



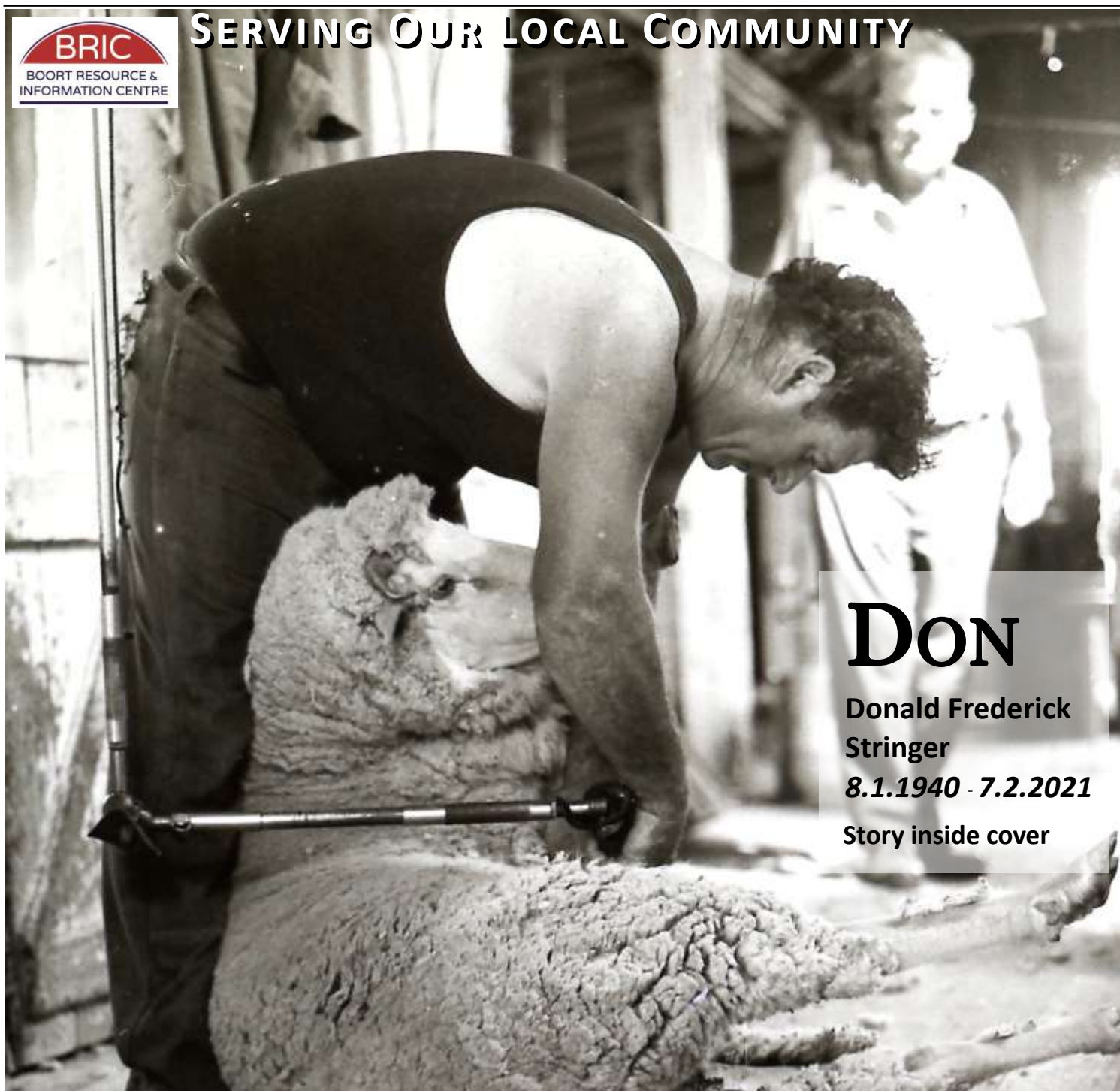
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Donald Frederick Stringer, known to everyone as Don, was born on the 8 January 1940, the third child and eldest son of Fred and Clara Stringer, brother to Lorraine (dec), Phyl, Gwen, Peter, Joy, Rod and Wendy. He was raised in Mysia, attending school there until Grade 7. The family shifted to Boort in 1952, he continued his schooling until he reached leaving age at 15. He never liked school so as soon as school was out Don would be out with the animals. He had his own pets and always had a dog of some sort following him. At the time he was growing up there were plenty of rabbits so the family had a mixed pack of dogs: sheep dogs as well as hunting dogs. Slim was his pet whippet, she was quick and could catch rabbits all day. Don worked with his father on the farm from a very young age. Fred was leasing land at Mysia and in 1952 bought "The Ranch", Yando, and 1955 bought Nunn's - "Loddon Lea", Yando, which made the farm more viable. Don and his eldest sister, Lorraine, lived and worked on the farm, from when Don left school. Fred regularly stayed out there too.

They were running Merino sheep on the farm, cattle and a small amount of cropping. 1955 was very wet, followed by extreme flooding in 1956. They were carrying a lot of sheep, 1957 was a rotten dry year. So, for about eight to ten weeks, to relieve the paddock feed, they put 2000 sheep on the road, feeding along the local roads during the day and yarding them at night. The seasons were better in the new year.

About the time he left school Don started running the boundary for the Boort Football Club which he did for several years, he started playing when he was 18. He mainly played in the Reserves and some Senior games until he broke his ankle in 1966 finishing his football career. Don won the Reserves Best and Fairest Award in 1960.

During 1959 he started working off-farm, as well as spending every minute he could on-farm, Peter had

left school and could cover for him being away. His first job was roustabouting at a shed south of Boort. When it cut out Keith Salathiel asked Don if he would go shearing with them. Don was not confident.

Keith said, "There's a stand if you want it."

So the next morning Keith and Russell Salathiel picked him up and they went to shear at Ivo Weaver's shed.

When he arrived Don felt it all very strange. He didn't know anybody, had never shorn away from home and was too shy to talk much. Everybody was very helpful and encouraging, he kept going back and it grew to 22 years of shearing and crutching for around nine months of the year, doing a job which he really enjoyed. It was hard work but interesting and was an opportunity to meet a lot of good people with whom he remained great friends.

From August 1959, Don worked with Keith and Russell, for a few weeks. In late October he went with Reg Turner for the rest of the season until they had to knock off for the harvest. Soon after harvest Keith wanted him to go crutching. Don decided that he would accept work from whomever rang up, he worked with quite a few different shearing teams and in most of the sheds in the district, also around Pyramid Hill and Jarklin. By swapping around he could work for nine months of the year and be home every night. After he had been shearing for three or four years anyone would employ him because he did a good job and they could take him anywhere. In the mid to late '70's there were a lot of shearers in the area who would meet at the "office" (Railway Hotel). There would sometimes be up to 20 plus shearers there.

Don adored Pat from the time they met. He would often wait at the school gate to walk her home, even after he had left school. Don and Pat married in 1961 and lived at 59 Lake View St. Pat kept on working for the time, until the birth of Ian in 1963.

Don worked with Fred, Peter and Rod as a family farm company - F Stringer and Co. During 1965 they leased the Leaghur-Meran Forest, the 3900 acres in the two forests and also bought 500 acres adjoining it. In 1966 they bought the block over the river (Fairburn's) at Canary Island. Don and Pat shifted from Boort to live there in early 1967. There they raised their four children: Ian, Jaconda, Deanne and Campbell. The children caught the school bus to the Boort school. By 1988 all the kids were away working but each weekend one or more would make it home. As well as the shearing, Don had a lot of poultry, sometimes up to 200 plus fowls and 200 turkeys, and often had to do the irrigating before he left for work. Those days there was good money in breeding and selling the poultry off. In the finish the amount of work meant the poultry had to go.

Don was mindful of, and had the greatest respect for, Pat and the family as well as his Father (Fred), Peter and Rod for keeping the farm business all going so well while he was away.



