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**SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**





30 November 2020

### Thank you

I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors for electing me Mayor for the next year.



It is a great honour to once again serve in the role as Mayor and I look forward to working with Councillors, Council staff and the community, particularly as we take steps towards COVID normal. Additionally, I'd like to acknowledge and thank former Mayor and Councillor Cheryl McKinnon. Cheryl, who decided to not stand at the recent Council elections, served as Mayor for the past three years.

I'd also like to congratulate my fellow Councillors – Cr Gavan Holt, Cr Linda Jungwirth, Cr Wendy Murphy and Cr Dan Straub on their election to Council. I look forward to working as a team for the next four years to serve our community and help advance our Shire.

### Vegetation growth on roadsides

I've been receiving calls from concerned residents regarding the state of roadsides, particularly the height of vegetation growth. This growth not only causes problems in terms of blocking the view of oncoming traffic at crossroads, but is also a fire danger.

Council started its roadside slashing program six weeks ago with some roads in the northern parts of the Shire now being cut for a second time. The bulk of the issue is with vegetation growth on Regional Roads Victoria (VicRoads) roads. Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) has just commenced its roadside slashing program in Loddon Shire.

Council is very much aware of this issue and is actively pursuing RRV to ensure the problem of excessive roadside vegetation growth on their network is more adequately dealt with.

I also encourage residents who are concerned about vegetation growth on RRV roadsides to contact them on 13 37 78.

### Loddon Adventure Bingo launched

Loddon Shire residents are encouraged to get active and take part in *Adventure Bingo*.

An initiative from Healthy Heart of Victoria, *Adventure Bingo* invites residents to collect or

# HAVE YOUR SAY!

## COMMUNITY WARD WEBINARS

TELL US YOUR VISION FOR LODDON 2030

WEDDERBURN

WED 2 DEC 3:30-4:30PM

TARNAGULLA

WED 2 DEC 5:00-6:00PM

BOORT

WED 2 DEC 6:30-7:30PM

INGLEWOOD

THUR 3 DEC 5:00-6:00PM

TERRICKS

THUR 3 DEC 6:30-7:30PM



SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSCWardWebinar>



download an *Adventure Bingo* booklet and participate in one of six walks in each of the participating local government areas.

Participants spot points of interest listed in the booklet during their walk and once they've spotted three items in a vertical, horizontal or diagonal line, they've got Bingo.

The Loddon Shire *Adventure Bingo* walk is located along the Nardoo Trail in Wedderburn.

Bingo booklets are available for free at the Wedderburn Post Office, Loddon Shire Council Offices in Wedderburn, Wedderburn Community House or online at [www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Health-and-wellbeing/Healthy-Heart-of-Victoria](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Health-and-wellbeing/Healthy-Heart-of-Victoria)

A series of weekly prize draws will be conducted until Sunday 13 December, where residents who submit a photo of their completed Bingo card to [hhv@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:hhv@bendigo.vic.gov.au) will go into the draw to win sporting equipment.

### Turning the Page – community book project

Loddon Shire residents are asked to send photos, stories, poems, songs – basically anything that tells your story about life in COVID 2020 for the Turning the Page Loddon Community Book Project.

For more information or queries, please email the address above or call 0436 981 382.





MAYORAL COLUMN  
7 December 2020

### **Reduce transport emissions: community panel**

Infrastructure Victoria is inviting 450 Victorians to be part of an online community panel to discuss how we reduce the state's transport emissions.

The online panel includes a series of activities between 25 January and 19 February 2021, to explore how we should make the move to low or zero emission vehicles.

Participants will hear from experts and take part in online activities where they can ask questions, discuss key themes, share their views and provide advice to Infrastructure Victoria.

To find out more and get involved go to [www.infrastructurevictoria.com.au/project/tackling-transport-emissions-community-panel](http://www.infrastructurevictoria.com.au/project/tackling-transport-emissions-community-panel)

Expressions of Interest were due by 11 December 2020.

### **Finalise your livestock fire plan now**

Agriculture Victoria is urging livestock owners to get prepared for the possibility of a fire emergency on their farm. This includes identifying safer areas on-farm where livestock can be moved to.

