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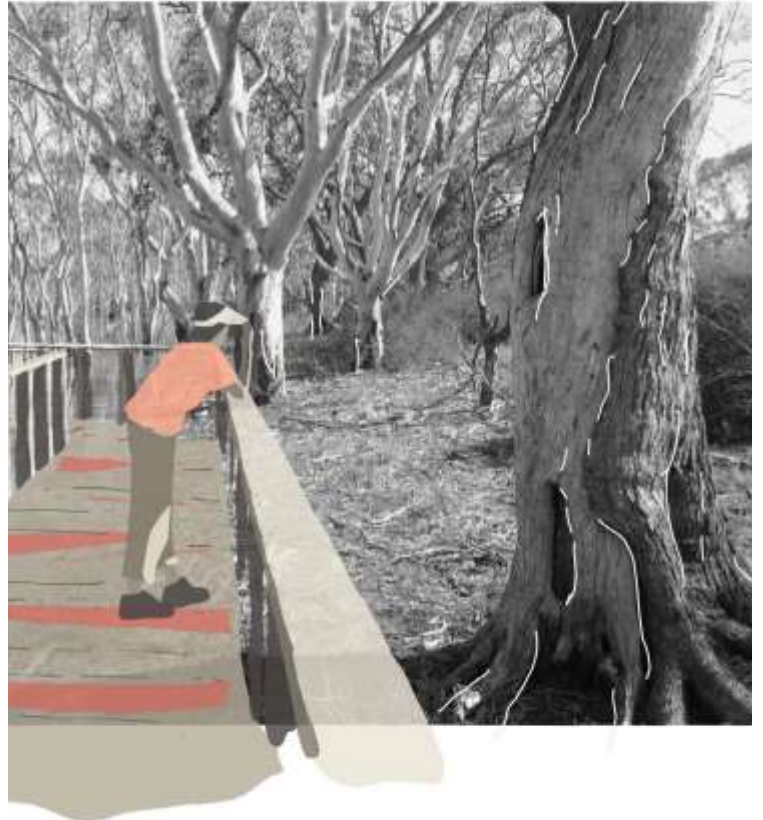
### ***Boort Scarred Trees Masterplan draft available for comment***

The draft Masterplan can be viewed at [www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Documents-for-public-comment](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Documents-for-public-comment)

Any comment on the draft Masterplan will be required by  
4pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022 for it to be considered in the final document.

Feedback or enquiries can be directed to [executive@loddon.vic.gov.au](mailto:executive@loddon.vic.gov.au)

The Lake Boort Scarred Trees Masterplan has been developed to provide a vision of a sustainable future for community, culture and tourism. The Lake Boort region's scarred trees are regarded as one of the most significant Aboriginal cultural sites not only in Victoria, but Australia. Today, there are estimated to be over 400 scarred trees in the vicinity of the lake. The uniqueness of the site is attributed to its scale – the quantity, density and varied uses of the trees – which are rarely seen together. These trees have been dated at over 300 years old and retain the scars from the cutting of bark to make canoes, shields, food, carriers and containers. It is one of the few remaining sites where one can see trees with cultural uses such as toe-hold scars, ownership markers, possum extraction holes and with bark removed for drying possum skins, shelters, grinding flour and burials. The site is not only known for its trees, but for the many mounds, cooking ovens, artefacts and ceremonial sites known around the Lake. The rarity of this site also comes from the ability for visitors to access the site easily and to see and understand how the local Indigenous community lived by the lake for tens of thousands of years.



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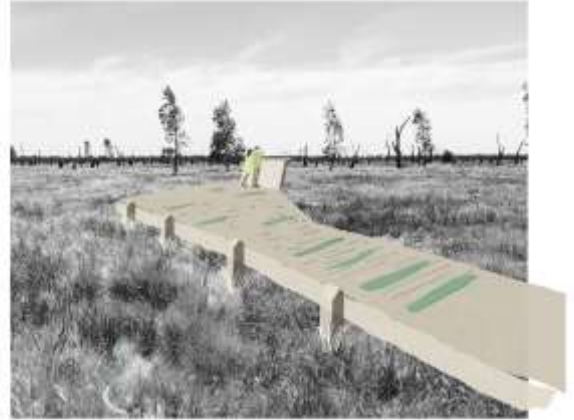
The draft Boort Scarred Trees Masterplan is now available for public comment until 4pm Tuesday 26 April.

The Masterplan has been developed in close collaboration and with support from key stakeholder organisations including the Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Clans Corporation, Parks Victoria and other responsible agencies. Its development has also been made possible with State Government funding support through Regional Development Victoria.

A cost benefit analysis, tourism assessments, estimates and plans have all been considered in the development of the Masterplan.

The concept design has undergone significant consultation during development, and now final comment is welcomed on the supporting information in this complete draft masterplan.

