



ABOUT Boort

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SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Watch us Grow Together



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Mothers Day Sunday
May 9th 2021

'Watch Us Grow Together'

On Mothers Day this year Coliban Water sponsored an initiative by The Boort Resource and Information Centre to package up a variety of flower seeds for the students at Boort District School and kinder to give their mothers or a significant person in their life.

What a wonderful show of flowers have bloomed at a family home, well done.



MAYORAL COLUMN
28 September 2021

Draft Council documents advertised for community feedback.

The draft Community Vision and Council Plan, proposed Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2030/31 and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan are advertised for community feedback.

The Community Vision and Council Plan have been drafted in accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the Local Government Act 2020 and in consultation with its Community Reference Group and the community.

The proposed 10-year Financial Plan has been prepared after consideration at the Council Forum held on Tuesday 14 September.

The draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan has four key themes:

- Good physical health
- Good mental health
- Protect and promote health
- Feel safe and secure

Each theme has priority focus areas and outcomes identified that will contribute to us being healthy and well. To achieve this, services and agencies across Loddon will work together to deliver this plan.

The Council Plan, Community Vision and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan are available on Council's website, <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Documents-for-public-comment>.

The Financial Plan is listed on Council's website at <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Financial-reports>. Copies are also available to be posted upon

request by calling Council's Customer Service Office on (03) 5494 1200.

Grass pollen season starts 1 October

Grass pollen season starts from 1 October and goes through to December, which brings with it an increase in asthma and hay fever, as well as the chance of thunderstorm asthma.

People with asthma, particularly those with mild asthma, should talk to their GP to develop or review their asthma action plan and make sure any associated hay fever is well managed during the pollen season.

For more information visit the Better Health Channel www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstormasthma

Citizenship ceremony

Finally, I'd like to end this week's column by congratulating our newest Australian citizens, Jane Ocampo, Sush Pavluri and Gen, Jasper and Matt Policarpio. It was a great honour to present them with a citizenship certificate during this morning's ceremony. Jane, Gen, Jasper and Matt are originally from the Philippines, whilst Sush is originally from India.

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.

Dunolly and District Field and Game Club Inc.

Sunday, 31 October 2021 | 11:00 AM

31 October - 11 am 75 targets simulated field sporting clays

28 November - 11am 50/32 targets simulated field sporting clays

Contact Nigel 0448 483 752 or Gordon 0428 890 908 or visit our Facebook page: Dunolly Field and Game for any changes or cancellations due to COVID-19 restrictions.

530 Dunolly-Eddington Road, Dunolly 3472

2021 Wedderburn White Twenty Darts Tournament

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

Hosted by the Loddon Darts Association Inc.

\$5,500.00 total prize pool (subject to entry numbers).

Team registrations Saturday & Sunday by 8:30am for a 9am start. Round Robin format, 5 players per team, plus up to 3 reserves. No requirement to play Saturday

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to qualify for Sunday. Individual prizes shared if multiple winners.

No BYO alcohol to be brought into the venue.

Entries & enquiries to Robert Day 0439 372 118

Email: robert.day83@y7mail.com

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

Wedderburn's Christmas on High

Thursday, 09 December 2021 | 05:00 PM to 08:00 PM

The Christmas on High festival is the perfect opportunity to pick up beautiful gifts, catch up with friends, take the children to visit Santa's cave and enjoy the decorated windows as you wander along High Street.

To get everyone in the Christmas spirit join in with the Community Carols and look out for the man in red arriving with a sack full of goodies.

A great night for all with presentations for the best decorated shop window and house.

Contact: Marg Van Veen 03 5494 3489

<https://www.wedderburnch.org.au> <https://www.facebook.com/WedderburnCommunityHouse>

Soldiers Memorial Park, High Street, Wedderburn 3518

Inglewood Lions Country Market

Saturday, 13 November 2021 | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Our friendly country market is held on the second Saturday of each month.

Managed by the Lions Club of Inglewood.

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

E: inglewood@lions201v1-4.org.au

Brooke St, Inglewood 3517

Tarnagulla Archive Open Day

Sunday, 14 November 2021 | 10:00 AM to 03:00 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

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

Contact David 0417 392 260 or visit our Facebook page: Tarnagulla History Archive

Email: tarnagullahistoryarchive@gmail.com

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



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Pool and spa registrations reminder

With summer fast approaching, pool and spa owners are reminded they must register their pool with Council.

On 1 December 2019, new laws to improve swimming pool and spa safety came into effect in Victoria. They introduced new registration, inspection and certification requirements for property owners.

As part of the changes, owners are required to register their pool and spa with Council. Owners are also required to have their pool safety barrier / fence inspected every four years or if they are selling a property or leasing a property that has a pool or spa capable of holding more than 300mm of water.

The requirements to provide a safety barrier / fence applies to all pools and spas with the exception of a relocatable pool that are only capable of holding a depth of water less than 300mm.

More information, including a link to the application form to register your pool or spa, is available from Council's website:

www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Building-services/Swimming-pool-and-spa-barriers

You can also find more information at the Victorian Building Authority website, including self-assessment check sheets to help check the level of compliance of your safety barrier/fence. Visit: www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/swimming-pools/pool-safety-barriers

Website helps food and beverage manufacturers invest in rural Victoria

A new website created by Rural Councils Victoria aims to help food and beverage manufacturers expand their businesses or to invest in rural Victoria.