Christmas 1981 Don retired from shearing away from home, and had to decline many offers to come back. He settled back to working on the farm, though he found it extremely hard, missing the company, after having mates around for the 22 years shearing.

1982 was very dry, until March the next year. After that it rained and rained. There were floods in 1983 and the men took big mobs of sheep out into the Mallee and agisted them until after the floods when they could be brought back to Yando. For many years after this they made a lot of use of agistment, taking sheep out to anywhere they could get feed, which helped protect their own country in the dry as well as helping the people who didn't run stock.

During the 1990's there were odd good years but most were fairly tough. In the latter part of the decade the wool price dropped away which put a lot of pressure on Merino sheep, so they started to breed a percentage of the ewes to fat lamb rams. In 2001 Barry Barnes decided to go out of sheep and they took

on the grazing on his block. This allowed them to increase the number of stock, so they bought 1700 ewes to breed Dorset and White Suffolk cross lambs for the fat lamb trade. In 2003 they loaded the last of the Merino Rams and sent them to Bendigo. That was a heart breaking day for Don after breeding Merino lambs all his life. The dry years started and went right through to September 2010, before the year turned wet and again there were big floods.

Mid-1994 Don's health deteriorated. He collapsed and was taken to Bendigo Hospital where he was diagnosed with Sleep Apnea. He used a CPAP machine to sleep for the rest of his life. He always said that each year since then had been a bonus.

The farm "Fairburns" had been sold before Don's visit to Bendigo and while he was away all their furniture and belongings had been shifted into a house that they had rented at 17 Jubilee St, Boort.

They lived there for 11 years and Don went out to the farm to work each day. In June 2005 the Jubilee St house was sold and Don and Pat shifted to 26 Godfrey St, Boort.

In 2000 the brothers tried on a small scale to grow onions which were a great success, growing them each year for seven years. The last year was the best harvest but in the 2007-08 season there were water restrictions so no onions were planted.

Late 2007 the company decided to put all the land on the market. All the ground plus the water was sold by mid 2009, except the block known as "Mother's".

Clara lived there until 2014, even when she moved into the Boort Hostel it remained, as it had always been, a great meeting place for the extended family, just out of town, and included the timber paddock which all the family loved. The last block and machinery were sold in 2018, a complete settling of the farm and business bringing to a close the end of an era.

In August 2010, Don and Pat were able to buy and move into their dream house at 53 Lake View St, Boort, where they settled into retirement, enjoying each others company, and going off on many adventures. They watched together as the grandchildren grew and the great-grandchildren arrived.

In Don's words "How blessed we are!"

By early January 2021 Don was receiving treatment in Bendigo, he made the decision to stop treatment and return home. His last four weeks were filled with family, love and quality time. He died peacefully on 7 February 2021.

25 January 2021

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Communities across Loddon Shire hosted local events to celebrate Australia Day.

The theme of this year's Australia Day was Reflect. Respect. Celebrate. It is a day to reflect on what it means to be Australian, to celebrate contemporary Australia and to acknowledge our history that stretches back more than 65,000 years.

It is also a chance to celebrate all the things we love about Australia – its land, sense of fair go, lifestyle, democracy, the freedoms we enjoy, but also our people. Australia Day is about acknowledging and celebrating the contribution that every Australian makes to our contemporary and dynamic nation.

Celebrations were held at Boort, Bridgewater, Calivil, Eddington, Inglewood, Newbridge, Tarnagulla and Wedderburn.

Times and locations of these Australia Day celebrations are listed on Council's website at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Ceremonies/Australia-Day

The day included the announcement of the Australia Day Awards for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Services and Community Group/Event of the Year.

These awards celebrate the achievements and contributions made by outstanding members of our community who, through their efforts, make us feel proud to be Australian.



Community Tributes

The family of the late Sylvia Griffiths wish to express their deepest appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement. It has been very much appreciated. Please accept this as our personal thankyou

Wes, Roger, Alan & Rose and families.

OUTDOOR DINING

Outdoor dining activation continues to roll out.

Council is continuing to activate outdoor dining and entertainment across the Shire, with three sites launched last week at the Newbridge Hotel and in Pyramid Hill at the Bakery Café and Coffee Bank.



More outdoor dining and entertainment sites are underway, with hospitality venues in Wedderburn, Tarnagulla, Logan, Boort, Korong Vale and Bridgewater to launch over the next few weeks.

Council is working with local hospitality businesses to activate outdoor dining and entertainment offerings to help them recover from COVID-19. This has been made possible through the Victorian Government's Local Councils Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package, under which Council was successful in securing \$250,000 (ex GST).



After a tough 2020, Australia Day 2021 is a time to reflect, respect and celebrate.

Australia Day, 26 January, is a day to reflect on what it means to be Australian, to acknowledge our rich history and celebrate the selfless contributions of our volunteers in award ceremonies held across Loddon Shire.

We reflect on the resilience of our communities in the face of a global pandemic, and the spirit of helping and giving that defines the Australian spirit epitomised in the Australia Day awardees being honoured in Loddon Shire.

We respect the stories, histories and contributions of all Australians, especially our frontline workers and those who sacrificed so much over the past year, our business owners, our 2020 VCE students and all student plus the parents who've juggled home schooling, work and life in general.

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.

Reflect, respect, celebrate – we're all part of Australia's story.

Loddon Shire Australia Day 2021

AWARDEES

Citizen of the Year: Howard Matthews (Wedderburn)

Young Citizen of the Year: Hugh Cartwright (Terrick)

Community Service Awards (by Ward):

- Inglewood: Tracey Webb & Rae Broadbent
- Terrick: Robyn Brown
- Tarnagulla: Roger Terrill
- Wedderburn: Susan Lockhart
- Boort: *No nominations received*

Community Group of the Year: Wedderburn Patchwork Group (Christmas Tree Festival)

Community Event of the Year: Bridgewater Bowling Club (Twilight Bowls)

Special Recognition of COVID-19 2020: Susan Lockhart (The Front Door Project)

AWARDEE BIOGRAPHIES

Citizen of the Year: Howard Matthews (Wedderburn)

Howard has made tireless contributions to the Wedderburn community since being a founding member of the Wedderburn Cycling Club in the 1950s.

Howard's service to Wedderburn's sporting clubs extended to the Wedderburn Band Cricket Club where he scored at both home and away matches for many years, and at the Wedderburn Football Club, where he held the office of secretary from 1964 to 1968, and is one of only three people to take on this role for 5 consecutive years. He has also volunteered at the Wedderburn Golf Club, where his contribution to the club's course maintenance was always done humbly and dutifully.

It was at the CFA Region 19 Wedderburn Urban Fire Brigade that Howard's most significant volunteer service was made. Between 1955 and 1982, Howard held numerous positions including secretary and treasurer from 1969 to 1973, 1st Lieutenant from 1973 to 1975, and foreman/apparatus officer from 1961 to 1965. During 27 years of service with the CFA, Howard also attended regular training and competition events.

Young Citizen of the Year: Hugh Cartwright (Terrick)

Hugh Cartwright completed VCE in 2020 at East Loddon P-12 College, where as College Captain in a unique year, he helped run assemblies online via Microsoft Teams. He helped put together online events like the ANZAC Day service that crossed to all areas of the Loddon Shire. He also offered encouragement and support to other students throughout the year.

In 2020 Hugh was recognised with the Year 12 ADF Long Tan – Innovators East Loddon Award for his significant contribution to the VCE Agriculture & Horticulture program at East Loddon P-12 College. He was an integral component of student voice in encouraging this subject to return to the VCE curriculum. He was also the recipient of the Year 10 ADF Long Tan – student leadership and community involvement East Loddon award for his leadership in school and broader community events, particularly with his fundraising and public speaking in the lead up to a school trip to Turkey.