Section 4 - Concept Design



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## 4.2 Masterplan Concept – Overall Plan



#### Key

- 1 Lake Boort**  
Lake Boort inundation area.
- 2 Little Lake Boort**  
Permanently inundated Little Lake Boort.
- 3 Scarred Trees**  
Lake Boort scarred tree. These to be visually accessible, but protected from visitors.
- 4 Channel no.3**  
Seasonal river
- 5 Lake Boort Trail**  
Gravel track around perimeter of Lake Boort. Pathway to be shared between pedestrian and cyclists.
- 6 Little Lake Boort Trail**  
Existing trail around perimeter of Little Lake Boort.
- 7 Trail Connection**  
Pathway link between Lake Boort trails and Little Lake Boort trail
- 8 Kinyronial Creek**  
Ephemeral creek flowing into Lake Boort.
- 9 Boardwalk**  
Elevated boardwalk structure across lake bed.
- 10 Activity Area**  
Activated and amenity filled community space.
- 11 Campground (by others)**  
Small camping area to be designed by others.
- 12 Nature Play Area**  
Interpretive nature play area for all ages and abilities.
- 13 Cultural Induction Point**  
Dja Dja Wurrung and Yung (Baling) designed. Central hub of community area.
- 14 Rest Point**  
Small gravelled stopping point off Lake Boort trail. To include seating and signage.
- 15 Carpark**  
Formalised carpark to accommodate independent day visitors and larger groups.
- 16 Gateway**  
Gateway and arrival area with signage and artwork.
- 17 Chinese Garden**  
Existing historical garden.



## **Lake Boort Foreshore Recreation Precinct Project endorsed**

At its March Meeting last Tuesday (22 March), Council endorsed the staging of the Lake Boort Foreshore Recreation Precinct Project and approved a funding application from the Boort Bowls Club for \$301,970 to deliver Stage 1 of the project.

Stage 1 will involve the replacement of the Boort Bowls Club irrigated turf with a World Bowls-approved synthetic turf before the next bowls season. Funding for Stage 1 is from the Boort Ward Strategic Fund, allocated to the Boort Foreshore Sporting Precinct by Council resolution at the September 2020 Meeting.

The Lake Boort Foreshore Recreation Precinct Project includes the bowls club synthetic green (Stage 1), tennis courts fencing and lighting, and the installation of a pump park and basketball half court (using a portion of the current tennis courts). There may be additional works identified at the croquet club as planning progresses.

Stage 2 includes the planning, design and costing of the pump track and basketball half-court, tennis fencing and lighting and potentially works at the croquet club.

Stage 3 is the funding and construction of the works as identified in Stage 2.

It's fantastic to see this project moving along – a project that will benefit the Boort community, as well as our wider Loddon Shire residents, and visitors to our region.

## **Other outcomes from the Council meeting**

Last Tuesday's Council meeting also saw a number of other items considered by Council.

This includes endorsing an extension to Council's Access and Inclusion Plan (formerly the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan) for a period of 12 months.

The Access and Inclusion Plan reflects Council's commitment to continue to reduce barriers experienced by people with disability. Reducing these barriers means that more people are able to access and participate in services, employment and social activities within the Loddon Shire community.

Council also adopted the Road Asset Management Plan and Building Asset Management Plan.

The Road Asset Management Plan outlines key elements involved in managing Council's road assets. The road network is the largest asset class at Council. The

network was valued at \$375,393,062 in 2020/21 and comprises approximately 4,700km of sealed, gravel, and formed roads.

The Building Asset Management Plan outlines key elements involved in managing Council's building assets associated with caravan parks, community centres, Council depots, elderly persons units, Council offices, preschools and child health centres, public halls, public toilets, recreation reserve buildings, senior citizens centres, staff accommodation and miscellaneous 'other' buildings.

Both plans combine management, financial, engineering and technical practices to outline a framework that ensures the level of service required by the community is provided at the lowest long-term cost and within the limits of Council's fiscal constraints.

To view the minutes from the March Council Meeting visit

[www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Agendas-and-minutes/Agendas-and-minutes-2022](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Agendas-and-minutes/Agendas-and-minutes-2022)

## **Fire Danger Period lifted**

The Fire Danger Period for Loddon Shire was lifted as of 1am Monday 28 March 2022.

The CFA is reminding community members that while the Fire Danger Period has ended, it is still important that residents check that local conditions are safe for any burn-off you're considering undertaking.

You must register your burn-offs, check weather conditions and follow local council laws and regulations.

Registering your burn-off ensures that if somebody reports smoke, the incident will be cross-checked with the burn-off register, which will then prevent volunteer firefighters being taken away from workplaces, families and potentially genuine emergencies.

Landowners can now register their burn-off online at [www.firepermits.vic.gov.au](http://www.firepermits.vic.gov.au)

Alternatively, you can register with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) by calling 1800 668 511 or emailing [burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au](mailto:burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au)

For more information visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off)

## **Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program**

The State Government's Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program opens today, 29 March. Claims for the Dining Program opened at 10am, while claims for the Entertainment Program open at 3pm.

The Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program encourages people to get out and enjoy the world-class dining and entertainment experiences Victoria has to offer.

Each customer can claim back 25 per cent on eligible purchases. Up to \$125 in combined rebates for dining and entertainment is available per person.

Claims will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until funds run out.

To find out more visit [www.vic.gov.au/victorian-dining-and-entertainment-program](http://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-dining-and-entertainment-program)

### ***Another great weekend of events***

The weekend saw another fantastic round of events in Loddon Shire, with Mother Nature treating us to beautiful weather once again.

I was fortunate to attend the Eddington Vintage Sports Car Club Sprints on Saturday (26 March). It was a great day with a fantastic crowd, and I'd like to thank the organising committee and volunteers for putting on such a great event, as well as catering. There was a large variety of old classic cars from across the world – including some very old vehicles. The event also featured historic motorbikes, which also ran on the day.

Other events that I heard were well attended over the weekend included the Logan Car Show (held on the same day as the Eddington Car Sprints), the Corry Classic bike race in Newbridge, and the Women on Farms gathering in Inglewood (from the Friday to Sunday).

