PM

CUPS DAY

Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree 2022

Saturday, 12 March to Sunday, 13 March 2022

Family friendly event run over 2 days. Participants and general public must provide proof of COVID-19 double vaccination upon entry.

Donated by Minelab, the 2022 major Senior Detector Token Hunt prize is the GPX 6000 valued at \$7999.00. Senior Detector Token Hunt \$50.00 for the weekend including breakfast and entertainment. \$40.00 for one day.

6.45 am - Breakfast & registration on Saturday & Sunday

7.45 am - Competitors briefing on Saturday & Sunday

Token Hunt: Saturday 8am to 3pm & Sunday 8am to 1pm. Rules and regulations must be adhered to and coils must not exceed 14 inch.

Saturday & Sunday - The Coach House Gallery and Museum will be open from 10am to 2pm

Saturday 12 March

9am to 4pm - Monster Town Garage Sales (Saturday only)

10am - Green & Gold Prospecting - Detector demonstrations. These demonstrations are to introduce beginners to prospecting. Run every 2 hours

4pm to 6pm - Seniors Gold Panning Knockout (Victorian Gold Panning Association assisting with this activity). \$10.00 per participant

Saturday evening - 6pm tea followed by 8pm entertainment

Sunday 13 March

8am - Registration

8.30 to 1pm - Green & Gold Prospecting Junior Detector Token Hunt. Cost \$10 per child (8-16 years)

9.30am - Registration for Junior Gold Panning Competition. \$5.00 per participant

10am Green & Gold Prospecting - Detector demonstrations. These demonstrations are to introduce beginners to prospecting. Run every 2 hours

2pm - Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree Token Draws - Mayor draws for senior token hunt sponsored by Minelab. Coiltek major prizes.

For further information contact the Loddon Visitor Information Centre 03 5494 3489

E: loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au

Hard Hill Tourist Reserve, Hard Hill Crt, Wedderburn 3518

Serpentine Air Race 2022

Sunday, 20 March 2022 | 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM

Commemoration of the Serpentine Aerial Derby Centenary is scheduled for 20 March 2022.

In 1920, Serpentine was chosen as the starting point of Australia's first official air race in which four airmen all of whom had served in the Australian Flying Corps in the First World War competed to promote the 'Second Peace Loan'.

As part of the celebrations, the skies over the Serpentine Airfield will roar into life with heart-stopping Aerobatic & historical warbirds presented by Paul Bennet Airshows.

Contact: Elizabeth 0427 840 139 or <https://serpentineairrace.com.au/>

E: elhs@bigpond.com

Serpentine Airfield (6kms south of Serpentine), Loddon Valley Highway, Serpentine 3517

2022 Inglewood Women on Farms Gathering

Friday, 25 March 2022 | 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Saturday, 26 March 2022 | 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Sunday, 27 March 2022 | 08:00 AM - 02:00 PM

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 the Inglewood Town Hall, where you can dance and view a fashion parade. Sunday includes an Ecumenical church service at St Augustines in Inglewood followed by a meeting at the Inglewood Town Hall for the final main inspirational speakers.

Contact: Jenny 5437 3198

Bridgewater Celtic Festival

Sunday, 24 April 2022 | 10:00 AM to 04:00 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.

Contact: Jenny 5437 3198

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Bridgewater Railway Station, Erskine St, Bridgewater on Loddon 3516



MAYORAL COLUMN 18 January 2022

Celebrating Australia Day 2022

Wednesday 26 January we come together as a community – and nation – to celebrate Australia Day 2022. We respect the stories, histories and contributions of all Australians, especially those who have sacrificed so much over the past year.

We celebrate our nation's place in the world – a proud, ancient, multicultural nation built on shared values that allow us to enjoy the freedoms and opportunities that other nations aspire to.

The day saw community celebrations held across our Shire to recognise what it means to be Australian, to acknowledge our rich history and celebrate the selfless contributions of our volunteers.

These celebrations are also a chance to reflect on the resilience of our communities and their spirit of helping and giving that defines the Australian way.

