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Billy Buttons at YANDO



Billy Buttons once were very common through the Flood Plains along the Loddon River, but are now restricted to very few sites.

The above photo was taken about 9kms out of Yando and is one the best strands left in our shire.

Photo Courtesy of Paul Haw.

THE GRUMLEY'S ADVENTURES

Easter, 1977 was our first taste of Boort. We were a young family of five, Garry (better known as Grumpy) Merrilyn and children, Darryn, 6, Matthew 4 and Justin 18 months. Our local ski club, Burrumbeet, which was based out of Ballarat, went to Boort each year for Easter. As we were new-comers to skiing, we decided to go have a look...that was 45 years ago and we have hardly missed a Christmas or Easter since!

We bought a tent and used that for the first five years, which was always fun setting up and dismantling, (I think not!). Then we moved up to a converted bus, which now housed six of us, as another son, Steven joined the family in 1981, followed by our daughter, Rebecca in 1983. Our site for many years was on the front fence, so we received many visitors who happened to be going past and were lured in by a friendly wave from Garry! The site next to us belonged to our dear friends, Laurie and Clare Jenkins and children, Judy and Damian who also had a bus. We shared many a fun holiday with them over the years. Our two cats would also accompany us in the bus and settle in nicely at Boort for the duration of the holidays. They always knew when it was time to leave for home though, as they would go missing and no amount of tapping on the tin of cat food would bring them out from their hiding spots! So a lot of the park kids would be spread out looking for Bonnie and Clyde, who would be found calmly looking out at us from under someone's caravan, or sitting up a tree!



In January, 1992 there was a deluge of rain and we were flooded down our end of the park, but lucky the water didn't get into our bus, just our annex. Many of the park residents down past the toilets, whose sites weren't

affected came to check us out, some wags came paddling round in their canoes!

The Ski Club was very active in the early days, and members would congregate to share a drink after a day of skiing. Everyone would participate in the ski days, which the club organised and of course, no-one went into an event to lose, particularly when it came to the locals against the rubber necks! The drivers of the boats were very competitive as well, so the skiers had to possess nerves of steel. High Insurance costs brought our ski race days to an end in the early 2000's, which was a



real shame, as everyone had such a great day. Our social life within the club was also very active, with dinners, discos, golf days and the odd Casino night thrown in!

Numerous bus trips were organised, which always started out with everyone in high spirits, (enjoying beer and the odd champagne or two!) visiting pubs, clubs and river cruises, not to mention the very noisy trip back home from our destination!



Every Australia Day, after a big day of skiing and an esky full of beer had been raffled, a band would strike up and march through the park, usually led by Graeme Sheldon, followed by John Hall on drums and singer

Peter Hart, who entertained the crowd which had gathered to watch the festivities. A particularly funny time involved a boxing match being set up in the back of a ute, with fierce contestants, Laurie Jenkins and Barry Hazeldene hamming it up for the raucous crowd!

During the 80's, some of the camps in the original section of the park became quite boisterous at night, as there could be five or six families all holidaying together. I particularly remember one large group, which we dubbed "The Hasting's Mob" who really knew how to party, (to the consternation of campers nearby!) Eventually, they were all offered their own piece of paradise, which we called 'Siberia', as by now the caravan park had been extended right down to the channel and the Hasting's Mob were given a number of sights further on around the corner, where they could make as much noise as they liked! Not many of their group remain today, just a few of the die-hards!

Garry took up ski racing, and in 1986 our family, plus John



Gregory, who is probably one of the first families to come to holiday at Boort, were heading up to Queensland for the Australian Titles during January.

We made our way over to the Service Station to fill the bus up and no-one noticed Clyde the cat disappear, until Garry started the engine and we heard an almighty 'meeooww' well, we still don't know if Clyde ended up in Durham Ox or Wycheproof! Anyway, all ended up well, as Bob and Fay Sage, the caretakers, found and fed Clyde while we were away and apparently our cat was none the worse for his tangle with the fan belt! The caravan park was like one big extended family, everyone looking out for each other.

In 1992, John Bridgewater, the park manager, offered us a waterfront site, (we had served our apprenticeship!) and in October of that year, we brought our transportable home onto our site...NOW, this is what I call camping!! I think we may have been the forerunners in people getting bigger and better holiday homes at the park! We have seen huge changes in the Caravan Park over 45 years, when it was less than half the size, consisting mainly of caravans with canvas awnings or tents. Now, most sites have transportable homes, which sell for big money, such is the demand for a site on Lake Boort.

