

#### **EDITION 202 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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#### **SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**



#### Photo:

**Back row:** left to right: Ros Lanyon, Jake Boyd, Elias Lanyon, Josh Rothacker, Fletcher Last, Angus Potter, (amazing trainers) Cheryl and Murray Chalmers.

**Middle row;** left to right: Chloe Brown, Sophie Cockerell, Acacia Vernon, Emma Anderson, Ebony Chamberlain, Hannah Talbot.

Front Row; left to right: Dahli Rye, Scarlett Crilly, Alisha Henderson, Lucy Lanyon and Ella Howe.

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## \_Australia Day committee EOIs – Boort and Tarnagulla wards

Council is calling for nominations from residents of Boort Ward and Tarnagulla Ward to fill a vacancy on the Loddon Australia Day Committee.

The Loddon Australia Day Committee comprises a community representative from each ward of the Loddon Shire, a Council representative and a Councilappointed administration officer. The position is voluntary.

The committee meets twice each year to select winners of the Loddon Australia Day Awards and judge entries into the Shire-wide Australia Day competitions. Applicants will require a passion for their community, demonstrated experience as a volunteer, good communication skills and an interest in Australia Day in the Loddon Shire.

Applicants must reside in either the Boort Ward or the Tarnagulla Ward of the Loddon Shire and have time available in November and December to critically assess nominations and award entries.

Please forward expressions of interest to Loddon Australia Day Committee, PO Box 21, Wedderburn, 3518 by 20 August 2021.

For further information please contact Robina Little, Administration Officer Australia Day, on 5494 1200 or email australiaday@loddon.vic.gov.au

#### **Rural Financial Counselling Service expands**

Rural Financial Counselling Service has expanded its service from Wimmera South West to include North West Victoria.

This new local Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) is called RFCS Victoria West (formerly RFCS Wimmera South West) and includes all of Victoria's west, including Loddon Shire.

RFCS provides counselling, support and information on financial and legal matters for rural farms, businesses and families in need of assistance. They come to you and work with you as long as needed to get you and your business back on track.

They have a highly qualified team with extensive experience in financial matters relating to rural farming businesses and financial counselling. Counsellors will make phone contact within 24 hours for counselling service that is confidential, discreet, impartial, one-on-one support.

You can contact RFCS Victoria West on 1300 735 578 or visit www.rfcsvictoriawest.com.au

#### Citizenship ceremony

This morning I had the honour of presiding over a virtual citizenship ceremony. I'd like to congratulate our newest Australian citizens Mr Herbert Apostol and Mrs Karen Apostol, who are originally from the Philippines.

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#### **Community Satisfaction Survey**

Residents in the Loddon Shire have rated Council's overall performance, its customer service and waste management higher than both the state-wide average and small rural council average.

Council's Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey, conducted by JWS Research, collected responses from 400 residents in Loddon on a range of council services.

Council's overall performance scored 63 this year – up from 61 in 2020. This score is higher than the statewide average of 61 and the average for small rural councils of 60.

With a score of 74, Council's customer service also rated above the state-wide average (score of 70) and the average for small rural councils (score of 69).

Additionally, Council's waste management (score of 73) performed higher than the state-wide average (69) and the small rural council average (68). This rating for waste management is also up for Council from a score of 69 in 2020.

Other top-performing areas according to residents are appearance of public areas (score of 75), recreational facilities (score of 71), emergency and disaster management (score of 70) and elderly support

## Starry Night Debutante Ball

Friday the 20th August was the night when all the stars aligned for the Boort District Health Debutante Ball 2020. The Ball was postponed several times due to COVID19, the latest the day before the Deb! But on Friday night five stunning couples took to the dance floor and presented four beautiful dances to a limited crowd. Under strict COVID regulations, the couples presented their dance set twice to two separate audiences. Although the format was very different to past balls, the couples had a lovely time and shared the night with their family and friends. The event was live streamed for those who were unable to attend. All proceeds go to Boort District Health.

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services (score of 70).

At 61, Council's community decisions also rated higher than the state-wide average and the average for small rural councils, with both scoring 56.

While improving on last year's ratings, the survey also revealed that residents perceive more work needs to be done to improve the condition of our roads.

This includes sealed roads (score of 50, up from 47 in 2020) and unsealed roads (score of 48, up from 44 in 2020). Satisfaction with Council's unsealed roads rated higher than the state-wide average of 45 and small rural councils average with a score of 44.

Having mentioned satisfaction with the sealed roads network, it should be noted that the majority of traffic within the Shire travel on State roads (not Council roads), which can alter the overall perception of the condition of sealed roads within the Shire.

That said, Council is continually striving to ensure more work is done on our roads, and would like to hear from residents regarding road issues to help ensure problems are identified and rectified as soon as possible.

If you do identify an issue with a road, please contact Council's customer service team on 5494 1200 so that the problem can be fixed.

You can view Council's 2021 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey at

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

#### Council infrastructure program adopted

At its meeting last week, Council adopted the Annual Infrastructure Program for 2021/22, which sets out priority projects over the coming financial year.

The \$3.98 million program includes Council funding as well as Federal Government funding (Roads to Recovery and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program).

The 2021/22 program includes \$1,067,920 to reseal and final seal approximately 41 kilometres of the sealed road network; \$318,788 for local road gravel resheets and \$146,821 for local road shoulder resheets.

There is also funding of \$699,829 for the renewal of sections of Tandarra-Serpentine Road, Wedderburn-Wedderburn Junction Road, and Prairie Road, and \$100,336 to seal Potters Hill Lane, Market Street and Nixon Street in Inglewood.