Recipients of the 2022 Loddon Shire Australia Day awards will be honoured at these community celebrations. Presentations will also be made to winners of the Shire's annual Australia Day competitions.

The celebrations saw the attendance of Australia Day Ambassadors speak at community events. This year's **Australia Day Ambassadors were:**

Mr Trevor Carroll (Boort and Pyramid Hill celebrations). Mr Carroll is the Chief Executive Officer of Dis-

ability Justice Advocacy, where he works with people with multiple disabilities who use mobility aids, or who cannot read or write, to protect their human rights.

Ms Sally Tucker (Bridgewater and Inglewood celebrations). Ms Tucker is a Sports Industry Expert and is a current board member of the Stawell Gift. She is actively involved in junior football and consults to a number of privately run businesses across Australia on their sales and marketing strategies.

Dr Nouria Saheli AM (Eddington, Newbridge and Tarnagulla celebrations). Dr Saheli is founder of the Afghan Australian Development Association and has spent many years as a passionate advocate for women's rights and provision of education in Afghanistan.

Professor Greg Sassella (Serpentine and Wedderburn). Professor Sassella is former Chief Executive Officer of Ambulance Victoria, and served as a paramedic for many years prior to becoming an intensive care flight paramedic.

Community celebrations took place at:

Boort – Nolen's Park, food vans and activities from 11am
Bridgewater – Sloan's Park, barbecue breakfast from 8am
Eddington Community Centre, barbecue breakfast from 8am
Inglewood Swimming Pool, sausage sizzle from 11am
Newbridge Hall, sausage sizzle from 11.15am

Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall, community dinner from 5pm

Tarnagulla – Soldiers Memorial Park, barbecue from 5pm

Serpentine – TJ Rudkins Reserve, barbecue from 8.30am

Wedderburn – Soldiers Memorial Park, barbecue from 5pm



Startup Central Victoria seeking business mentors

Startup Central Victoria is seeking a range of experienced business people in business to share their skills in 2022.

If you would like to volunteer and help inspire and grow entrepreneurs and businesses in Central Victoria, then Startup Central Victoria would like to hear from you.

Opportunities include: mentoring an Accelerator Program team (up to six hours between February and May), mentoring a Hackathon team (Sunday 27 March and/or 3 April), speaking about your Startup/Scaleup experiences at a Meetup event, and presenter at a Re-

gional Professional Services (for Business) Showcase. If you are prepared to contribute a few hours of your time, and would like more information and to register your interest, visit <https://bit.ly/3rJJUne>

Partners in Wellbeing – business support

If you own or run a small business, and are experiencing increased stressors owing to the impact of the pandemic, you are eligible to receive small business support through Partners in Wellbeing.

Qualified financial counsellors can offer you free financial counselling if you are struggling with financial pressures in your small business. This includes advice and information about understanding the financial position and viability of your business, access to grants and support measures, assistance managing personal financial debts, referrals to experts, and more.

You can speak to someone by phone, email, or chat.

Contact the helpline on 1300 375 330 or visit

www.partnersinwellbeing.org.au/small-business-support

Business Recovery and Resilience Mentoring program

Applications for the Business Recovery and Resilience Mentoring program closed at the end of this month January.

The free Business Recovery and Resilience Mentoring Program offers tailored guidance on business recovery, market transformation, digital literacy and engagement, market and supply chain diversification and reskilling and retraining.

Participants in the program receive up to four two-hour sessions with a mentor, will be given guidance to help make informed decisions about the future of their business and be matched with an industry leader who suits their business needs.

For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3GDG3rO>

Inquiry into support for older Victorians from refugee and migrant backgrounds

The Parliament of Victoria has begun an Inquiry into support for older Victorians from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

As part of the Inquiry, the Legal and Social Issues Committee would like to hear from people with lived experience on the challenges faced by older Victorians from migrant and refugee backgrounds, and the adequacy of Victorian support services.

The online survey is available in 10 languages. The Committee will also accept audio, video or written submissions in participants' preferred language and have these translated to English.

