

EDITION 213 AUGUST 2022

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Are You Thriving At Work?

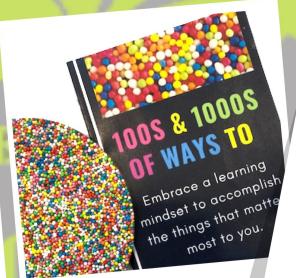
PILLAR	DEFINITION
POSITIVE EMOTION	I felt positive.
ENGAGEMENT	I felt interested and deeply engaged.
	I felt respected and appreciated by others.
RELATIONSHIPS	I felt what I did was valuable and worthwhile.
MEANING	
ACCOMPLISHMENT	I made progress towards my goals.
HEALTH	Physically, I felt strong and healthy.



100s & 1000s

OF TINY BUT MIGHTY WAYS TO ...

Care for your wellbeing





FREE BBQ - 13th August at George Tallis Home Hardware.



100s & 1000s OF WAYS TO



SUPPORT WELLBEING IN OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY.



The Victorian Government were CTORIA offering a grant to Not for Profit organisations to apply for a Small Business Wellbeing Grant.

The Boort Tourism and Development Committee (BT&D) and BRIC were keen to investigate this further and support our wonderful Small Businesses in Boort. A project plan was submitted to DJPR - for the purpose of improving the wellbeing of people in small businesses in our town. Sophia Herrington at BRIC undertook 10 hours of training through the Wellbeing Lab. After the training was completed, and a project proposal was submitted, a letter of recommendation was received informing Sophia that BRIC was successful in securing the grant.

As you can imagine, it was difficult to share the grant across all small businesses and reach every small business owner and or employee in Boort. When calculating all small businesses and employees (that included farmers, tradies etc...) - it was an enormous number of people. Therefore the focus became the main street of Boort.

If you live in Boort or have an RSD you will now have received a GIANT FRECKLE - this freckle was to kick start the campaign 100s & 1000s of TINY BUT MIGHTY WAYS to care for your wellbeing. The idea to gain interest and momentum and inform people about ways to care for your wellbeing in small business can look and feel like. The large freckle was sent out to every household and road side delivery in the Boort Area (420 homes). The message was simple and short The focus is on small businesses in Boort, however without our amazing community the small businesses would not flourish - therefore every home received a giant freckle to share. The freckle pack included, a flyer to promote a FREE BBQ to be held on 13th August at George Tallis Home Hardware. I hope that you can attend the FREE BBQ and

catch up with other small business owners. There will be some giveaways on the day and EVERYONE IS WELCOME. A 2023 Boort calendar will be one of the giveaways. A huge thank you to the Boort Historical Society for supplying the images for the calendar. **FREE** coffee



vouchers will also be up for grabs at the BBQ.

After conducting a survey in the main street and with the local businesses, a selection of people suggested they would like to improve their wellbeing through more regular health habits such as fitness, others felt they would enjoy having a coffee and chat together with colleagues, and some liked the idea of going to see a movie together. Therefore through the grant we have offered 30 One



Month Gold Key Gym vouchers at BRIC with Sherryn OFlaherty as a group trainer. Movie vouchers to some businesses that felt sharing time together would









encourage greater wellbeing.

To encourage people to come together and support one and other the Boort District Health Op Shop workers will be gathering for a High Tea at Audreys in recognition of their amazing volunteer work.

There will also be the FREE BBQ at Georges Home Hardware with giveaways and everyone is welcome.

I encourage anyone that has received a voucher to send BRIC a Facebook message or email highlights, to share the benefit of gathering together and sharing positive moments. Acknowledging gratitude and publically sharing **positive emotions** - connections between business owners and their employees, connections between local businesses and other small business owners and employees is what we hope to achieve.

BRIC and BT&D hope that relationships will be fostered: Celebration / This project aims to provide an opportunity for employers and employees to share and celebrate working together and connecting through relaxed and shared experiences. It will highlight to others how they are valued and offer an opportunity to connect. Relationships: Listening / it will encourage employees and employers to stop and listen or share stories during a break. Supporting good leadership: It will reinforce the positive values of coming together to value and respect each other.





When it comes to caring for your wellbeing today



What went well?

Start here to build your wellbeing confidence. Just asking this question is a sign you're on the right track.

Where did I struggle?

Remember, there is no shame in struggle. Struggles are resilience building opportunities for learning and growth.

What did I learn?

Your wellbeing is meant to ebb and flow. Your goal is to keep learning how to intelligently care for your wellbeing.

What will I try tomorrow?

Immediately apply what you've learned. Choose the one tiny wellbeing nudge you most want to try tomorrow.



Boort Show Competitions 2022.

As previously published in the About Boort, we are only able to run a few of Our Competitions in 2022.

The VAS & NDAS Competitions will be run along with a few other popular sections from the Pavilion.

The Following Competitions will be run:-

VAS COMPETITIONS -

- **Sec 1.** Sewing A Wearable Vest, Fully Lined with Embellishments Allowed.
- Sec 2. Patchwork Comp the Exhibit is to be not more than 1 metre on any 1 side. Machine/ Hand Pieced & quilted by exhibitor only. Minimal Embellishments allowed (not to overpower patchwork).
- **Sec 3.** Crochet A 3D Item, no larger than 50cm on any side made from Pure Wool/Wool Blend of Any Ply.
- **Sec 4.** Knitting A Hand Knitted Garment for a Child, 3-5 years of age. From pure wool/wool blend of any ply. Labels or receipt of yarn to be attached.
- **Sec 5.** Hand Embroidery An article of Hand Embroidery Any Type, Excluding Cross Stitch.
- Sec 6. Cross Stitch An Article of Cross Stitch Any
 Type up to 60cm on all sides including
 Frame. Minimal Embellishments Allowed

Photography VAS

Sec 34: Senior / Animals in Action Sec 35: Junior / Animals in Action

NDAS COMPETITIONS -

- **Sec 7.** Needlework Table Runner- including some recycled materials eg: doileys, lace, maxi mum size 150cm x 45cm.
- **Sec 8.** Handcraft One Person's Work 3 items of different craft eg: knitting painting sewing, crochet, non-perishable(sauce etc) etc, to fit in space maximum 1 square metre.
- Sec 9. Knitting Hand Knitted Article or Garment made from pure wool/wool blend label to be attached.
- **Sec 10.** Crochet Crochet article any yarn.