Additionally, there is funding of \$150,600 for three projects to improve road safety. These include

removing hazardous trees adjacent to the road shoulder on Dunns Road at Kamarooka North and improving the safety of Lily Street in Bridgewater on the corner before the Laucke Flour Mill.

There is also \$412,816 to replace 460 metres of footpath in Wedderburn and Tarnagulla, and replace a section of kerb and channel in Grant Street, Inglewood.

There is funding of \$281,500 for urban and township drainage projects, including at Korong Vale and Inglewood, and an additional allocation to allow the completion of investigation and design of the Skinners Flat Reservoir dam and spillway restoration.

Funding of \$210,000 has been allocated for box culvert replacement on Gladfield Road, Pyramid Hill and there is \$105,000 for parks and gardens projects, including the replacement of the barbecue and shelter at the Pyramid Hill Lions East Park.

Additionally, there is funding of \$492,376 for a number of building projects, such as renewing septic systems at Tarnagulla and Dingee.

#### Community grants funding allocated

At its meeting last week, Council also endorsed the allocation of \$61,683 in grants to Group 1 applications under the 2021/22 Loddon Shire Community Grants Scheme.

Twelve applicants received funding, including Boort Angling Club, Boort Lakeside Croquet Club, Boort Memorial Hall Community Asset Committee, Inglewood Riding Club and Campbell's Forest Hall Community Asset Committee.

Other successful funding applicants were the Arnold Cricket Club, Newbridge Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (two projects), Rheola Public Cemetery, Tarnagulla and District Golf Club, Wedderburn Historical Records Museum, Wedderburn Mechanics and Literary Institute Community Asset Committee.

Group 2 applications are anticipated to be presented to Council for consideration at its August Meeting.

The Loddon Shire Community Grants Scheme started in the 2000/01 financial year to help recreation, sporting and service organisations deliver projects that improve the quality of life for residents. Since the scheme was initiated, Council has invested approximately \$2.69 million, supporting over 700 community-based projects worth more than \$5.49 million.

#### **Projects update**

Kerb and channel and footpath works along High Street in Wedderburn are now complete. The works, which took place from near the 24 Karat Café and

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Wedderburn Produce and Garden store to the police station corner, included new footpath, kerb and channel, underground drainage and landscaping.

Kerb and channelling and associated works will start this week on Lake View and Andrews Street in Boort. The works are anticipated to be completed by October, weather permitting.

Works to extend the wide seal of Laanecoorie Newbridge Road for approximately three kilometres are also expected to get underway this week. Please note, that the road will be closed, except to local traffic, while works are progressing.

Works to replace Baileys Road Bridge over Bullock Creek in Derby are continuing. The old bridge has been removed and works on the new bridge underway – including the

installation of bridge piles. The new bridge is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Upgrade works at the Wedderburn Pioneer Caravan Park, Pyramid Hill Caravan Park and Boort Lakes Holiday Park are nearing completion. The works have included road and drainage works, powerhead upgrades, solar lighting and new amenities blocks.

The final part of the project will be upgrades to three cabins at the Wedderburn Pioneer Caravan Park.

Construction works on new female-friendly change rooms at the Bridgewater Recreation Reserve are progressing, and are anticipated to be completed in October.

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#### Regional Victoria lockdown

For full details regarding current restrictions visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/

#### Kindergarten enrolments close 31 August

Enrolments for three and four-year-old kindergarten in Loddon Shire are open until the end of this month (Tuesday 31 August).

If your child will be three or four years old by 30 April 2022 and you live in the Loddon Shire, you can enrol your child via the online kindergarten enrolment form. The form is available at:

www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Forms-andpermit-applications/Online-kindergarten-enrolment

If you cannot enrol online or are having trouble, please contact Council's early years team for assistance on (03) 5494 1201.

Families with children eligible for three-year-old kindergarten have been mailed an information pack that includes instructions on how to enrol, information about the kindergarten in their area, and tips and tricks for preparing for kindergarten.

Staff are also happy to discuss their kindergarten programs or any questions with prospective families.

Unfortunately, current restrictions do not allow for visitors to undertake tours of services. However, when restrictions ease, if families would like to visit a kindergarten, this can be arranged.

If parents have any questions or would like more information regarding a kindergarten, they are encouraged to contact Council's early years team on the number above.

Information regarding kindergartens in Loddon Shire, enrolment, available from including is also www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Services-for-ouryounger-residents/Kindergartens

#### Nominations for Australia Day awards now open

Nominations for the 2022 Australia Day awards are now open.

Council is receiving nominations for the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Services and Community Group/Event of the Year awards.

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.

The awards are provided by Loddon Shire Council in conjunction with the Australia Day Council of Victoria. Nominations are also open for the Community Service Awards. These awards recognise the outstanding contribution to the local community during the current year or noteworthy service to the local community over a number of years.

There is an award for each Council Ward (Boort, Inglewood, Tarnagulla, Terrick and Wedderburn), which will be presented on Australia Day 2022.

Nomination forms and further information is available from: www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/ Ceremonies/Australia-Day/Australia-Day-awards or by emailing <u>australiaday@loddon.vic.gov.au</u> Nominations for the awards close on Friday 29 October 2021.

#### **Australia Day competitions**

As part of its Australia Day celebrations, Loddon Shire will be holding competitions for colouring (Prep to Grade 2), a photographic competition (Junior, Senior

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and Open categories) and a Literature Competition (for Prep to Year 12).