The area you choose will depend on the type of livestock and their expected behaviour during a bushfire. To reduce potential injury and death to livestock you should consider relocating stock to designated low risk areas during days of high fire danger and Total Fire Bans.

Low risk areas include ploughed paddocks (areas cultivated and kept free of combustible vegetation) and bared-out paddocks (provided they are well defended by fire breaks). Other low risk areas include irrigated paddocks or paddocks containing green summer crops (green feed does not burn easily) or stockyards that can be wet in advance (yards must be well defended as the fire front passes).

All low risk areas should have enough drinking water for stock for extended periods of high fire risk and high temperatures, be protected by firebreaks and free of leaf, twigs and bark build-up. Areas where there are dams and swamps are another possible option.

For more information and help on preparing a farm and livestock bushfire plan go to <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/> or call the Agriculture Victoria Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

### **Loddon celebrates International Volunteer Day**

The United Nations International Volunteer Day was held on Saturday (5 December).

As part of its celebrations this year Loddon Shire showcased volunteers in our community and volunteers involving community groups. These volunteers were all nominated by someone in their community.

You can view these profiles on Council's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LoddonShire](http://www.facebook.com/LoddonShire)

Council also revealed the final design for the Volunteer@Loddon logo, which was initially designed by Volunteer@Loddon logo competition winner Ella Hocking. Ella worked with a graphic designer on the final design.

Council also launched its Volunteer@Loddon webpage. You can view the page at [www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Working-with-us/Volunteering-with-Loddon-Shire-Council](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Working-with-us/Volunteering-with-Loddon-Shire-Council)

### **Pools open for early morning lap swimming**

The Boort, Inglewood and Wedderburn pools are now open for early morning lap swimming until Friday 12 February 2021.

Early morning lap swimming is available at Boort pool on Monday and Wednesday from 7am to 8am, at Inglewood pool on Thursdays from 7am to 8am, and at Wedderburn pool on Monday and Wednesday from 7am to 8am.

### **Young people encouraged to have their say**

Public consultation is underway for Victoria's first-ever youth strategy, and the Victorian Government is calling for all young people to have their say on what matters most to them.

The new youth strategy will unify and strengthen the way the government works with young people across the state as we rebuild from the coronavirus pandemic.

Victorians were invited to contribute by filling out a short online survey or making a written submission.

### **Have your say on a new animal welfare act**

Proposals for a new animal welfare act are now out for public feedback. The new act would replace the current *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*, which is currently the main piece of animal welfare legislation in Victoria.

The proposals aim to achieve three key objectives: improve the safeguarding of animal welfare, provide a simplified and flexible legislative framework and provide a better compliance and enforcement model.



## MAYORAL COLUMN

14 December 2020

### On-Farm Internet of Things Trial – round two

The Victorian Government has announced the opening of round two of the On-Farm Internet of Things (IoT) Trial.

The trial aims to support the uptake of IoT on Victorian farms and test the benefits of IoT technologies across horticulture, sheep, dairy and broadacre cropping.

Grants of up to \$25,000 will be available to eligible applicants to cover up to two-thirds of the cost of on-farm IoT technology.

Dairy, grains, sheep and horticulture farmers located in the trial regions (which includes Loddon Shire), who would like to take part in the trial need to apply by Friday, 29 January 2021.

IoT technology refers to physical devices with sensors that connect to each other and to the internet to share information. These include devices such as silo level monitors, livestock trackers and weather stations.

Technology selected by the more than 90 farmers who took part in round one of the trial included soil moisture probes, livestock trackers, milk vat monitors, security cameras and surface level monitors for troughs and dams.

The Victorian Government has also partnered with NNNCo to deliver a new long-range network (LoRaWAN) in the Trial regions to ensure farmers have the network coverage they need to get the most out of the technologies they invest in.

For more information and to apply, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/digitalag](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/digitalag)

### Events promotion sponsorship for 2020

Council recognises that COVID-19 restrictions have made it difficult for community groups to plan events to celebrate the end of the year.