The website showcases opportunities for businesses across rural Victoria (including Loddon Shire) and provides the contact details of Council employees for businesses to follow up with.

The website provides information about industrial

assets across rural Victoria, including location, type (land, greenfield, brownfield), value (relative sales prices from the Victorian Valuer-General), contact details for the councils where the assets are located and informative interactive maps of locations. The website also features a downloadable database of all assets across rural Victoria and information on economic trends for food and beverage manufacturing in rural Victoria.

To find out more, visit <http://ruralcouncilsvictoria.rezme.com/>



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Loddon returns to border bubble

Last Friday, the Victorian Chief Health Officer announced that a number of local government areas would return to the “border bubble” for cross-border communities between Victoria and New South Wales – including Loddon Shire.

This means that if you live in a local government area in the Victoria-NSW cross-border area, you can cross the border and return home to Victoria without a permit, provided that:

You have not been in an extreme risk zone or red zone outside of the cross-border area after the relevant zone commencement time in the last 14 days.

You have not been to an exposure site.

If you have been in an orange zone outside of the cross-border area after the relevant zone commencement time in the last 14 days, you have been tested for COVID-19 and received a negative result since leaving the orange zone.

You don't have COVID-19 or have any symptoms, and you are not a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case.

You carry proof of address (such as a driver licence).

For more information regarding the border bubble and conditions, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-cross-border-communities

Loddon Valley Arts Trail postponed

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, the Loddon Valley Arts Trail has been postponed, with new dates in 2022 yet to be determined.

For the latest updates regarding the Loddon Valley Arts Trail, including an announcement of new dates, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LoddonValleyArtsTrail

Australia Day Committee seeking Boort representative

The Loddon Australia Day Committee is seeking a representative from Boort to join the committee.

The Australia Day Committee comprises a Councillor as chairperson, a representative from each of the five wards within Loddon Shire and an Administration Officer.

The committee normally meets twice a year in November to judge the Australia Day award nominations, and competition entries submitted by school students. Both meetings are held during the daytime for a duration of about two hours each.

The representative positions are voluntary and are kept anonymous.

If you reside within the Boort Ward and enjoy volunteering in the community, this position may be of interest to you.

If you are interested in finding out more about the position and what would be expected of you, please send some details of your volunteering experience to: australiaday@loddon.vic.gov.au or by mail to Australia Day, PO Box 21, Wedderburn, VIC 3518.

For further information, please call the Australia Day Administration Officer on 5494 1200.

EOIs open for 2022 Young Farmer and New Entrant Mentoring Program

Expressions of Interest are now open for the 2022 *Young Farmer and New Entrant Mentoring Program*.

Eight positions are available in the 2022 program, which pairs young farmers with experienced farmers in a mentorship, overseen by a skilled farm business consultant.

Program participants are matched to ensure the mentor's experience aligns with the mentee's enterprise and personal development goals.

The Program is open to farmers aged 18 to 35 years to develop the skills they need to better manage their farm businesses, identify risks and develop strategies to build resilience and achieve their business goals.

The program, which is funded by the Victorian Government's \$20 million *Smarter, Safer Farms* initiative, will run until 30 November 2022.

Expressions of Interest applications close at midnight Sunday 24 October 2021. For more information and to apply visit <https://bit.ly/2YDDm8M>

Healthy Minds Network 2021 Art Competition

The Loddon Healthy Minds Network 2021 Art Competition has now closed, with a total of 104 artwork entries – the largest number ever received, with artists capturing the mental health themes with imagination, understanding and artistic flair.

Prize winners will be announced soon. In the mean-

time, you can view all the entries at the Loddon Healthy Minds Network website: <https://bit.ly/3FyHHes>



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Australia Day nominations close 29 October

A reminder that nominations for the 2022 Australia Day awards close at 5pm Friday, 29 October.

Nomination forms for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Service Award, Community Group of the Year, and Community Event of the Year are available on the Loddon Shire website.

The forms are now fillable online and can be sent via email to australiaday@loddon.vic.gov.au

If you prefer to print the form and complete it manually, it can be sent to PO Box 21 Wedderburn VIC 3518.

Nomination forms and further information is available from www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Ceremonies/Australia-Day/Australia-Day-awards or by emailing australiaday@loddon.vic.gov.au

[Entries for Australia Day competitions](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Ceremonies/Australia-Day/Australia-Day-awards) close 29 October

A reminder that entries for Australia Day competitions close at 4pm Friday 29 October 2021.

There are competitions for colouring (Prep to Grade 2), photography (Junior, Senior and Open categories) and literature (for Prep to Year 12).

The competitions are free to enter. For more information go to

www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Ceremonies/Australia-Day/Australia-Day-competitions

Healthy Minds Network 2021 Art Competition winners

I'd like to congratulate all the winners of this year's Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition.

The 2021 Best in Show was awarded to Wedderburn P-12 Year 11 student Samantha Arnup for the theme *It's OK not to be OK – Stay Connected*. Samantha's message depicted "There is always someone to lend a helping hand".

Samantha's artwork involved the imaginative use of UV paint that glowed in the dark when illuminated under a black light UV lamp.