The topic for the competitions is My Town.

The competitions are free to enter. Entries close at 4pm Friday 29 October 2021.

For more information go to:

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

#### 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, 29 August 2021 | 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM All visitors (both shooters and non-shooters) are welcome to attend our event.

**26 September** - 11am 75 targets simulated field sporting clays

**31 October** - 11 am 75 targets simulated field sporting clays

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

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the1st Wednesday of the month (7.30pm) at the SES Shed on Broadway in Dunolly.

For more information contact Nigel 0448 483 752 or Gordon 0428 890 908

530 Dunolly-Eddington Road, Dunolly 3472

#### **Loddo**n Community Travelling Dance – Serpentine

Friday, 3 September 2021 | 7:00 PM to 11:00 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.

A supper plate to share would be appreciated. Bookings not required.

Free entry (made possible by the support of the Loddon Shire Council and the Wedderburn Community House).

Contact: Dede Williams 0407 871 327 or Greg Deimos 0418 108 644

#### danceloddon@gmail.com

Serpentine Memorial Hall, 20 Chapel St, Serpentine 3517

Saturday, 9 October 2021 | 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Presented by the Boort Agricultural and Pastoral
Society Inc. The Boort Show is the longest running
community event, beginning 134 years ago, and
promises many of the popular, traditional attractions

incorporated into our show is an amazing truck show, thrilling rides and a spectacular fireworks display.

that keep the crowds coming back. This year

For the latest information visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/boortshow/">https://www.facebook.com/boortshow/</a> or email boortshowsecretary@yahoo.com

Contact: 0425 791 869

Boort Park, 35 Malone St, Boort 3537

#### **Tarnagulla Archive Open Day**

Sunday, 10 October 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. Next Open Days in 2021 - Oct 10, Nov 14 & Dec 12. We will also accommodate access by appointment wherever possible (please email us).

Email: tarnagullahistoryarchive@gmail.com

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

#### **Mysia War Memorial School Centenary**

Sunday, 10 October 2021 | 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM A free community event where all are welcome. This is an informal day with plenty of opportunity to talk and share stories. Mysia memorabilia is welcome to be shared on the day.

11am - registration.

12.00pm - official plaque unveiling and planting of a seedling Lone Pine.

A souvenir photographic book and a detailed history of the war service of the Mysia WW1 soldiers will be available for purchase.

Please RSVP by 1 October to assist with catering.

Contact: Susan Gould 0429 927 534 or Wendy Mills 0403 020 715



Email: mysiaschool@gmail.com

Mysia War Memorial School, Day Street, Mysia 3518

#### **Inglewood Lions Country Market**

Our friendly country market is held on the second Saturday of the month from 9am - 2pm. 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

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0418 108 644

danceloddon@gmail.com

Wedderburn Mechanics Institute Hall, 92 High St, Wedderburn 3518

#### **Spring Wildflower Special Activities Weekend**

Saturday 18 Sept to Sunday 19 Sept 2021

The Annual Friends of Kooyoora weekend will showcase the unique and wonderful native flora of Kooyoora State Park and surround. The two day event will be packed full of information, including the static wildflower display, guided wildflower walking tours, guest presenters on a range of topics and more.

For more information contact: 0447 036 952 or <a href="mailto:kooyoorafriends@gmail.com">kooyoorafriends@gmail.com</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofkooyoora/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofkooyoora/</a>

Rheola Hall and surrounding park and forest areas. Inglewood-Rheola Rd, Rheola 3517

#### 8th NHMA National Tractor Trek 2021

Thursday, 30 September to Sunday, 03 October 2021 | 8:00 AM 3:00 PM

8th National Historical Machinery Association Tractor Trek in 2021 will be run in Wedderburn by the Wedderburn Historical Engine and Machinery Society Inc. Spectators welcome and encouraged.

To support our event the Wedderburn Community House is holding a Country Market on Sunday at Engine Park from 9am to 1pm. Contact Marg 03 5494 3489 for market information.

Phone: 0498 877 330

Email: <u>barry.bolwell1@gmail.com</u> https://wedderburnengineclub.com.au/

Engine Park, Cnr Racecourse Road and Calder Hwy, Wedderburn 3518

#### Wedderburn Garden Expo

Sunday, 17 October 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

#### **Wedderburn Spring Dance**

Friday, 22 October 2021 | 08:00 PM to 11:59 PM Wedderburn Community House has the Mechanics Hall bopping to the sounds of Slap Back Jack and the Magic 8 Balls in October.

Whether you're a Rock 'N' Roller or a ballroom devotee, we have the music for all. With a huge country supper to recharge those batteries and take over the dance floor.

No matter whether you've been doing it all your life or never been, this is a night for everyone.

BYO drinks. Tea & coffee provided.

To book tickets or a table call Marg or Dede on 03 5494 3489.

Visit our Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a> WedderburnCommunityHouse

Mechanics Institute Hall, Cnr High & Reef Street, Wedderburn 3518

#### 2021 Inglewood Women on Farms Gathering

Friday, 12 November 2021 to Sunday 14 November | 8:00 AM

The weekend begins on Friday from 1.00pm with a market showcasing local Loddon producers. Tea at St

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Mary's Primary School with women sharing their stories around the theme 'revitalised'. Saturday morning features workshops, guest speakers and tours around the local areas in the afternoon. The highlight of the weekend is the 'Boots "n" Babes' dinner at Newbridge Recreation Reserve, where you can dance and view a fashion parade. Sunday includes an Ecumenical church service at St Augustine's in Inglewood followed by a meeting at the Inglewood Town Hall for the final main inspirational speakers. For more information contact Jenny on 5437 3198 or email hoskinggj@bigpond.com

#### The Wedderburn Christmas Patchwork Festival

Friday, 26 November 2021 | 10:00 AM - Saturday, 27 November 2021 | 05:00 PM

A festival of fun, hosted by the Wedderburn Patchwork Group Inc. celebrating Christmas, all the creativity that goes into Christmas, from the children at school to the grandparents.