Sec 11. Men's Handcraft - One article of Craft or Hobby – MEN ONLY 1 metre table space.

Photography NDAS.

Sec 36: Open / Building /'s

Sec 37: Junior (under 18 yrs on day of Show) / Insect/'s

Needlework NDAS

Sec 42: Counted Threadwork

NDAS Junior Comps:-

- **Sec 12.** Needlework Cushion any medium. Max size 50cm each side.
- Sec 13. All Shows that run Merino Wool sections have the opportunity to send a fleece to District Final in each of the following Catergories Fine 19 micron or finer, Medium 19.1 to 21 micron, Strong 21.1 micron or stronger. The winner at District may be eligible to go on to State Competition.

All Other Sections for VAS & NDAS eg :- Cookery etc will be published in the next About Boort.

Boort Show Competitions Only.

- **Sec 14.** Needlework Any Crochet Article
- **Sec 15.** Patchwork Novelty or Decorative Article
- **Sec 16.** Craft Any Article of Recycled/Upcycle Material eg : cloth, wood, metal etc (before photos would be of interest).
- **Sec 17.** Craft Drawing or Painting, any medium.
- **Sec 18.** Senior School Children Craft Article Knitted, Crochet or Sewn.
- **Sec 19.** Senior School Children Any 3 D Artwork.
- Sec 20. School Children / Prep To Grade 6 Any 2 D
 Artwork

Flowers

Sec 44: 1 stem of Any Flower

Sec 45: Stem Bearded Iris

Sec 46: Container of Mixed Succulents

Sec 47: Container of Roses (8 to 10)

Photography

Sec 57: Pets Life / Prep to Year 6

Sec 58: Landscape / Under 18 yrs

Sec 59: Landscape / Open

Sec 60: Flower/'s /Open.

There will be other Sections added to the Next About Boort eg:- Cookery, Farm Produce, Cereals, Jam's & Jellies. If you have any questions please contact Marj Potter for enquiries on 0428554252 or

email impotter1948@gmail.com



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.

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

Prices Per Month (artwork ready)

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

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

Call 5455 2716

Boort Tourism and Development

are currently working on the Boort

Community Plan. Many homes in Boort will have received a survey in the mailbox.

The committee encourage you to complete the survey and return it to one of the drop off points by the end of July please.



SURVEY DROP OFF POINTS

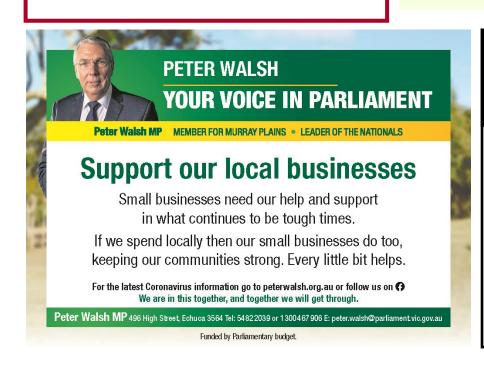
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PARTICIPATION

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BOORT AMITY CLUB

Join our friendly local ladies community group, anyone welcome.

Call Marg Piccoli

5455 4238 for more information.



Debutante Ball

Friday 12 August 2022

Boort Memorial Hall / Doors open 7pm

Debutants to be presented at 8pm

Tickets at the door \$20 or \$10 for concession



SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2022

MEMORIES! MEMORIES!

ANOTHER GET TOGETHER OF BOORT
AND EX BOORT RESIDENTS FROM THE
PAST IS PROPOSED FOR THE SUNDAY
AFTER MELBOURNE CUP
AT

MALMSBURY GARDENS AND HALL.

Diarise and tell others please

Don't forget we are in our 70's now!

Further details in September

Enquiries: 0418 522 548 (Jock) 0400 060 869 (Heather) 0427 554 484 (Kath)

Acclaimed Documentary - Lake of Scars will be Screened in Boort.

Saturday July 23rd at the Memorial Hall, 7pm.

The Acclaimed Lake of Scars Documentary will finally have a screening in Boort. The Bill Code produced - 95 minute Documentary on the Indigenous history of Lake Boort has screened to full houses around Australia and will be shown in Boort on Saturday July 23rd at the Memorial Hall starting at 7pm. Entry fee is by donation, there is no need to book, just turn up.

The film highlights the beauty and rare archaeological and environmental significance of Lake Boort. The Lake of Scars is as much a portrait of a hidden facet of history and environment as it is a musing on what reconciliation can look like in Australia.

With organic relics at its heart, the film examines the preservation of culture and environment as our protagonists fight for scarred trees to be preserved, for middens and stone scatters to be protected and recognised, for environmental flows of water to be allowed into the seasonal lake and for a Keeping Place to be eventually built in Boort.

Paul said that as a result of the documentary being screened all over Australia, visitors were starting to flock to Boort. "Last Sunday, the Lake Batyo Catyo Landcare Group travelled to Boort to visit the Keeping Place and Lake Boort", he said. Paul's Keeping Place houses many artefacts from the Boort area and already receiving around 100 visitors a week, mainly as a result of the documentary. Tourists are already walking around Lake Boort most days.