I'd like to thank everyone who provided entries for this year's competition. A full list of the section winners is available from the Loddon Healthy Minds Network website: <https://bit.ly/3FyHHes>

As mentioned in last week's column, this year's art competition saw a total of 104 artwork entries, all from Loddon's regional schools – the largest number ever received.

Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package applications

Applications are now open for the fourth round of the Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package.

Funding can be used for ongoing fixed costs, essential salary costs and any other costs that keep organisations viable and to purchase equipment and cleaning supplies necessary to function in a COVIDSafe manner once restrictions ease.

Clubs who have not previously received funding from this program can apply for \$1,500 and associations and leagues can apply for \$2,500.

Clubs who have received funding in previous rounds will be considered for an automatic top-up payment and do not need to submit a new application. Sport and Recreation Victoria will email organisations that are eligible for a top-up payment by the end of October 2021.

You can also check if your organisation has previously received a grant by visiting the Sport and Recreation Victoria website: www.sport.vic.gov.au

Applications close at 5pm, 29 October 2021 (or until all available funding has been exhausted). For more information or to submit an application, visit www.sport.vic.gov.au



BOORT GOLF NEWS

Margaret Nelson

The Golf Members were able to have a few social rounds of golf to finish the season once the COVID restrictions were eased. It was lovely to be walking around in fresh air and sunshine playing golf on the 9 holes of the golf course as these holes were well presented and we were able to play these holes twice so got 18 holes of golf. Thanks to Damien Lanyon and his crew of workers assisted by Geoff Whykes for keeping the golf course in good condition. The golf course will be looking a little different in a few years as an enthusiastic group of members have planted over a 100 new trees, well done.

Our Golf Tournament this year saw us only playing on two days, the Ladies 4Ball Friday 15th July and a Lockdown then closed the course. The Men's 4Ball was played successfully on Friday 20th August but another sudden Lockdown closed the golf course. Rebecca Heenan and Di Roberts each received an Overall "Nearest the Pins" prize from "Salute Olivia" and we thank the Eicher family for their sponsorship. The Club would like to thank all our Sponsors who supported the Boort Golf Tournament as your assistance was greatly appreciated and there have been many notices on the walls of the Golf Club recognizing this during the golf season.

Now for the Tournament Raffle winners as this was finalised at a Committee meeting. Firstly the Golf Club would

like to thank all the golf members who sold tickets and all the people who bought a ticket or two. A Special thank you to Marj. Potter for sitting outside the IGA shop selling tickets also Alister for his work in organising and selling tickets. Thanks also go to the people who donated the prizes for the Raffle which added \$1,556.00 to the Club finances.

Winners were: 1st Jamie Sutton who decided to take the King Size Doona from COUNTRY SHOP (Marilyn Lanyon 2nd Molly Meadows will receive the Barham Club Golf Resort voucher

3rd Alister McDougal a \$100.00 voucher from Reilley's Electrical, Bendigo

4th Eva Lanyon a \$100 voucher from Reilley's Electrical, Bendigo

Boort Golf Club Results:



Ladies: Our ladies have represented the Club at all the Kara Kara Kara Tournaments and Special days that were able to be held during the year. A Final Boort Ladies day was held at the end of the season and the Presentation of the yearly Club Trophies was part of an afternoon tea. Congratulations to all the trophy winners:

Mercer Cup: Best 3 rounds (net) excluding Tournament Winner - Gaye Sim (72, 76, 75) = 223

Weaver Cup: Best 3 rounds over Championship excluding Champions (Donated by Max & Dawn Weaver Family Winner - Margaret Nelson (82, 88, 81) = 251

Stableford Event: Best 3 Rounds Winner: Di Johnston 39, 36, 35 = 110

Aggregate Bogey Event: Best 3 rounds Winner: Gaye Sim -3, -6, -9 = -18



Champions – Division 1: Di Johnston 85, 90, 86 = 261

Division 2: Gaye Sim 96, 97, 99 = 292

Singles Knockout: Winner: Di Johnston

Piccoli Cup: Most Reduction in Handicap - Lorraine Linehan 1.8

from Gaye 1.1

Teagle Cup: Least putts, best 3 rounds - Margaret Nelson 25, 28, 25 = 78 putts

Medal Days: Dot Beattie, Gaye Sim & Lorraine Linehan

Men:

A Grade Championship: Andrew Kane secured another **A-Grade** title after finishing with a pair of 1-under rounds of 70, to go with his first round 64. Runner-up was Stuart Tweddle with rounds of 77, 79 and 73.



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Grade Championship:

In the **B-Grade** event, a red-hot Damien Lanyon easily went back-to-back when his 3 rounds of 80, 88 and 78 finished a massive 28 shots ahead of Runner-up, Alister McDougal with 85, 96 and 93.

Weaver Cup:

In the **Weaver Cup**, Damien had the best net total overall in the Club, but being ineligible as a grade Champion, meant it was left up to Shayne Morris, who despite a shaky front nine on the last day, managed to hold on and take the title by seven from Stuart Tweddle.

Singles Knockout:

After defeating Shayne Morris in the semi-final Stuart Tweddle took on an in-form Doug Couper in the **Singles Knockout** final, after Doug accounted for the overwhelming favorite, Damien Lanyon, in the other semi.

Despite winning the first hole, Stuart soon found the going tough against his more consistent opponent, with Doug ultimately claiming victory 2 up on the 18th green.

