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Boort Christmas street party

What a wonderful evening on Friday 15 December at the Boort Christmas street party.

Thank you to all the local businesses who contributed to the raffles and opened their doors out of usual hours, and to all the store holders for providing unique goods, art, craft, food and plants.

The kids were spoilt for choice with free face painting, big slide, climbing wall, zooper doopers, sausages and popcorn. Thank you Santa for visiting and providing lollies, and to the Boort Holiday





Park for giving Santa a lift in your buggy.

Shout out to Wes Griffiths and Kev Sutton from the Men's Shed, and Dot Beattie, for collaborating on the wonderful new Christmas tree decorations placed at the front of the Court House.

Thanks to Dan Lanyon and Greg Bear from the Tennis Club for cooking the snags, to Donna Doyle for handing out zooper doopers for BRIC, and to Steph Brooks, Lynette Clark and Kellie Hare from Amity for popping the corn.

Wendy James and Kirsten Burgoyne

Boort Christmas street party

Thank you to all the musicians who provided some Christmas cheer. The Boort Babblers did a great job kicking off the tunes and then for the middle set we heard from the vocally and instrumentally versatile trio of Jan Elder, Loretta Beattie and Adrian Grogan. To finish the night we heard from Conor Grogan, Rory Grogan, Adrian Grogan and Belle Ryan who impressed the crowd. Adrian and family spent many hours setting up and packing up, and we thank you very much for your efforts.

Special thanks to the volunteer organisers of the event including Dot Beattie, Maree Stringer, Lynette Clark, Kathy Lowrie, Jacqui Verley and Louise Newsome. Such a great event could not have happened without the support of funding from Bendigo Bank and Loddon Shire's Community Recovery Grant.

Finally, thank you to the people of Boort who came out and supported the event.



Donna Doyle



Kellie Hare, Steph Brooks and Lynette Clark



Greg Bear and Dan Lanyon

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Raffle donors	Winners
Arnold Family Butcher	Vicki Lanyon
Goddess of Craft	Anna
Lilyvale Catering	Sue Gould
Boort Veterinary Services	Ros Stevens
Stringers Steel Fabrication	Chris Rothacker
Body Shop at home / Scentsy	Ros Wright
Nutrien Ag Solutions	David Johnston
Home Timber and Hardware	Dan and Sarah Gilvear
Lakeside Café	Sharyn
Boort Lakes Holiday Park	Brett and Ralene Carrington
SOFitness29 and Pilates with	Jacinta Sutton
Sherry	
Railway Hotel Boort	Neil Beattie
Boort Post Office	Ross Angwin
Insurance House	Simon Ray
Kerry Willis Hairdressing	Greg Currie
Boort Newsagency	Gwen Moresi
GCS-G4G	Mary Caruana
Country Wool Bedding	Imogen Tweddle
North West Ag Services	Cindy Brown
Boort Tyre Service	Jim Allison
Boort IGA	Kelly Hird
The Bluebird Barn	Maree Stringer

Merry Christmas

Boort Christmas street party





















Boort Bowls News

Some of our Bowling Members have been successful recently competing in N.C.P.A. State Events. Congratulations to Shayne Morris, Laurie Maxted, Tony Matley and Ken Birt on winning the Men's State Fours, Saleena Roberts on winning the Ladies Novice State Singles and Thelma Moresi who skipped a composite team to win the Ladies' State Triples. These players will all go on to represent the N.C.P.A. at Regional level in 2024.

Group Side Trials were held recently and Saleena Roberts was successful in reaching the last 16 to play Murray Mallee at Wycheproof but unfortunately did not quite make the last 12 to go to Ballarat in January on this occasion.



Shayne Morris, Laurie Maxted, Tony Matley, Ken Birt



Saleena Roberts

On 4th January the Club's usual barbecue and social bowls will be held for all the holidaymakers at the caravan park and any regular Thursday night bowlers are also welcome to join in on this night.

The Bowls Club held their Christmas Break-Up on 16th December and President Laurie Maxted presented Gillian Tweddle, Thelma Moresi and Ken Birt with their Super Veteran Badges after reading a summary of each member's service to the club over many years.