Have your say before Monday the 31st of January at <http://parliament.vic.gov.au/oldervictorians>



Agricultural Victoria NLIS training

Agriculture Victoria is offering free, online and interactive training around the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database and meeting traceability requirements for those who own or manage cattle, sheep or goats.

You will be able to learn about livestock traceability, take a tour of the NLIS database, watch a live demonstration of how to transfer livestock and practise completing a transfer.

The training was held Wednesday 2 February from 11am to 12.30pm.

The event is the second of two-part online training. The first part of the training involves watching an online video before attending this scheduled training.

To find out more and to access the training visit: <https://bit.ly/3At5sCd>

Victorian Rural Women's Network Mentoring program

Expressions of Interest are now open for the Victorian Rural Women's Network Mentoring program.

The mentoring program provides rural women an opportunity to take part in a reciprocal peer-to-peer style mentoring relationship that will be guided by an experienced facilitator.

Participants will be paired based on alignment of the participant's experience and development goals.

The first round of applications close Monday 7 February.

For more information or to apply visit <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/vrwnmentoring>

eheadspace online and phone support

If you are going through a tough time, eheadspace can help.

eheadspace provides free online and telephone support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25 years, and their families and friends.

To find out more and to access this support visit <https://headspace.org.au/online-and-phone-support/>

Council meeting

Council's January meeting was held on 25th January at 3pm in the Loddon Shire Council Chambers, located behind the Wedderburn Council Office, off Peters Street.

Some of the items on the agenda include Community Plan allocations 2021/2022, Asset Management Plans for consideration for adoption, and an interim report on Council's Volunteer Strategy.

To view the January Council Meeting agenda visit

www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Agendas-and-minutes/Agendas-and-minutes-2022

What to do if you have tested positive for COVID-19

- Quarantine at home for 7 days
- People you live with or have spent more than four hours with at home must also quarantine for 7 days

Who to tell

- Friends and family you have spent time with recently
- Your employer
- School or daycare of your child

What to tell them

- I've recently tested positive for COVID-19
- We spent time together so you should get tested too
- Everything you need to know is available at coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-cases

Know your symptoms and when you need to get help



For more information in English, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

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Support is available – know how to access it

Food relief

If you're quarantining and don't have family or friends who can help, there is support available for food and personal care items.

Search for food charities in your area through Ask Izzy at www.askizzy.org.au

Call the Coronavirus Hotline 24/7 on 1800 675 398. Press zero (0) if you need to speak to someone in your language. Food that caters to cultural and dietary needs is available.

Financial support

If you lose income because you have to isolate you could be eligible for financial assistance. To find out what support you can get go to www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/support or call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

Mental health support

If you are feeling overwhelmed, you can get help from a Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub. These are a free and confidential service available to everyone in Victoria.

Contact the Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs by calling 1300 375 330. Need an interpreter? Call TIS National on 131 450.



COVID-19 Update - Please wear masks!

Local health services and local government are meeting regularly to discuss the impact of Omicron, with expectations that local case numbers will continue to rise.

Testing- please help keep our community and health workforce safe- wear a mask.

As of today, a positive Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) will no longer require confirmation via a PCR test.

Therefore community members are encouraged to utilise Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) to ascertain whether they have COVID or not. However, we do recognise that RAT tests are not readily available at present.

For those people who are unable to access RAT tests, they can consider utilising the below PCR service. PCR Testing is free and is available Monday – Friday at the NDCH Clinic in Kerang.

To be eligible for a PCR test at the NDCH Clinic in Kerang, community members will need to be:

Symptomatic

Directed by Health Officials i.e. asymptomatic household contact unable to access RAT

In addition, people who are required to use Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) (e.g. asymptomatic household contacts) but who cannot access a Rapid Antigen Test, can get a PCR.

“Please be patient, we have been inundated with calls, and our team are doing their best to manage. We are reaching capacity

each day, and our Reception and Nursing team are working extremely hard.” NDCH CEO Mandy Hutchinson said.