Boort Tourism and Development Committee donated \$2,000 towards the documentary. This will be a great investment, as it will benefit tourism in the Loddon Shire for many years to come.



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MYSIA WAR MEMORIAL SCHOOL CENTENARY

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2022

From 11.00am

BBQ Lunch and a traditional afternoon tea An informal day with plenty of opportunity to talk and share stories. We welcome Mysia memorabilia to share on the day. A pictorial history will be available for purchase Note: NO Eftpos facilities available.

Wendy Mills 0403 020715 Julie Dean 54947398 Susan Gould 0429 927534

Mysia Centenary Planning Meeting Monday 15 August 2pm

Victoria's Worst Road (vicsworstroad.vote)

Please fill out this survey using the link provided - if we don't let them know nothing will be done. Be very clear in your description - how incredibly bad or dangerous the road is. Consider mentioning: Shoulders that are not visibly distinct. Poor drainage

result in ponding and hydroplaning. Dangerous street drop-offs, like ravines or cliffs. Poorly placed signs and traffic signals. Potholes are by far the most common dangerous road hazard. They can be on high traffic streets or busy highways, and everywhere in between. Hitting a pothole can cause accidents because of a blown tire or loss of control of the car.

Vote for	Victoria's worst
road	

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	2000

Where are you based?	First Name*	Last Name*
Melbourne Regional Victoria		
What is the worst road you would like to nominate?	Email*	
Potholes or constant roadworks. Which road annoys you most?		
e.g: Punt Road, Richmond, Hume Freeway OR Monash Freeway	Suburb / Town*	
Why is this the worst road?		
	Mobile (optional)	
	SUBMIT	

CELEBRATING Corporal Morris "Morrie" Lloyd Boyle's Army Days



There were three **Boyles** who served in the First and Second World Wars. Morrie's fathers' brother, Harold Boyle, served in the First World War and was killed in the battle of Noumea. Morrie and his brothers were called up in 1939, the Second World War. Morrie was 19 years old.

Morrie trained in several camps within Australia. The first was in Ocean Grove, Victoria, but with the war worsening in Dec 1941, Morrie chose to join the Australian Infantry Forces, knowing that he would eventually have to go overseas.

In 1943 the call for overseas came, and Morrie sailed from Brisbane to Dutch New Guinea and trained with the American soldiers for 6 months looking after Japanese prisoners and being on patrol duty guarding the camps.

Morrie was a part of the Military Police, so he had to always be alert. There was so much action in the air with plenty of bombers flying over, bombing many other places in New Guinea. The soldiers used to count them in the morning and there would always be less returning home than had left.

By this time, the Japanese had taken nearly all the Pacific Islands and were getting close to Australia.

Morrie became part of the seventh division and together with the Americans, sailed to Morotai, which was the main base where the Army, Airforce and Navy joined forced and trained. During his time here, Morrie suffered Dingy Fever and had to stay in an American hospital for 2 weeks.

The seventh division then went on the recapture Borneo, where thousands of Australian prisoners were being held. The division comprising of hundreds of barges, warships and aircraft carriers had split in two, and landed in Borneo in two places. Fighting planes were continually flying overhead for protection.

Being part of the Special Military Police, Morrie's job was to go behind the infantry to direct all army vehicles carrying all ammunition, guns, and everything necessary to set up camp. Morrie recalls when their barge landed in Borneo in the early hours of the morning; "The water was deeper than we thought, about 5 feet. As they drove the vehicles off, some of the Jeeps got stuck, which meant a lot of them had to dive under the water to hook up chains to pull it to shore."

Meanwhile, the Japanese were everywhere scouring the beaches. Every now and then they would have to hide under their big trucks, it was very frightening, and Morrie never expected to come home. Success finally came when the Japanese planes were shot down, fortunately none of Morrie's battalion was lost.

Their next task was to set up camp at Balikpapan in Borneo. They were there for 1 year. It was not easy to set up camp as well as looking after the Japanese prisoners. Morrie recalled one day being given the job of driving the Colonel in his Jeep to check where their Infantry front line had advanced to. After traveling for miles, he pulled up only to be told by Australians to get back as the Japanese were just ahead. Fortunately, he made a quick turn, just as big a as Mortar bomb exploded. It could have blown them to bits, a little to close for his liking.

After twelve months, landing in Japan was next, but fortunately after the Americans had dropped Atomic Bombs, the Japanese surrendered which was the best news as the War ended.

Morrie wrote many letters to his mum but was never allowed to say where he was. All letters were headed "on active service". The letters were heavily censored, and I still hold some today with pieces cut out. His sisters would send them over fruit cake and many where mouldy when Morrie finally received them.

Morrie served in the Army from 1939 – 1946 and during this time the brothers did not sight each other. Some good friendships were made, but it took Morrie a long time to settle into farming life.

Today I can proudly wear his four medals that he was awarded. Morrie was a good member of the RSL until he passed away in 2005. I have been an active member of the RSL for over 62 years. I joined the RSL Women's Auxiliary in 1960. We had about 10 members but due to unforeseen circumstances we dropped back to only a few members. About 4 years ago we then decided to join the subbranch as they too were struggling with members.

I have enjoyed every day of being a member.

Thank you, Edna Boyle.



Running in the Gold Coast Marathon on 2nd - 3rd July 2022.

Andy Buchanan

earns Commonwealth Games selection to represent Australia in Birmingham

Andy is the son of Alan (Charlie) & Jenny Buchanan.
Alan went to school in Boort and went on to work in
the State Rivers Offices in Boort. They live in Bendigo
now. Andy is the nephew to Lloyd & Jenny & Bryan
Buchanan and Gwen & Ken Rice.