Mercer Cup:

After a scintillating 81 off the stick in the first stroke event of the year, Kevin Linehan's nett 63 from that round help set up his victory in the **Mercer Cup**. Damien Lanyon and Andrew Kane tied for Runner's up, one shot adrift.

Wimmera-Mallee Trophy:

After securing 3 stableford scores in the mid to high thirties by half way through the season, Stuart Tweddle all but had wrapped up the **Wimmera-Mallee trophy**. A late run by Damien Lanyon saw him fall 3 short, but a least claim outright 2nd, while younger brother Hamish Lanyon and Andrew Kane finished up tied for 3rd, one shot further back.

Pair's Knockout: due to COVID restrictions and several weekends lost in the second half of the season, the Pairs Knockout was unable to be contested this year.

Congratulations to all Trophy winners and thank you to Captain's Andrew Kane for the Men's and Di Johnston for Ladies information required for this report.

Important News is that the **Golf Club Annual General Meeting** will be held **Wednesday 3rd November, 7.30pm** at the Club, like to see a large roll out at the meeting.

Coronavirus Update

Restrictions set to ease further

With Victoria set to hit its 80 per cent double-dose

vaccination milestone this Friday 29 October – almost a week ahead of schedule, the Victorian Government has announced the further easing of restrictions.

From 6pm this Friday, regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will come together under the same restrictions, meaning that travel between Melbourne and regional Victoria will open up.

Most indoor settings, such as restaurants, pubs, gyms and hairdressers will open with no caps (subject to density limits) if all staff and patrons are fully vaccinated.

Most outdoor settings will remain at one person per two square metres, with a limit up to 500, where staff and patrons are fully vaccinated.

These indoor and outdoor settings will also apply to weddings, funerals and religious gatherings if all attendees are fully vaccinated. Caps of 30 people will apply for weddings, funerals and religious gatherings if vaccination status is unknown.

Masks will remain mandatory indoors but will no longer be required outdoors. However, it's highly recommended you continue to wear a mask outdoors where you cannot physically distance.

The Victorian Government has further detailed what our state will look like once we hit a 90 per cent double-dose vaccination rate – which is predicted to be 24 November.

This will include a significant easing of all major restrictions, including removal of caps or density quotients for all settings, and masks will only be mandatory indoors in some high-risk settings, such as hospitals, aged care, public transport and justice and correctional facilities.

For more information visit

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorias-roadmap

Adoption of strategic documents

Council has adopted the Road Management Plan and Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 at a Special Meeting last week.

The Road Management Plan document sets out to manage the operation and maintenance of Council's road and footpath assets. It outlines the inspection regime, defect intervention and allowable time for

Council to respond to any defect in the road and footpath assets, and is a requirement of the Road Management Act 2004.

The Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 includes strategic focus areas of Good Physical Health, Good Mental Health, Protect and promote Health, and Feel safe and secure.

Each theme has priority focus areas and outcomes identified that will contribute to us being healthy and well. To achieve this, services and agencies across Loddon will work together to deliver this plan.

Council is required to prepare a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.

To view the documents visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Plans-strategies-and-policies/Plans-and-strategies



Rural Aid is helping farmers in Loddon

Rural Aid is well known for the highly successful 'Buy a Bale' campaign. But did you know they also provide critical support including water, fodder, financial and counselling assistance to help farmers in times of drought, flood or fire and now COVID-19?

A Rural Aid counsellor can come to you at the farm or if you prefer via a video link or phone chat.

For more information on how Rural Aid can help head to their website at www.ruralaid.org.au or contact them on 1300 327 624.



Victorian Seniors Festival Reimagined is back

The Victorian Seniors Festival Reimagined has returned – with some big-name stars from Victoria's arts and entertainment world.

The festival is delighted to bring some fantastic online performances – presenting a diverse and rich mix of programming for their online and radio audience from now until the end of the year.

There are also some great online events to participate

in – you can learn something new, check out an online art exhibition or take in a film. There are also live events planned in regional Victoria (where COVID-19 restrictions allow).

Find out more at www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival

Second round of the Future Drought Fund now open



The second round of the Future Drought Fund is now open and accepting applications by 15 November 2021.

Funding is available for activities that focus on strengthening social connectedness, building social capital and funding transformative local initiatives that will enable agricultural communities to be more prepared for the impacts of drought.

The grants can fund community-led initiatives such as events, projects, activities, training and small-scale infrastructure that will strengthen community engagement, networking and preparedness for drought.

To learn more about the funding, the types of initiatives the program can support, how to apply, and to download the guidelines go to <https://bit.ly/3APEJ1A>

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Wedderburn Garden Expo

Sunday, 7 November 2021 | 09:30 AM to 03:30 PM
Spend the day wandering through 6 private & 2 public gardens, with a mix of exquisite farm and town gardens.

Take the time to explore the Wedderburn Community Centre gardens while you visit the market stalls and nursery.

Entry is \$20 which includes a Devonshire Tea at the delightful Coach House Gallery & Museum, with local exhibitions and hidden treasures.

To book large groups call 03 5494 3489. Registrations and a map of the gardens available only at the Wedderburn Community House from 9.30am on the day.

Wedderburn Community Centre, 24 Wilson Street, Wedderburn 3518



We're excited to take the next step in opening up!