I'd also like to make mention of a significant fundraising event held on Sunday (27 March) supported by the Mitiamo Football Netball Club for former Mitiamo footballer Allan Findlay, who recently suffered a debilitating stroke and is currently undergoing rehabilitation.

The Findlay Family Fundraiser, initiated by the Eaglehawk Football Netball Club, saw hundreds of people in attendance. This included a great show of support by Loddon Shire locals who went along to the fundraiser.

Allan played junior footy at Mitiamo, and played in the club's back-to-back premierships in 1976 and 1977. He won the club's under 16 Best and Fairest in 1977, and won the LVFL Under 16 Goal Kicking Award the same year with 116 goals – the highest number kicked by a Mitiamo player in a single season of any grade of football.

He played his first full season of senior football with Mitiamo at the age of 16 in 1978 and was a playing member of the 1979 senior premiership.

My thoughts and best wishes are with Allan and the Findlay Family during this challenging time, and as Allan embarks on his rehabilitation journey.



### ***Mobile base station batteries replacement***

It is good to see that Telstra has replaced back-up batteries at mobile base stations in Dingee and Serpentine.

Ensuring battery back-up is available at mobile base stations is crucial during power outages to ensure the community can make and receive mobile calls.

Council raised concerns about this problem at its March Council Meeting, including safety issues around the loss of phone service, and further impacts on local businesses, such as the ability to use Eftpos and ATMs.

The replacement of batteries in Dingee and Serpentine mobile base stations means there will be battery back-up during future power outages – a positive and reassuring step for residents in these communities.

### ***Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food free online cooking classes***

Healthy Heart of Victoria is inviting children and families from across the region to participate in five online cooking classes with Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food these school holidays.

The free classes will show you how to prepare and cook a range of simple, delicious and healthy Jamie Oliver meals, using cheap and accessible ingredients.

Participants will have free access to the course, to either participate in live or via the recordings.

The first set of the one-hour cooking classes will take place during the first week of the school holidays on Monday 11 April, Tuesday 12 April and Wednesday 13 April from 11am to 12pm.

The next cooking classes will take place during the second week of the school holidays on Tuesday 19 April and Wednesday 20 April from 11am to 12pm.

To find out more and to register, visit <https://events.humanitix.com/mfs011?accesscode=HHV> or go to the Healthy Heart of Victoria Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/HealthyHeartofVictoria](http://www.facebook.com/HealthyHeartofVictoria)

### ***Loddon students explore career opportunities***

The new Minerals Council of Australia school program has seen Loddon students among the first in the state to explore job opportunities in the mining industry.

The school program saw Pyramid Hill College students visit the Fosterville Mine last month with Wedderburn College students to take a tour in May.

The school program raises awareness of jobs available in mining in Victoria and Australia, and the pathways for locals interested in working in the industry.

### **AgMove relocation assistance**

If you've been thinking about trying agricultural work, including harvest work, the Australian Government's AgMove initiative can assist to provide financial support. This includes helping cover the cost of travel, accommodation and work-related expenses associated with moving.

Eligible Australians can claim up to \$6,000 in reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs associated with relocating to take up short-term agricultural work, and temporary visa holders with general working rights are able to claim up to \$2,000.

Harvest work is a great opportunity to travel, learn new skills, meet new people, stay physically fit and help to provide the nation with a fresh food supply. There is agricultural and harvest work available right now on farms across Australia.

There is a huge variety of jobs available, ranging in duration from weeks to months with no prior farm experience necessary.

To find out more, visit [www.harvesttrail.gov.au](http://www.harvesttrail.gov.au) or call 1800 062 332.

### **Women on Farms Gathering event a big success**

I'd like to congratulate everyone involved in this year's Women on Farms Gathering held from 25 March to 27 March.

The weekend was well attended, with more than 100 rural women from across Victoria gathering in Inglewood.

The weekend included a number of activities for the participants, including a Pop Up Market, welcome dinner at St Mary's Primary School, workshops, guest speakers (including Young Victorian of the Year and doctor Skye Kinder), tours and fashion parade.



**MAYORAL COLUMN**  
**12 April 2022**

### **Small Business Digital Adaptation Program**

The third round of the Victorian Government's Small Business Digital Adaptation Program is now open.

The program provides a \$1200 rebate to access a

range of digital business tools to help modernise business operations.

These could include online menus and ordering systems, invoicing, stock and business management tools website, and e-commerce platforms.

For more information about the program, visit <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/small-business-digital-adaptation-program>

Applications are open until 11:59pm Monday 18 July 2022 or when funds are fully allocated – whichever comes first.

### **Victorian Honour Roll of Women – nominations open**

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Victorian Honour Roll of Women. Inductees to the Honour Roll are recognised for their achievements in a broad range of fields, including science, arts, environment, law, social justice, family violence prevention, research, health, media and education.

Victorian women may be nominated for their achievements across five categories: Change Agent, Emerging Leader (open to women aged 16 to 30), Leading through Disaster, Local Champion and Trailblazer.

Nominations are open until 11.59 pm, Thursday 28 April 2022. For more information visit [www.vic.gov.au/victorian-honour-roll-women-program](http://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-honour-roll-women-program)

## **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.*

### **Bridgewater Celtic Festival**

Sunday 24, April 2022 | 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM  
Have a great time catching up with friends, enjoy an Irish jig, go for a stroll amongst the stalls, grab a blanket or a chair and sit on the oval and watch the Scots play those magic bagpipes.  
Gold coin donation.