Boort & District PROBUS NEWS

A number of members are not available for the August meeting, it has been decided to skip this meeting and plan a program for the Friday 3rd September when the weather may be warmer.

A couple of interesting events in the pipeline that Leah would like response from the members or anyone interested in attending.

The Capital Theatre, Bendigo, Tuesday August 30th at 11 am, Matinee Series "It might as well be Spring: The songs of Rodgers and Hammersten".

Tickets are \$15 Concession. Ring Leah
(0419399228) by Monday 25 July if interested.

Also "Fortuna Villa High Tea", Sunday 25th September is the suggested date. Please ring Leah as by 25 July so that a Booking can be made.

Members and visitors are welcome to these events and we hope to see you all at the August meeting.



Weki & Mike Duyer

Have come to Boort Lakes from Warragul having previously lived many years in the Dandenong Ranges whilst raising their children.

We have four children - three girls and one son all adults with homes and families of their own. We have been gifted seven beautiful grandchildren. Three of our children are in Melbourne and one in Queensland.

Our career backgrounds have predominantly been Management roles, Mike's in the building industry and Vicki's in Pharmacy. Having had very busy roles that had us both flying all over the country we look forward to being in the same place every day and the chance to work alongside of each other.

We originally came to Boort Lakes 3 years ago for Easter and were back this year with one of our children and their group of friends and families who have been coming to Boort for the tennis tournament for the last 34 years. Each time we have visited Boort we have loved the lake and the walk around it, the peace and quiet, the sleepy little town that offers us all we need and NO traffic.

We have caravanned most of Australia so feel we know what makes traveller's stays enjoyable and look forward to hearing many more travel stories from those spending time with us at Boort Lakes and making their time with us a special one.

We look forward to working with Wendy & Tim to continue the wonderful job they do at the Boort Lakes Holiday Park.



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Loddon Healthy Minds Network committee

Council is currently seeking expressions of interest from residents in Loddon Shire to represent the community on the Loddon Healthy Minds Network committee.

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

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

Further queries can be directed to Wendy Gladman, Director Community Wellbeing on 5494 1200.

To obtain an information package and expression of interest form, or for more information, please contact Vicki Andrew on 5494 1230 or visit the Loddon Healthy Minds website www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au/

Small-Scale and Craft Program grants

Agribusinesses are encouraged to apply for the Small-Scale and Craft Program.

Grants of up to \$15,000 are available to eligible small-scale and craft agribusinesses for projects that expand into new markets, scale up their operations, adopt new technology or develop tourism offerings, and ensure Victoria continues to be a leader in artisanal produce.

Grants can be used for new equipment of small-scale infrastructure, technology adoption, expansion of the agribusiness into new markets, product diversification or development and updating of farmgate outlets or sites for tourism.

Applications for the Small-Scale and Craft Program close at 11.59pm Sunday 31 July.

To find out more visit https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/smallscaleandcraftprogram

ALGA National General Assembly

Last week saw local government leaders from around Australia gather in Canberra for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 28th National General Assembly.

ALGA is the national voice of local government and the National General Assembly (NGA) is the largest national algathering of democratically elected representatives in the nation.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this year's assembly; however, Loddon Shire was well represented by Cr Holt, Cr Jungwirth and Cr Murphy, as well as Council's CEO Lincoln Fitzgerald.

They joined around 1,000 delegates and federal members of parliament. Among them was Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Kristy McBain and Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney. Other federal members included Minister for Communications Michelle Rowland, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Emergency Management Murray Watt, Leader of the National Party David Littleproud and Zali Steggall OAM.

The assembly heard from a number of speakers, including leading economists, Governor-General David Hurley and a stirring address from the Ukraine Ambassador.

The assembly also discussed the global challenges to democracy and the critical importance of local government. Other critical issues addressed included migration between cities and regions, housing affordability and the role councils can play in social housing, critical workforce challenges and road safety.

The NGA also includes a number of motions put up by councils and voted on by council delegates at the assembly. Motions that are passed then help inform the advocacy of ALGA during the coming year. Cr Holt, who is Council's Municipal Association of Victoria representative, was the voting delegate for Loddon Shire. Among the number of motions were the extension of the Roads to Recovery Program beyond 2024 and for Financial Assistance Grants funding to be raised to a level equal to one per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue. Financial Assistance Grants help local governments deliver a range of services to their communities (including roads).

WorkSafe Awards – farm health and safety

Entries are now open for the WorkSafe Awards – Commitment to Workplace Health and Safety on a Farm until Friday 15 July.

This award acknowledges individuals or businesses who have made a significant difference and improvements on their farm/s through leadership and practice.

The award is open to all Victorian farmers, or those working on a farm, and offers a \$2000 prize.

To find out more and to enter the WorkSafe Awards visit www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/awards



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Key financial documents adopted

At its June Council Meeting (28 June), Council adopted key financial documents, including the 2022/23 budget, Fees and Charges Schedule, and the 2022/23 to 2031/32 Financial Plan.

The 2022/23 Budget includes a rate increase of 1.75 per cent – in line with the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System. There is a capital expenditure program of \$7.34 million, which includes \$3.4 million towards roads, \$350,000 for urban and road drainage, and \$426,000 for footpaths.

You view the budget or financial plan at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Financial-reports
The Fees and Charges Schedule is available from www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Current-fees-and-charges

Copies are also available for inspection at Council's Wedderburn office during business hours.

Annual Infrastructure Program

Additionally, Council adopted the Annual Infrastructure Program for 2022/23, which sets out priority projects over the coming financial year.

The \$9.45 million program includes Council funding as well as Federal Government funding (Roads to Recovery and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program).