In 2021 Hugh plans to study Agronomy and we wish him all the best for his future studies.

BORDER CHANGES WELCOMED

It was great to see the easing of border restrictions, which allowed many Victorians to return home.

The easing of restrictions also saw New South Wales border towns with Victoria move to a green zone – making it much easier for people on either side of the border to move between the two states.

This is very much welcomed, particularly for rural border towns, including for local tourism, hospitality and other businesses that need to travel over the border between Victoria and New South Wales.

For more information regarding current Victorian border restrictions visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-travel-permit-system

NEW NEWSPAPER FOR LODDON

A new newspaper has launched in our Shire, with the first edition of the free weekly newspaper *Loddon Herald* out this Thursday 28 January.

It is fantastic to have a local newspaper back in our Shire after losing *The Loddon Times* last year.

Having a local newspaper is important in terms of keeping us informed regarding local news, events and sport, and what's happening right across the Shire. It also provides a chance for local businesses and organisations to get the word out through stories and advertising.

Welcome to the *Loddon Herald* – I look forward to picking up and reading a copy this week.

VOICE OF OUR YOUTH PROJECT REPORT OUT NOW

More than 5,000 young people from across the Loddon Campaspe region have participated in the Voice of Our Youth project. The project identified what our region's young people want and need for a better education experience and easier transition to work.

Conducted from July through to December 2019, the Voice of Our Youth project was a six-month youth consultation and listening exercise initiated by the Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnership. It engaged 12.5 per cent of young people aged 12 to 25 years in the Loddon Campaspe region on their experience of the education system.

The report from the project is now available at www.voiceofouryouth.com.au

LOCAL HISTORY GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applications are now open for the 2020-2021 Round of the Local History Grants Program.

The Local History Grants Program encourages and fosters community activities that preserve, record and share the local, social and community history of Victoria and Victorians.

For more information and to apply go to:

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/local-history-grants-program>

Applications close at midnight, Tuesday 9 March 2021.

WHAT'S ON



OLD TARNAGULLA IN COLOUR EXHIBITION

Sunday 14 March 2021 | 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

An exhibition of local historical photographs which have been scanned, digitally restored, 'coloured' and reprinted in large format. Entry is free but a donation to the Tarnagulla History Archive is appreciated.

Email: tarnagullahistoryarchive@gmail.com

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

TARNAGULLA ARCHIVE OPEN DAY

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

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

At Open Days visitors can:

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

Email: tarnagullahistoryarchive@gmail.com



REMINDER REGARDING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

I'd like to remind our community that as per the Victorian Premier's announcement last week, a number of additional COVID-19 restrictions remain in place following the end of the "circuit breaker" lockdown.

These restrictions include the requirement to wear masks indoors at all times except for in your own home. Masks must also be worn outdoors where you cannot maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres.

No more than five visitors are allowed in your home per day, and up to 20 people can gather outdoors. Infants under 12 months old are not included in either of these caps.

For a full list of current COVID-19 restrictions, please visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST OPEN FOR LODDON ARTS TRAIL

Local artists, makers, creators and local businesses who operate or live in the Loddon Shire are being encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest to be part of the Loddon Valley arts trail this spring.

To be held from 23 to 24 October, the arts trail will be created by artists for artists. It is open to both professional and amateur artists.

If you would like to be involved, please complete an Expression of Interest Form and return via email to loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au

Expression of Interest forms are available from www.bendigoregion.com.au/visit-loddon-valley/node/5130

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

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

ON FARM INTERNET OF THINGS TRIAL – APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 26 FEB

Farmers in Loddon Shire have until this Friday 26 February to get their applications in for grants of up to \$25,000 as part of the Round 2 funding for the On-Farm Internet of Things trial.

Grants are available to help farmers to invest in digital Internet of Things (IoT) technology on their farms.

The trial is designed to test IoT technology on sheep, dairy, horticulture and cropping farms in the trial regions, which includes Loddon Shire.

The grants are based on a two-to-one co-contribution. Every dollar a farmer invests will be matched by two dollars from the Victorian Government – up to a total of \$25,000.

IoT network connectivity is also provided until the end of the trial in late 2022 to farmers taking part in the trial.

For more information and to apply go to agriculture.vic.gov.au/digitalag

WHAT'S ON

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

MINELAB WEDDERBURN DETECTOR JAMBOREE 2021 Saturday, 6 March to Sunday 7 March 2021
CANCELLED FOR 2021

LODDON COMMUNITY TRAVELLING DANCE – TARNAGULLA

Friday, 5 March 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

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

LODDON COMMUNITY TRAVELLING DANCE – BOORT

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

Boort Memorial Hall, Godfrey St, Boort 3537

LODDON COMMUNITY TRAVELLING DANCE – NEWBRIDGE

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

Newbridge Public Hall, Newbridge 3551

LODDON COMMUNITY TRAVELLING DANCE – PYRAMID HILL

Friday, 6 August 2021 | 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM

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

THE INGLEWOOD LIONS BRIDGEWATER MARKET

Saturday, 13 March | 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

BRIDGEWATER CELTIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, 17 April 2021 | 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Have a great time catching up with friends, enjoy an Irish jig, go for stroll amongst the stalls, grab a blanket or a chair and sit on the oval and watch the Scots play those magic bagpipes.

Gold coin donation entry. For more information contact Jenny on 5437 3198 or email hoskinggj@bigpond.com.

Bridgewater Railway Station, Erskine St, Bridgewater on Loddon 3516

BOORT CUPS DAY SUNDAY 28 FEB

The Boort Cups Day will be on Sunday 28 February, celebrating 130 years of the Boort Trotting Club, the oldest continuous trotting club in Australia.

Sponsored by Loddon Shire Council, the Cups Day includes the \$14,500 Boort Pacing Cup. It is an honour for the Neil Beattie Family to support the Cup.

There's also the \$14,500 Boort Trotters Cup (sponsored by the Hon. Peter Walsh MP) and the \$12,000 Rob Coutts Tribute Trotters Handicap (sponsored by the Boort Lakes Holiday Park). Additionally, there will be the \$12,000 Bill Foley Memorial Pace (sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions, Boort) and the \$10,000 Alabar Vicbred Platinum Maiden Pace.

The day will include the celebration of the Hall of Fame Champion Trotter and Grand Voyage's Centenary Cup win – with the sulky from this win on display. There will also be Fashions on the Field including Hazel Whitmore's Lady of the Day (\$500), Sue Hellsten's Boort Local Lady of the Day (\$100), Milliner of the Day and Gent of the Day.

Other highlights include vocalist Susan Foley, yabby racing, sports bar, kiosk, coffee van and ice-cream van. The Boort Cups Day supports the Boort Amity Club who will kick off their Good Friday Appeal for The Royal Children's Hospital. It also raises funding and awareness towards ovarian cancer research. Duncan McPherson, who raises money and awareness for this research, will speak at the event.

Duncan also established Team Teal – who we'll be barracking for on the day. Team Teal sees the women racing on the day wear teal driving pants, to raise awareness and funding for ovarian cancer research.

Last year, Team Teal won five out of nine races. Gates for the Boort Cups Day open at 12 noon. Admittance is free (along with free race books).

To be admitted on the day you must first book by calling John Campbell on 0437 077 887, myself on 0427 552 468 or Ray Stomann on 0427 552 497. You can also email boorttrots@gmail.com

When attending on the day you will be required to check-in via a QR Code to provide your details for contract tracing purposes. This QR code can also be downloaded ahead of time via the Boort Trotting Club's Facebook page www.facebook.com/BoortTrottingClub/

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Hall of Fame Champion Trotter and Grand Voyage's Centenary Cup win with the sulky from this win.



Race colours worn by Paddy Glasheen, have been made to be worn by a driver in the Boort Trotters Cup. Blue, Red Sleeves & Green Cap.