“We ask that all businesses continue to be vigilant with supporting their customers to wear masks, sanitise their hands and QR code in. The last thing we need is our healthcare staff being exposed to COVID when they are out shopping locally. We need our health workforce to remain healthy so they can care for patients and continue to do their roles in managing COVID. Masks worn correctly and Vaccinations, including Boosters, are our best protection.”

Your wellbeing

We ask that you continue to be kind to each other and to our front line workers, nurses, doctors, police, supermarket staff and receptionists, to name a few, who are all working hard to support our community.

Boort District Health Director of Clinical Services, Donna Doyle says: “We need to expect that COVID-19 will impact our communities, our neighbours, work colleagues and possibly our loved ones. When it does, we are encouraging everyone in our community to take a ‘no blame’ approach. The Omicron strain spreads easily which is why measures like wearing masks, social distancing, avoiding poorly ventilated or crowded spaces and hand hygiene continue to be in place to slow it down, however blaming others only adds to the pressures being felt by our community. We ask that you show each other empathy, support and care. Be kind to yourself and others, stay safe and be informed by reliable sources.”

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#reflectrespectcelebrate



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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

*Community Service Boort Award Community Service
The nominee must live within the Loddon Shire, and has
volunteered his/her services to the local community
or local organisation(s).*

Criteria

The main selection criteria are an outstanding contribution to the local community over the current year, or giving noteworthy service to the local community over a number of years.

Selection

The recipients of the Awards are selected by the Council's Australia Day Committee. The Australia Day Committee reserves the right not to grant any Awards or may grant more than one Award for each category.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY FOR WHICH JACQUELINE VERLEY WAS NOMINATED

Community Service

- Boort Park Committee (approx 15 years) Current Booking Officer
- Boort Agricultural and Pastoral Show Committee
- Boort Tourism and Development Committee (Approx 10 years)
- Boort Primary, Secondary and P-12 Parents Club 1997-2018 (22 years)
- Boort Pre-School (fundraiser and committee member approx 10 years)
- Borung Playgroup

Sporting

- Life Member of Boort Hockey Club 2017
- Boort Netball Club (Fundraising Co-ordinator 2015)
- Boort Junior Basketball Club Coach 2018
- Volunteer - Boort Swimming Club, Boort Tennis Club, Boort Football Club, Boort FNHC Canteen

Cultural

- Secretary of the Wychitella Cemetery Trust
- Interviewer and co-writer of personal histories of older residents of Boort published in the About Boort

Academic

- Boort Primary School School Council (1996-2011)
- Boort Secondary School School Council (2003-2011)
- Boort District School School Council (2011-2018)

Other

- Boort District School Employer of the Year 2011



Jacqueline
Verley

BOORT

The Australia Day celebration at Nolen's Park in Boort was a huge success: as the local community came out to celebrate and support "We are all part of the story"

Thank you to the A & P Society, BRIC and Amity for planning and organising the day. Thank you to the Loddon Shire for organising the official ceremony in partnership with Amity and supported by the Boort Cubs & Scouts. A huge thank you to the Australia Day Council for providing the grant that allowed our community to host an amazing Australia Day in Boort. This event gave Boort with the opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the wonderful community that we have. Congrats to Jacqueline Verley on receiving the Community Service Award: Well done Jac. The Boort community are blessed to have you.

Thank you to the vendors on the day that provided food, drinks and entertainment. Wishing everyone a wonder and safe year ahead.

WE'RE ALL PART
OF THE STORY.





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Welcome all to 2022

We hope that the harvest went well, everyone had a good family Christmas, the new year is kind, and that those lucky enough, had a good break.

Little Lake Boort is looking fantastic with lots of boats and lots of kids and others out there having the time of their lives.

The BAC five stage 2021 building improvement plan is going well and by the time this goes to print the exterior of the building should be painted. The other two stages should be complete within a few weeks. Another project, to improve the outside lighting, including for the public toilets will be done soon. We had an on-sight meeting with a Loddon Shire representative and Councillor Beattie, regarding the lack of footpaths for the public toilets and BAC clubrooms and we are confident that they will be considered in the Loddon Shire estimates for the 2022 - 2023 financial year.