The 2022/23 program includes \$4.77 million towards a number of community projects, including an additional allocation for the completion of the Donaldson Park project and the Pyramid Hill Streetscape. There is also \$1.07 million to reseal and final seal around 28 kilometres of the sealed road network; \$969,632 to resheet and/or treat almost 21 kilometres of the gravel road network, and \$448,044 to resheet around 24.5 kilometres (both sides) of gravel shoulders.

There is funding of \$727,152 for the renewal of a section of Newbridge Road and renewal and widening of a section of the Echuca-Serpentine Road, \$250,000 for Boort and Pyramid Hill flood mitigation projects, and \$188,000 for the Coutts Street crossing project and installation of a pedestrian safety barrier at Lakeside Drive in Boort.

Draft Community Local Law

The June Council Meeting also saw Council approve putting the draft Community Local Law 2022 out for public comment for at least six weeks.

The draft Community Local Law follows a review of Council's existing and expired local laws (in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*), and a much simplified and easier to understand local law is

now proposed.

It covers a range of laws, including Council land, streets and roads, private property, animals and pets, waste and recycling, permits and fees, and enforcement.

For more information about the draft Community Local Law, and to view a copy and submit a comment visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Documents-for-public-comment

A copy of the draft local law is available for inspection (or can be printed on request) at the Council offices, 41 High Street, Wedderburn during business hours. A copy can also be posted to you by calling Council's Customer Service on (03) 5494 1200.

A number of drop-in sessions will also be held across the Shire in the coming weeks for community members to discuss the draft Community Local Law with Council officers. Keep an eye out for more information about these drop-in sessions in the coming week.

Other Council meeting outcomes

Last Tuesday's Council meeting also saw a number of other items considered by Council. This included the adoption of the Asset Plan 2022, approval of the Child Safe Standards Framework and Child Safe Policy, and the Volunteer Strategy 2022-2026.

To view the minutes from the June Council Meeting visit

www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Agendas-and-minutes/Agendas-and-minutes-2022

Loddon Shire population grows

In some great news for our Shire, the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics Census release saw Loddon Shire's population grow to 7,759 people, up from 7,516 people in 2016.

This is the first population increase we have seen in our Shire in decades, and it is fantastic to see that our communities are growing. It also further builds upon the strong future we have in our Shire and the positive sense of optimism we are seeing in our communities that our Shire is the place to work, live and thrive.

Mitiamo and Serpentine recreation reserves floodlighting

Council has welcomed funding of \$200,000 from the

Victorian Government's Country Football and Netball Funding Program towards lighting upgrades at the Serpentine Recreation Reserve and Mitiamo Recreation Reserve.

Delivered through Sport and Recreation Victoria, the funding will contribute to the Floodlighting Upgrade Project, which will see the Serpentine and Mitiamo recreation reserves receive new fit-for-purpose light towers and sustainable LED floodlighting.

This funding, which is in addition to a contribution from the Federal Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, is crucial in helping deliver this project for our communities.



NAIDOC Week

This week we acknowledge and celebrate NAIDOC Week, which runs from 3 to 10 July. This year's theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and celebrate the oldest, continuous living culture on earth.

For more information about NAIDOC Week, visit https://www.naidoc.org.au/



Philippines Independence Day celebrations in Pyramid Hill

It was a great honour to be part of the Philippines Independence Day celebrations in Pyramid Hill on Saturday (2 July).

Held at the Memorial Hall, the Commemoration of the 124th Independence Day of the Philippines was a wonderful celebration. The event included guest speakers, a fashion parade, dance presentations, dinner and a party afterwards.

I'd like to thank the United Filipino Organisation, including their President Marilyn Fernandez, and everyone involved in such a fantastic celebration.

Well wishes to Lynne Habner

Finally this week, I'd like to wish Council's Manager Executive and Commercial Services Lynne Habner all the best as she finishes up with Council this week to relocate to South Australia.

Lynne, who has been at Council for 11 years, has been integral to managing the tourism and economic development of the Shire, as well as providing high-level support to Councillors (and the CEO).

Lynne's exceptional support has been very much appreciated, and on behalf of the Councillors, I'd like to thank Lynne for her diligence and incredible service to not only Council, but her community.



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Loddon Valley Calendar of Events out now

It's great to see a fantastic range of events coming up in our region as highlighted in the 2022-2023 Loddon Valley Calendar of Events which is out now.

Spanning across the region, these events not only provide great opportunities for our community to come together and celebrate our wonderful Loddon Valley, but also showcase the region to visitors.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank everyone involved in putting on these events, which involve many hours of hard work – the majority of which is carried out by volunteers.

The Calendar of Events brochure is available from www.visitloddonvalley.com.au and from information stands across the Shire.

A copy of the Calendar of Events brochure was also sent out with the 2022/23 rates notices.

Dingee Historical Wall information board

I'd like to congratulate the Dingee Progress Association Inc. on the completion and installation of the Dingee Historical Wall information board.

The information board tells the story behind the Dingee Historical Wall, which was created in 2001 and provides a visual memory honouring past residents and the contribution they made in creating the history of our region.

The information board will create further awareness of the Dingee Historical Wall, as well as encourage people far and wide to take the time to view the wall.

The project was delivered by the Dingee Progress Association, with funding support from Council's Community Planning Program.

Child safety on farms – free resource now available

This week is Farm Safety Week (18 to 24 July), and as part of the week, the Victorian Farmers Federation Making our Farm Families Safer Project has released a free resource regarding child safety on farms.