We have met some wonderful people over the years and seen a lot come and go. Our neighbours, Jenny and Barry Hazledene sold up at Easter time after 42 years and they will be sadly missed after being our neighbours for 30 years. Our children have all made long and lasting friendships with kids from the park and many local kids, who are all now raising families of their own. Some have even tied the knot after meeting and falling in love at Boort...Judy Jenkins met Brad Hadaway when she was sweet 16, much to the consternation of her dad Laurie, who thought Brad was way too old for her, but love found a way and they have now been married for 31 years. Laurie was the proudest man at his daughter's wedding, but tragically he died just over twelve months later in a trench cave-in.

Garry and I have done many holiday trips with our friends from the park and also some locals over the years. Spending time at the Gold Coast for many years during the September holidays, cruising the South Pacific a few times, attending 21st birthdays, weddings, engagements, etc. To top it all off, in August, 2019, Garry and I, Jenny and Barry Hazledene, Merilyn and Graeme Sheldon, Julie and Garry Whitfort, took a combined 70th birthday cruise to New Guinea for two weeks. We all had such a wonderful time, exploring tropical ports, drinking cocktails, dressing up, including dear Julie who was very unwell, but who put on a beautiful brave face for us all. Sadly, we lost our lovely friend in January, 2021.

Two of our boys, Justin and Steven, along with their wives and children also have cabins at Boort, whilst the other boys, Darryn and Matthew and their families are regular holiday makers also. Our daughter, Rebecca and family come when they can. Garry and I are now both in our early 70's and hope our health will hold out for a lot longer yet, so we can continue our holidays at Boort with our children, grandchildren and many friends we have met by coming to Boort all those years ago.

From Merrilyn Grumley



Amity November News



The Boort Amity Auction was held on Sunday 6th of November. The weather turned out to be great for the day and with having the recent floods in our region this brought a smaller crowd and less items for auction.

Thanks to all the people who brought, bought or helped in anyway with the auction it was really appreciated. A special Thanks to Doug Couper our auctioneer who gives his time for us to conduct the auction. All of the money we received from sales goes back into our community which is great for our small town of Boort.

Amity has been having auctions for many years and both the sellers and buyers look forward to attending.

Amity's next auction will be held in April 2023.



Amity's Community Donations



LEFT: Amity ladies Lynette Clark & Kathy Lowrie presenting a donation to Boort District School Principal Lee-Anne Sherwell. Funds will be going towards the Awards Night.



RIGHT: Boort Pre School's President Trish Bird & Treasurer Roxy Train receiving a donation from Lynette Clark & Kathy Lowrie of Boort Amity. This donation goes towards milk for the children.



Boort it's time to get into the Christmas spirit!

Decorate your house or shop front to be part of the Amity Christmas Lights Competition for 2022.

Judging will take place on the 16th of December!



BEAT THE BITE!



Did you know?

Mosquito-borne diseases can make people ill. The best prevention is to avoid getting bitten.



Buloke, Loddon & Gannawarra Shires

Youth Awards

9th December 2022

Featuring performances by

Jacob Fitzgerald

ELIAS LANYON
DEAKEN FAWCETT



Acknowledging the leadership, creativity, resilience and teamwork by youth in the Buloke, Loddon and Gannawarra Shires.

Presentation Evening
December 9th 2022
Boort Memorial Hall

To nominate head to:
<https://forms.gle/3aVzykJPnnNtC2XK6>



SCAN ME

Any Questions?
Molly Meadows

Email: m.meadows@nclen.org.au
Nominations Open September 9th
Closing Late November 2022



MARINE SAFETY COURSE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY COURSE

Boat & Jet Ski Course

Age 12 - 15 (Junior Licence) - NO JET SKI

Age 16 + Full Licence

ID Required - Birth Certificate or Passport or Drivers License and Medicare Card or Student ID

Course will held at Boort Resource & Information Centre
some time in December or January

Cost \$120

After completing the course you will be required to attend Vic Roads to obtain a licence. Please be advised this is an additional cost.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY CALLING
BOORT RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE

CALL: 5455 2716



BOORT DENTAL CLINIC is open

We have appointments available for public & private patients!

No waiting lists apply

All children under 18 are **free**

Please call 54515230 to arrange an appointment



Boort Christmas Street Party

Friday 16th December 2022

Godfrey Street closed from 5 p.m.