Gillian Tweddle

Gillian joined the Boort Bowls Club in 1988. Became a fully accredited umpire in 1994. She was fully involved as an Associate serving 2 terms as President 1998-2000, 2008-2010. Secretary in 2003-2008 (5 years) and in 2010 2012 (2 years)

Towards the end of 2008 there was a move afoot to amalgamate the V.L.B.A. and R.V.B.A. Ladies and Men's Committees changed from National down to Club Level. Gillian joined the General Committee of the Club and served as Secretary 2009-2010 (1 year) and has been doing Secretary again since 2019.

Club President 2016 - 2019 (3 years). Ladies Match Committee of the Club approximately 20 years and chair for 8 years or so. North Central representative for Club Associates and General Committee since 1998. President N.C.B Associates 2 terms. After the amalgamation of the Men's and Ladies Committees Gillian served a term as President of N.C.B.A 2013-2015 (2 years) in conjunction with a 2 year terms as President of the Wimmera Board. She retired from the Wimmera Board in 2021 after an 11 year term.

Gillian Tweddle continued

Member of the North Central Match Committee on and off for 25 years. Gillian has played Mid-Week and Division 2 Pennant and has been lucky enough to be involved in the Mid-Week wins in 2011-2012, 2016-2017, 2021-2022, 2022-2023. Club-Events - Has been in winning Fours 7 times. Club Singles Championship twice. The 60+ State Pairs with Roma Cain in 2015-2016 at N.C.P.A. Level.



Gillian Tweddle, Ken Birt, Thelma Moresi

Ken Birt

Ken joined the Boort Bowls Club in the 1985-86 season. He joined the General Committee in 1990 and is still there except for one year when his nomination was overlooked. He did 2 terms as Junior Vice President, 1 term as Senior Vice-President and has been President twice 1997-1999 (2 years) 2012-2016 (4 years). Delegate to North Central Bowls Division 1997-2018 (21 years). President N.C.B.D. 2005. Match Committee N.C.B.D. (many years). Boort Club - Selection and Match Committee since 1997- responsible for the required administration work between our Club and the Bowls Division. Attended to dodgers, as well as our "Go to Man" for Pennant changes . etc. Boort Bowls Social Committee - 2000 onwards, Bar Manager since 2010. A regular attendee at working bees. An accredited umpire for many years. All in all a wonderful work horse for our Club.

Ken has represented our Club at all levels of

Pennant. Division 1 & 2 & Mid-Week with wins in Division 2 - 1988-89, Division 1- 2015-2016 and Mid-Week 2016-2017 and 2021-2022. Club Singles Champion 4 times, Champion of Champions N.C.B.D. 2005-2006, Member of Pairs team twice, Triples 6 times, Fours 4 times. Achievement Board - State Events - State Pairs once, State 50+ Triples twice, State Fours twice, Group 3 Triples once and State Fours this year for N.C.P.A. Awarded a Life Membership in 2021.

Thelma Moresi

Thelma joined the Boort Bowling Club in 1988. After a few years after joining Thelma became Secretary of the Boort Bowling Associates from 1997-2001. Since then Thelma has served continuously on a number of committees. Treasurer Boort Bowling Associates - 10 years. Ladies Selector & Match Committee Member for 24 years - whilst serving as chairperson for 5 of those years. Club Publicity Officer 2006 - till now. Ladies Tournament Secretary 2003-2007. - 2017 - till now. General Committee 2007-2010 & 2014 - till now. Boort Bowls Club Treasurer - 2014 - till now. N.C.D.L.B.A. Treasurer - 2010 2011. Was a playing Member in Saturday's Division 1 Premiership Pennant Team 2015-2016 and a playing Member in the Mid-Week Premiership Teams in 2011-2012, 2016-2017, 2021-2022, 2022-2023.

Thelma has had quite a bit of success in Club State Events over the years. At Club level she has been a playing Member in the winning Club Fours Teams 15 times. Singles Club Champion 8 times and had success in winning the Club Pairs 11 times.