Child Safety on Farms a Practical Guide for Farming Parents is designed to assist farming parents to ensure the safety of all children. In particular, children within the age range of 10 to 15 years old, which is when they are more likely to be helping out on the farm. The free guide is available from https://bit.ly/

Childsafeonfarms

Bushfire resilience free 2022 webinar series

Bushfire Resilience Inc. (BRI) will be holding its free 2022 webinar series, starting this Wednesday 20 July at 7.30pm, with its first webinar Horses and bushfire what do we know?

BRI has assembled a team of eminent presenters and experts who will discuss the various issues, strategies and actions to get bushfire resilient.

To find out more and to register, and for more information regarding the 2022 webinar series, visit https://bushfireresilience.org.au/

Landcare grants now open

Applications are now open for the 2022 Victorian Landcare Grants until 5pm Tuesday 26 July. The Victorian Government is providing funding to support Landcare and environmental volunteering groups and networks for on-ground works, education, and capacity building projects that help protect and restore Victoria's land and natural environment. Up to \$20,000 is available for project grants and up to \$500 for support grants.

The grants are open to all Victorian Landcare and environmental volunteer groups and networks that are community-based and have a focus on on-ground land and natural environment improvement work.

To find out more visit www.environment.vic.gov.au/ grants/victorian-landcare-grants

BoM new climate and weather outlook tools

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has developed five new climate and weather outlook tools with more detail on unseasonal rainfall and temperatures for any location in Australia.

Anyone can explore these free tools on the BoM website to see how they could assist you in managing your farm business, or planning for outdoor events, business decisions and in your family's severe weather preparedness.

Visit https://bit.ly/3o7WKEf to find out more.

Australian Sheep and Wool Show

The Australian Sheep and Wool Show was held in Bendigo over the weekend, which was again a superb event with much to see and do.

Not only is the Bendigo event one of the biggest of its type in the world, the sheep and wool show also sees the involvement of many Loddon locals, including showcasing businesses and aspects of our agriculture. Many locals also attend the event generally.

It's fantastic to see the involvement of our producers in such a signature event, further highlighting our region.

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.

Wedderburn Golf Club Annual Tournament

Tuesday, 19 July to Sunday, 24 July 2022 Ladies and men's events.

Wedderburn Golf Club's annual tournament is played on our picturesque course over 4 days.

Tuesday 19 July - Ladies 4BBB - hit off at 10.30am Friday 22 July - Men's 4BBB - hit off at 10.30am Saturday 23 July- Ladies and men's day - hit off at 9.00am

Sunday 24 July - Mixed day - hit off at 10.30am Contact: Graham 0409 207 383 or Jill 0448 493 090 Wedderburn Golf Club, Boort-Wedderburn Road, Wedderburn 3518

Loddon Woodcarving Group - Bridgewater

Saturday, 23 & 30 July 2022 | 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM Pop in and see the skilled woodcarvers at the Bridgewater Railway station and see first-hand wonderful wooden artworks being created, ask questions regarding the craft or become a woodcarving group member. We are here every Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

Contact: Philip Ohlson 0403 209 321

Bridgewater Railway Station, 12 Erskine St, Bridgewater on Loddon 3516

30th Annual Wedderburn Vintage Machinery Rally

Saturday, 10 September to Sunday, 11 September 2022 | 09:00 AM

The Wedderburn Historical Engine and Machinery Society brings you a great day out for the whole family.

Old engines, vehicles, farm machinery and many items of yesteryear on display.

There will be a Patchwork quilting display in the old school building.

Food and refreshments available. Trade and craft stalls. Free on site camping for exhibitors.

For more information contact Trevor 0427 583 341 or Lois 0438 915 278

https://www.facebook.com/wedderburnengineclub/ Engine Park, Racecourse Road, Wedderburn 3518

Tarnagulla Strictly Vintage Fair

Sunday, 11 September 2022 | 09:00 AM to 03:00 PM The Tarnagulla Strictly Vintage Fair includes fun and entertainment for the whole family.

BBQ breakfast, Live music, Sumptuous high tea, Vintage stalls lining the main street, Vintage car and caravan displays. Games for children and adults.

A vintage fashion parade and many other "vintagy" and fabulous activities.

For more information, visit the Tarnagulla Strictly Vintage Fair Facebook page or contact the event coordinator on 0457 326 743.

Soldier's Memorial Park, Commercial Road, Tarnagulla 3551

Friends of Kooyoora Spring Festival

Saturday, 17 September 2022 | 10:00 AM to Sunday, 18 September 2022 | 04:00 PM

Discover and immerse yourself in nature, at the Kooyoora Spring Festival conducted by the Friends of Kooyoora on the lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung. The new format will include guest speakers from Djarra, Friends of Kooyoora and others. Full program details will be posted on the Friends of Kooyoora Facebook page.

For more information call 0447 036 952 or email kooyoorafriends@gmail.com

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

NHMA Tractor Trek

29 September 2022 | 09:00 to Sunday, 02 October | 01:00pm

Hosted by The Wedderburn Historical Engine & Machinery Society Inc.

The National Tractor Trek attracts entries from all over Australia. It invites members to come along and drive their tractors around the district and see many sites along the way. Registration Day is on the Thursday and the main treks are on Friday and Saturday with morning tea and lunch en route. Friday and Saturday nights meals and entertainment are to be held in the Wedderburn Mechanics Institute Hall. Sunday is market

day with a shorter tractor trek for anyone who is interested.

For more information email wec3518@gmail.com or call 0498 877 330

Wedderburn Engine Park, Racecourse Road, Wedderburn 3518

Laanecoorie Gold Bash 2022

Friday, 07 October to Sunday, 09 October 2022

A fun event for the whole family. The gold bash is a two and a half day event with gold related stalls, a trivia night and auction. Token hunts for kids and adults, gold tours and raffles.