From Friday 29 October, we'll be able to open our doors to more people, given they are fully vaccinated.

In line with Victorian Government requirements, anyone aged 16 and over will need to show us proof of vaccination before entering the library. You can do this via the Services Victoria app, or with a physical Vaccination Certificate.

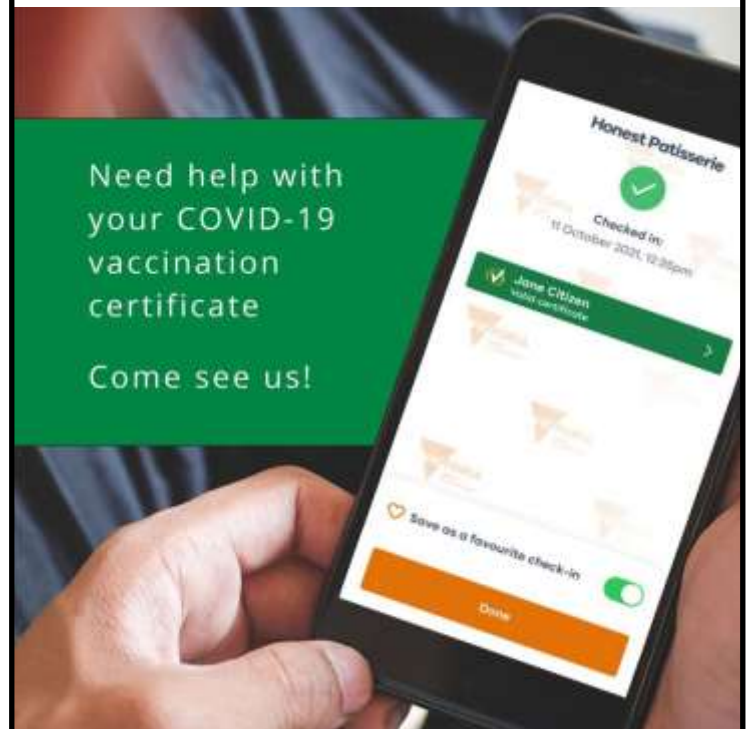
While the state begins to adjust from Friday 22nd, we won't be introducing new changes until Friday, October 29, to give everyone time to get their vaccination information sorted.

If you need help to link or access your certificate, please visit our website below or ask library staff for assistance over the next week.

And what about those who are unable, or wish not to visit at this time? Well, there's still lots on offer online, and through our eLibrary!

Visit our website to read more!

www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/covid19



Billy Cart Derby



was held in Boort on
Sunday 24th October



Winning photo of Boort Cubs on Billy Cart Derby.

Owen Byrne, William Haw, Henry Hawken, Neive Cotton, Victoria Lanyon (sitting on cart), Denver Dula (sitting on cart) Carrie Byrne, Filippo Daddelli - Leader Scarlett Crilly, Garry Schmidt - Leader, Eva Perryman, Jonas Haw.

Scouts winning Team for Billy Cart - Kerang.

Carmel Tyers - Leader & DC, Mark Wilson - Leader, Harry Pearson, Malaki Tarr, Chris McConnell - Leader & Hugh Adams sitting in cart.

Boort Cubs went to Kerang last Saturday 16th October to do JOTA (Jamboree of the Air).

This is a world wide event for Scouts and Guides around the world to communicate with each other over the weekend via radio.

This was set up in the Kerang Scout Hall by radio operators and Scout Fellowship members Ross Swinton & Colin Herbert.

In photo Neive Cotton, William Haw, Scarlett Crilly, Jonas Haw, Denver Dula, Eva Perryman, Victoria Lanyon & Leader Garry Schmidt.



COVID-19 VACCINATION

CLINICS

Check your eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination
covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility
1800 675 398

Speak to your GP about any medical concerns

■ **Kerang COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics**

Kerang District Health
WD Thomas Activity Centre, Burgoyne St, Kerang
By Appointment Only
Call the KDH Vaccination line on 5450 8099

■ **Cohuna COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic**

NDCH, 33 King Edward Street, Cohuna
By Appointment Only
5451 0200

■ **Echuca Regional Health**

Vivid Building, 238 High St, Echuca
erh.org.au/covid-19-vaccinations
Pfizer By Appointment Only. AstraZeneca walk in
5485 5000

■ **Boort District Medical Centre**

2 Coutts St, Boort
By Appointment Only
5451 5220

■ **Swan Hill District Health**

152 Campbell St, Swan Hill (Tristar Medical Clinic)
www.shdh.org.au
hotdoc.com.au – Swan Hill Respiratory Clinic
By Appointment Only
5033 9968

■ **Terry White Chemmart**

Kerang 28/32 Victoria St, Kerang
Cohuna 63-67 King George St, Cohuna
terrywhitechemmart.com.au/health-services/covid-19-vaccination
AstraZeneca available. Moderna from October 3.
By Appointment – limited walk in available

■ **Bendigo Health**

113-133 Mollison St, Bendigo
bendigohealth.org.au/registerforvaccine
By Appointment Only
1800 675 398

■ **Kerang Medical Clinic**

47 Victoria St, Kerang
By Appointment Only
5450 8060

■ **Boort Community Pharmacy**

108-112 Godfrey St, Boort
AstraZeneca & Moderna available
Walk in available
5455 2044