Contact: Jenny 5437 3198 E: [hoskinggi@bigpond.com](mailto:hoskinggi@bigpond.com)

Bridgewater Railway Station, Erskine St, Bridgewater on Loddon 3516

## ***Bendigo Goldfields Chrysanthemum Championship***

Saturday, 23 April 2022 | 09:00 AM to 4PM

Sunday, 24 April 2022 | 09:00 AM to 3PM

A wonderful display of top quality Chrysanthemum blooms featuring all of the different categories will be judged on the Friday and on display all weekend. As it is the Australian Championship we are expecting entries from Tasmania, Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, Shepparton and hopefully from South Australia.

A stunning Floral Art display and a colorful, interesting Horticultural show will also be a feature. There will be a trading table so you will get a chance to take home some plants and other goodies.

Enquiries: Graeme Cain 5435 7233

E: [jsmorvell@gmail.com](mailto:jsmorvell@gmail.com)

Mechanics Institute Hall, 19 Main Rd, Laanecoorie 3463

## ***Flower Power Open Garden Tour & Art Exhibition***

Saturday, 23 April to Monday 25 April 2022 | 10:00 AM

The inspirational Tiny Towns Arts Trail is on at Tarnagulla over the Anzac Day long weekend.

Tarnagulla Supply Store and Octopus & Queen are collaborating to provide High Tea's for this 3 day event. A spectacular Flower Power mural will be on display from a local artist with smaller items from other local artists.

Octopus & Queen shop hours: Saturday 23, Sunday 24 and Monday 25 April from 10am to 5pm.

Garden Tours: 10am to 5pm

High Tea: \$30 pp. Saturday & Sunday 11am, Monday 1pm. Bookings essential.

All current Government guidelines will be followed to ensure this is a COVID safe event.

Contact: 0457 326 743

E: [octopusandqueen@gmail.com](mailto:octopusandqueen@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/OctopusandQueen/>

Octopus & Queen, 89 Commercial Rd, Tarnagulla 3551

## ***Wedderburn Swap Meet & Market***

Saturday, 14 May 2022 | 07:00 AM

The Wedderburn Historical Engine & Machinery Society invite you to join them for their annual swap meet and market.

A great opportunity to turn unwanted goods into much needed cash!

A variety of food and drinks available on site including a barbeque, pies/pasties, pancakes, soup and slices.

Gates open to the public at 7am.

Entry \$2.00 adults, children free. Stallholders \$10.00

Enquiries: Trevor 0427 583 341 or Lois 0438 915 278

COVID safe rules apply. Supported by the Loddon Shire Council.

<https://www.facebook.com/wedderburnengineclub/>

Engine Park, Racecourse Rd, Wedderburn 3518

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

Saturday, 14 May 2022 | 09:00 AM to 02:00 PM

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: [lionsclubinglewood3517@gmail.com](mailto:lionsclubinglewood3517@gmail.com)

Brooke St, Inglewood 3517

## ***2022 Gold Fossicker's Cup Tournament***

Saturday, 02 July 2022 to Sunday, 03 July 2022

Hosted by the Loddon Darts Association Inc.

Teams consist of 5 players per team, with \$5,500 in prize money awarded over the weekend.

Team registrations by 8.30am for a 9.00am start.

Supported by Loddon Shire Council Major Events Program.

Entries & enquiries to Robert Day 0439 372 118

E: [loddondarts180@outlook.com](mailto:loddondarts180@outlook.com)

<http://www.loddondarts.com/>

Wedderburn Mechanics Hall, Cnr Reef and High Streets, Wedderburn 3518

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

Sunday, 09 October 2022 | 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM

A 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 will be available for purchase.

Cash only - no Eftpos facility available.

Please RSVP by 1 October to assist with catering.

Contact: Susan Gould 0429 927 534

E: [mysiaschool@gmail.com](mailto:mysiaschool@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/mysiaschool/>

Mysia War Memorial School, Day Street, Mysia 3518



# Golf News

The Boort Golf Club Opening Day on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April was a cool day with 11 members coming out to play and it was a great honour that Barry Kennedy opened the course as the newest Life Member of the Kara Kara Golf Association by hitting the first shot on the Men's first Tee. The Captain Andrew sent the field out in 3 teams and the winning team was Allen Stringer, Ray Taylor, Andrew Kane and Damien Lanyon while David Hellsten had his name NTP on 1<sup>st</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> and Ray Taylor's name was on the 15<sup>th</sup> Tee.

The 30<sup>th</sup> April is the big competition of President v Captain when the Players have a Stroke round as well as playing the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Club Singles Knockout. Lots of players are needed to support either the Captain or the President.

The Ladies commenced their season on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> with a small field playing 14 holes and the following Wednesday due to other commitments five ladies enjoyed the Stableford event.

The Kara Kara Ladies Pennant will commence at Donald on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and complete the final Pennant day at Boort on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

The month of June sees the Club Championships commence with the Ladies on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, first 3 Wednesday's while the Men Commence on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Men's Championships and Weaver Cup



will be played over four rounds with the best three rounds counting.

On **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day** will be Diggers Day with the Bar open at 12 noon with Hit Off time 12.30pm and the format will be a Team Ambrose event. This is to encourage all Golfers and any non golfers who would like to support this day.

Andrew Kane is keen to commence Junior Golf Coaching on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Golf course between the hours of 4pm – 5pm, a good opportunity to learn the basic skills of golf.