Stalls, food, music, activities, late night shopping and Santa!

Let's get together to celebrate Christmas, Family and our Community

Please bring a chair



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Charlton & District Community Bank[®] Branch



Boort Baptist Church &
Bendigo Christian Union
Invites you to

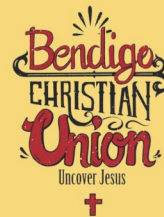
FREE

Community Breakfast



Saturday 10th Dec 8-9:30 am
All Welcome!
James Boyle Hall

Come have chat, hear some
people's life stories and enjoy a
free breaky on us!



Boort Baptist Church

Christmas Eve
Service 7pm
All welcome

Christmas Day
Service 9.30pm
All welcome



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Peter Walsh MP 496 High Street, Echuca 3564 Tel: 54822039 or 1300467906 E: peter.walsh@parliament.vic.gov.au

Funded by Parliamentary budget.



BOORT AMITY CLUB

Join our friendly local ladies
community group, anyone
welcome

Call Kathy Lowrie

0427 409 079

for more information

BOWLS NEWS

Wet weather threatened the start of the “Bare Foot Night Bowls” on Thursday the 10th of November. Luckily, the weather improved and 30 people were able to enjoy a sausage sizzle before their bowls matches.

Some players had their first experience of bowls and many of the players were able to try out the new world class artificial bowling greens.

10 teams of three played 12 ends of bowls, with the winning team consisting of Kellie Hare, Maree Stringer, and Samantha Isaacs. We are hoping to see many new faces coming to our Thursday Evening Social Bowls. The artificial green is available for anyone who would like to come and try it out. Bowls are available if needed by calling John Nelson on 5455 2255.



Thank You

I wish to thank the wonderful people that came to help me at Yando prior to and during the recent flood.

By naming names, I am sure to leave someone out and I apologise in advance if I do.

Ian, Marilyn, Damian, Anna and Hamish Lanyon, thank you so much.

The sandbaggers, so many of you, thank you.

The fire brigade, under Kel's management, thank you.

Football Club, we had a great year, I didn't think we would have the club back together so soon, thank you Vaughan and crew.

Sawer's Farms, Tim, and staff, thank you for your expertise and advice.

The Kane boys, so generous, I can't thank you enough.

Boundary Bend, first pump on the job, thank you for being a good corporate neighbour.

Our “eye in the sky”, Adam Wright, a great help in our preparation, thank you.

The Boyd family, thank you for all your help with stock agistment, a load off my mind.

Dot Beattie and her team of cooks, fantastic help in keeping up the strength and spirits.

Simon Rodgers, thank you for your last-minute effort, it made all the difference.

Sophia Herrington, Beau and Fergus and Braydon Piccoli, you are all amazing, great effort, thank you.

I wish everyone who has been impacted by this event all the best in your recovery.

Marg Piccoli



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	\$220
197w x 140h	Half Page	\$110
96w x 140h	Quarter Page	\$55
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

Loddon Shire swimming pools season

We are pleased to advise that all Council swimming pools are open for the 22/23 season.

Loddon Shire has five swimming pools within the municipality, located at Boort, Inglewood, Mitiamo, Pyramid Hill and Wedderburn.

For information on operating hours, entrance fees, contact details and to keep up to date with everything happening at your local Loddon Shire Council pool, please visit <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Community-facilities/Swimming-pools>

Disposal of sandbags

If you used sandbags over the last few weeks to protect your home from flooding, it is important that you dispose of them correctly.

Sandbags may be contaminated after use and need to be disposed of safely.

Used sandbags can be disposed of at Council landfill facilities and transfer stations free of charge, alternatively they can be dropped off at the location of the sand piles that were set up across the Shire. The sand piles and any sandbags will be collected over the coming month as resources allow. Our Works team are focusing on making roads safe and opening them up again.

For more information on waste facility timetables please visit <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Your-home/Garbage-and-recycling/Waste-facility-timetable-and-fees>

Sport or Recreation Grants

Are you a sport or recreation organisation that has been impacted by the floods?

The Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program is now open, supporting organisations with grants of up to \$5,000 for sport/first aid equipment, clubroom items and more. Applications close 13 January 2023.

For more information and application guidelines please visit <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/Community-Sport-Emergency-Flood-Assistance-Program>

Roads update

Reminder Council officers and contractors will focus on fixing high-risk locations, with other officers inspecting and prioritising works for the remainder of the road network.