Fishing reports indicate that the old redfin is having a

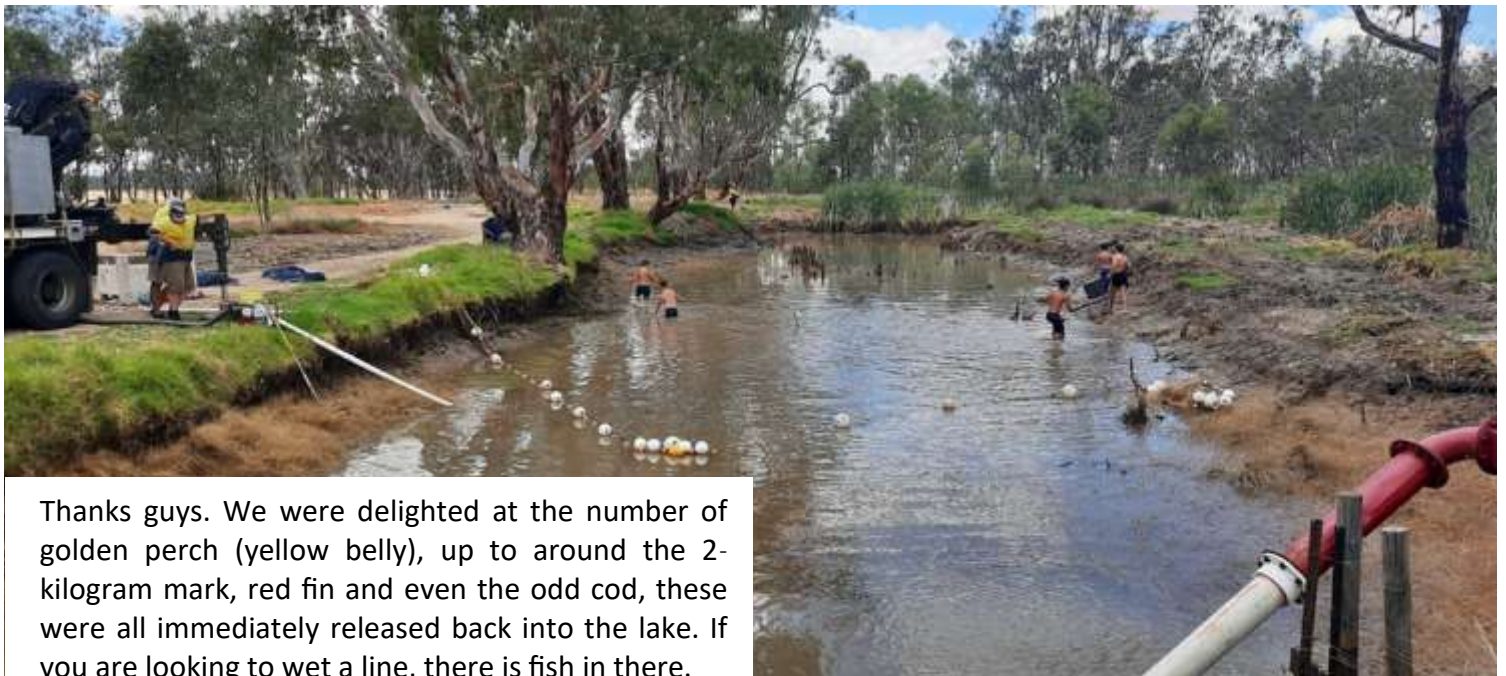
real comeback in the reservoirs and many lakes. Natives like Murray Cod and Yellow Belly are more plentiful than most can remember in most waters. "Tongue in cheek" Does this mean that restocking is working that well, and the natives are getting on top of carp? Hopefully less carp will lead to better water quality, increased food for other fish and better growth rates in natives and redfin??? Perhaps the harvesting of hundreds / thousands of carp for processing is helping???