Another popular event coming up is the "Farmer's Fourball" – 4BBB Stableford on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**, Names by 10.30am with Hit Off at 11 am. The sponsor for this event is "**Nutrien Ag Solutions**"

**For information about Golf events the following can be contacted:**

Captain - Andrew Kane 0428 378 738 or  
Lady Captain Di Johnston 0427 434 625



It was moved at the April Probud AGM that the same Office Bearers would remain as very little had happened during 2021 and we have a rather small membership at the moment. The Membership fee is to remain the same, but new members for 2022 pay no fees.

Lady Members and friends remember the "Coffee Club" meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Maybe meet you at Audrey's 10.00am?

Our newly appointed CEO of the Boort District Hospital, Donna Doyle gave an interesting and delightful account of her life's journey and how she has ended back in Boort and the position she now holds.

Some members are known to be keen to visit the Bendigo Art Gallery especially now with the Elvis Presley display, if interested let Leah Toose know please. Our May meeting is a surprise as Drew Chislett is unable to come, but will tell people all about his trip to Japan as a photographer at the Disability Olympic Games and about a new venture that he has started.

If you are interested in joining our group please just come to a meeting or ring up either Leah Toose, Lyn Lanyon, Gillian Twedde or Margaret Nelson 5455 2255

**BOORT  
BADMINTON**

**PLAY RESUMING**

**7.30 PM**  
**THURSDAY, 21st APRIL**

at Boort Sporting Complex

New and returning players welcome

# ANZAC DAY

25 April 2022



## This year we are starting our service at the RSL Club Rooms

### Our ANZAC Service

This year it will be held at the Memorial Hall, starting at 9:30am when Adam Wright preforms his "Fly-over". This is one of the highlights of our service. For this reason it is important to arrive on time.

This year we are starting our service at the RSL Club Rooms where everyone will be able to lay their wreaths in remembrance, instead of near the Post Office.

The Boort Babblers will be singing and the Boort District School Students are playing an important part in our service by reciting 2 poems and reading out the 70 names of the soldiers who lost their lives in the twoWorld Wars. The Scouts & Cubs will be presenting the Colours at the start of the service.

Alan Streader has once again volunteered to play the Bugle even though he is 96, Alan has been playing as long as I can remember.

The Boort RSL President Paul Haw will be the main speaker this year, the subject will be - "We Cannot Afford to Forget", this will be followed by members of the Boort RSL giving a reason why they joined the RSL.



### Boort AMITY Ladies are organising the cuppa after the event.

Once again we are hoping for a bumper crowd after a two year break. Also, after the service the Boort RSL Museum will be open to the public.

### Mysia School Centenary

The small and determined Mysia group, met last month to confirm that the Centenary celebrations will be held this year on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>.

It promises to be a wonderful day, with plenty of time for talking and catching up. There will be displays and a pictorial book available for purchase.

**Next planning meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, Mysia**

In 1898, The Bendigo Independent reports on the Mysia School Concert. This must have been an important event as the teacher Mr Hardy is reported to have spared **'himself neither time nor labor on their [children's] training'**. The Glee Party that was **'especially appreciated'** was a popular form of entertainment at the time, where songs were sung in parts. It is interesting to note that at the end of the evening, despite it being a Wednesday night, a ball was held late into the night.

#### COUNTRY NEWS.

MYSIA, MONDAY, March 14.

The annual concert in connection with the local State school was held under the most auspicious circumstances on Wednesday evening last. The weather, which was rather warm during the earlier portion of the afternoon, changed to a cool breeze from the south. A very large number attended. Mr. Thos. Chalmers occupied the chair. The children acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner and reflected great credit on their teacher (Mr. W. Hardy), who evidently spared himself neither time nor labor on their training. Among others whose performance is worthy of special mention are Misses Annie Allen, Beatrice Boyle, Tessie and Ivy Curry; Masters Thos. and Larry Ward, J. Rollinson, W. Osborn, W. and H. Cartor and E. Allen. A glee party rendered several numbers in a style that was especially appreciated. The whole entertainment was very successful. A ball concluded the entertainment, about 20 couples being present.

Agricultural operations are now being carried on. A good fall of rain is needed to soften the land to make the working of it easier. Most of the farmers are scarifying their ground. In some cases where the ground is soft or loose enough ploughing is done. A few who have the land prepared are about to sow, and sowing will soon become general.

Arrangements are being made to hold sports, etc., on Easter Monday, in aid of the funds of the mechanics' institute.



# BOORT BOWLS Club

The Boort Ladies after a 3 year break finally held their Annual Invitation Day on Tuesday 22nd. March, They had visitors from Wedderburn (2) Donald Golf (2) Korong Vale (2) Cohuna, Cohuna Golf, Calivil, Kerang Golf, Kerang, Wycheproof, Donald, St. Arnaud, St. Arnaud Country Club, Charlton, Inglewood, Birchip, Pyramid Hill and Boort.

Winners - Norm Hollis (s) Lindy Morgan, Jack Collins, Beth Hollis. (Donald)

Runners - Up - Laurie Witham (s) Sandra Steel, Lance Standfield, Sandra Standfield. (Wedderburn)

Fan the Cards.

Lead - R. Little. (Wedderburn)

Second - N. Brown. (Cohuna Golf)

Third - M. Mooney. (Cohuna)

Skip - R. Marchment. (St. Arnaud Country Club)

The Club has completed all their 2021-2022 Club Championship Events.

Ladies Club Championship Fours.

Lorna Gardner, Phyl. Baker, Jo Maxted, Thelma Moresi (s)

Ladies Club Championship Pairs.

Tania Noles, Thelma Moresi (s)

Ladies Club Championship Singles & N.C.P.A. Champion of Champions Singles & Wimmera Region 60 + State Singles.