As previously mentioned Council has responsibility for 4800 kilometres of roads across the Shire, so inspections and repairs will take some time.

If you would like to report water over a road or general road issues for VicRoads roads call 13 11 70. For Council roads call (03) 5494 1200.

National Asbestos Awareness Week

National Asbestos Awareness Week (21-27 November) reminds Australians to Think Twice About Asbestos.

Asbestos is still present in millions of homes, as well as public and commercial buildings. Many buildings constructed before 1990 still contain asbestos. In fact, across Australia, asbestos is in 1 in 3 homes.

It is not recommended that you handle, remove, or dispose of asbestos yourself. It is easier, safer and often cheaper to get a professional to do the job for you. They will usually include the cost of disposing the asbestos waste legally with the cost of removal.

For more information please visit <https://www.asbestossafety.gov.au/>

2022 State Election – Saturday 26 November 2022

Voting centres around the State will be open from 8 am to 6 pm

Find your nearest voting centre and voting options for the 2022 State election. <https://maps.vec.vic.gov.au/elections>

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 CWA's Annual Shopping Extravaganza

Friday, 02 December 2022 | 06:30 PM to 09:00 PM

A major fundraiser for the Country Women's Association with all proceeds donated back into the community.

\$10 entry fee, includes a glass of bubbly or orange juice on arrival.

Fashion parade. Over 30 stalls to explore and raffle prizes to be won.

Come and enjoy a fun shopping experience that will get you started on your Christmas shopping and support local businesses and your local CWA group.

Proudly supported by Loddon Shire and the Wedderburn CWA.

Contact 0411 958 201 or wedderburncwa6@gmail.com

K.L.C Wedderburn Secondary College, Cnr Chapel & Hospital St, Wedderburn, 3518

Campbell's Forest Christmas Tree

Friday, 02 December 2022 | 07:30 PM

Be on the lookout for Santa on Friday 2nd December from 7:45pm.

Santa will be making a special appearance at the Campbell's Forest Hall.

He will be arriving on the local fire truck with the lights and sirens going, spreading Christmas cheer and bringing a special gift to the children. Bring along a plate of supper to share.



For gift delivery and more information contact Fred 0437 375 235.

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

\$5 per adult, kids free.

Campbell's Forest Hall, Corner Loddon Valley Hwy & Fitzpatrick's Rd, Campbell's Forest 3556

2022 Wedderburn White Twenty Darts Tournament

Saturday, 3 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, 8 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!



The Melbourne Grammar School Symphony Orchestra – Classical Music

Sunday, 11 December 2022 | 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

The Melbourne Grammar School Symphony Orchestra takes to the rails this December to bring the finest of classical music to country Victoria.

Travelling by train from the Mallee to Gippsland, from the Western District to the Riverina, 80 young musicians will perform beloved works by Mozart, Fauré, Borodin and Vaughan Williams. Proceeds from the performances will be donated back to the local communities so don't miss this chance to hear a wonderful orchestra live in concert, in Boort this December.

Enquiries: Hall President: Ian 0427 554 252, Hall Secretary: Narelle 0429 050 866

Tickets available at <https://mgs.vic.edu.au/community/news-and-events/events/mgso-tour-boort> or at the door.