All the wonderful work that you have been churning out over the year, you can now show off and see other beautiful works that have been produced.

Creative Christmas trees, brightly coloured sewing, knitting and crochet projects will all be on display. A selection of locally made products will be on sale for that perfect Christmas gift.

The social part is an important aspect of our festival. Susie Lockhart again will be running the canteen, with her delicious food and beautiful cakes. Take the time to have morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea and catch up with friends.

Join in the fun and get creative in our 30 year anniversary, Pearl Pack Challenge.

For more information contact Elizabeth Steinki 0419 324 762 or <a href="mailto:bexiex@icloud.com">bexiex@icloud.com</a> for your Pearl Pack Challenge and trading table details.

Entry: \$5:00

Pearl Pack Challenge: \$5:00

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

#### **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

#### **Cross-border permits required**

A reminder that residents of cross-border community local government areas, which includes Loddon Shire, are required to obtain a permit to cross between Victoria and state borders.

Cross-border community residents are eligible for a cross-border permit providing you meet the conditions, including travelling for permitted reasons. These reasons include:

Necessary goods and services, including medical care Care or other compassionate reasons

Work (whether paid or voluntary, including for charitable or religious purposes)

Education (including childcare or early childhood services)

Receiving a COVID-19 vaccination

Organised/community sport and exercise connected to or organised by a club or facility.

Residents can apply for a cross-border permit at the Service Victoria website <a href="www.service.vic.gov.au/services/border-permit/home">www.service.vic.gov.au/services/border-permit/home</a>. You can also apply for a permit via the Service Victoria app.

More information for cross-border communities, including permitted reasons to cross the border and other conditions, is available from

<u>www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-cross-border</u> <u>-communities</u>

#### Fee waiver or reduction policy adopted

At its meeting last month, Council adopted the Fees and Charges – Waiver or Reduction Policy.

Council regularly receives requests from community groups to provide funding support in the form of fee waivers or reductions for a large range of programs, projects, events or initiatives. This policy provides guidance for these types of requests.

The policy applies to any not-for-profit organisation, incorporated association or unincorporated community group which provides a community benefit to Council and wish to apply to have a fee and/or charge waived or reduced. The policy does not apply to Council rates and rebates.

For more information and to access the policy and associated application form please visit

<u>www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Current-fees-and-charges</u>

#### Tarnagulla solar and battery information session

The MASH (More Australian Solar Homes) solar bulkbuy program will be holding a solar and battery information session in Tarnagulla next month.

The information session will take place at the



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Tarnagulla Public Hall from 6pm to 7.30pm on Thursday 9 September.

The session will include information about the Council -supported solar bulk-buy and the \$500 Federal Government solar and battery rebate for Tarnagulla residents, available to eligible residents through the funded microgrid feasibility project for Tarnagulla. To register your place call 1300 466 274 or visit https://mash.org.au/info-meetings-winter-2021 and select "Tarnagulla Solar & Battery Info Meeting, Tarnagulla Public Hall, 9 September, 6-7:30pm".

#### **Applications open for Victorian Youth Congress**

If you're a young Victorian aged 12 to 25 years, the Victorian Government wants to hear from you – with applications now open for the 2022 Victorian Youth Congress.

The Victorian Youth Congress is the Minister for Youth's advisory group of young people who work with government to put young people's ideas and experiences at the centre of government decisionmaking.

The Congress provides an opportunity to get involved in the implementation of Victoria's new youth strategy, due to be released later this year.

Applicants do not need previous experience working with government. Successful applicants will gain valuable insight into how government works, how policies are made and what you can do to influence the process.

To apply or for more information, visit www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/get-involved/youthprograms-and-events/victorian-youth-congress Applications are open until 13 September 2021.



#### FOOTBALL **NETBALL HOCKEY**

It's been very uncertain times with COVID.

#### All Boort's Netball teams are going into

**finals** (fingers crossed we can actually play them), with the following ladder positions...

A grade - 2nd B grade - 4th

C grade - 4th

16 A's - 3rd 16 B's - 1st

13 A's - 2nd

**Boort Football going into finals** 

Under 16's — undefeated

Reserves

**Boort Hockey going into finals** 

Under 15 mixed — undefeated

Women

Men's — undefeated

Good Luck everyone

## Boort Men's Shed

In between lockdowns the members of the Men's Shed have been active in a range of project work, including the restoration of furniture, some Tonka toys and the cutting of kindling. The members have also been busy restoring some outdoor furniture for the Boort District School. The vegie garden is coming along great and is a credit to all those involved.

The members would like to thank the Boort Sailing Club for its generous and significant donation to the Men's Shed. The members are extremely grateful for the Sailing Club's gift. It will be put to good use in the purchase of equipment and materials for project work. Many members are actively involved in community work outside the Shed and they are to be complimented on their commitment. Coffee, scones and convivial conversation are going down well and provide a friendly backdrop that enhances the Men's Shed as a health and well-being centre. There are smiles a'plenty and much in the way of mutual support.