Thelma Moresi.

Ladies Club 100 - Up Singles.

Thelma Moresi.

Men's Club Championship Fours.

Kevin De Piazza (s) Peter Waters, Ian Allison, Ian Mercer.

Men's Club Championship Pairs.

Graeme Gardner (s) Peter Waters.

Men's Club Handicap Pairs.

Ken Birt (s) Alan Gould.

Men's Club Championship Triples.

Shayne Morris (s) Kelvin Ritchie, Ray Taylor.

Men's Club Singles Championship & N.C.P.A. State Singles Championship.

Shayne Morris.

Men's N.C.P.A. State Triples.

Laurie Maxted, Tony Matley, Shayne Morris (s)

Men's "B" Grade Championship.

Tony Matley.



L-R. Lorna Gardner, Phyl. Baker, Jo Maxted, Thelma Moresi (s).



L-R. Tania Noles, Thelma Moresi (s)





*Thelma Moresi.*



*L-R. Ken Birt (s) Alan Gould.*



*L-R. Shayne Morris (s) Kelvin Ritchie, Ray Taylor.*



*L-R. Kevin De Piazza (s) Peter Waters, Ian Allison, Ian Mercer.*



*L-R. Graeme Gardner (s) Peter Waters.*





*Tony Matley.*



*Shayne Morris.*



*L-R. Laurie Maxted,  
Tony Matley,  
Shayne Morris (s)*



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

## Boort Community Plan.

### Community Planning

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

### Community planning in Loddon

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

### Getting involved

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

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

If you have questions please email:

[boorttourismdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:boorttourismdevelopment@gmail.com)

Or speak to Sophia Herrington, Wendy James

or Barry Kennedy



## ADVERTISING in the *About Boort Newsletter*

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

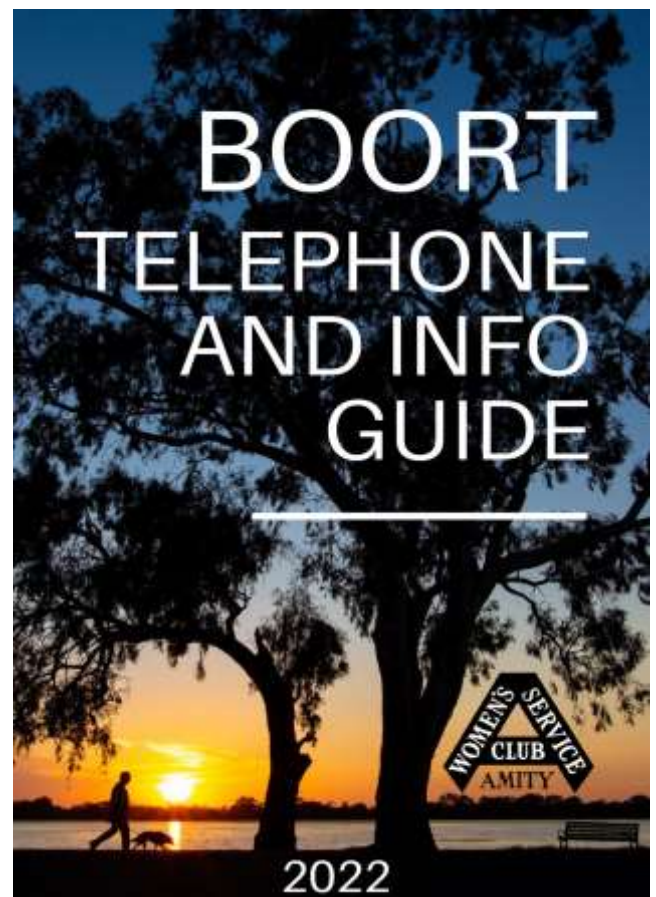
Private ads also available for garage sales, selling goods, birth notices, obituaries.

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The Boort Amity Phone Book will be updated quarterly with changes. Please submit changes to [bric.boort@bigpond.com](mailto:bric.boort@bigpond.com) or see the staff at BRIC. The new price is \$10 and are available at BRIC and the Boort Newsagency.





**BOORT ANGLING CLUB** Inc No A  
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Email: boortanglingclub@yahoo.com

BAC have started on arrangements for our big Annual Event on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. This will be held as usual on the foreshores of Little Lake Boort and will involve fishing and fun for all the family. The last event (in 2019) attracted over 280 entries, was a great success and brought lots of visitors to our town. This year is expected to be bigger. When details for Posters, Entry Forms, etc, are worked out they will be released and advertised.

General Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month, and Club Fishing Competitions the second weekend after the Meeting. Any queries please contact us on our email, or ring Rod on 0428 513 888

Members and potential members are advised that the Annual and General Meetings for 2022 will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2022. This will be held at our club rooms on Ring Road, Boort. There will be a BBQ and a chat starting at 6pm and the Meeting starts at 7pm Sharp.

**Annual and General Meeting**  
**Boort Angling Club Incorporated No A 0051259 P**  
**7pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**At BAC Clubrooms, Ring Road Boort**



Amity would like to thank our loyal supporters for attending our auction on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, the weather was with us and it was great to be out and about.

As always, a huge variety of goods were bought and sold. Our auction is the main fundraiser for Amity to be able to donate to many worthy causes throughout the year.

Again, thanks to our helpers and to Doug the auctioneer who gives his time each year.

Thank you also to everyone that supported the **Royal Children's Hospital Appeal**, raising just over \$3000. Raffle winners are **1st** Angela Poxon, **2nd** Isabelle Loader, **3rd** Thelma Moresi, **4th** Gayle Smith.