Cost: \$20 Adult, \$15 Concession & \$10 Student

Boort Memorial Hall, 119 Godfrey Street, Boort 3537

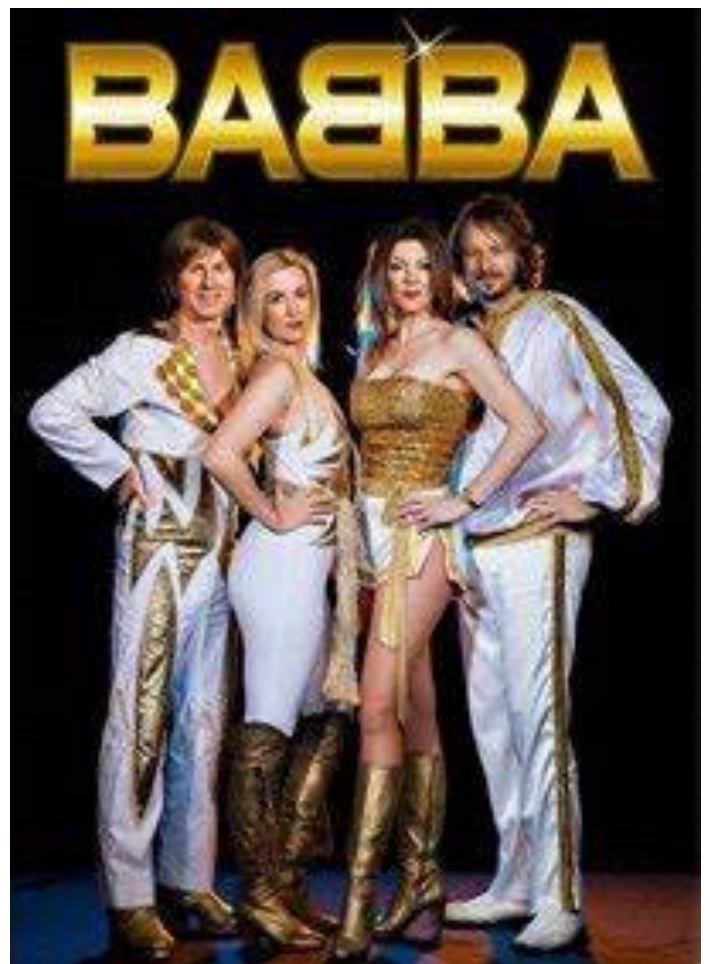
BABBA Live at the Inglewood Town Hall

Saturday, 25 March 2023 | 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

BABBA – the Australian Premier ABBA tribute show will be performing ABBA hits at the Inglewood Town Hall. Proceeds from this event will go towards fundraising for the Stage 2 renovations of the Inglewood Town Hall.

\$45 per person

Contact: Inglewood Town Hall Community Asset Committee 0417 124 275 or email jwellman@bigpond.net.au



Mysia War Memorial School Centenary

The Mysia War Memorial school was opened in 1921 as a community memorial to those that had served in World War One.

On the 9th of October 2022 the community celebrated the centenary of this beautiful building. The event was attended by over 170 people with many lively stories and reminiscences shared.

President of the Mysia Recreation Reserve, Chris Rothacker welcomed those in attendance and made the Acknowledgement of Country. Then Susan Foley followed by leading the crowd in the singing of the National Anthem. Neil Beattie gave a short speech on behalf of the Loddon Shire. He expressed pride in both the Boort Show which had been a huge success the day before, and the Mysia Centenary. He spoke about how such wonderful events give inspiration and confidence for the future of our communities.

Wendy Mills then spoke about the significance of the Mysia community, describing how it is important in so many family histories - whether a great-grandmother lived here for a while, or the family has been here for 140 years, or farmed for a while and moved on, or lived here for a couple of years as employees of the Railways or the Water Supply Commission, or it is your home now.

Wendy also told one of her mother's (Clara Stringer) stories - My mother used to love to tell of when she was at school in the 1920's. The students were amazed when one day "Plugger" Ryan brought a white mouse to school as they had never seen one before. As the day wore on and the mouse moved around, his white coat gave way to the usual grey. It turned out that on the way to school, Plugger had caught the mouse in the flour bin at Jennings' Store!

Gardening was also so much a part of their Mysia school life. Digging, pruning, weeding. In the 1940's a Plant Nursery was set up under the trees at the side of the school where they made wooden veneer tubes to plant seeds and pot cuttings for sale. Many of these trees were sugar gums which were sold to other schools such as Bears Lagoon and Barraport.

Past student and current treasurer of the Boort RSL, Jeannette Wagner, then planted a Lone Pine in recognition of the soldiers that had fought in WW1 and whose service had inspired the Impetus to build the school.

This was followed by the unveiling of a plaque to mark the centenary of the school. The covering over the plaque was made by Wendy out of the old stage curtains from the Mysia Hall. Past students Peg Mitchell (Makeham) and Bob Rollinson unveiled the plaque. Significantly, Bob's grandmother Elizabeth Chalmers had laid the foundation stone for the school 100 years earlier.

The day concluded with a BBQ and a delicious old fashioned afternoon tea.

This celebration had taken many months of planning and the dedicated team had stayed true to the task and should be congratulated on the success of the event. There is a souvenir booklet available at the Post Office and the Boort Newsagency or contact mysiaschool@gmail.com



Peg Mitchell & Bill Rollinson



Jeannette Wagner planting the Lone Pine



Susan Foley singing the national anthem



The next generation of Chalmers' (Alexander) enjoying banging the desk

What To Do If Someone Is Choking

Choking occurs when a foreign object (food, toy, ect) lodges in the throat or windpipe, blocking the flow of air.