To help community groups who are organising events now that restrictions are easing, Council has reduced the 30-day limit for applying for event sponsorship to seven days for the remainder of this calendar year.

If your community group would like to seek sponsorship for your event and it will be held prior to 1 January 2021, please go to [https://loddon.smartygrants.com.au/EPS\\_Dec2020](https://loddon.smartygrants.com.au/EPS_Dec2020)

Submissions close at midnight 24 December 2020. Council's event promotion allocations help community groups organising events by providing sponsorship for promoting events held in our municipality.

### Turning the Page project – new deadline

Submissions for the 2020 Turning the Page Loddon Community Book Project have been extended to Friday, 18 December.

Residents from across our Shire are asked to send photos, stories, poems, songs – basically anything that tells your story about life in COVID 2020 to Council's Relief and Recovery team for this special book.

You can email your entries to

[turningthepage@loddon.vic.gov.au](mailto:turningthepage@loddon.vic.gov.au)

To find out more, email the team at the address listed above or call 0436 981 382.

### Be Connected workshops

Goldfields Libraries have partnered with the Australian Government to provide a series of small interactive workshops for people aged over 50.

The Be Connected workshops aim to empower everyone to use the internet and everyday technology to thrive in our digital world.

Upcoming workshops include All about Apple iPhones (15 December, 10am to 11am), All about Apple iPads (16 December, 2pm to 3pm) and Google Maps and Earth (17 December, 10am to 11am).

In January there will be: Watching and listening online (19 January, 10am to 11am), All things eLibrary (21 January, 2pm to 3pm), Exploring the internet (27 January, 2pm to 3pm) and More family history (28 January, 10am to 11am).

To find out more please call 5449 2700, email

[beconnected@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:beconnected@ncgrl.vic.gov.au) or visit

[www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/beconnected](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/beconnected)

### Neighbourhood Safer Places adopted

At its meeting on 24 November, Council adopted the most recent Loddon Shire Council Neighbourhood Safer Places Plan – September 2020.

This plan includes and confirms designated Neighbourhood Safer Places within our municipality in the townships of Boort, Bridgewater, Inglewood, Pyramid Hill, Serpentine and Wedderburn.

Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSPs) are located at:

**Boort:** Boort Park Recreation Reserve (oval only)

**Bridgewater:** Bridgewater Memorial Hall (grounds only)

**Inglewood:** J Sloan Park playground (between the swimming pool and tennis courts)

**Pyramid Hill:** Mitchell Park Recreation Reserve (oval only)

**Serpentine:** Serpentine Recreation Reserve (oval only)

**Wedderburn:** Donaldson Park (oval area only)

A NSP (also known as a Bushfire Place of Last Resort) are places of last resort if all other fire plans have failed. They are not to be confused with Community Fire Refuges, Relief Centres, Recovery Centres or Assembly Areas, each of which have a different and specific purpose.

I urge you to visit the CFA website to find out more at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/neighbourhood-safer-places/](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/neighbourhood-safer-places/)



## MEDIA RELEASE

### KNOW YOUR COUNCIL DATA RELEASED

Know Your Council data collected from councils by the State Government has been released this week and shows Loddon performing well in 2019/2020 across many key service areas.

Data about nine services is collected annually and provides an opportunity for the community to access consistent information about the performance of councils across Victoria.

#### Services include:

- Animal management
- Aquatic facilities
- Food safety
- Governance
- Libraries
- Maternal and child health
- Roads
- Statutory planning
- Waste collection

Data is also collected about sustainable capacity and financial performance.