Thank you to Gwen Moresi for drawing the raffle.  
Regards - Margaret Piccoli, Publicity Co-Ordinator  
**Amity**



### Farm finance – young farmers getting prepared together

Young farmers across Victoria are being invited to come together for farm finance workshops at a

number of locations, as well as to network and ask questions. Agriculture Victoria Young Farmer Coordinator Sarah Wallis said it was wonderful to be able to offer the Farm Finance – Getting Prepared sessions as in-person events after having to shift to an online format for the past two years.

“This year it’s about coming together, being together and interacting with our financial specialists to ask those burning finance questions in a safe space,” Ms Wallis said.

“Our take on this is to provide the kind of experts at these workshops who can cut through the ‘bank speak’ and enable young farmers to be well prepared when applying for financing,” she said.

ORM Agribusiness consultant Jane Foster said the workshops will be an opportunity to have open and transparent conversations about farm finance and get some tips on how to communicate in ‘bank speak’.

“By the end of the session participants will have a new clarity on finance and how the whole system works,” Ms Foster said.

Young farmer Josh said workshops like the Farm Finance – Getting Prepared sessions were a great way to bring like-minded people together.

“It’s great to have these programs running again as we come out of the pandemic, they’re an excellent opportunity to network and come together.”

All sessions will be held between 6 and 8.30 pm and are scheduled for:

- Bairnsdale – Wednesday 4 May
- Maryborough – Wednesday 11 May
- Wangaratta - Wednesday 18 May
- Ouyen – Wednesday 25 May
- Horsham – Wednesday 1 June.

Register now for Agriculture Victoria’s Young Farmers Network Farm Finance – Getting Prepared Workshop.

To find out more visit <https://bit.ly/303eht0>

*The Farm Finance – Getting Prepared series is supported by Agriculture Victoria’s Smarter, Safer Farms program.*



*Save the date..*

## 2022 Boort District Health Debutante Ball

Nine couples have been busy training for the Ball. Their dedicated trainers, Murray and Cheryl Chalmers have worked hard to get their Deb Set to presentation standard. Through hard work, the Deb Set will present three dances to the Hospital representatives, parents, families and friends. Each couple has a gorgeous flower girl and this year, one page boy. Zoey Gooding is the official flower girl for the evening. Ticket information will be finalised soon.

*Friday 6 May 2022  
Boort Memorial Hall*

# BOORT SENIOR CITIZENS

Blooms Fashion Parade  
Monday May 23rd  
1.30pm



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## Northern District Success for Boort Show Entrants

The Victorian Agricultural Shows, District Final was recently held in Swan Hill and congratulations to Alby Bear (photography), Marlies Eicher (knitting) and Gaye Sim (crochet)



## Crochet Wins State Prize

Gaye Sim's crochet has built up a notable reputation over four decades. Her work has long been admired and revered at the Boort Agricultural Show and at Northern District Finals and now her skills have been further recognised courtesy of first place at the Melbourne Show State Final. Gaye's winning doily was intricately worked with fine cotton and it is clear to see why it caught the judge's eye.



Gaye, along with her friend Alison Saunders taught themselves to crochet when they were 17, using library books for instruction. Since then, Gaye has crocheted hundreds of pieces including baby shawls for each of her children and grandchildren which have become family heirlooms. Gaye said she likes to think that "when the kids wrap themselves in their blankets it will be a cuddle from Nanny". Her favourite piece that she has made, is a dress (pictured) made on size 14 needles and containing 36 crocheted pieces. Gaye describes embarking on this dress as a 'moment of madness' but it became an intricate labour of love. She thinks maybe her talent was a gift inherited from her great grandmother who continued to crochet until she died at ages 104.

Gaye has also worked tirelessly to ensure her work is providing hope and comfort for others. She is currently working on two projects. She is crocheting outfits for stillborn babies and also tiny little suits for premature babies. These are high quality and thoughtful garments which no doubt bring the recipients great solace. Also, many years ago, she made hundreds of beanies to be sent to Ukraine, which no doubt might still be in use today as that country once again faces hardship.

Gaye said she was shocked and thrilled to win such a prestigious State prize and she is already finalising her work for the 2022 Boort Show.





# Boort Basketball Club end of season wrap up

The basketball season concluded with the Junior and Senior Grand Finals on March 28th. It has been a positive season with 6 junior teams (30 players) and 4 senior teams (23 players) enjoying basketball each Monday throughout Term 1.

**Junior Competition Yellow V Orange.** –Unfortunately the Orange team were impacted by Covid and some eager fill ins took the court to ensure a junior final could occur. Overall Yellow beat Orange 21 to 14.

The junior female top goal scorers for the season were Phoebe Henderson with 42 points and Abby Potter 36 points and the junior male goal scorers were Cooper Gooding with 51 points, and Jake O’Flaherty 42 points.

## Senior Competition Purple V Black –

Black won 46 to 34.

The top male goal scorers for the senior competition were Zach Mayberry 134, followed by Will Toose 118 and Giul Ocaya 81. The senior female top goal scorers were Eliza Perryman 26 points and Bridie Doyle 24 points.



Special thanks are extended to Grant Malone, Brooke Arnold, Greg Boyd, Craig Scott, Nathan Gooding, Matthew Malone, Jo Bear and Zach Mayberry who gave up their time to umpire each week. Thank you to Austin Malone who undertook the scoring role for the senior competition and to Lance Malone who umpired the senior competition games before he headed off to Uni. A big thank you to the parents who took on the role of team manager, especially in the junior competition for encouragement and support, your efforts did not go unnoticed. It takes a team of people to make a club a positive one, so thank you to everyone who was involved in season 2022. If you have not returned your playing tops, please get them to Brooke Chamberlain asap.