■ **Ochre Medical Centre Cohuna**

111 King George St, Cohuna
Pfizer & AstraZeneca By Appointment Only
5456 2609

■ **Mallee District Aboriginal Services**

Kerang 9 Nolan St, Kerang
Swan Hill 70 Nyah Rd, Swan Hill
Mildura 120 Madden Ave, Mildura
By Appointment Only
1800 183 593



To view all clinics within the local area visit
www.murrayphn.org.au/vaccinationclinics/

Information correct as of October 8 2021



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NOVEMBER 2021
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 COMMUNITY CENTRE 24 WILSON STREET
 BOOK ON 54943489

Wedderburn Community House
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 ADMIN@WEDDERBURNCH.ORG.AU



GROW mental wellbeing programs

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- FREE service**
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- Weekly **structured meetings**
- Practical tasks and goals**




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We are now well into the time of year where snakes are becoming more prevalent as the weather heats up. We have already had several snake bites across the region in the last 2 months!

All snake bites can be potentially life threatening and needs to be treated as a medical emergency

Venom from the wound or clothing can be used to detect if venom has been inflicted the wound and for that reason do not wash or suck the wound or discard any clothing.

For more information ambulance.vic.gov.au. Follow the Loddon Paramedic Community Support Coordinator (PCSC) on Facebook (facebook.com/pcscloddon)

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

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- Severe pain around the bite
- Swelling, bruising or bleeding
- Bite marks (may be obvious puncture wounds or almost invisible small scratches)
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Dizziness
- Blurred vision
- Headache
- Difficulty breathing
- Stomach pain
- Difficulty swallowing
- Tingling, stinging, burning or abnormal feelings of the skin

**IN ALL CASES OF SNAKE
BITES CALL 000**

WHAT TO DO

- 1 Follow DRSABCD.
- 2 Call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.
- 3 Lie the patient down and ask them to keep still. Reassure the patient.
- 4 If on a limb, apply an elasticised roller bandage (10–15 cm wide) over the bite site as soon as possible.

Apply a further elasticised roller bandage (10–15 cm wide), starting just above the fingers or toes and moving upwards on the bitten limb as far as can be reached.

Use clothing or other material if an elasticised roller bandage is not available.

Apply the bandage as tightly as possible to the limb.
- 5 Immobilise the bandaged limb using splints.
- 6 Keep the patient lying down and completely still (immobilised).
- 7 Write down the time of the bite and when the bandage was applied. If possible, mark the location of the bite site (if known) on the skin with a pen, or photograph the site.
- 8 Stay with the patient until medical aid arrives.





BOORT ANGLING CLUB Inc No A 0051259 P
34 Ring Road Boort 3537 or P O Box 43 Boort 3537

Email: boortanglingclub@yahoo.com

Thanks to a good turn up to the working bee on 16th and 17th October, it was easy to get the Club Rooms into shape. Well, done fellas. The whole building inside and out will be treated for spiders and other crawlies on Wednesday 27th October. This will set us up for painting the exterior of the building and completion of the rest of the 5 Stage Building Improvement Projects, through November and December. The new look Club House, plus a return to some sort of normal interaction with the community will be a wonderful start to the new year. Perhaps some twilight comps and sausage sizzles may evolve, and in the meantime, the BAC monthly Comps are an option.

For more info enquire on boortanglingclub@yahoo.com

Great to see fisher people including kids around Little Lake Boort. Some Carp being caught, but also the odd Redfin, Yellow Belly and Silver Brim. Some good reports also from other lakes and rivers at times.

Ron and others had a wonderful trip to Northern Territory. Starting with time at sea on a charter with great catches of a wide variety of fish. After that, doing work on a cattle station where the barramundi and other fish and crabs were plentiful. Still hasn't got the smile off his face and is almost certain to return next year.

There is a need for someone with contacts and local knowledge, who is willing to compile and supply reports on where and what fish are being caught within the Loddon Shire and nearby venues. These reports could potentially be monthly for part of the year and preferably fortnightly between say, October and Easter time, and may be published in ABOUT BOORT NEWSLETTER and THE LODDON HERALD. If you are willing to do this or can suggest someone who may, could you please contact, Chris Earl, from the Loddon Herald on, 0419 549 743 or loddonherald@gmail.com or Rod Stringer on 0428 513 888 or stringer_rod@yahoo.com.au
Cheers BAC

Social Saturdays' at Boort Tennis Club From now until Xmas.

1.30pm Start

All ages and abilities most welcome.
No commitment just play
when you feel like it!

\$10 casual players \$5 school aged

BBQ and refreshments available.



Thank you to everyone that attended the Get Online Week tutorials. The sessions were a great success and the attendees left the sessions feeling partly overwhelmed and partly enlightened.

If anyone requires assistance with understanding their device please reach out to the friendly staff at The Boort Resource and Information Centre. Pre book a session to ensure time is available. People can also contact Goldfields Library and book sessions with a representative on Mondays in Boort.



YARRAYNE CEMETERY TRUST

The Yarrayne Cemetery Trust is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified members of the community who would be interested in becoming honorary trust members. Women and those from a diverse background are actively encouraged to seek appointment.