Photo of Noel Ridge (Bendigo Harness Racing museum) handing over Grand Voyage/Paddy Glasheen sulky, from the Boort Cup win 1921 to John Campbell (chairman BTC)

BOOK IN AND COME AND SEE MUCH MORE MEMORABILIA ON CUP DAY 28 FEB



Never did Fiona think that **ONE YEAR** would become **21 YEARS!**

Fiona grew up in West Footscray in the western suburbs of Melbourne and attended Maribrynong Secondary College. Today the school is an elite sports academy school, however in the nineties it had an integration program involving refugees from around the world. Attending such a multicultural school and the people she met, and their stories helped shape who Fiona is today. Fiona who had a love of science and animals always knew she wanted to be a vet. She studied at the University of Melbourne. During this time, she played trumpet for the Western Region Concert Band and lots of sport especially netball and tennis. It was in her final year of University that she saw an ad for a job in Boort. Fiona's dad grew up in Wood Wood and her mum in Ouyen and only moved to Melbourne after her older sister was born. Lots of Summer holidays were spent at Lake Boga camping

and water skiing and she had even stayed in the Boort Motel and skied at the lake in the mid-eighties So when the job was advertised, and with her special interest in cattle medicine and reproduction, she was excited to head to Boort for her first year of practice. Never did she think that one year would become 21 years! Over the years the caseload has changed substantially. Originally the practice was about 90 per cent dairy and only a small amount of small animal work. Currently the majority of cases are small animals with a little bit of everything else. Fiona still enjoys the workload of a mixed practice vet and the fact that she sees a wide range of cases. She particularly loves the excitement of emergency work and has loved buying the practice and investing in new equipment to help with diagnostic workups and treatments. The practice is the only one in the Loddon shire and while located in the Boort township the percentage of cases seen from Boort customers is very small, less than two percent of the business. People travel distances as far as a 150 km radius from Beulah to Bridgewater and everywhere in between.

During her time in Boort Fiona has been involved in the tennis club, been president of the hockey club, played badminton, met her husband Grant and started a family. The past year has been extremely tough. With COVID-19 restrictions pet ownership, and therefore business, has boomed and the amount of hours spent at the practice in 2020 has almost doubled compared to previous years. She has been so lucky to have the support of her family and amazing staff members during this time. Fiona looks forward to expanding and growing the practice and has some exciting things in mind for 2021. She couldn't imagine practicing and living anywhere else and loves this community. She hopes to still be here in another 21 years!



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- Department of Veterans Affairs Pensioner Concession Card
- Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card



Applications must be made online go to: <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/>

To submit an application, have the following documents ready:

An original PDF or hard-copy version of your household electricity bill from your retailer

Your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN).

If you don't have access to a computer or you need help to apply for this payment, please ask at BRIC – drop in or call on 5455 2716.



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THE NATIONAL BANK

The National Bank was the first bank to open in Boort on 1st December, 1880 in a room of the Commercial Hotel. Other places were occupied until the bank moved to the current building, which was opened in 1890.. The building cost 2,000 pounds.

The Boort A & P Society are the oldest account holders, having opened their account in 1881.



MEDIA RELEASE

Former bank building turns luxury accommodation

FURTHER INFORMATION: (03) 5494 1200

Built in the late 1870s, the Boort National Australia Bank opened its doors in the early 1880s. For nearly 140 years it operated from its building in the town's main street, until 2018 when the bank closed its doors.

The closing of the town's only bank was a huge loss for Boort. However, from this loss came an opportunity to make something special and add a unique attraction to the town.

This opportunity was taken up by Cleo Lanyon, who purchased the former bank building and has since turned it into a luxurious, fully self-contained accommodation experience, named NAB&B. "NAB&B is something a bit different for the area, and provides an opportunity to attract even more visitors to Boort," says Cleo.

Situated in Boort's main street within walking distance to Little Lake Boort, shops, pubs, cafes



and sporting clubs, NAB&B has three bedrooms, and sleeps eight people.

Bedroom one has a king bed, bedroom two a queen bed, while bedroom three has two sets of bunk beds.

Further complementing the accommodation is a fully equipped kitchen with coffee machine, spacious lounge and dining room. NAB&B also has a full bathroom as well as a separate laundry.

Old-school charm is featured throughout the building including high pressed tin ceilings and exposed brick walls – all combined with modern luxury.

Cleo explains that when it came to converting the old bank building into this landmark accommodation there were some limitations on what could be achieved.

"The layout did make some things a bit limited, as well as the double brick walls – so the accommodation had to be built within the spaces of the existing building," Cleo says.

"For example, the old manager's office is the children's room, and the queen



bedroom, which didn't have a window, instead has a skylight in it – which looks amazing.

"On the flip side, there were other things in terms of the layout that worked out really well," Cleo adds.

"This includes the location of the original male and female toilets, which were able to be made into a full bathroom as well as a separate laundry."

Local artwork is also featured in NAB&B, with canvasses capturing photos of Little Lake Boort sunrises (by Kate Perryman), an image of the bank building by Sophia Piccoli and a photograph by Anna Osbourne of the "Horse and Cart" spanner sculpture by renowned local artist John Piccoli.

There's also locally-made hampers available for purchase which showcase the area's amazing produce, as well as timber cutting boards made by Cleo's father Reyn Lanyon.

To find out more about NAB&B or to make a booking visit:

<https://www.nabandb.com.au/>

or call 0409 765 271.

You can also

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BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL **PRESENTATION NIGHT 2020**

Our annual Presentation Night was presented via WebEx on December 15th by our school captains, Zac Poxon, Hannah Streader, Gus Gould and Ronan Holland. Congratulations to the following students:

EFFORT AWARDS

Charlotte Allison, James Allison, Emma Anderson, Akaisha Arnold, Brodie Arnold, Samuel Barraclough, Alby Bear, Ally Burke, Lily Caine, Alex Chamberlain, Izzy Coutts, Bridie Doyle, Immogen Eldershaw, Zarlfe Featherby, Krystal Gloster, Grace Hall, Natalie Hall, Beau Herrington, Joel Holland, Alice Lanyon, Ella Lanyon, Dylan Leersen, Harry Malone, Samuel McClelland, Jake O’Flaherty, Eliza Perryman, Sophie Perryman, Toby Poxon, Josh Rothacker, Milly Scott, Frances Stanger, Brianna Stevens, Kobie Streader, Laci Streader, Will Toose, Acacia Vernon, Caitlin Zanker, Tristen Zanker

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2020

Indie Gooding, Noah Howe, Mason Young, Abby Potter, Kaylie Edwards, Sophie Barraclough, Charlotte Junor, Emma Young, Aiden Doolan, Jessica McClelland, Braia Denton, Alex Cockerell, Lucy Malone, Eddie Moresi, Zarlfe Featherby, Alyssa Boyd, Sophie Perryman & Camilla Moresi, Ebony Chamberlain, Sophie Cockerell, Angus Whitehouse, Olivia Hampson

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sidney Caine

ACHIEVEMENT AND EFFORT AWARDS

Finlay Arnold, Sophie Barraclough, Fergus Bear, Alyssa Boyd, Sienna Boyd, Owen Byrne, Ebony Chamberlain, Sophie Cockerell, Keeley Forster, Emma Gawne, Lauren Gawne, Cooper Gooding, Tayla Gooding, Macy Grogan, Carissa Haw, Eliana Haw, Phoebe Henderson, Deacon Hird, Isabelle Hosking, Lily Hosking, Anna Lanyon, Madeleine Lanyon, Zak MacIntosh, Amy Malone, Emma Malone, Lance Malone, Lucy Malone, Phoebe Malone, Ella Maxted,

Tahli Maxted, Camilla Moresi, Eddie Moresi, Ryan O’Flaherty, Annie Perryman, Amelie Shelley, Ella Streader, Joe Velleley, Emma Zanker

YEAR 6 PRESENTATION

Luke Boyd, Sidney Caine, Aiden Doolan, Eliana Haw, Phoebe Henderson, Fergus Herrington, Deacon Hird, Joel Holland, Madeleine Lanyon, Chloe Macintosh, Emma Malone, Ethan Rothacker, Milly Scott.