# Boort District School Year 10 Careers



Throughout Term 1, the Year 10 Careers class have had three local members of the community share their 'Career Path' stories, to shed light on the many options that can be taken.

Donna Doyle then acting Boort District Health CEO had the students captivated by stories of her different careers in the health care sector and the clear message was 'never knock back an opportunity when it is given'. Students were impressed to hear that Donna had attained the CEO position and commented this was a testament to her advice and felt her positivity towards the role would be a great asset.

Jacob Tingley is the newly appointed senior science teacher at Boort District School. He began studying Biomedicine, volunteered for state and federal politics, that opened the door to a career as a campaign manager. Jacob returned to study to complete his Masters and was employed by the University of Melbourne to lecture and realized his true calling

'Teaching'. The students commented on how much Jacob had achieved and how his career path was very different in a space of 10 years. Jacob passionately demonstrated to our students that you need to enjoy what you are doing.

Kel Mayberry – who is currently employed at Goulbourn Murray Water, discussed with the students about employability skills; communication, self management, problem solving, teamwork and most importantly initiative. Highlighted by the fact he began his career journey as an apprentice diesel mechanic with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, then to Ford for 15 years and home to Boort where he was employed at Georges Home Hardware and T and I to his current employment. He shared with the students that he has now been in a position to be the interviewer for different roles in the business and showing initiative and having good communication skills are important. His message was to be open to change and persevere in your workplace to gain opportunities for growth.





# Year 10 and 11 WORK EXPERIENCE



Boort District School recognises the importance of providing opportunities for students to be engaged in a work experience program to gain valuable insight into a future career or current career interest. This

program ran during the last week of Term 1, for the Year 10 and Year 11 students.

Students in Year 10 are able to complete work experience anywhere in the state, with the advice to go somewhere with connections and a place to stay. This year students



travelled as far as Colac, Tooradin, Briarolong, Cobden, Woodend, Melbourne, and some students were in the area of Bendigo, Swan Hill, Kerang, Charlton and locally in Boort. Boort District School would like to thank the local businesses that provided a work experience opportunity for our students; Boort District Health, Lanyon Engineering and Streader's Construction. Students were fortunate to experience jobs in



sport and recreation, nursing, dental, carpentry, electrical, automotive, journalism, information technology, engineering, child care, teaching, osteopathy, sales and charity work.

Employers assess students on their employability skills throughout the five days in the workplace and this information assists students to recognise their

strengths and areas to improve on. Throughout the program students investigate the

different roles, further study options, pre-requisites and the key skills/attributes required.

The year 11 students complete a Melbourne Orientation/ Work Experience Program. The six day program featured four days of work experience and a variety of activities with the focus on the use of public transport. Activities included; St Kilda V Richmond at Marvel Stadium, Escape Room scenarios, Strike Bowling and Laser Tag, Queen Victoria Summer Night Market, dining in Lygon Street, CBD Scavenger Hunt, and University

tours by past BDS students. Students in Year 11 specifically choose a work experience placement in the area they hope to pursue in the future. It assists



learning more about the career and making decisions for the future in regards to VCE subjects and further study options. Our Year 11 students are a diverse group with them choosing to learn more about the role of an engineer, architect, advertising representative, lawyer, maternal child health nurse, librarian, bike repair assistant, truck mechanic, landscape gardener, electrician, gym owner, specialist education teacher, child care worker, health care provider and business owner. It was great to see Boort connections getting involved with our students, special thanks to Kirsty Binns (Twedde), Jeannine McNabb (Haw), Brett Jeffery and Natalie Canavan for your positive involvement in the program.



Seizures can occur due to many reasons; the most common reason is Epilepsy. Epilepsy is a condition where electrical impulses in the brain can become erratic.

# FIRST AID FOR SEIZURES

## TONIC CLONIC SEIZURE

Seizures where the body stiffens (tonic phase) followed by general muscle jerking (clonic phase).



### DO

- ✓ Stay with the person
- ✓ Time seizure
- ✓ Keep them safe: protect from injury especially the head
- ✓ Roll onto side after jerking stops (immediately if food/fluid/vomit in mouth)
- ✓ Observe and monitor breathing
- ✓ Gently reassure until recovered

### DO NOT

- ✗ Put anything in the person's mouth
- ✗ Restrain the person
- ✗ Move person unless in danger

## FOCAL SEIZURE

Non-convulsive seizures with possible outward signs of confusion, inappropriate responses or behaviour.

- Stay with the person
- Time seizure
- Gently guide away from harm
- Reassure until recovered
- DO NOT restrain the person unless in danger

## CALL 000 FOR AN AMBULANCE IF:

- You are in any doubt
- Injury has occurred
- There is food/fluid/vomit in mouth
- Seizure occurs in water
- Person has breathing difficulties after jerking stops
- Another seizure quickly follows
- Seizure lasts longer than 5 mins
- The person is non-responsive for more than 5 mins after the seizure ends



This is not medical advice nor an exhaustive list of responses to seizures. This is a guide to help you consider your response to seizures. If you are in any doubt about what to do, do not hesitate to call an ambulance.





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Website <http://boort.com.au/boort-tourism-group>

Please contact: [boorttourismdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:boorttourismdevelopment@gmail.com)

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- Thursday 5 May
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