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Boort Ambulance Team

Last night, 3 of our own local Boort Ambulance Community Officers (ACOs) were awarded for their long and outstanding service to Ambulance Victoria (AV) and the Victorian community.

Vikki Couper Tamara Boyd Dee Smith

These 3 amazing team members were each awarded a 20 year Long Service Medal and a 20 year Safe Driving Award.

Vikki, Tamara and Dee were founding members of Boort Community Emergency Response (CERT) when it was established in 2003, providing first response medical care to the Boort community as volunteers.

In 2016, the team transitioned to an Ambulance Community team with the addition of a stretcher capable ambulance and expanded response area.

Vikki also works at our local Boort District School and has been an instrumental part of mentoring and developing our newest team members, including paramedic students from Bendigo.

Tamara undertook further studies in completing her paramedic degree and received a scholarship from AV during her time as an ACO in Boort. This year she commenced as a Graduate Ambulance Paramedic in Maryborough.

Dee is an allied health professional with Boort District Health and will soon commence as our Boort AV Team Leader.



We are so proud of Vikki, Tamara, and Dee for their 20 year award for outstanding service as well as their passion, dedication and devotion to their team, and their community.

Congratulations to Vikki, Tammy & Dee!

Boort Bowls Club

The Bowling Club and its members have been extremely active playing Mid-Week and Saturday Pennant, supporting Tournaments, competing in State Events and also organising Thursday Night Bowls, which started on 9th November, and was very well attended. This will continue throughout the season, but will take a short break over the Christmas and New Year period.

Congratulations to Gill Tweddle who finished Runner-Up in the N.C.P.A. 60+ State Singles and also to Gill Tweddle and her partner Joan Earl on finishing Runners-Up in the 60+ State Pairs. We wish Shayne Morris, Laurie Maxted, Ken Birt, and Tony Matley all the best when they play the final of the N.C.P.A. Men's State Fours. Thelma Moresi also skipped a composite team and had a win in the N.C.P.A. Ladies State Fours. The team will represent the area at Regional Level at Horsham next March.

Members have been supporting Tournaments with Shayne Morris, Laurie Maxted, Jo Maxted and Seleena Roberts having a win at Pyramid Hill and Thelma Moresi, Gill Tweddle, Phyl Baker and Yvonne Cashen finishing Runners-Up at St Arnaud's Tournament.

On 4th January the Club will run the usual BBQ and social bowls night for the holidaymakers at the caravan park. Any regular Thursday Night bowlers are also welcome to join in on the night.

The Club will be holding their annual Christmas Break-Up after bowls on the 16th of Dec. All members, along with their family and friends, are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!





FLAVOURS OF LODDON WILL BE VISITING COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE LODDON SHIRE OVER SUMMER

Sunday 5 November Inglewood Alive

Thursday 7 December Christmas on High – Wedderburn

Saturday 27 January Flavours of Loddon Festival – Boort

Friday 16 and Saturday 17 February Vintage Caravan Weekend – Bridgewater

Don't miss your chance to taste all the region has to offer.

For updates **f @ @flavoursofloddon** For enquiries **flavoursofloddon@gmail.com**



Boort Croquet Club

On Wednesday the 1st of November, ten members from the Bendigo Croquet Club joined the Boort Lakeside Croquet Club for a social day. The weather was perfect, and a great day was enjoyed by all who attended. The catering ladies provided a delicious light lunch for everyone who came along. The winners on the day were Sandra Volk from Bendigo and Jean Henderson from Boort.

We are all looking forward to a return visit early next year.



Members of Boort and Bendigo Croquet Clubs, who coincidentally wear the same uniform colours.

As the weather is warming up Croquet will move to morning play on Saturdays and Wednesdays, starting on the 2nd of December, meet at 8:30am for a 9:00am start.

Friday night social croquet will start on Friday 1st of December at 7:00pm, all are welcome to come along and play.

Pennant season is nearly complete, Boort Blue team are in the lead and should win the shield for the second year in a row.

Boort Angling Club

NEXT SOCIAL SUNDAY 10th December 10am to 3pm (no meeting) Same conditions as last the one. All members and potential members are welcome.

BAC Social Sunday at Little Lake Boort on 12th November was a great success. Nineteen current and new members had a BBQ lunch, most fished and others just enjoyed the surrounds and chatted with the group and passersby. Quite a few silver perch and redfin were caught but strangely, NO carp.

The BAC 2023 Raffle that included a kayak donated by Luke Rye and family was a success. Final count on dollars is not complete. The winner was Leanne Chislett. A second prize of seventy dollars in value was won by Charlie. Thanks to all those who bought tickets and/or supported us in any way.



A portion of the crowd at Social Sunday



Sam Isaac with one of her redfin

It's good to see increased enthusiasm and more members in the club. Perhaps a sign that people are recovering from the depressing days of covid, plus the return of native fish and redfin in good numbers. Fourteen members attended the last meeting. Our contact list is currently being updated so that all members will know when meetings, competitions, and events are happening.