The Boort Men's Shed are indebted to BRIC and its staff for their administrative and clerical support. Including, making application for various grants. The members also thank the community and local businesses for their ongoing support.

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



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#### **Regional Victoria in lockdown**

As announced by the Premier on Saturday, regional Victoria is now in lockdown until 11.59pm Thursday 2 September.

Due to the lockdown, Council offices remain closed to the public until further notice. You can still call Council on (03) 5494 1200 or

email loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au for assistance.

The Loddon Visitor Information Centre is also closed during the lockdown period. Visitor information is available at <a href="https://www.visitloddonvalley.com.au">www.visitloddonvalley.com.au</a> or by calling (03) 5494 1257, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

A reminder that the lockdown means we must stay at home other than for one of five reasons:

shopping for necessary goods and services caregiving or compassionate reasons, including medical care or to get a COVID-19 test exercise (once a day for two hours)

authorised work (with a permit) and permitted study to get a COVID-19 vaccination (provided the distance travelled, and the time taken is no more than is absolutely necessary)

Victorians may also leave home to visit their intimate partner, their single social bubble buddy, or in an emergency – including those at risk of family violence. Exercise and shopping is limited to five kilometres from your home. If there are no shops in your five-kilometre radius, you can travel to the ones closest to you. Shopping is limited to one person per day, per household. The five-kilometre limit does not apply to care and health care.

Face masks must be worn indoors and outdoors by those aged 12 years and over, whenever you leave your home. The Victorian Government is also recommending that children of primary school age wear facemasks (this is not mandatory).

For full details regarding current restrictions, please visit: <a href="www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings">www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings</a>

## Support for regional businesses during lockdown

<u>The Victorian Government has announced</u> a package of automatic cash grants for regional Victorian businesses following the extension of the lockdown to the whole of the state.

Jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, the grants will be made automatically without the need for regional businesses to make an application.

The support builds on the package announced on 19

<u>August</u>. The grants include the Business Costs Assistance Program, Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund and COVID-19 Disaster Payments.

Businesses in regional Victoria that do not qualify for this new support and have experienced a reduction in revenue of at least 70 per cent are encouraged to apply for the Small Business COVID Hardship Fund, which provides grants of \$14,000 to successful applicants.

More information about business support programs is available at www.business.vic.gov.au

#### **Regional Growth Summit virtual event**

A free one-day virtual event dedicated to supporting Victorian regional and rural businesses will be held on Wednesday 1 September for this year's Regional Growth Summit.

The Regional Growth Summit will focus on online business and expanding digital knowledge, fostering collaboration and encouraging action in your local business community.

The virtual event will bring together business leaders from across regional, rural and outer metro communities to share stories of inspiration combined with immediate practical actions to help a business grow.

The event will not only share stories of inspiration and change, but is also a chance to meet other regional and rural business owners in interactive workshop and networking sessions.

Another free online event will take place on Monday 6 September for the Victorian Regional Growth Showcase. This virtual half-day event will build awareness and celebrate the key digital and innovation projects happening across Victoria.

For more information regarding the Regional Growth Summit and Regional Growth Showcase – including links to register for the events, visit www.regionalgrowth.com.au

#### eLearning with Agriculture Victoria

Agriculture Victoria has a selection of online courses that can be undertaken at your own pace, at any time and from anywhere with an internet connection.

The department's eLearning site has a range of courses, enabling you to enhance your skills without having to attend an event or workshop in person.

The courses cover a range of subjects: biosecurity, farm and business management, livestock and animals, climate and weather, agriculture recovery, and crops and horticulture.

To access the courses you need to create an account, which will then give you full access and track your progress as you move through the courses.

To find out more visit <a href="https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/elearning">https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/elearning</a>



## **BOORT GOLF NEWS**

**Margaret Nelson** 



Our interrupted Golf Season was back on track and it had been great to have time out in the fresh air playing a sport that is sometimes very good and sometimes can be a little frustrating, but great to be playing golf around a well presented golf course.

Di Johnston and Gaye Sim represented Boort in the Kara Kara Association Champion of Champions at St Arnaud with Dot Beattie and Julie Wilson their helpful Caddies. Unfortunately this year they were unable

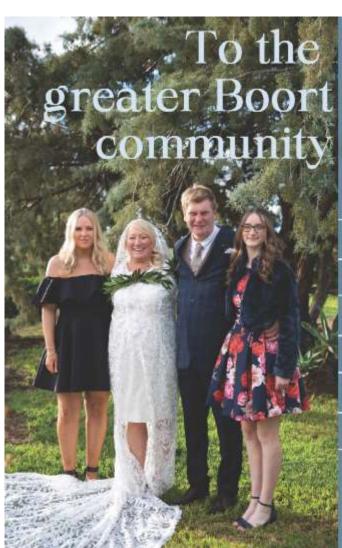


bring the Championship trophies back missing out by small margins.

On Thursday 19/8/2021 it was the Ladies Shield Day at Wedderburn where all Clubs are invited to enter teams of up to 10 players to play in the Kara Kara Association Competitions. Boort entered a team of ladies; Di Johnston, Gaye Sim, Dot Beattie, Lorraine Linehan, Phyl Baker and Margaret Nelson. Wedderburn Ladies won the Scratch Trophy event while Wycheproof Ladies won the Handicap Trophy. The Boort Ladies came home with two trophies with Di Johnston winning the "A" Grade event with 82 and Phyl Baker "B" Grade trophy with 103 on a Count Back.