For more information call 0402 472 275 or email <u>laan-ecooriegoldbash@hotmail.com</u>

Laanecoorie Lakeside Caravan Park, 58 Brownbills Road, Laanecoorie 3463

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 or email mysis-aschool@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/ mysiaschool/

Mysia War Memorial School, Day Street, Mysia 3518

Wedderburn Garden Expo

Sunday, 23 October 2022 | 09:30 AM to 03:30 PM The Wedderburn garden expo is a great opportunity to view the charm and character of seven gardens open to the public for one day only.

Enjoy a Devonshire Tea at the delightful Coach House Gallery & Museum, with local exhibitions and hidden treasures. You'll be spoilt for choice at the market stalls and wine tastings.

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 Spring Dance

Wedderburn 3518

Friday, 28 October 2022 | 07:30 PM - 11:00 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. Fully catered supper.

Cost: Adults \$20, Under 16 \$10

For more information or to book tickets call 03 5494 3489.

Visit our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ WedderburnCommunityHouse

Mechanics Institute Hall, Reef Street, Wedderburn 3518

2022 Wedderburn White Twenty Darts Tournament

Saturday, 03 December 2022 | 08:30 AM to Sunday, 04 December 2022 | 05:00 PM

Hosted by the Loddon Darts Association Inc.

\$5,500.00 total prize pool (subject to entry numbers). Team registrations by 8:30am for a 9am start. Round Robin format, 5 players per team, plus up to 3 reserves.

No requirement to play Saturday to qualify for Sunday. Individual prizes shared if multiple winners.

No BYO alcohol to be brought into the venue.

Entries & enquiries to Robert Day 0439 372 118 or email loddondarts180@outlook.com http://www.loddondarts.com/

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

Wedderburn's Christmas on High

Thursday, 08 December 2022 | 05:00 PM to 08:00 PM The Christmas on High festival is the perfect opportunity to pick up beautiful gifts, catch up with friends, take the children to visit Santa at the Coach House Gallery and enjoy the decorated windows as you wander along High Street.

To get everyone in the Christmas spirit join in with the Community Carols at 7pm and look out for the man in red at 7.30pm arriving with a sack full of goodies.

A great night for all with entertainment for the kids. Presentations at 6.30pm for the best decorated shop window and house.

See you there!

Contact: Wedderburn Community House 03 5494 3489

or email admin@wedderburnch.org.au

https://www.wedderburnch.org.au

Soldiers Memorial Park, High Street, Wedderburn 3518

REGISTRATIONS OPEN 1 JULY FOR LODDON HEALTHY MINDS NETWORK SUICIDE PREVENTION FORUM

Registrations will open from 1 July for the Loddon Healthy Minds Network 2022 Suicide Prevention Forum (SPF22).

The forum, which will be held on Thursday 20 October from 9am to 3.30pm at the Inglewood Community Hub, will focus on suicide prevention strategies that work in rural areas.

A number of experts and speakers will present at the forum, giving insights into solutions and strategies to address rural mental health.

This includes renowned mental health speaker, author and radio broadcaster Craig Hamilton.

Craig, who was diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder in 2000, is one of Australia's most high-profile speakers regarding mental health and wellbeing.

A range of guest presenters will also speak at SPF22, providing strategies that practitioners, service providers, community members and volunteers alike will be able to put to immediate use in service and/or their community.

Loddon Shire Mayor Dan Straub said looking out for each other in local communities continued to be critical.

"As highlighted by the Loddon Healthy Minds Network – suicide prevention is everyone's business," Cr Straub said.

"This forum comes at a moment in time where mental health, including among our rural communities, is a crucial focal point.

"Given the impacts of the past two years, and the continued effects we're seeing in our community, helping ensure the wellbeing of our fellow community members is vital.

"I encourage everyone in our region who is concerned about mental health in rural communities, be it through their work, volunteering capacity or as a community member, to attend the forum," he added.

Early bird discount tickets for SPF22 will apply for registrations for the entire month of July.

There is also a limited amount of free tickets for Loddon region community members and volunteers. Community members and volunteers are asked to call Vicki at Loddon Shire Council on 5494 1230 to register for these limited free tickets.

For more information about the SPF22, and to register for tickets from 1 July, please visit

www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au/suicide-prevention-forum

FURTHER INFORMATION:

(03) 5494 1200

Boort Golf
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The popular event of the "Farmer's Fourball" – 4BBB

Stableford on **Friday 24th June** drew a good crowd this year of 26 men and 5 women enjoying the "Nutrien Ag Solutions" sponsored 18-hole pairs event.

In the women's competition, Beth Thompson from Wycheproof with partner Heather Hogan from Birchip received the top prize on 43 points. Beth also managed to claim runners-up with Dot Beattie from Boort on 41 points, while Michelle Baker from Kerang and Dot Anderson from Sunbury finished 3rd.

In the Men's B Grade, Hamish Lanyon and Grant Tooth from Boort finished 1 point ahead of the pack on 40 points, while John Gibson and Laurie Barby from Korong Vale were runners-up on a countback from locals Barry Kennedy and Alister McDougal. In the Men's A-Grade, the locals dominated with Kevin Linehan and Harvey Poxon from Boort knocking off Robert Johnston and Doug Couper, also from Boort in a countback after both pairs blitzed the field with their 43 point totals. The sponsor for this day was "Nutrien Ag Solutions".



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
Di Johnston & Gaye Sim

The Ladies have played their 3 rounds of the Club Championships with Dianne Johnston winning the Silver Division and Gaye Sim the Bronze Division. These 2 Ladies will represent Boort in the Champion of Champions to be played at Charlton, 4th August.