This can happen in adults or children. People that are at most risk are the elderly and small children.

Choking happens when someone's airway is suddenly blocked, either fully or partly, so they can't breathe.

The following information is for people over 1 year of age:

Management of Mild Choking – Still able to cough

- Encourage them to keep coughing to try and clear the blockage
- Don't put your fingers in their mouth, ask them to spit out the object if it's in their mouth

Management of Severe Choking – Not able to cough

Step 1: Stand behind the person and while they are leaning forward, give up to 5 sharp back blows between their shoulder blades with the heel of your hand



Step 2: If unsuccessful, stand in front of the person, place one hand in the middle of the person's shoulder blades and your dominate hand on their breast bone. Give 5 sharp chest thrusts. You can also lean the person against a wall.



**Ambulance
Victoria**

WHEN TO CALL 000 IMMEDIATELY

- Start administering first aid and call 000 immediately.
- Put your phone on loudspeaker- this will make it easier for you to do both.
- Don't wait for symptoms to get worse
- Keep repeating Step 1 & Step 2 until the object is out or the Ambulance arrives
- If symptoms get better, that ok! The Paramedics can still come and check the patient over

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

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**WEDNESDAY - OPEN 4.00PM
DINNER FROM 6.00PM**

**THURSDAY - OPEN MIDDAY
LUNCH FROM 12.00PM
DINNER FROM 6.00PM**
STEAK'N'POT NIGHT

**FRIDAY - OPEN MIDDAY
LUNCH FROM 12.00**
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DINNER FROM 5.30PM
MEAT TRAY RAFFLE
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Nolen's Park parkrun

Our first Nolen's Park parkrun launched on the Saturday 1st October 2022 with 67 finishers for the event. Since then we have been amazed with the support, from both locals and tourists that turn up each week to participate or volunteer. Feedback from the participants is very positive with everyone encouraging each other along the way. "It is a very friendly atmosphere". We have a flat well-maintained track which participants enjoy.

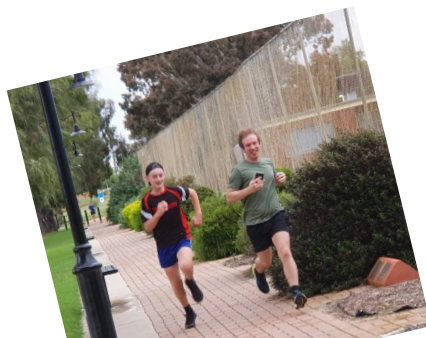
The best part is that everyone is a winner. Whether you run, walk or just turn up for the social aspect. It is not a race.

Thank you to all the volunteers that turn up each week. We could not operate without their support and willingness to help. To the participants, well done and keep on running. A big thank you to the Loddon Shire Council for helping to get parkrun up and running and continuing to help with road closures each week.

If you haven't been to a parkrun yet please come down to Nolen's Park at 7:45am Saturday for the briefing. The event starts at 8am sharp and is on every Saturday.

To participate or volunteer, it is preferred you register at <https://www.parkrun.com.au/register/> and nominate Nolen's Park as your home venue. You don't need to be a runner, there are plenty of walkers.

For more information, please visit <https://www.parkrun.com.au/nolenspark/> or contact the Facebook page Nolens Park parkrun.



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11TH DECEMBER,
2022

MGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

ADULTS \$20
CONCESSION \$15
STUDENTS \$10



BOORT MEMORIAL HALL
6PM - 7.30PM

PERFORMING WORKS BY MOZART, FAURÉ, BORODIN AND VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

ENQUIRIES: IAN POTTER 0427 554 252

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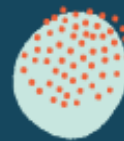
* Free for small businesses, start ups, farmers & community group members from Mildura, Swan Hill, Cohuna, Kerang, Boort, & Pyramid Hill

AUSTRALIA DAY

26TH JANUARY 2023

NOLEN'S PARK

- 9.15am Welcome by Maree Stringer
BOORT AMITY PRESIDENT
- 9.20am Acknowledgement of Country
Flag Raising
National Anthem Boort Babblers
- 9.25am Guest Speaker TBA
- 9.45am Cr. Beattie to announce
Citizen of the Year
Young Citizen of the Year
Community Event Award
- 10.15am Boort Babblers
Morning Tea
Merry-Go-Round



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FIREARM STORAGE

Firearm storage conditions are changing in 2022



Storage requirements for category A, B, C, D and general category handguns are changing on 30 August 2022.