To view the Loddon Shire data go to <https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/councils/loddon/reports/summary>

## BOORT Men's Shed

It has been an interesting year for the members of the Boort Men's Shed. The Shed has been restricted in its activities and a number of projects have been put on hold because of Covid-19. Since reopening of the Shed, members have got together for a coffee, scones and some convivial conversation. The crushing of cans for recycling has recommenced and some of the members have been tending to a vegetable patch and are currently installing an irrigation watering system for the garden area. The members held an open day on December, 17 to which all were invited. The members enjoyed the day with a B-B-Q lunch with fruit cake and scones for dessert. The members wish to thank Ken Loader for the amount of work he put into the day to make sure it was a success. He set up the venue and provided the dessert and salads and was ably helped by members on the day. However, it was with sadness that we farewelled a long standing, hard working member of the Shed, Tony Cooper. Tony has been instrumental in the Shed's progress and success. He was always busy organising projects, undertaking maintenance and cleaning duties as needed. In wishing Tony and Dawn all the best in their new home in Bendigo, the members of the Men's Shed are sorry to see them go. Tony will leave a void that will be hard to fill and he will be sadly missed by the members and all who had the pleasure of his friendship and company.

The members wish to thank both business and community groups for their significant administrative and financial support. In particular, the members offer their sincere thanks to BRIC, Northern District Health and Boort District Health for their contribution to the Shed's success. Thanks to Sophia, Loretta and Di for all the work that they do on behalf of the Men's Shed and to Ray Stomann for his tireless work as the Shed's Treasurer. Also a big thanks to the Hostel staff who assist resident members by transporting them to the Shed for a coffee and some convivial company. New members are always welcome. The Men's Shed is a centre of wellbeing where members join in friendly and convivial conversation. Morning tea goes down well with scones and biscuits while members talk to a mate. There are smiles a'plenty and much good cheer. The members join together in wishing everyone a safe and happy new year.

Wayne Pappin: Coordinator Boort Men's Shed





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Phone: (03) 9670 2072

Email: [scs@travellersaid.org.au](mailto:scs@travellersaid.org.au)

Book a service:

**Buggy Service** - A free Buggy Service assisting people transiting

through Southern Cross Station and Seymour Station.

**Companion Service** - for a volunteer to assist you travelling to/ from your appointment around Melbourne and suburbs.

**Mobility Equipment** - for long or short term hire of a variety of mobility equipment.



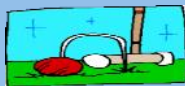
LODDON  
SHIRE

Changes to scheduled kerbside garbage and recycling collections during December 2020 and January 2021

Kerbside collections scheduled for Christmas Day (Friday 25 December 2020) will instead take place on Sunday 27 December 2020. Collections for New Year's Day (Friday 1 January 2021) will take place on Sunday 3 January 2021.

**All of our waste facilities will be closed on public holidays.**

## Boort Lakeside Croquet Club



Boort Lakeside Croquet Club recently hosted the Murray Valley Association Pennant Breakup. Players representing all the competing clubs enjoyed a social day of croquet.

A shield was presented to the Swan Hill team for winning the Association Croquet Pennant and to the Boort team for winning the Golf Croquet Pennant competition for the second year in a row. The Boort Association team finished second.

Top Association player was Lois Munro from Swan Hill and top Golf Croquet player was Daryl Henderson of Boort.

This year we had a shorter pennant season due to Covid 19, but players were very pleased to be back playing croquet again.

President of the Murray Valley Association Daryl Henderson thanked everyone for making the season possible and for playing the game in good spirit.

The club has welcomed some new members this year and all members are enjoying our beautiful lakeside setting. We recently refurbished the club house kitchen and we will have the new fence

finished soon. Now the weather has started to warm up members are playing in the morning on Wednesdays and Saturdays and can also have a social hit on Friday evenings.

**The winning Golf Croquet Pennant team from left to right, Alan Puttick, Carmel Allison, Daryl Henderson, Suwattana Chulakathappa, Jean Henderson and Keren Chapman.**



# Bugs Galore!

## Bug Off Photography Challenge

Join our all ages digital photography challenge! Photograph spiders and insects busy about their everyday lives, capturing fine detail and movement (a magnifying glass makes a great close up lens).

Best images displayed in our Online Bug Off Gallery.

Prizes for most fascinating images.

Send entries to: [programs@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:programs@ncgrl.vic.gov.au)  
subject: Bug Off

**DEC-FEB**

## Easy Build Bug Hotels

Build a Bug Hotel for your garden to encourage insect pollination. Bug hotels provide nest and hibernation sites for helpful garden insects such as ladybirds, bees and butterflies.