Our meeting held on the 12th January was poorly attended and we need to do much better. A calendar of BAC meetings and competition dates is available, ask for it via; boortanglingclub@yahoo.com It has been suggested that the February comp will be held with-in the Mid Northern comp on Sat 19th Feb and Sun 20th Feb at Barham Caravan Park. More detail will follow. Feed-back Please.

The attempt to capture large numbers of carp from Little Lake Boort and have them taken for processing was not as successful as we planned. The carp did not respond to the incoming fresh water as well as predicted and, also, we had hoped that they may be mating at that time which should have helped. Result

was very few carp were, captured. However, there were positives, as we learned more about the preparation and setup needed for next time. We learned a lot about carp and fish in general. Quite a few people came along ready to assist and lots of on-lookers. Five of the local lads stripped off and did really, well herding the fish towards the nets. A fair bet, they were extremely tired next day.





Thanks guys. We were delighted at the number of golden perch (yellow belly), up to around the 2-kilogram mark, red fin and even the odd cod, these were all immediately released back into the lake. If you are looking to wet a line, there is fish in there.

A big thanks to Keith from K&C FISHERIES and his off-sider Terry for their efforts. Their direct and professional approach gives indication of why they are successful. Even though we did not get many carp, the knowledge sharing and seeing the set up was a revelation. In Keith's words "don't worry about the poor catch, it was a good public relations exercise, and everyone enjoyed themselves, look at those kids chasing fish. We will get more next time."

Stay well, be happy. Tight lines BAC committee



NO ONE'S UNSINKABLE

To all those Unsinkable Guys out there –

You might think it's safe to have a few drinks around water, skip the lifejacket when you're out on the boat or go for a swim without checking the conditions.

But statistics prove that 4 out of 5 drownings are men.

Just remember that no one's unsinkable.

Q UNSINKABLE GUY

**RETHINK
TAKING RISKS
AROUND
WATER**



The Boort Tourism Development group are seeking interested Boort community members to provide input with regards to the

Boort Community Plan.

Community Planning

Community planning encourages people to work together in their communities to consider and document the social inclusion, capacity building and community participation needs of their community. The information gleaned from the community and provided to Council through the community plan document is used to inform planning, funding, advocacy and community development activities of Council.

Community planning in Loddon

Local Community Planning Groups volunteer their time to coordinate the development and implementation of a community plan for their particular community. To develop a community plan, Community Planning Groups seek the ideas and opinions of the community as a whole via a thorough and inclusive consultation process. Once the community plan is developed, Community Planning Groups present their plans to Council Community Plans Council determine what projects and activities to prioritise and what involvement Council will have as communities work to deliver the actions identified in their community plans.

Getting involved

Community planning is open to everyone in the community, the commitment and input required is flexible. Residents can volunteer to be a member of the local Community Planning group, contribute to implementing one specific project you are particularly passionate about or just like to input your ideas and comments into the Community Plan.

There are many benefits to being involved in community planning. These include;

- Helping improve your community such as establishing more social events, develop new infrastructure, facilitates or help to 'beautifying' the town
- Meet new people
- Gain satisfaction and a sense of achievement from contributing to the community
- Learn new skills

Achievements

Community Planning in Loddon Shire has a strong and proud history and has produced some excellent outcomes that improve the overall lifestyle of residents and visitors.

Some examples of Community Planning achievements include;

- Boort Eastern Entry Project.
- The Inglewood and Bridgewater Community Building Initiative.
- Bendigo/Loddon Transport Connections Program.
- Bridgewater Foreshore Redevelopment (Stage 1).
- Various Public/Town Hall Upgrade Projects.
- Inglewood Community Hub Project.
- Janiember Park Upgrade (Serpentine Recreation Reserve).
- Tarnagulla Community Centre.
- Wedderburn Streetscape Project.

There will be a questionnaire available early this year for community members to contribute their ideas and thoughts to the plan.

If you have questions please email:
boorttourismdevelopment@gmail.com

Or speak to Sophia Herrington, Wendy James or Barry Kennedy



Ambulance Victoria

Heat Stroke

The body needs to stay within a certain temperature to work properly, when it is well above normal temperature (40 degrees) this is called heat stroke.