On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August the Boort Golf Club was able to resume their Tournament with the Men's Fourball event. They had players enter the event from Birchip, Mitiamo, Lockington, Pyramid Hill, Korong Vale, Charlton, St Arnaud and Boort. All players appeared to enjoy a day out in good weather conditions. On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, the Men were to have had their 27 Hole Stroke day starting at 9.30 and the Ladies playing 18 Hole Stroke event later in the day. The Men were to play in their Shield Day event at Birchip on Sunday but unfortunately Covid gobbled them up. Let's keep our fingers crossed hoping that we can get a few more rounds of golf in on our well prepared golf course before the season comes to a conclusion.



Please accept our many thanks for all the well wishes in celebrating our wedding day.

We had such a lovely day and night filled with fun and love.

We feet fortunate to live within such a loving community.

Anna, Damien, Ava & Isabella thankyow



## AUSTRALIA DAY YOUNG CITIZEN AWARD NOMINATION

#### **Eligibility**

The Young Citizen of the Year Award is open to all persons aged up to 26 years as at the subsequent Australia Day.

#### Criteria

The main selection criteria are a noteworthy contribution to the local community during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years, e.g. voluntary work (visiting elderly or disabled at home or in hostels; being involved in community projects – tree planting, tidy towns, Clean Up Australia; being involved in community organisations – Young farmers, Youth Groups, Fire brigade, Apex, Rotary, etc.; being involved in sporting organisations).

In addition, the following factors (not listed in priority order) may be taken into account, if applicable:

- contribution to family unit
- contribution to municipality, then state and national
- · contribution to multi-cultural affairs
- community involvement with both male and female genders
- · community involvement with both young and old

#### **Detailed information**

• The more detailed information presented may assist your candidates chances of success.

· Maximum of 3 references.

#### Interview of nominators

The Australia Day Committee may interview each person nominating a candidate in order to seek as much information as possible to help in choosing the most deserving candidate.

#### Presentation of award

Subject to the receipt of suitable nominations, the Awards will be presented on Australia Day.

#### **Re-nominations**

Persons and/or groups nominated unsuccessfully in previous years may be re-nominated.

#### Selection

The recipients of the Awards will be selected by the Council's Australia Day Committee.

The Australia Day Committee reserves the right not to grant any Awards or may grant more than one Award for each category.

#### Lodgment/enquiries

Nominations close at the Shire office, Wedderburn at 4 pm on Friday 29 October 2021 and should be addressed to Administration Officer Australia Day Awards, Loddon Shire Council, PO Box 21, Wedderburn Vic 3518 or via email to australiaday@loddon.vic.gov.au.

Should you need any further information, or assistance with filling in the form you may contact Loddon Shire Council on 03 5494 1200.

## **Boort Memorial Hall**

Boort Memorial Hall Community Asset Committee The committee held their AGM on 10 August with the following being the elected committee.

Any concerns contact:

President/Covid Officer, Ian Potter – 0427554252

Vice President, Ken Loader - 0428554225

Treasurer, Narelle Vernon - 0429050866

Secretary, John Vernon-0429250866

Email: boortmemorialhall@gmail.com

Address: PO Box 14 Boort 3537 Booking officer, Cindy Brown

Bookings at the Post Office during business hours-

54552050





The Boort Memorial Hall Committee met for a cup of tea at G&B where President Ian Potter presented a certificate of appreciation to Edna Boyle for her long service and commitment to the Memorial Hall. Edna has been a part of the committee for many years and was always available to help at the many working bees required to keep the Hall going and in Boort community hands.



## BOORT PROPERTY SERVICES

# carpentry tiling & flooring landscaping & fencing outdoor maintenance & more



MICK 0478 020 391 JOE 0413 002 375

#### **WINNERS**

12.08.21

#### Winners

Michelle Carothers Graeme Lawrence Mubarak Meera Sahib Total 22 players



All new and returning players welcome.



Boort Badminton Club Facebook page for updates



## Boort Historical Society Inc. A Piece of History

Boort Railway Terminus Hotel was built in 1887 the proprietor being T. B. Durham. The Railway Terminus Hotel was destroyed by fire on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1914 and was rebuilt in a few months. The new Hotel had 20 bedrooms, 2 sitting rooms, 2 dining rooms, 2 parlours, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen, servery and

scullery, sample room, lounge and large hall, billiard room and balcony. The cost of the building was in the vicinity of £4,500. The licensee not seeing it finished as he died suddenly a week before it was finished, his widow selling the property to Mr J. W. Clement's of Boort in 1915, who applied to the Licensing Courts to have the hotel name changed from the Railway Terminus Hotel to Railway Hotel. 1977 found big renovations with John and Judith Selleck opening the bistro which included the dismantling of the cedar staircase which was built in 1914, with the job being done by "Dickie the Brickie" Charlton. Michelle McGrath opened Totti's restaurant in 1981 in the Victorian Dining Room of the Railway Hotel, opening on Friday and Saturday nights and special functions. Michelle would do prep work but cooking was left to Graham Pattison. 1991 was when a new door was formed at the front of the Hotel by Russell and Robyn Hayes, for an entry to the new TAB facility, part of the bar was transformed for access to computers for customers placing bets with the new system. Video Jungle was opened in a room at the Hotel in 1993, having over 400 titles and Kane Leeds was on hand to help you make a choice.

(Information taken from Boort Standard)



#### ADVERTISING in the About Boort Newsletter

Advertising is to support our local businesses and to serve our community.

Private ads also available for garage sales, selling goods, birth notices, obituaries.

#### **Prices Per Month** (artwork ready)

Price includes GST and payment is required prior to publication. The digital version is produced as full colour.