Materials: *plastic bottle with ends cut off, string, sticks, bark, leaves, dried moss, pinecone, gumnuts, etc.*

**JAN-FEB**

## Bugs in the Lens

Seeing lots of insects and spiders this summer? Join a like-minded group to share tips and tricks on tracking down and capturing our many-legged friends on camera in Eaglehawk's buggy Canterbury Gardens!

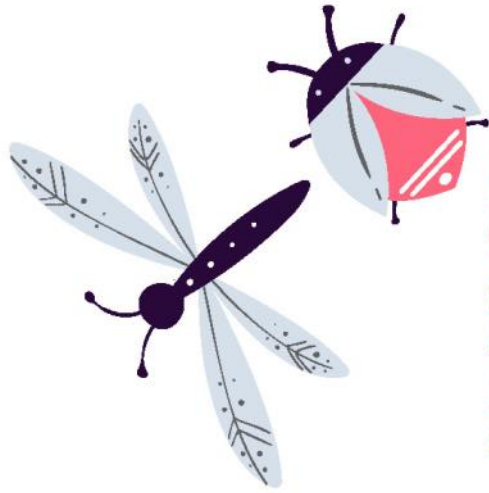
BYO phone or camera.

Ages 12-16 years.

Meet at Canterbury Gardens Gates, Peg Leg Road, Eaglehawk.

**TUE 19 JAN, 3.30-4.30PM**

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## Carp Productions: The Best Christmas Ever

It's Christmas Eve and the Chief Elf is in a spin with the arrival of a mischievous new elf trailing chaos behind her! The reindeer are rowdy, the Christmas Tree is feisty, the sleigh is shabby and the toys are cracked! Will the new elf cause a catastrophe or remind us of the true spirit of Christmas? A cheerful and jolly virtual performance from the fabulous team at Carp Productions.

For young families.

**WED 9-WED 23 DEC**



## Castlemaine Story Walk

Enjoy a Story Walk around Castlemaine this summer with family and friends. Five popular walking locations have been transformed into a Story Walk so you can enjoy some best-loved picture books along the way - you may discover a new favourite together! Stories are aimed at children 8 years and under, but can be enjoyed at any age.

The Story Walk Project is a collaboration between Mount Alexander Shire Council and Goldfields Libraries, aiming to foster literacy, language and enjoyment of stories.

**TUE 15 DEC-MON 15 MAR**

Story Walk Maps available online at [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) or in print at your local library.



Presented via ZOOM. Session link emailed 1 hour prior to event.



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# Summer READING Challenge

Mon 14 Dec 2020 · Fri 22 Jan 2021

The Summer Reading Challenge is back with fantastic prizes to be won and reading adventures to be had! Collect your Challenger Booklet from your local library (or print at [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au)), add a sloth to our snuggle of sloths wall display, select a great book to read and get started!

Ages 4-12 years.

## Author Hang Outs!

Come along and meet some great Victorian children's authors in these fun and interactive sessions.

### Alan Brough: Charlie and the War Against the Grannies

Comedian, musician, author and team captain from 'Spicks and Specks' Alan Brough presents a spoken word and musical performance on his book *Charlie and the War Against the Grannies*. Topics include the dangers of chilli sauce, evil grannies, farting in wardrobes and more...

Ages 6-12 years.

**WED 13 JAN, 2-3PM**



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### Chris Taylor and James Crabtree: Writing and illustrating workshop for kids!

A high energy interactive workshop from the creators of the *Tina and Tom's Time-Travelling Toilet* series. Discover the creative process, enjoy a one-minute draw, mini cartooning lesson, word bomb, and an interactive story creation which gets wild and wacky very quickly! We hope it will get you thinking about writing and illustrating your own kid's book one day.

Ages 6-12 years.