BAC Comp at Loddon Weir on 4th and 5th November was a great success. Eight members registered and fished, while others visited from time to time in conditions ideal for camping and fishing. Andrew Dean was the winner with a 40cm yellow belly (the largest legal fish). Some cod were caught and released, including a nice 60cm one caught by Andrew. Phil Gawne caught a 37cm yellow belly. Rod Stringer caught a 35cm yellow belly. Some smaller native fish and variety of large and small carp were also caught.



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If you are not a junior, pensioner or exempt, you must have a fishing license to fish in Victoria

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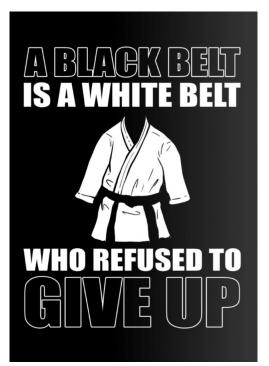
On Tuesday 14th November, Boort Amity & Quambatook Amity had a wonderful night of friendship, dinner and a lovely catchup.

Boort then presented Quambatook with a donation towards maintenance for the swimming pool.



Boort Self Defence

Saturday 2nd December, James Boyle Hall @ 4pm



Come along and cheer on four local teenagers; Emma, Caitlin and Tristen Zanker & Owen Byrne as they grade to Black Belt. A good crowd recognising this wonderful achievement would be fantastic. We hope to see you all there!

Thank You





MAYORAL COLUMN 16 NOVEMBER 2023

Thank you

As my Mayoral term ends and I am writing my final Mayoral Column for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cr Gavan Holt, Cr Neil Beattie, Cr Wendy Murphy and Cr Linda Jungwirth for their overwhelming support and collaboration throughout my time as Mayor. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Council's dedicated executive team for their support and guidance, including CEO Lincoln Fitzgerald.

During my term, our community faced some major challenges such as the October 2022 floods. Throughout that difficult time, what stood out for me was the strength and resilience of the community rallying together to support one another.

One of the many significant highlights was the progress on major projects including Donaldson Park Community Hub, Pyramid Hill Streetscape Revitalisation, continuation of the Bridgewater Foreshore Beautification works, Calivil, Mitiamo and Serpentine recreation reserve lighting projects and more.

I'd also like to congratulate Cr Gavan Holt on his election as Mayor and look forward to working alongside him for the next mayoral term. Cr Holt has been Councillor for Wedderburn Ward since 2003 and has held the position of Mayor several times.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the residents of Loddon Shire. These past couple of years have been truly rewarding, and I am proud of what we have accomplished together.

Pyramid Hill appeals for clock upgrades

It is great to shine a spotlight on Pyramid Hill's community efforts in restoring the town's 91 yearold historical clock. Trevor McIntosh, a member of the Pyramid Hill Historical Society, is leading the efforts to raise \$7,000 through a town appeal to support the repairs of the clock. It is fantastic to see community members actively participating and going the extra mile to support their iconic building and drive positive change for their town.

100 years of Dingee Bush Nursing Centre

The Dingee Bush Nurse Centre is celebrating 100 years of providing health services to the community of over 1,200 people. Everyone is invited to attend the Annual General Meeting and Centenary Celebrations on Sunday 19th November starting at 2pm at the Dingee Bush Nurse Centre.

It will be a time to celebrate the nurses, staff, volunteers and supporters who work tirelessly to keep the centre open. There will be live music, refreshments, afternoon tea as well as Dingee's Best Recipe Book 2nd Edition on offer.

I look forward to sharing stories and showing our appreciation for the service and hope to see you all there. If you are interested in attending the celebrations, please RSVP to admin@dbnc.com.au or (03) 5436 8309

Boort Preschool celebrates 60 years

Boort Preschool will be commemorating its 60th anniversary on Tuesday, 28th November.

In celebration of this milestone, there will be a celebration at the preschool which will see former and current staff sharing their recollections of their time, as well as a photo display of former and current students' work. Finger food, tea and coffee will be provided on the day.

Spring Tourism Network

The Loddon Valley Tourism team hosted a Spring Tourism Networking event at the stunning Spanner Sculpture Gardens in Barraport, on the outskirts of Boort on the 14th November.

As part of the event, tourism industry partners were given the opportunity to network with industry colleagues, hear an update on the latest tourism news, receive a tour of the recently updated sculpture gardens and enjoy local produce from Bluebird Barn catering and local winery Black Wallaby Wines.

WHAT'S ON IN LODDON

Have your say about tourism

Businesses, community groups and stakeholders in our region are invited to have your say about tourism in our region as part of the upcoming Destination Management Plan (DMP).

Together with Bendigo Regional Tourism and consultant The Tourism Collective, the DMP will look at the vision for tourism and identify strategic opportunities.

If you contribute to tourism in our Loddon Shire or would like to have a say, please provide your thoughts towards a shared vision for tourism's future via the link below <u>www.surveymonkey.com/r/bendigo-region-</u>

tourism-visioning-survey

The survey should only take around five to 10 minutes to complete, and is open until Sunday 26 November.