These changes mean that firearm owners will be required to ensure that their storage arrangements meet or exceed the following conditions:

- Firearms must be stored in a purpose-built steel storage receptacle.
- The steel must be of a thickness of at least 1.6mm.
- If the receptacle weighs less than 150 kilograms when it is empty it must be bolted to the structure of the premises.
- The receptacle must be locked with a lock of sturdy construction when the firearm is stored in it.

More information about the changes and how they affect you can be found at police.vic.gov.au/firearms

**THE
RAILWAY
HOTEL**

Spring is here and summer is only around the corner! We are looking for Waiting & Kitchen Staff to join our team in Boort providing friendly service & quality meals to our community & visitors!
For further information please contact Paul Carter on 0417 111 297

Loddon Lights Up Orange to

Prevent Violence

Loddon Lights Up Orange is the campaign theme that local organisations are partnering in to support the 16 Days of Activism to prevent and respond to violence against women. The community are invited to participate in conversations and activities that help promote and practice respectful relationships, gender equality and positive attitudes towards girls and women.

‘Our Loddon community has a long history of responding to the call to action that is the global 16 Days of Activism’, Donna Doyle, CEO of Boort District Health said. ‘Many will remember our orange pom pom’s that adorned the Boort township. This year our famous pine out the front of the hospital will be lit up orange over the 16 Days amongst a range of other community activities to show our support of the prevention of violence against women and children. We hope to see other buildings in the Shire lit up in orange lighting to show their support throughout the 16 Days campaign’, Ms. Doyle said.

Inglewood and Districts Health Service are once again collaborating with the Kooyoora Women’s Network to

host the Loddon Orange Dinner at the Bridgewater Hotel on the 30th of November. The Networks boasts a membership of about 80 women, who will all wear orange and hear from April McKenzie, Director of Community and Clinical Services at IDHS. Bookings can be made with Sue Brown 0409 198 974.

Mandy Hutchinson, CEO of Northern District Community Health said, ‘this year’s campaign in Loddon features a post card that will go to every household in the Shire to support a conversation about equality and residents are encouraged to display it in a public place to show their support of the campaign messages. The prevention of violence against women and children is every bodies business and responsibility and we all can make a difference to the tragedy that is family violence, gender equality is the key to ending violence’, Ms. Hutchinson said.

‘NDCH are also thrilled to announce that the amazing expert Jane Gilmore, Author of ‘Fixed It: Violence and the Representation of Women in the Media’ and ‘Teaching Consent’ will be a guest speaker at our Annual General Meeting on the 30th of November. Jane is a passionate advocate for keeping women safe at home, at work and everywhere in between, and we

LODDON LIGHTS UP ORANGE

RESPECT WOMEN

Say 'No' to family violence!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

**A campaign supported by the Loddon Family Violence Network. Place this postcard on your letter box, door or fridge for the 16 days to show your support.*

SAFE + EQUAL



RESPECT WOMEN CALL IT OUT



CENTRE FOR NON-VIOLENCE

the orange door



Boort District Health



LODDON SHIRE

North Central LLEN

If you're feeling unsafe because someone in your family is hurting you, controlling you or making you or your children feel afraid, or you are concerned about your children, please call:

-The Orange Door - 1800 512 359

Boort District Health/Inglewood Districts Health Service
(shire wide 9-5pm Monday to Friday)

-Safe Steps - 1800 015 188

(after hours, weekends and public holidays)

Affected by floods? If you are feeling overwhelmed and finding it difficult to cope, reach out for help

Flood Recovery Hotline

Financial, mental health and other support.

1800 560 760

MensLine Australia

Men with emotional or relationship concerns

1300 789 978

Lifeline

Anyone having a personal crisis

13 11 14

Rural Financial Counselling

Financial & wellbeing concerns

1300 783 578

NDCH

Counselling & support services

(03) 5451 0200

Royal Flying Doctor Service

Counselling and other mental health support for Boort district

(03) 8412 0480

IDHS

Counselling & support services

(03) 5431 7000

Remember that you don't have to go it alone!

invite the community along to hear from this inspiring author'. Ms. Hutchinson said. Bookings can be made by calling NDCH reception on (03) 54 51 0200 or by visiting the NDCH Facebook page for the trybooking link.