**WED 20 JAN, 2-3PM**



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# BOORT LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## TENNIS COMMITTEE -

**President -** Damien Lanyon  
**Vice -** Stuart Gould  
**Secretary -** Kristen Gooding  
**Asst. Secretary -** Maree Stringer  
**Treasurer -** Alister McDougal  
**General Committee -** Greg Boyd, Adam Potter, Kim Potter, Greg Bear, Kellie Hare, Lee Lanyon

Everyone has enjoyed the social tennis being played in the first half of the season. The number of players each week has been mostly very good, often up around the 40 mark.

The last day for the year and Christmas night was

held on the 19th Dec. A meal was provided and Santa made a special visit. It is planned to hold a couple of social hits over January which will be open to anyone who would like to play. Stay tuned for more details. Team tennis will start on 30th of January. Players have been organised into four teams of fourteen. This is a good increase in the numbers from last year. Also there is over 20 people on the pool list to fill in when needed. It is great to see new players joining us and some past players coming back. The draw will run for 6 weeks as well as finals.

Coaching will also resume on 30th January, so c'mon kids get your racquets and come down for a hit.

***Happy hitting in 2021!!***



## BOORT BOWLS

# Club

The Boort Bowls Club has started Mid-Week and Saturday Pennant once again and it is good to see each and everyone out and about enjoying their sport.

Saturday 6th. December the club held a sausage sizzle after pennant and Tony Cooper, a valued member of the Boort Bowls Club was presented with his Super Veteran's Badge by President John Nelson who reported briefly on many of Tony's activities and achievements at the bowls club over many years.

Tony has been a member for 35 years - joined when his father - in - law was President in 1985-86.

He served on the General and Green's Committees and was our Greens Director for 3-4 years.

Tony assisted Graeme Moresi in our shed construction and with the Streader boys in erecting shades on the north end of our greens approximately 13 years ago.

Tony won the Men's (B )Grade Singles Championship in 2004-2005.

Tony has won the Club Pairs with Peter Waters in

2012-2013 and in 2013 - 2014.

They then won the North Central District Bowls 60 + State Pairs in 2009 - 2010.

He skipped a Club winning Fours team in 2011 - 2012.

Tony has won 2 Singles Club Championships in 2009 - 2010 and 2016 - 2017.

Tony has been a regular Division 1 Pennant player for our Club and was in our winning Division 1 Pennant team in 2015 - 2016 .

Congratulations Tony, we wish you and Dawn all the best in the future.

This ended a very happy and enjoyable evening something that Covid 19 has taken away from us for the most of 2020.



***Photo of L-R Tony Cooper (Super Veteran) and John Nelson (Club President)***



Seniors online victoria

### Important changes to your Victorian Seniors Card off-peak travel vouchers



From 2020, free travel vouchers will no longer be automatically sent to Victorian Seniors Card holders. From January 1, both existing and new Victorian Seniors Card holders will need to opt-in to receive free travel vouchers in future by registering at the [au/vouchers](http://au/vouchers). You will only need to register once.

If you are a new card holder please note that to receive your free off-peak travel vouchers you now need to opt in by registering at [www.ptv.vic.gov.au/vouchers](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/vouchers) and you'll receive vouchers in the mail each year.

#### You can redeem your free travel vouchers for:

- a day's unlimited travel in zones 1 and 2, this is a 1 Day Travel Pass, just go to a metropolitan premium station or PTV Hub
- two off-peak V/Line singles or day return, just go to a staffed V/Line station or ticket agent.

**For more information please contact Public Transport Victoria at or call 1800 800 007**



Photograph of Assistant Commissioner Cindy Millen and Ray Stomann outside the Boort Police Station. Assistant Commissioner Millen recently attended at the Boort police station for a chat. Assistant Commissioner Millen is in charge of the Western Region which covers an area from Geelong to Mildura. Assistant Commissioner Millen was impressed with Boort. During our chat we discussed Police/Community relationships.

Strong relationships of mutual trust between police agencies and the communities they serve are critical to maintaining public safety and effective policing. Police officials rely on the cooperation of community members to provide information about crime in their neighbourhoods, and to work with the police to devise solutions to crime and disorder problems. Similarly community members' willingness to trust the police depends on whether they believe that police actions reflect community values and incorporate the principles of procedural justice and legitimacy. Personal interactions between police officers and community members build mutual trust, which is essential to addressing neighbourhood problems and reducing crime.