Thank you for your contribution to growth of the visitor economy in the Loddon region.

Christmas Shopping Night

Friday 24th November - 5:30pm to 8:30pm Inglewood Town Hall Cost: \$5, primary aged children free There are raffles and a variety of stall holders on site. Call 5438 3562 or email admin@icnh.org.au

Wedderburn Community Christmas & Arts Festival

Friday 24th November 10.30am to 7pm -Saturday 25th November 10am to 3pm Wedderburn Mechanics Hall Cost \$5, children free Something for everyone! Morning & afternoon teas, light meals, trading tables & market stalls. Entries into the Arts & Crafts section need to be received at Wedderburn Mechanics Institute between 2pm - 6pm Thursday 23rd November 2023.

Certificates awarded to best entry, with prizes for Best Christmas Tree, Best Display & more.

Contact Irene Finch on 0458 073 080 or email bifinch@gmail.com

Whole Town Garage Sale

Sunday 26th November - 8am to 3pm Free event

The whole town of Tarnagulla is invited to participate in this garage sale & maps are provided at the Post Office on the day for exact locations.

Contact Kelly: 0431548696 email: racingchick@bigpond.com

Wedderburn Christmas on High

Thursday 7th December - 4pm to 7pm Jacka Park cnr Calder Hwy & Chapel Street Late Night Christmas Shopping with market stalls, food stalls & live music. Wedderburn College students performing, Visit Santa at the Coach House Gallery 51 High Street, Presentation of Best Shop Window & Best Decorated House @ 6pm Call Wedderburn Community House on 5494 3489 or email admin@wedderburnch.org.au

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 in this listing.

Choking

Choking occurs when a foreign object 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.

Universal Choking Sign



WHEN TO CALL 000 IMMEDIATELY

- If you suspect choking, start administering first aid and call 000 immediately.
- Put your phone on loudspeakerthis 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 ambulance can still come and check the patient over.

For more information visit www.ambulance.vic.gov.au

Follow the Loddon Paramedic Community Support Coordinator (PCSC) on Facebook www.facebook.com/pcscloddon

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



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.

• <u>Step 1</u>: 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.



• <u>Step 2</u>: If unsuccessful, stand in front of the person, place one hand in the middle of the person's shoulder blades and your dominant hand on their breastbone. Give 5 sharp chest thrusts. You can also lean the person against a wall.



If the patient becomes unresponsive at any time, immediately start CPR.

ambulance.vic.gov.au

Paramedic Community Support Coordinator



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

🕺 57 View Street, Bendigo VIC

75 Clarendon Street, Maryborough VIC 3465 (entrance via Florence Lane)

486 High Street, Echuca VIC 3564

• orange door

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Container Deposit Scheme

Loddon Shire over the counter refund point locations:

- Lakeside Café (BP) Boort
- Champions IGA
 Inglewood
- Wedderburn Hardware

Boort Trotting Club AGM & Committee Meeting

Mon 11th December

6pm @ Sports Bar

John Campbell 0437 077 887

Tom Nesbit

0427 346 316

About Boort Publication:

Due to the Christmas holiday break, the cut off date for submissions for inclusion in the January edition of the About Boort will be <u>Wed 20th Dec</u> **Absolutely no late submissions** will be accepted! Office Closure Dates:

Please be advised that BRIC (including Services Australia, VicRoads and Goldfields Library) will be closed to the public from <u>Mon 25th Dec - Tues 2nd Jan</u> **We will re-open as normal on Wednesday 3rd Jan 2024**

PETER WALSH YOUR VOICE IN PARLIAMENT Peter Walsh MP MEMBER FOR MURRAY PLAINS • LEADER OF THE NATIONALS Support our local businesses Small businesses need our help and support in what continues to be tough times.

If we spend locally then our small businesses do too, keeping our communities strong. Every little bit helps.

For the latest Coronavirus information go to peterwalsh.org.au or follow us on **(**) We are in this together, and together we will get through.

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> Are you over 21 years old? Do you hold a full current driver's licence?

The Buloke Loddon L2P program matches volunteer driver mentors to young learner drivers to assist them in gaining on the road driving experience in a vehicle that is provided through the program - all we need is your time (and interest).

If you are interested, please email l2p@ncllen.org.au or contact the North Central LLEN on 5491 1144.

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> 84 Godfrey St, Boort - Phone 03 5400 9650 facebook railwayhotelboort



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🚯 What:

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Post Run Coffee Every week we grab a post parkrun coffee at a local cafe - please come and join us!



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Thursday 13 July Thursday 27 July Thursday 10 August Thursday 24 August Thursday 7 September Thursday 5 October Thursday 19 October Thursday 19 October Thursday 16 November Thursday 30 November Thursday 14 December

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BOORT PHONEBOOK

BRIC are updating the Amity phonebook and need your help!

A new version will be printed in the new year and we would like this version to be updated with everyone's relevant details

Please check to ensure your details are up to date and contact BRIC on **5455 2716** or **info@boortbric.net** if any changes need to be made

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