197w x 284h	Full page	\$200
197w x 140h	Half Page	\$100
96w x 140h	Quarter Page	\$50
96w x 70h	Eighth	\$25
96w x 35h	Sixteenth	\$12.50

**Design Service is available** - (prices will vary depending on requirements)

#### **BOORT WALKING GROUP**

## Meets Every Tuesday at Nolen's Park fitness equipment area.

Walking is at your own pace and there is no expectation to walk the full lap of the lake. Some complete a short walk and rest along the way and others choose to walk the full lap of the lake, at the end we all meet up for a coffee and chat.

Maree Stringer: Social Support Co-ordinator
Boort District Health
Sophia Herrington: BRIC Manager



https://dukeofed.com.au/

## JOIN NOW

#### Call BRIC to register 5455 2716

Thank you to the Loddon Shire for their support.





# COMMUNITY



LODDON

in conjunction with Loddon Shire invites you to a FREE 2 Course Dinner.

> **VENUE: Boort Tennis Club** DATE: September 17th

TIME: 6.30pm B.Y.O



BOOKINGS **ESSENTIAL** 



**JEAN** 0427 554 266 MARIE 0438 827 882

## **FREE 2 COURSE DINNER**



### **Mysia News**

Planning is well underway for the centenary celebrations on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

#### WANTED - OLD SCHOOL DESKS - BORROW/BUY

As a part of our centenary celebrations, we are having an old-time school day. We are seeking the old-style school desks (steel frame and hinged tops) to use for that day in October. We can pick-up or drop-off.

Contact Susan Gould 0429 927 534

Chris Rothacker 0427 947 382

# Community Tributes

The Morris Family wish to extend our sincere thanks for all the kind words, cards, flowers and food we have received on the passing of our beloved Ian.

We are very lucky to live in such a supportive community.

Please accept this as our personal thanks Aileen, Shayne, Karen & Rachel & Families.

#### **WEAVER - JENNIFER** (nee Heard)

Passed away peacefully aged 78 years on 03/08/21.
Beloved wife of Peter (Jock) deceased Loving mother and mother-in-law of Dianne and Michael, David and Leonie, Kate and Andrew Adored Grandma of Amy, Hannah and



Bridget, Victoria, Harry, Jack and Edward, and Annie

Thank you to Dr Ashraf and the staff at Boort District Health.

#### **BOORT BOWLS CLUB**

At our recent bowls meeting it was decided to start up some Saturday afternoon social bowls commencing September 4th. Names to be in by 1 p.m. Anybody interested in coming to have a fun day at bowls is most welcome. Casual Dress. The official opening day for the bowls will be later in September. Date to still be arranged.







**BRIC** is an Agency for





Stay connected in the digital age with the Loddon Digital Device Loan Scheme









Health and Human Services

Goldfields Libraries have partnered with Loddon Shire Council and are excited to offer 11 internet-connected Apple iPad tablets for a FREE 6-month loan.

This scheme is for socially isolated or disadvantaged residents of the Loddon Shire who are currently not connected to the internet at home.

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



## What's On across the Region.

Welcome to our What's On newsletter for Term 3, 2021. Below we have the following parent groups and workshops available.

#### Bendigo Face to Face Term 3

#### **Building Resilience in Kids**

When: Evening Session - Tuesday 13th July

Time: 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Cost: Free

Where: St Monica's PS, Jaara Centre

Contact: St Monica's Reception on 5447 7832

or adicksonflood@smkangarooflat.

catholic.edu.au

#### Its about the Kids (Post-separation parenting)

When: Mondays, 19th July - 16th August (5 weeks)

Time: 12.00pm - 2.30pm Cost: \$60 (\$30 concession)

Where: 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo Contact: Reception 5438 1300

#### Regional Face to Face Term 3

#### Kids and Anger

When: Evening Session- 19th July

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Cost: Free

Where: Donald Primary School, Donald Contact: Donald Reception on 5497 1581

#### Building Resilience in Kids

When: Day Session - Wednesday 4th August

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Cost: Free

Where: Bridgewater PS, Bridgewater on Loddon

Contact: Alison Gillett on 0488 357 117

or Alison.Gillett@education.vic.gov.au

#### Self-Care for Parents and Carers

When: Day Session - Monday 6th September

Time: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Cost: Free

Where: Gannawarra Shire Council Meeting Room

25 King Edward Street, Cohuna

Contact: Pia Frisby - Gannawarra Shire Council on

5450 9333 or pia.frisby@gls.vic.gov.au

#### Regional Face to Face Term 3

#### Knowing your Teen

When: Evening Session - Monday 6th September

Time: 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Cost: Free

Where: Gannawarra Shire Council Meeting Room,

25 King Edward Street, Cohuna

Contact: Pia Frisby - Gannawarra Shire Council on

5450 9333 or pia.frisby@gls.vic.gov.au

#### **Zoom Sessions Term 3**

#### Its about the Kids (post-separation parenting)

When: Thursdays, 15th July - 12th Aug (5 weeks)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Cost: \$60 (\$30 concession)

Where: Online Zoom Session

Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

#### Its about the Kids (post-separation parenting)

When: Tuesdays, 20th July - 17th Aug (5 weeks)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Cost: \$60 (\$30 concession)

Where: Online Zoom Session

Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

#### Tuning into Kids

When: Thursdays, 12th Aug - 16th Sept (6 weeks)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Cost: \$60 (\$30 Concession)

Where: Online Zoom Session

Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

#### Knowing your Teen

When: Day Session - Wednesday 8th September

Time: 12.00pm - 1.30pm

When: Evening Session - Thursday 9th September

Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Cost: Free

Where: Online Zoom Session

Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

Individual parent consultations are also available

For further information please contact Reception on 5438 1300 or email@ccds.org.au

Bookings are essential for all of our programs

Book now! Groups are subject to minimum and maximum numbers.