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## Local Program Supports Farmer Health & Wellbeing

A local program that supports and builds the mental health and wellbeing of local farmers will continue throughout 2021 thanks to funding from Gannawarra, Swan Hill, Buloke and Loddon Shires.

(T4TT) Program is an initiative of Northern District Community Health (NDCH). The program started in April 2018 in response to the impacts on rural communities and the agricultural industry of climate change/drought, milk prices, and water availability. Those ongoing stressors impacted on the mental health and wellbeing of farming communities, requiring a local response to support people.

T4TT has been hugely successful in increasing the skills of local people to support each other through positive conversations. People from all walks of life in rural communities gain knowledge of local support services and how to help their mates, neighbours or associates through stressful times. The program has developed an online presence with the availability of Zoom programs, YouTube videos and a Facebook page.

"We are so pleased to secure the extension of this program," NDCH CEO Mandy Hutchinson said. "The Tactics for Tough Times program has reached over one-thousand people in our community. Those people are now better able to support someone struggling with the climatic conditions, COVID-19 pandemic and other factors impacting their wellbeing."

T4TT uniquely works with local businesses, service providers and community members alike across the large geographical region of the Gannawarra, Buloke, Swan Hill and Loddon shires. It highlights the opportunities for wellbeing support and reducing the stigma around mental health in rural communities.

The funding announcement coincides with the launch of the Tactics for Tough Times Facebook page and a video on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. "By using social media we can help keep wellbeing "front-of-mind" for more people while connections are reduced due to the pandemic," T4TT Coordinator Paul Lacy said. "The video is an entertaining way of getting the wellbeing message across."

For more information about the T4TT program contact the NDCH on 5451 0200

**Media Contact:** Mandy Hutchinson 54510200



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**BOORT LAKES**  
*Holiday Park*

# PADDLE THE LAKE

This summer at  
Boort Lakes Holiday Park.

**FREE** Canoeing and Stand up Paddle Board  
sessions for Loddon Youth aged 12 – 24.

Call Boort Lakes Holiday Park on 5455 2064  
for further information or to book sessions.

Supported by the CASI initiative and Loddon Shire Council.  
Offer only available to Loddon Shire residents aged 12-24.





## WHAT A HUGELY SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR!!

The **ORANGE BOMB** pom pom in our main street has generated many valuable discussions to raise awareness of gender based violence and how BDH can support and assist any victims or survivors, similarly our 2 Men's Pit Stop projects in collaboration with the Loddon Shire and RESPECT.



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The BAC wish everyone a Merry Christmas and encourage you to get out fishing over summer. Keep an eye on Facebook for a possible BBQ at the club over January and bring along your fishing tales.

**Tight Lines**

**Email: [boortanglingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:boortanglingclub@yahoo.com)**

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM BOORT PLAYGROUP

Thanks to all our members for making it a wonderful year of Playgroup!

We will resume on February 5th, 2021 at 9:30am. Venue TBC.

Be a part of the inaugural

youth advisory council

Have your say, be heard, get involved, meet new people, learn new skills, and make a difference...



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**Published in the Boort Standard,  
16<sup>th</sup> September 1892,**

A sensational bolt occurred in Boort a few days ago. A medium draught horse was standing quietly before the store of Messrs Hine and co. when he was suddenly startled with the announcement that the firm was still offering large discounts to purchases, despite the heavy tariff duties. Sensing cheap feed for himself and happy times for his master in the near future, his joy knew no bounds, and he burst away and ran with lowered head and erect tail down Godfrey Street at a tremendous pace. In the winking of an eye the street was alive with folk eager to take part in the excitement of a bolt. After the horse had crossed the line he appeared to lose his head and rushed headlong towards the residence of our worthy lawyer, as if to take advice before proceeding further but changing his mind (I suppose horses have minds), he veered off towards the racecourse as if inclined to try a few furlongs of a spurt. Not being a steeplechaser, however he cried quits when he got to the fence and was captured by his master, who convinced him that fresh duties were sometimes irksome.