KEY LEARNING AREA AWARDS

Arts: Griffin Lanyon, Ella Maxted, Laci Streader, Acacia Vernon

Commence: Phoebe Malone

English: Eliana Haw, Joe Velleley

Health & PE: Phoebe Henderson, Cobi Maxted, Sophie Perryman

Humanities: Emma Anderson, Ronan Holland, Emma Zanker

Integrated Studies: Madeleine Lanyon

LOTE: Tristen Zanker

Mathematics: Sidney Caine, Ebony Chamberlain

NCTTC Technology: Alyssa Boyd, Mitch Edwards, Gus Gould, Frasier Holland, Will Toose, Kaden Whykes

Technology: Dylan Leersen, Toby Poxon, Ella Streader, Brady Whykes

Arts and Science: Macy Grogan

Commerce and Mathematics: Fergus Bear

Health & PE and Humanities: Eddie Moresi

Mathematics and Science: Zac Poxon

Commerce, English and Science: Jordann Broad

English, LOTE and Health & PE: Amy Malone

Commerce, English, LOTE, Mathematics, Science: Lucy Malone

VET AWARD

Raidan Forster



WORKPLACE

OF THE YEAR AWARD

Prowse Plumbing
(Fletcher Last)



INSIGHT AWARD

Sophie Cockerell

ENGLISH WRITING PRIZES

Year 5/6 formal writing - Sidney Cain for his information report on 'The Swiss Government'

Year 5/6 creative writing - Phoebe Henderson for her creative narrative entitled 'Wisteria Carrow'

Year 7/8 Formal writing - Lucy Malone with her analytical text response to the film 'Tomorrow, When the War Began'

Year 7/8 creative writing - Amelie Shelley for her response to the short film 'Soar'

Year 9/10 formal writing - Amy Malone for an Argument Analysis piece.

Year 9/10 creative writing - Phoebe Malone for her creative response to the short film 'Soar'

Year 11/12 Formal writing - Jordann Broad for a Comparative Essay on 'Ransom' and 'The Queen'

Year 11/12 creative writing - Ronan Holland for his creative response to 'Women of Troy'

SPORTING AWARDS

Max Beattie, Jack Potter, Sam Toose, Alex Cockerell, Isabelle Hosking, Eliza Perryman, Nick Scott, Brady Whykes, Carissa Haw, Phoebe Malone, Zac Mayberry, Annie Perryman, Tom Potter, Kobie Streader, Fergus Bear, Joel Bremner, Izzy Coutts, Will Toose, Jake Boyd, Elias Lanyon, Cobi Maxted, Zac Poxon.



SPORTS HONOUR BOARD

Cobi Maxted

SCHOOL SPORT VIC SPORTS AWARD

Cobi Maxted



VCE ART AWARD

Acacia Vernon.

DON KERR AWARD

Acacia Vernon



KWONG LEE DOW

YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Fergus Bear



MALLEE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Izzy Coutts



AUSTRALIA DEFENCE FORCE AWARDS

Year 10 – Fergus Bear

Year 12 – Ronan Holland



OFFICE EVERYTHING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Connor Leerson



COBRAM ESTATE DUX 2020

Zac Poxon

COBRAM ESTATE CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Hannah Streader



SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2021

Culture: Sophie Cockerell and Ella Lanyon

Civics: Acacia Vernon

YEAR 12 2020

James Beattie, Jordann Broad, Matthew Burke, James Douglass, Ethan Ellis, Raidan Forster, Gus Gould, Olivia Hampson, Ronan Holland, Jack Kerr, Cobi Maxted, Brad Moon, Kassidy Pearson, Zac Poxon, Hannah Streader, Ollie Toose, Angus Whitehouse



October 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021

A new program supporting community leaders, organisations, and individuals to change their strategy

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Goldfields Libraries have partnered with Loddon Shire Council and are excited to offer a small number of internet-connected Apple iPad tablets available for FREE 6-month loan.

This scheme is for socially isolated residents of the Loddon Shire who wish to improve their digital connectivity. Recipients will be empowered with digital skills training to improve their connection to family, friends and the community during this challenging time. After the initial training we will provide ongoing support and advice to assist with learning.

The iPads will come with an in-built internet connection, useful apps installed, and links to handy websites.

If you, a family member, or a friend would benefit from a loan of one of these devices we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the Community Based Services team at Goldfields Libraries for more information and to register your interest:

helpdesk@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

(03) 5449 2790

This scheme is proudly sponsored by the CASI Initiative (DHHS) and Loddon Shire Council



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Travellers Aid Southern Cross Station
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7 days a week

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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.

Eight days of FREE public transport

Senior Victorians and Carer Card holders are being encouraged to get back out there and enjoy Victoria with 8 days of free public transport from March 21 to 28.

The free public transport week is happening in March 2021, after the October Seniors Festival free travel was pushed back from 2020 due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and public health guidelines. Victorian Senior Card holders and Carer Card holders will be able to jump on public transport for free to visit attractions across Melbourne as well as regional and rural locations for a variety of exciting activities and attractions. The free travel is available for Victorian Seniors Card and Carer Card holders and includes Melbourne trains, buses, trams, and regional V/Line trains. Cardholders will need to carry their myki and Seniors card or Carer card and touch on and off as usual.

Reservations are only compulsory on all V/Line train services to and from Albury, Bairnsdale, Shepparton, Swan Hill and Warrnambool. For V/line trains, free travel is available on all Economy Class services, however customers can now upgrade to First Class travel upon payment of the First Class upgrade fee (subject to limited availability). Reservations are also required on most V/Line coach services. V-Line bookings open for this free travel period on Tuesday, March 2. From that date onwards book via PTV Call Centre – 1800 800 007 or online at ptv.vic.gov.au Reservations are not required on trains to and from all other destinations including Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, Seymour and Traralgon. Card holders can for example use this free travel to visit the Bendigo Gallery for the 60s fashion icon Dame Mary Quant Fashion Revolutionary retrospective, exploring her influence on women's fashion springing from the youthful spirit of the 1960s. Or visit the Ballarat Begonia Festival with its creative display of Begonias in the Conservatory at the gardens featuring over 700 Begonias. Cardholders can also take advantage of activities on offer in Melbourne including trips to the National Gallery of Victoria, picnics in the park, visits to the Queen Victoria or South Melbourne markets as well as the Royal Botanical Gardens. Southbank promenade is filled with indoor and outdoor cafes, restaurants and live entertainment to enjoy. The Melbourne Museum and State Library are also great Melbourne icons reopened to the public. In line with public health advice, everyone on public transport is required to wear a fitted face mask.



COME AND PLAY!

Learn about our playgroup.

We would love to have you and your children join us. We meet together every Friday during school terms, between 9:30-11:30am. The venue is Boort Pre-School or Nolen's Park (COVID restriction-dependent). Please bring a piece of fruit, your water, and \$2 per child to cover our costs.

To learn more about Boort Playgroup, please call Nikki Lanyon on 0487 160 067.



ADVERTISING in the *About Boort Newsletter* from November 2020

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Goldfields Libraries allies with LGBTIQA+ youth community

Goldfields Libraries are excited to announce a new and unique partnership that will support regional LGBTIQA+ youth in the Loddon Mallee region. Allied 4'em aims to engage young LGBTIQA+ people to share their stories in creative and empowering ways through youth-led theatre and innovative online engagement.

The project will be a collaboration between Goldfields Libraries, Bendigo PRIDE, Arena Theatre Company, local LGBTIQA+ youth, and will be funded by the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet.

"The library regularly partners with LGBTIQA+ organisations to host Rainbow events, and our latest project will help build a bridge between local lived experiences and community support", says Library Project Leader Robin Pearson.