The 2022 Loddon Lights up Orange Campaign had been coordinated by the Loddon Family Violence Network including representatives from Boort District Health, Inglewood and District's Health Service, Northern District Community Health, North Central LLEN, The Orange Door, Loddon Shire, Women's Health Loddon Mallee, Centre for Non-Violence and the Centre against Sexual Assault Central Victoria.

The annual 16 Days of Activism campaign begins on 25 November, the International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women, and ends on 10 December, which is International Human Rights Day

If you, are someone you know, is impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence, please phone The Orange Door Loddon on 1800 512 359.



25 NOV to 10 DEC

To,

Our Loddon Community

Loddon Lights Up Orange is a campaign for our community to think about what respect means.

WHAT IS RESPECT?

- It means valuing and respecting each other and their contributions.
- It means challenging comments that stereotype women and men.

By role modelling respect in our homes, workplaces, and communities we create a generation who actively prevents violence against women.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. The campaign runs every year from 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, to the 10th December, Human Right's Day.

This year you will receive an orange ribbon in the mail and we ask you to tie your ribbon to your mailbox or front fence to show your support for our program and your commitment to

CALL IT OUT & SAY NO TO FAMILY VIOLENCE

Friday 25 November:

5pm Nolen's Park Boort, evening lake walk – Dress in ORANGE

Friday 2 December:

11am-2pm outside the Courthouse Godfrey St Boort, Free sausage in bread and smoothie bike smoothie's under the BDH marquee

Saturday 10 December:

7am-9am Nolen's Park Boort, Free yogurt, fruit and smoothie bike smoothie's at the Park Run

Boort District Health

Strengthening Hospital Response to Family Violence

Find the help & support you need

The Orange Door is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need support for the wellbeing of children.

The Orange Door in Loddon

☎ 1800 512 359

✉ loddon@orangedoor.vic.gov.au

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Bendigo 3552



Drop-in Christmas Craft

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Thursday 22 December
11am-12PM

Boort Library Agency



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10.30-11am

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THU 25 AUG
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THU 20 OCT
THU 3 NOV
THU 17 NOV
THU 1 DEC
THU 15 DEC

Boort Resource
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119-121 Godfrey Street



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



DECEMBER - JANUARY
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Read 10 books over summer, collect incentives and be in the running to win great prizes including book, gift and activity vouchers.

To get started, register at your local library
or visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/bigsummerread

Return your reading record by 31 Jan for your chance to win a prize (Beanstack participants will have automatic entry).

Prize winners announced Fri 10 Feb.

For children and young people 0-18 years.

[All libraries, selected library agencies or online](#)








Joliman Lawyers would like to congratulate Ms Sharee Macfarlane for becoming Swan Hill's only Law Institute of Victoria Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates. After several months of intensive study to build upon over half a decade of experience in the area, Ms Macfarlane completed her assessments with the Law Institute of Victoria this year and was notified early in November 2022 that she had been granted accreditation as a specialist in Wills and Estates.

Ms Macfarlane has a passion for estate planning and urges everyone over the age of eighteen to have a Will.

"Even if you do not have many assets, a Will is important because it sets out who will be in charge of your estate and allows you to choose who will receive your money and other assets. If you do not have a Will, the law will make those choices for you. In the event of your death, having a Will helps to take away some of the stress for your family when they are already grieving their loss."

Ms Macfarlane works full-time in the Swan Hill Office of Joliman Lawyers (formerly Dwyer Mahon & Robertson) and travels to Boort for appointments at the BRIC Centre on the third Tuesday of every month.

To celebrate Ms Macfarlane becoming a specialist, Joliman Lawyers is offering a discount on all new standard wills prepared by Ms Macfarlane for the remainder of 2022. To book a face-to-face or phone appointment to have your Will prepared by Ms Macfarlane please call the Swan Hill Office on 03 5032 2121.

Did you know Boort District Health run a **Strengthening Exercise Program**? The program is aimed at people aged 65+ who are interested in maintaining their mobility and staying strong. To find out more, please call 54515200.

Boort District Health also offer a **Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab program** for healthy hearts and lungs.

Do you;

- Feel out of breath when you do the grocery shopping?
- Want to do the things you love without needing to stop and rest?
- Want to keep your independence?

This program may be just the exercise you need and it is FREE. To find out more, please call 54515200.



Did you know bushfires kill from 200m away?

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MON

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Bookings:

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ALL WELCOME: INVITING BOORT COMMUNITY PEOPLE AND HOLIDAY MAKERS

Boort Trotting Club AGM: Wed 30th NOV 6pm at the Sports Bar