The lads were good way back – so they said!! It does not look like it here, poor Mr Kirk's horse.  
(Boort Railway Hotel in background)

**Published in the Boort Standard, 9<sup>th</sup>  
December 1910,**

Things are very quiet in Boort this week as far as news is concerned, everybody being either harvesting or busily engaged in business in connection with the harvest. However, a bolt occurred on Tuesday, which caused a bit of stir and commotion while it lasted. Mr E Weaver's stallion buggy horse was left standing at the railway station for a minute and decided to make a break. The animal careered with a buggy attached out of the station yard, and at a mad gallop up towards the post office, miraculously missing posts and trees; but striking Mr Cameron's corner post he diverted into the roadway round McNeill's and Kiniry's hotels, and back by the back street past the Fire Brigade Hall and Post Office again. Having wheeled round the town like a pigeon to get his bearings, he set sail down Godfrey Street and past Victoria Street for the owner's residence at Woolshed lake. The runaway was now pursued by a buggy containing a couple of volunteers, and Mr J. Cameron on Bicycle, but the race was one of the leader first and the rest nowhere. The animal ran as far as the farm gate, which was closed and ran down a blind lane, where in turning it collided with the fence, and when the pursuers came up. It was found standing beside the buggy, which was capsized. Very little damage was done. A box of eggs was about the most serious loss, and a few minor breakages on the vehicle.





# POSITIONS VACANT



## BOORT RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE

### Traineeship—Office Administration

#### OUR VISION

Working together to build and strengthen our community.

#### OUR MISSION

BRIC is a dynamic community organisation – owned by the community for the community. We are a meeting place, providing activities and services which are accessible and responsive. We encourage personal development and life-long learning. We work to build and strengthen connections, fostering links and networks across the community and providing information to educate and strengthen individual self-esteem.

We work in partnership with our community and other providers to provide flexible services and information for a range of community supports.

#### JOB DESCRIPTION

Available at BRIC

#### LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY

The trainee reports to and works under the oversight of the Centre Manager. On a day to day basis, the Trainee works with a significant degree of autonomy, authority and responsibility as delegated by the Centre Manager.

3 days a week, 9am - 4pm  
*Applications Close 29/01/2021*

**For more information and a detailed job description please contact  
BRIC on 5455 2716**

Please forward your resume to  
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### STATION STREET WELLBEING CENTRE

Psychologist/Provisional Psychologist  
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### CONSIDERING ADVERTISING FOR A POSITION VACANT

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## Amity News

Although Amity has had their meetings somewhat curtailed by COVID 19 we have still been able to

get some projects done this year.

New town maps have been purchased and placed on the Museum wall and at Nolen's Park. With assistance from a Loddon Shire grant the kitchen at the James Boyle hall has been painted and new floor coverings installed as well as other improvements.

We had to cancel our popular Amity Auctions but we hope they will be back next year bigger and better than ever.

The new 2021 local phone book is currently being printed and will be available at BRIC, the Post Office and the Newsagent.

We are currently planning Australia Day Celebrations in Boort. We will be having a local speaker and may have to move the ceremony outdoors depending on what restrictions are in place then. There will be more details in the January edition of About Boort.

**Congratulations to the winner of the Boort Amity Christmas Light Competition  
Gayle Huggett and Russell Sage  
at 13 Yole Street Boort.**



**Special mention to David & Merryn Rees  
at 22 Holloway Street Boort.**

Thankyou to everyone that put up a display bringing much joy and happiness to everyone who does the tour around Boort.

Please take the time to drive to Mysia to see the amazing display at the Dean household.

## COMING EVENTS

### January

Sun 3rd	Boort Trotting Club
Sun 10th	Marine Safety Course (BRIC)
Tue 26th	Australia Day
Tue 26th	Annual Bowls Tournament

### February

Sun 28th	Serpentine Airshow
Sun 28th	Cups Day Boort Trotting Club
Mon 8th Feb	Boort Classic Bowls Triples

# BOORT

## TROTTING CLUB

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**3RD JAN**

**2021**

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### FRONT LAWN

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