Heat stroke is life threatening and needs to be treated as an emergency.

In summer it is important to keep in mind that heat stroke can occur even when resting.



Things YOU can do to prevent Heat Stroke:

- Drink water
- Prevent sun burn – Wear sunscreen and wear a hat
- Stay indoors when hot – Ensure there is airflow or the use of an air conditioner through the house
- Seek shade if outdoors
- Wear loose breathable clothing

Heat Stroke Signs may include:

- Unusual behaviour or awareness
- Feeling hot to touch
- Dry or flush skin
- Heavy sweating
- Feeling sick or vomiting
- Feeling faint or fainting
- Fast breathing

What to do:

- Call 000
- Get out of the heat
- Lay down
- Remove excess layers of clothing
- Place damp cloths or towels over the body
- Take sips of cold water

For more information go to - ambulance.vic.gov.au or follow the Loddon Paramedic Community Support Coordinator (PCSC) on Facebook at (facebook.com/pscloddon).

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

BOORT BOWLS

Club

The Bowls Club held a very successful bare foot bowls social night which was greatly supported by visitors from the caravan park and many locals. The night commenced with a barbecue and it was wonderful to see so many enjoy the night and the use of our facilities.

On 26th. January Australia Day a 3 Bowls Pairs any Combination tournament was held.

Entries for this tournament filled the greens.

On Monday 14th. February the very popular Classic 2 bowl Triples is being held. Entries for this event have almost filled.

Congratulations to Shayne Morris on winning the Boort Men's Club Championship Singles. He will now represent the club at Divisional level this month.



Boort Library Agency Storytimes 2022

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

10.30-11am
Boort Resource & Information Centre
119-121 Godfrey Street

Thursday 10 February
Thursday 24 February
Thursday 10 March
Thursday 24 March
Thursday 7 April
Thursday 5 May
Thursday 19 May
Thursday 2 June
Thursday 16 June



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or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/children



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BOORT WALKING GROUP - all ages welcome

Meets every Wednesday 8.30am meet 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.

Maree Stringer: Social Support Co-ordinator
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Support our local businesses

Small businesses need our help and support in what continues to be tough times.

If we spend locally then our small businesses do too, keeping our communities strong. Every little bit helps.

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8 RACES
FEATURING

NEIL BEATTIE FAMILY PACERS CUP **\$14,500**

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HIGHLIGHTS

Fashions on the field include Hazel Whitmores **LADY OF THE DAY \$500**
Susan Hellsten's **LOCAL LADY OF THE DAY** - Susan Foley Vocalist - Yabby Racing
Duncan McPherson OAM Ovarian Cancer Awareness - Team Teal Lady Drivers competing
Kids activities & winning Toyworld Vouchers, Free Face Painting.

Luncheon in the Air Conditioned Sports Bar \$30 PP.
Also book for Umbrella Table and Chairs on Lawn. **FREE**

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Boort Lake



Event Calendar 2021/2022

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

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



<p>Sat 12th Feb 2022 7am-1pm</p>		<p>1st Coaching Day</p> <p>Want to start or improve your skiing? Don't have a boat and your children want to learn? We can help!</p>
<p>Sun 13th Feb 2022 7am-1pm</p>		<p>1st Club Tournament</p> <p>All age groups welcome, test yourselves against the best of the best. Very social, easy-going competition</p>
<p>Sat 5th Mar 2022 7am-1pm</p>		<p>2nd Coaching Day</p> <p>Want to start or improve your skiing? Don't have a boat and your children want to learn? We can help!</p>
<p>Sun 6th Mar 2022 7am-1pm</p>		<p>2nd Club Tournament</p> <p>OK you now realise after the 1st round that none of us are that good, second change compete or improve your score</p>
<p>Sat 12th Mar 2022 11am</p>		<p>Family Day</p> <p>BBQ, new members drive, members raffle, beginners coaching and Tournament presentations</p>