Cemetery trust members are appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of up to five years on the recommendation of the Minister for Health. Cemetery trusts are responsible for the proper and efficient management of the public cemeteries under their control, including planning for future cemeteries services and the preservation of local history.

Being appointed to a cemetery trust provides successful applicants with a unique opportunity to develop their competencies as a board member. The Department of Health provides free governance training to all trust members.

Current trust members whose terms of appointment are due to expire may apply for reappointment as part of a competitive selection process.

More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cemetery-trust-appointments/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

To register your interest please contact the Secretary of the Yarrayne Cemetery Trust as follows within two weeks of the date of this advertisement:

m. 0427 159 378

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards and committees reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community. This includes appropriate representation of women, people of all ages, Aboriginal people, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, gender diverse and intersex people.



St Arnaud Artists' Exhibition

Richard Baxby - Ben, Leah, Jake and Jasmine Berry - Judith Church - Jerry McClelland - Lyn Robinson - William Post - Peter Tansley



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

BOORT RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE

The Boort Resource and Information Centre will be closed on the 1st and 2nd of November 2021.

LIBRARY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED



Remembrance Day at Boort



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left No Forget

Remembrance Day has been observed since the end of the First World War to remember Armed Forces Members who have died in the line of duty. In most countries Remembrance Day is observed on the 11th November to recall the end of the first world war hostilities. These hostilities formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. The Boort RSL will hold a brief Ceremony at the RSL Club Rooms Remembrance Wall. The Ceremony will start at 10:45am. The public is welcome to attend. This is the day to remember all the fallen from the Boort Region and the sacrifice they paid. This year Boort RSL will be selling Tokens and Poppies in front of the local IGA store subject to COVID restrictions and most likely be for sale in the Boort News-agency and the Post Office. Remember this November to purchase a poppy! All profits go towards improving the lives of those who are in need.

BOORT BOWLS CLUB.



Gillian Tweddle delivering the first jack.

The Boort Bowls Club held an opening practice day on September 25th. The day commenced with last season's ladies and gents Club Champions Gill Tweddle rolling the first jack and Kevin Walton delivering the first bowl. It was well attended with everybody just enjoying a relaxed game of social bowls.

The Club is still waiting on instructions from Bowls Victoria as to when they can start playing pennant and holding tournaments as these above events help the Club both socially and financially.



Kevin Walton delivering the first bowl.



lake most years. This year, holiday makers are guaranteed a full lake until Easter. Little Lake Boort when full is 1.5 metres deep, there is no natural catchment, therefore all water is obtained through the GMW channel. Many of the tourists could not comprehend the evaporation rate until one of the members of Little Lake Boort Asset Committee explained in laymen terms, that in the summer the lake evaporates 3.5 slabs a second. Little Lake Boort has one of the most popular walking tracks in the Shire. The track is 3.7Km long with an average of 200 walkers a day during the week and many more at weekends. Boort receives many visitors from the Mallee, mainly during the summer, just to come and sit on green lawns and to have a picnic. Often Aquatic Plants develop on the bed of the lake causing a hindrance to Speed boats, solving this problem the Community built a specially designed boat to cut the Aquatic Plants off and auger them into the boat then dumping the load onto the bank. This assures that the speed boats are able to operate safely. At the moment the Committee is looking for operators to drive "Weed Boat Willie" if you are interested contact Barry Kennedy. The Little Lake Boort Asset Committee covered many items at the last meeting. The main ones were - maintaining the current water level until Easter when the lake will be partially drained for maintenance through winter. This maintenance includes beaching in Nolens Park and other areas. The Committee hopes to oil the Board Walk and the bridge near the Caravan Holiday Park well before Christmas. More sand will be placed along the beach in the Caravan Holiday Park, the Committee is looking into installing a Canoe Launch-

The Little Lake Boort Asset Committee has just held its Annual General Meeting, Neil Beattie is once again president, Ray Stomann (our local Policeman) is the Treasurer and Barry Kennedy continues on as Secretary. This is one of the most important committees in Boort, as Little Lake Boort is the main asset to the town, possibly the Shire for tourism. It is estimated that the lake could be worth up to \$3 million to the community every year. During the Summer holidays and the Easter period the population of the town doubles. The Committee is looking for new members, especially young ones to make sure that the assets are well managed in the future. A Brief History of the Lake Little Lake Boort was once part of the Big Lake until it was annexed off by an irrigation channel in the 1920's. Both wetlands were covered with Red Gums and fringed by Black Box. All of the Red Gums drowned during the 1850's after Mr Godfrey (owner of Boort Station) changed the course of the Loddon River filling the wetlands permanently. By 1900, practically every tree was cleared out of Little Lake Boort so it could be used for the Rowing Club, fishing and swimming. The original township of Boort used to be on the banks of the Kinypanial Creek which flowed into the Big Lake, after the 1870 flood (the biggest flood that has ever been recorded) shifted to higher ground on the Lunette Hill where Boort stands today. Also, the Railway line which came through in 1883 guaranteed that the town had to shift. In the early 1880's, a dam was constructed on the west side of Little Lake Boort to supply the Steam Trains and the growing town with water. This was known as the "Pumping Dam", mainly because water had to be pumped to the Railway Station and later on to the Water Tower on the hill. All of the water for this dam came from the Loddon River down the Kinypanial Creek until the 1920's. Another part of the lake was banked off where the present swimming pool is, to create the first swimming pool. The pool was noted for having the biggest leaches in Victoria, Boort became known as having the best swimmers for years, this was due to the fact, that if you stopped swimming, you would be covered in leaches, everyone learnt to swim very fast very quickly!. Little Lake Boort is 72Ha and holds approximately 900MI, it evaporates approximately 800MI a year. The Community and the Loddon Shire together over the years have secured a water entitlement of 900MI which guarantees water for the