## **Counselling Services**

Our counsellors help couples, parents, children, families and individuals resolve issues in their relationships and personal lives. We provide a safe environment to express thoughts, feelings and values to develop greater awareness and understanding of a problem or issues. Counsellors also assist in the development of skills to support communication and mutual understanding.

For more information on our Counselling Service in Bendigo call 5438 1300



## Family Dispute Resolution

Family Dispute Resolution (FDR), also known as mediation, helps parents resolve disputes during a separation or divorce. Resolving issues through mediation reduces conflict children experience. Our FDR service is for anyone having difficulty agreeing on parenting and financial arrangements during a separation or divorce.

For more information on our FDR service in Bendigo call 5438 1300

Join our Facebook page on CatholicCare Victoria Keep informed on what we offer across the Loddon Mallee, Shepparton and Hume Regions. or visit our Website at www.ccds.org.au



# Storytimes 2021

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



DAY	TIME
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 negri.vic.gov.au/children





#### **Mysia News**

A reminder to the Boort community that the Mysia War Memorial School Centenary Celebration is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 11am. All welcome.

The next Mysia War Memorial School centenary planning meeting is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 2pm.

mysiaschool@gmail.com

Contacts - Susan Gould, Wendy Mills, Julie Dean

## Are you considering a career change?



## Join your local Uniting AgeWell Team!

#### Roles available now

- In Home Domestic Companion (no qualifications or experience required)
- Direct Care Worker (aged care qualifications or nursing students)



Apply by emailing your resume to agedcareonboarding.vic@mcarthur.com.au

Uniting Age Well are a Not For Profit Aged Care service provider offering In Home Care, supports and services to enable the elderly to remain at home. If you are looking to add value to your local community APPLY with your local Uniting Age Well team. Call Belinda 9825 6565







#### Reserve + Collect is back!

Library doors are closed once again, but we're happy to report that Reserve + Collect is back!

Place a reservation online or over the phone and we'll let you know when you can drop by to pick it up. Easy!

Need some help reserving online?

Check out the easy-to-follow videos below, or get in touch and we can help you out.

#### How Reserve & Collect works:

Access the <u>library catalogue online</u>

- Place your reservation, remembering to select
  your pick up location
  - Wait for an email, SMS or phone call from your local library

Head down to the library during

Reserve + Collect hours to pick up your item.

Boort is Mondays and Thursdays.

More information, including Reserve + Collect hours, is available on our website.





#### **Burns and scalds**

Burns and scalds can be caused by friction, heat, sun, chemicals, equipment and fuels.

#### **Burn Categories**

Dry/wet burns – flames and scalds Chemical burns – e.g. acid, alkaline (lime), or organic compounds

Electrical burns

Mouth/throat/inhalation burns

Radiation burns

Molten substances/plastics/metals and bitumen burns

#### **Burn types**

There are three levels of burns

**Superficial** – these burns cause damage to the top (first) layer of skin only. The burn site will be red and painful. Superficial burns require immediate first aid, and not usually treatment by Ambulance Paramedics or the Hospital.

Partial thickness – these burns cause damage to the first and second layers of the skin. The burn site will be red, peeling, blistered, with swelling and clear or yellow (straw) coloured fluid leaking from the skin. The burn site will be very painful. Partial thickness burns require immediate first aid and require urgent medical attention. Call 000.

**Full thickness** – both first and second skin layers are damaged, plus the tissue underneath. The burn site can look black or charred with white exposed tissue. Very deep burns can also damage the underlying muscle and bone. Because the nerve endings are generally destroyed in full thickness burns, there is often little to no pain at the burn site. However the area surrounding will be very painful. Full thickness burns require immediate first aid and require urgent medical attention. Call 000.

#### First aid do's and don'ts

Do remove the person from danger and further injury Do hold the burn under cold running water for 20 minutes. If necessary, prevent heat loss by covering unburnt areas

Do wash chemicals (acids and alkalis) off with running water for 20 minutes

Do - offer pain simple pain relief for superficial burns, dress and regularly review the burn to make sure they have not become infected. **Superficial burns only!** 

Do call for an ambulance (000) for all partial and full thickness burns or when breathing is affected.

Don't remove clothing that is stuck to the burn Don't burst/pop any blisters

Don't allow chemicals to splash onto unaffected skin or other people

Don't apply anything other than water to partial and full thickness burns

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.

## THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE (RFDS) CONTINUES TO OFFER MENTAL HEALTH APPOINTMENTS IN BOORT

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Victoria continues to offer free and confidential mental health support to people living in Boort. Mental Health clinician, David Turnbull has been providing support to the Boort community since 2019.

David is a Mental Health Accredited Social Worker and has a great understanding of both the challenges and the rewards of living in the bush. David has been providing mental health support to communities in the Wimmera and Loddon region for over two years and is passionate about continuing to provide high quality mental health care to the Boort community.



Flying Doctor Wellbeing offers free and confidential mental health and wellbeing services to people who live or work in the Boort community.

No GP referral is required to access the service.

Contact us on (03) 8412 0480 or wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au





Queens Avenue - Located directly behind Ridley's Barastoc 7 - 19 McMahon Street, St Arnaud.