The project will have two parts. The first part will be guided by professional youth theatre facilitators and aims to build a community conversation around 'being a great ally'. Created directed, performed and produced by young people, the online theatrical performance will help central Victorians to better understand the needs and experiences of LGBTIQA+ youth and how to best

engage and support them.

The second part will take place on IDAHOBIT Day (May 17). Goldfields Libraries will host a post-show Allies Forum to discuss the themes explored in the performance. A panel of experts and LGBTIQA+ youth, as experts in their own lived experiences, will lead the discussion and offer a toolkit for families, teachers, employers, and others to help them become better allies.

"All of us have a part to play, and as community information spaces, our libraries are perfectly placed to take a leading role", says Robin.

"To help kick off the project, we're on the hunt for people aged between 15-24 who have a story to tell. What's it like to be LGBTIQA+ and young in central Victoria? What are the highs and lows? Who do you turn to when things are tough? What things do you need in an ally?"

"We're not just looking for stars, divas and actors, it's about more than a glittery celebration. We hope that there will be lots of that too though! We're looking for young people who can help inform the community, people who know that their story - funny, tragic, positive or negative - might make life better for their friends and for the LGBTIQA+ kids coming up behind them."

WHO IS DS 4 DM 4 EVER

The concrete verandah at the old courthouse in Boort has this etched into it and the historical society would LOVE to know if they are/were FOREVER.



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2 PUSH

PUSH HARD AND FAST ON THE CHEST



3 SHOCK

SHOCK WITH AN AED



As we ease out of COVID restrictions, Ambulance Victoria is pleased to announce the resumption of community education activities in an endeavour to make Boort a Heart Safe Community!



Courses offered:

- Standard Mental Health 1st Aid
- Workplace Mental Health
- NSSI
- Eating disorders

Delivered by accredited instructor

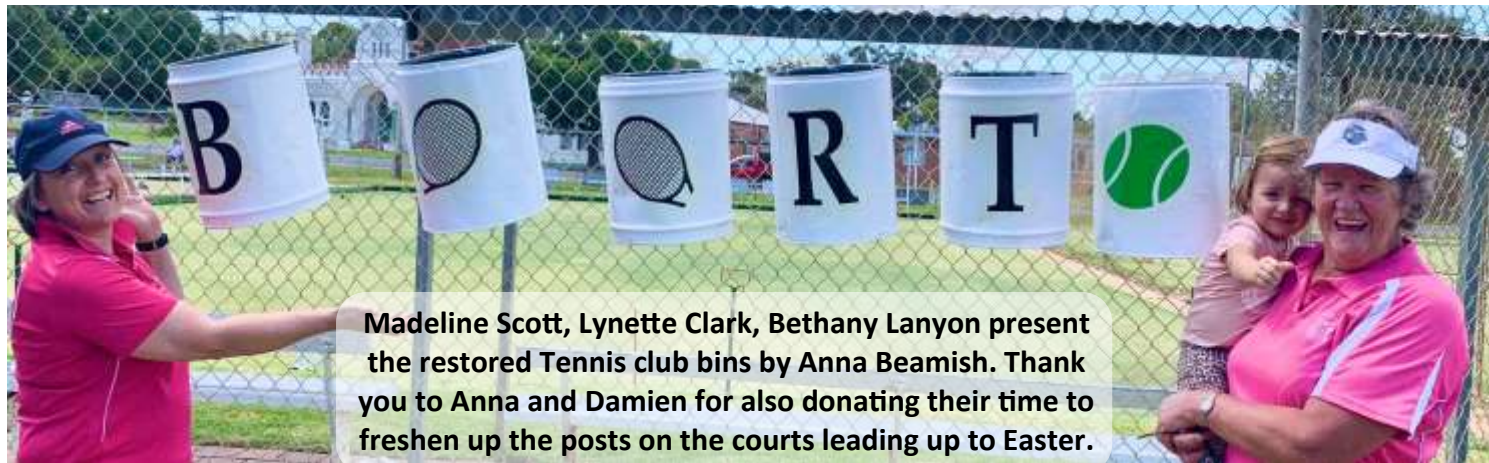
For further information please contact
Karen Coutts on 0419445060 or
email couttsbij@bigond.com

8TH NHMA NATIONAL TRACTOR TREK 2021

Thursday, 30 September to Sunday,
03 October 2021 | 08:00 AM 03:00 PM
8th National Historical Machinery Association
Tractor Trek in 2021 will be run in
Wedderburn by the Wedderburn Historical
Engine and Machinery Society Inc. Spectators
welcome and encouraged.

Email: barry.bolwell1@gmail.com

Phone: 0498 877 330



Madeline Scott, Lynette Clark, Bethany Lanyon present the restored Tennis club bins by Anna Beamish. Thank you to Anna and Damien for also donating their time to freshen up the posts on the courts leading up to Easter.



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



Easter Tennis Tournament



The tournament commences on Friday 2nd April to Monday 5th April.

The event consists of:

- Men's & Ladies' singles championships
- Men's, Ladies', Junior boys and girls singles (graded)
- Men's, Ladies', Junior boys and girls doubles (graded)
- +40 years Veteran mixed doubles (graded)
- +60 years Veteran mixed doubles (graded)
- Family female doubles (graded)
- Family male doubles (graded)
- Family mixed doubles (graded)
- Mixed doubles (graded)
- Fast - 4 tennis Ladies' doubles (graded)
- Fast - 4 tennis Men's doubles (graded)
- Fast - 4 tennis RR Mixed doubles (graded)

Entries close
Friday 12 March 2021
at 8pm or when filled.

For more information and entry forms call Alister: 0427221098

The committee would appreciate it if entries can be sent in as early as possible.

Post entries to:
PO Box 29, Boort, 3537 or
email ahvmcd@bigpond.net.au

MIXED DOUBLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



On Sunday 7th February the mixed doubles Club Championships were held. The first round of the B grade draw included Rachel Weaver and Joe Kane who defeated Sam Isaac and Lee

Lanyon 6-3, 6-1. Ros and Natham Wright defeated Eliza Perryman and Jack Potter 6-3, 7-6. In the second rounds Rachel and Joe defeated Ros and Natham 6-1, 6-0 and Lynette Clark and Hamish Lanyon defeated

Madeleine and Craig Scott 6-1, 6-1. Rachel and Joe then went on to win in the final against Lynette and Hamish 6-3, 6-4. Congratulations to Rachel and Joe for winning the B grade. There were just

three pairs in the A grade section meaning Kristen and Nathan Gooding went straight through to the final. Judy Parker and Chris Hatcher defeated Karen Haw and Tom Smith 6-3, 6-2. Judy and Chris then went on to win the final against Kristen and Nathan 6-3, 6-3. Congratulations to Judy and Chris on winning the A grade club championship.





*Tony & Dawn
Cooper*

Dawn was born in Boort and grew up on the family farm at Catumnal. Her schooling started at Catumnal and was completed at Boort High School.

Tony was born in Punchbowl N.S.W and finished up at Healesville where he was educated.

Dawn worked on the family farm until they married and then she went on to work with Danny & Peg O'Sullivan (Boort Bakery & Café). Our family Deanne & Sandra arrived after some heartaches. When they started schooling Dawn started private & Shire domestic work until she was employed at the Boort Hostel and soon became the Supervisor. She remained in this position for 13 wonderful years, it was a job that she really loved with the older residents.

Tony came to Boort in the mid 1950's as a farm labourer at Leaghur and several other places until he started shearing in the local area. He then took up livestock transport for several years. Tony drove trucks for the Shire also. He then purchased land from Frank Storey to set up the Depot (Coopers Ridge) for grain and fertilizer cartage & storage. Tony and Dawn ran the business for many years until Neil Perry (their son in law) joined the business. Neil and Deanne then purchased the business and now have their sons Daniel and Nathan as part of the company. Tony and Dawn were married at the Boort Methodist Church 11:00am 18-2-1961. Marjory, Dawn - youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs J.G Allison from Catumnal.