The Men's Club Championship was held over the 4 Saturdays in June with the best 3 rounds counting in the Championship. With another par round giving him a net 74, Andrew Kane claimed the honors' for his third week in a row, 2 ahead of the ever improving Graeme Ball. In the B-Grade Alister McDougal maintain his early lead, finishing over 20 shots ahead of runner-ups Kevin Linehan and Hamish Lanyon. In the Weaver Cup for the best nett total excluding the 2 winning Champions was Graeme Ball who achieved this by the barest of margins of one over Damien Lanyon.



MENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Andrew Kane, Graeme Ball, Alister McDougal

The Tournaments are now commencing around the area and some players are enjoying coming home with a trophy. While others just enjoy playing on different golf courses and meeting other golfers.



Boort Golf Club Results – Thursday 14th July, 2022

To kick of the 2022 Boort Golf Club tournament, a ladies fourball was held on Thursday with 30 ladies contesting the 18-hole pairs event with the course in excellent condition.

	A-grade		A-grade B-grade		B-grade
Winners	Marg Nelson	Michelle Dillon 46 pts	Debbie Bish	Janine Wiltshire 46 pts	
Runners-up	Glenda Bird	Carolyn McHugh 44 pts	Jean Youl	Deanne Free 45 pts	
Teams	Dot Beattie	Beth Thompson	Michelle Dillon	Marg Nelson 90 pts	
NTP	1st	9th	15th		
	Julie McLennan	Michelle Dillon	Karen Allison		

Boort Golf Club Results – Friday 15th July, 2022

Forty-seven players battled it out in the men's fourball with the results very close and hotly contested.

	A-grade		B-grade	
Winners	Leigh White Lindsay Kramer 45 pts (c/b)		Owen Bailey	David Fry 46 pts
Runners-up	Vince Grant	Dick McLennan 45 pts (c/b)	Scott Rollinson	Alister McDougal 46 pts
Better 9s	Out		In	
	Grant Tooth Damien Lanyon 24 pts		Barry Kennedy	Alister McDougal 22 pts
NTP	1st 9th		15th	18th
	Ken Scarffe	Peter Meehan	David Fry	Jake Wright

Boort Golf Club Results – Saturday 16th July, 2022

After an absence of 2 years due to covid restrictions, our first 27-hole event was held with just over 20 players taking part throughout the day under breezy conditions.

	A-grade	B-grade	Ladies
27 scratch	Craig Burn 37+74=111	Shayne Morris 39+84=123	Heather Hogan 88 – 12 = 76
27 handicap	Chris Loeliger 36+74=110	Vince Grant 37.5+70=107.5	Di Johnston 91 – 8 = 73
18 handicap	Steve Briggs 77-4=73	James Loeliger 88-18-70	Anne Gross 50-10=40
9 handicap	Jordan Briggs 36 + 2 = 38	Damien Lanyon 39 – 5 = 34	-
NTP 1st	NTP 1st 9th		18 th
Craig Burn	Di Johnston	Vince Grant	Steven Briggs
Teams	James Loeliger	Chris Loeliger	Allen Stringer



From left to right...Craig and Karen Allison (scratch winners) David Hellsten and Dot Beattie (nett and Weaver Cup winners)

Boort Golf Club Results – Sunday 17th July, 2022

To round off our tournament week, a mixed foursomes event took place with 9 pairs playing a reduced 14-hole competition in an effort to beat the bad weather forecast for later in the day.

	Mixed		NTP Sui	nday
Scratch	Karen Allison	Craig Allison (58)	1st	Karen Allison
Nett & Weaver Cup	Dot Beattie	David Hellsten (46.0)	9th	Marilyn Lanyon
Runners-up	Hannah Mullins	Chris Hatcher (46.7)	15th	Damien Lanyon
3rd	Gil Tweddle	Alister McDougal (47.3)	18th	Damien Lanyon
NTP overall	1st	9th	15th	18th
	Craig Burn 2.35m	Michelle Dillon 3.38m	Karen Allison 1.76m	N/A
Raffle	Roma Cain	Steph McLaughlin	Phyl Baker	Roy Smith



BOORT ANGLING CLUB

Inc No A 0051259 P 34 Ring Road Boort Vic. 3537 Email: boortanglingclub@yahoo.com

27th June 2022

To our Valued Sponsor,

From Rod Stringer, President BAC Inc

Firstly, we at BAC would like to thank you for your continued sponsorship and support over all the times that we have been able to hold our Annual Event, also for the service you offer to our members and others through-out the years.

Our annual event is based on family involvement at minimal cost, enabling folks of all ages and walks of life to enjoy fishing and outdoor life. Keeping these costs down has been made possible by the strong and long-term support from our sponsors. The success of it can be measured by the increase in popularity and entries shown below.

> 2017, 83 Adults + 47 Juniors 2018, 121 Adults + 100 Juniors 2019, 165 Adults + 117 Juniors

Unfortunately, due to the lingering effects of COVID, personal health problems, and other constraints, the BOORT ANNUAL FISHING AND FAMILY WEEK-END will NOT be happening in October 2022.

The fact that we have been unable to stage this wonderful event for three years running is a sad loss to Boort and surrounding districts, and also the hundreds of people who love to participate.

This effects the social and sporting side of BAC, and as it is our only major FUND RAISER for the year, it is also a very serious blow financially.

BAC has not abandoned the October Event and have intentions to be back, bigger and better in 2023.

When preparation starts in 2023 we will visit all our previous sponsors and any new ones to invite them to contribute. We will also ask them for signs of perhaps A3 size that we can display to advertise for them. Suggestions would be very much appreciated on how we may improve our event.

Further info or comments can be addressed as above, or to, Rod Stringer on phone 0428 513 888 or email: stringer rod@yahoo.com.au

Thank you in anticipation of your reply,

Committee of BAC.

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