ing Pad as canoeing is now very popular on the lake. More parking is now needed near the Caravan Holiday Park, a suggestion was tidying up the area east of the park over the channel. There is possibly no better place in the Loddon Shire to have a break or a day visit than at the Boort Holiday Caravan Park on the shores of Little Lake Boort, where there are plenty of green lawns under shady trees, free electric BBQs and if there are children around, the Men's Shed members start up the Merry-Go-Round. The lake is also popular for fishing, canoeing, catching yabbies, bird watching and listening to the frogs in the evening.

Harvest & Christmas Celebration

Yando Public Hall 5pm Tue Dec 21st

byo meat & a share plate
bbq avail for cooking



We would love for you to share your Christmas spirit - would you sing, dance or play an instrument for us all?
Any questions: Anna Beamish 0419137547

Christmas Tree & Decoration Competition



Categories for 2021

- Best Tree made out of Recyclables
- Best Tree/Not Decorated
- Best Tree Decorated
- Junior Student – Best Tree by an individual
- Junior Students – Best Tree by a group
- Senior Student – Best Tree
- Best Tree as voted by the public
- Best Handmade Decoration, Wreath or

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THU 15 JUL	10.30-11am
THU 29 JUL	10.30-11am
THU 12 AUG	10.30-11am
THU 26 AUG	10.30-11am
THU 9 SEP	10.30-11am
THU 7 OCT	10.30-11am
THU 21 OCT	10.30-11am
THU 4 NOV	10.30-11am
THU 18 NOV	10.30-11am
THU 2 DEC	10.30-11am



Agency
Boort Resource and Information Centre
119-121 Godfrey St

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



Entry Forms must be submitted by 12pm on the 2nd December to the Boort Resource and Information Centre

Prizes vary with categories.
Entry Forms available at BRIC and the Boort Newsagency
Any queries call 5455 2716



The Boort Tourism Development conducted their first meeting since July 2020 this week and discussed the change of the group to an incorporated body. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 25 November 2021, 7pm at BRIC Meeting Room to finalise this process and new committee members are welcome.

The first major focus of the group is the development of a community plan, in order to have a planned approach to the allocation of community funds into projects that have been identified as priority and have a

collaborated partnership within the community.

A planning meeting has also been scheduled for the Thursday 11 November 2021, 7pm at BRIC meeting room and our key focus will be to brainstorm and discuss project priorities for listing within the Community Plan. This will be an open forum and we encourage members of the community to be part of this process to ensure that all sectors of Boort have had the opportunity to provide input into projects.

Please note that this will not be the only opportunity for Boort to have input, there will also be additional initiatives developed to obtain feedback from all sectors over coming months.

If you require any further information, please contact Secretary Wendy James at boorttourismdevelopment@gmail.com or 0427 551 513.

HOSPITALITY

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON SHOULD BE BOOMING

REWARD YOURSELF THIS SEASON WORKING IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY
(Bar attendants, Food waiting, Food Handlers)

EARN GOOD EXTRA MONEY BEFORE YOU GO BACK TO SCHOOL OR OUT OF NORMAL WORK HOURS (9 to 5)

JOBS AVAILABLE IN AND AROUND BOORT - WEDDERBURN - KERANG PYRAMID HILL
SEND IN FIRST INSTANCE CONTACT INFO TO hospitalityareas@hotmail.com
age is no barrier

Christmas in Boort

In just over two months we will be celebrating Christmas and as in previous years, the community would like to celebrate together either in the main street or down at the lake as was last year.

Sharlene and I are looking for a group or individuals to take over from us with the organisation of this event.

A tentative date is Sunday 19th December at Boort Lake or alternatively in the Main Street on Friday 17th December.

More information can be obtained from Sharlene Stringer and Dot Beattie

Event Calendar 2021/2022

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

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



Wed 29 th Dec 2021 (8pm)		Last Man Standing Draw & 60th Anniversary Be part of our 60 th Anniversary and yearly big event with big prize money and many spot prizes and games during the night
Fri 31 st Dec 2021 (11am)		Annual General Meeting & Presentations AGM followed by presentations for last season's final tournament
Sat 12 th Feb 2022 7am-1pm		1st Coaching Day Want to start or improve your skiing? Don't have a boat and your children want to learn? We can help!
Sun 13 th Feb 2022 7am-1pm		1st Club Tournament All age groups welcome, test yourselves against the best of the best. Very social, easy-going competition
Sat 5 th Mar 2022 7am-1pm		2nd Coaching Day Want to start or improve your skiing? Don't have a boat and your children want to learn? We can help!
Sun 6 th Mar 2022 7am-1pm		2nd Club Tournament OK you now realise after the 1 st round that none of us are that good, second change compete or improve your score
Sat 12 th Mar 2022 11am		Family Day BBQ, new members drive, members raffle, beginners coaching and Tournament presentations



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