Anthony (Tony) was an only son of Mr & Mrs C.P Cooper from Healesville. The reception was at the Memorial Hall in Boort, and they remember the day for many reasons—but it was also Duck opening and was a staggering 40 degrees.

After their marriage they lived at 10 Gordon Street for 18 years until they built a new home at 15 Jubilee Street, where they stayed until now. The couple now live at 201 1-33 Furness Street, Kangaroo Flat (Aviva Village).

Dawn and Tony enjoyed social time playing sport including tennis, bowls, golf and croquet. They also have very fond memories of taking the girls to netball & hockey and following the Boort Football.

"We have had great pleasure being involved with Men's Shed, Op Shop, Day Care and delivering meals on wheels." "We have had a great life living in Boort and made countless life long friends".

**St. Patrick's Day
LUNCHEON**

12 noon
Boort Senior
Citizen's
Club Rooms

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Community Noticeboard (outside IGA)
WEAR SOMETHING GREEN!!**

TILLOW FASHIONS

**Tillow
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coming to
Boort Senior
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Entry \$5.00
**MONDAY 15th
MARCH**
1.30pm Start

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NOLEN'S PARK, BOORT

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Plenty of jam jars with lids.

Two friendly volunteers are rostered on each shift.

They will wrap any precious little gift

All the proceeds go to the Boort Hospital.

So please go in and spend a little.

Janine Harvey 30.9.2020

Boort Library Agency Storytimes 2021

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

FEB-JUN

DAY	TIME
THU 4 FEB	10.30-11am
THU 18 FEB	10.30-11am
THU 4 MAR	10.30-11am
THU 18 MAR	10.30-11am
THU 22 APR	10.30-11am
THU 8 MAY	10.30-11am
THU 20 MAY	10.30-11am
THU 3 JUN	10.30-11am
THU 17 JUN	10.30-11am

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS
STORYTIME**
WED 19 MAY, 11-11.30am
GIVE ME SOME SPACE

Agency
Boort Resource and Information Centre
119-121 Godfrey St

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



BOORT FOOTBALL NETBALL HOCKEY CLUB

**The Boort Netball Club are thrilled to
announce that we are now heading into
Season 2021 with a full coaching team!**

A&B Grade - Head Coach: Georgia Haw.

With the support of her leadership team -

Roxy Aldrich, Izzy Coutts and Georgia Sheahan.

C Grade: Toni Watts.

U16s: Carly Isaac.

U13s: Kristen Gooding and Madeleine Scott.

NetSetGo: Roxy Aldrich.

**A huge thank you to each of you
for taking on these roles and we
wish you all the best!**

Go Pies!



BOORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
a piece of history

The Lake Boort Motel on the Ring Road was built by Jack and Dorothy Keith in 1976 then they sold in 1981 to Rudy and Joanne Pleschutschnig 1981—1983 from then it went to Les and Allyson Wardlaw



1983—1985, Don and Nola Reeves 1985—1988, Alan and Gina Roper 1988-1992, Lindsay and Joy Reddish 1992-1994, Les and Allyson Wardlaw 1994-1995, Alice, Les and Dennis 1995, the motel was demolished in December 2015.

Not all names and dates have been found so if you can help please contact Boort Historical Society.



Madeleine Scott

Today I am so excited to introduce our newest team

member, Madeleine Scott, who started with us this week in her role as mental health therapy assistant. Alongside Emma, Madeleine will be assisting with providing intake support for new clients, coordinating and co-facilitating therapy groups, providing structured therapy interventions for clients on our waitlist, and providing support and assistance to our other clinicians.

Madeleine is a registered nurse who has worked in many areas of nursing over her 30 years, with an

interest in rural health and aged care.

Over the years she has become increasingly interested in mental health and the ways it affects those in rural areas. Madeleine has developed a holistic and client centred approach to her nursing and focuses on the best outcomes for her clients.

Qualification: Bachelor's degree in health science, currently studying Mental Health at La Trobe University.

A huge ALSLP welcome to the team Madeleine, we are really excited to be working with you

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BOORT BOWLS

Annual Australia Day TOURNAMENT

Club

The Boort Bowls Club held their Annual Australia Day tournament of 3 bowl pairs any combination and three games of 12 ends were played with players coming from Wedderburn, Wycheproof, Echuca, Hay, Quambatook, Inglewood, Daylesford, Kerang, Korong Vale and Boort.

The day commenced with a Roll to the Ditch -

Winner - Lead - Alan Jones.

Winner - Skip - Brett McDonald.

Tournament Winners - Andrew Caserta (Skip), Bob Montebello (Wedderburn)

Runners-Up - Rodney Poxon (Skip), Tim Dawson (Daylesford)

Annual Classic Triples Tournament

On February 8th, the Club held their Annual Classic Triples Tournament but changed the format from 2 days to 1 day, playing 4 games then using the points system to decide the winners. A very successful day was enjoyed with players supporting the tournament from Wycheproof, Stanhope, Cohuna Golf, Kerang, St. Arnaud, Lockington, Gunbower, Bendigo, Rupanyup, Kerang Golf, Barham, Wedderburn, Korong Vale, Golden Square, Echuca, Coughlan Park, Kangaroo Flat and Boort.

Winners - P. Bibby (S), R. Eckhardt, F Tresize - 116 points (Cohuna Golf)

Runners - Up - G. Fitzpatrick (S), G. Mulcahy, B. Williams. - 112 points (Stanhope)

Third - G. Boyd and team. - 107 points (Kangaroo Flat)

Game Winners - Biggest Winning Margins.

Game 1. B. Maud. (Gunbower) + 10.

Game 2. J. Emerson. (Bendigo) +18.

Game 3. G. Mc Nally. (St. Arnaud) +9.

Game 4. Som. (Kerang) +6

N.C.B.D. MEN'S AND LADIES' STATE SINGLES EVENT.

Congratulations to both Shayne Morris and Thelma Moresi on winning the N.C.B.D. Men's and Ladies' State Singles event. They will represent the Division at Regional Level at Stawell- Labour Day week-end in March. We wish them both good luck and good bowling.

BOORT MEN'S AND LADIES' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to both Kevin Walton and Gill Tweddle on winning the Boort Men's and Ladies Club Championship Singles. Gill represented the Club at Divisional Level on 18th. Feb at Donald playing Donald Golf's Club Champion Pam Rollinson. Some good bowling was played with Pam finishing with a narrow nail biting win. Kevin will represent the Division at Donald on Sunday 21st February. We wish him good luck and good bowling also. The final rounds of the Saturday and Mid-week pennant didn't get played due to COVID 19 Restrictions. The finals of both these events to be played now. Boort finished second on the ladder in Mid-Week pennant and will play Wycheproof at St. Arnaud Country Club in the Semi-final.



L-R. Bob Montebello. Andrew Caserta. (Skip) Wedderburn. - Winners - 3 bowl pairs Australia Day.



L-R. R. Eckhardt. P. Bibby. (Skip) F. Tresize. Cohuna Golf. - Classic Triples Winners.



L-R. G. Fitzpatrick. (Skip) G. Mulcahy. B. Williams. Stanhope. Classic Triples Runners-Up.

Boort Hapkido Group

👉 With our COVID hibernation behind us, Hapkido returns for 2021 👈

To accommodate our youngsters with their swimming, our first term will be on a Tuesday evening. We shall return to our normal Wednesday night from Term 2 onwards.

With restrictions easing, the format will be:

Juniors: 5.30 to 6.00pm

Adults: 6.15 to 7.35pm

We will cap our class numbers at 20. So get in quick; places in our Junior Class with Cindy Brown will be



keenly sought. Adult classes with myself less so 😊!

Please contact Cindy or me to reserve a spot for yourself or your offspring. Our tech expert is working on our QR code entry system, which will allow members to check in

on their phone. All other questions can be directed to either of us. **David Rees**

BOORT Men's Shed

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and welcomes new
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GOOD FRIDAY

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

at

St Andrews Anglican Church, Boort

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GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April 2021

at 10am

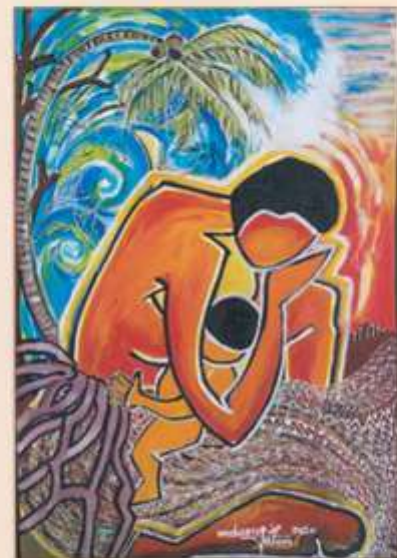
Service to be led by Bishop Matt Brain

ALL WELCOME

Enquiries: B. Malone 5455 2403

Pray for Vanuatu

World Day of Prayer Service 2021



Date: 5th March 2021

Time: 10.00am

Location: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Boort

Contact Person:

Carmel Allison 5455 2526



Council is seeking expressions of interest from residents across the Loddon Shire Council area to represent the community on the Loddon Healthy Minds Network.

The Loddon Healthy Minds Network promotes and advocates for improved wellbeing and access to appropriate services for people in Loddon Shire affected by mental health issues.

If you have an interest in improving mental health and wellbeing in the wider Loddon Shire community we would be interested in hearing from you.

A copy of the Expression of Interest form and the Network's Terms of Reference can be downloaded from the Loddon Healthy Minds Network: <https://www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au/news/item/113-loddon-healthy-minds-network-seeking-new-community-representatives>

For further information or to request a copy of an Expression of Interest form and the Network's Terms of Reference please contact Vicki Andrew via email:

healthyminds@loddon.vic.gov.au

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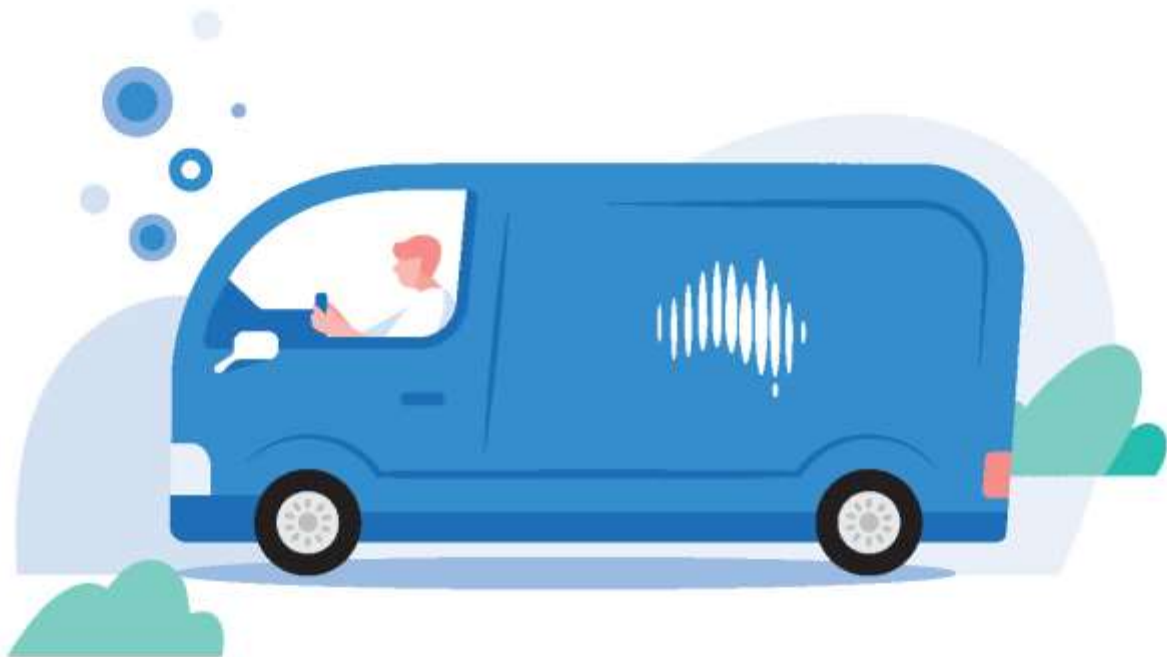
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Date 9th April 2021
Time 10:00am - 2:30pm
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Junior Short Course Swimmer of the Year

Travelling to Bendigo 2 to 3 times a week, Bella Quinn has been awarded the Junior Short Course Swimmer of the Year. This is a great achievement. Bella consistently placed well amongst her age group,

finishing with the most points for the 9-year-and-under girls at the Bendigo Hawks Winter Series.

Bella also swam at the Country Short Course Championships in the 11-years-and-under age group, swimming against girls up to 2 years older than her.

Bella's latest news is that she has been accepted into the Bio Island Australian Junior Excellence program for freestyle and backstroke.

With not much swimming last year, Bella starts again for short course at Ballarat again as an 11-year-old.

Bella also has house swimming sports coming up and hopes to swim at State Championships for Boort District School.

March 2021 - Golf News Margaret Nelson

Dates: Kara Kara Golf event Monday 8th March, Barham
Saturday 10th April Club Opening Day
Wednesday 14^h April Ladies Opening Day

Andrew Kane, President of KKGGA would like to extend an invitation to all golfers to a golfing day at the Barham Golf Club on Monday 8th March. For information contact Andrew before Thursday 4th March on 0428 378 738.

Opening Day at the Boort Club will be on Saturday 10th April with Entries in by 12.30pm ready to play at 12.45pm. Hopefully this will be a Stableford teams event over 18 holes. Everyone welcome.

The Ladies will be commencing their season on the Wednesday 14th April with names in at 10.15 for a hit off at 10.30 am. Di will organise an opening event, so find your golf clubs and maybe dust off the spiders.

Those people who have not been out to the Club House will notice some big improvements to the inside of the building. The Ladies' and Men's Change Rooms/Toilet area has all been painted and modernised. The lighting in the Club House has been renewed and much of this work has been taken on by the

Kennedy family with some helpers along the way. Looks great and thanks to all who helped.

Now for the Working Bees, these will continue on the Saturdays, February 20th, 27th and March 13th, 20th 8am finishing with a BBQ. Maybe bring a shovel or a rake to help with the cleanup. A big thank goes to all who have helped to get the golf course in the best order they can, we need some rain now.

Captain Andrew had a few different ideas for Saturday golf and hopefully these will continue for this season. This includes the Singles Knock Out, the Lanyon Fencing Award and the Eagles Nest which the Ladies can play for. Both Andrew and Di have worked hard and will have this year's Golfing Programs soon for Barry to print. All golfers need to pick up a Program so they do not miss anything.

For information about Golf events the following can be contact:

President - Stuart Twedde	0413 482 353,
Captain - Andrew Kane	0428 378 738
Ladies, Dot Beattie President	0427 552 461
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- 21st Marine Safety Course BRIC/Seaton Training
- 28th Cups Day Boort Trotting Club
- 28th Eternity Centre, Boort (BRIC) 11am

March

- 3rd Boort A & P Society AGM 7.30pm
Boort Sports Club
- 15th Tillow Fashios at Senior Citizens
- 17th St.Patrick's Day at Senior Citizens
- 28th Eternity Centre, Boort (BRIC) 11am

April

- 2nd to 5th Boort Easter Tennis Tournament
- 25th Eternity Centre, Boort (BRIC) 11am

May

- 30th Eternity Centre, Boort (BRIC) 11am

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