At Playing Area and Regional Level Thelma has won a number of 60+ State Singles and State Singles Events. She and her team with Lorna Gardner and Roma Cain won the State Triples Event coming equal 3rd. in the State in 2009-2010. Thelma and her team have been successful in State Pairs and State Fours Events also. When the ladies Group Sides Championships commenced in 2005 Thelma was also a successful

Boort Croquet Club

A long season of Croquet Pennant ended with a breakup at Swan Hill on the 4th of December. The winners of Golf Croquet Pennant 2023 were Boort Blue for the second year in a row, with Boort White in second place. This is the fourth time in a row a Boort team has won the shield. This year three players have played pennant for the first time, and in total eighteen players have played in one or both teams.



Boort Blue team - Lynette Clark, Kerry Lanyon, Wendy Mills, Alan Puttick (Captain), Julie Puttick, Gwen Parker, Ian Potter and Joy De Piazza with Murray Valley Secretary Julie Barber and President Shirley McLennan Absent – Sally Wood, Richard Lanyon, Denise Lang and Dianne Johnston



Players also competed in an event on the day and the winner with the most hoops was Suwattana Chulakathappa (pictured) after a play-off against Noreen Dunster-Jones from Swan Hill.

On Friday 8th December, Boort Lakeside Croquet concluded a successful year with their Christmas Party. The catering committee and members provided a lovely barbecue tea followed by informal croquet under lights. Peter Reed from Bendigo provided musical entertainment, and everyone enjoyed the night.

Croquet will continue to be on Wednesday and Saturday mornings and Friday nights throughout the summer.

Boort Self Defence

The Boort Self Defence Group finished off the year with a spectacular Black Belt Grading of these four impressive young people. Certainly a great credit to themselves and their families.

Covid madness has caused untold damage to society. These four teenagers have endured crazy lockdowns and watched others just give up. To keep going and refuse to be denied your goals are the true mark of a Black Belt.



Emma Zanker, Caitlin Zanker, Owen Byrne, Tristen Zanker

Boort Amity



Amity president Maree Stringer presenting Boort Fishing Club President Alan Wilson with a donation.

Alan was guest speaker at our December meeting, giving us some insight into what the club is doing and what their aims are for the future.



MAYORAL COLUMN

13 and 19 DECEMBER 2023

Council meeting outcomes

The December Council meeting saw a number of items presented for consideration.

This included the adoption of the Review of the Financial Reserves Policy. The purpose of the Policy is to detail how Council provides funds in the reserve and uses funds from the reserve. The current version of Financial Reserves Policy was approved in January 2023 with a one year review. Other outcomes of the meeting included:

- Council awarded Contract 579 Canary Island Culvert Replacement
- Council supported an application to the 2023 Sport and Recreation Victoria Local Sports Infrastructure Fund to install LED lighting on two tennis courts at the Boort Lawn Tennis Club
- Council noted the CEO report on the 2022/23 Activities and Performance of Community Asset Committees
- Council resolved to proceed with detailed design and costings of stage two of Wedderburn housing estate.

To view the December Council Meeting agenda and minutes, visit https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/ Our-Council/Agendas-and-minutes/Agendas-andminutes-2023

2024 Council meeting dates

Below are the 2024 dates for Council meetings. All Council meetings are open to public attendance, starting 3pm at the Loddon Shire Council Chambers, behind Wedderburn office, off Peters Street. Loddon Shire Council offers live stream via our Facebook page and on-demand access to Council meetings, enabling members of the public to view proceedings via the Internet as an alternative to attending in person.

- Tuesday 23 January 2024
- Tuesday 27 February 2024
- Tuesday 26 March 2024
- Tuesday 23 April 2024
- Tuesday 28 May 2024
- Tuesday 25 June 2024
- Tuesday 23 July 2024
- Tuesday 27 August 2024

- Tuesday 24 September 2024
- Tuesday 22 October 2024
- Tuesday 26 November 2024
- Tuesday 10 December 2024

Reminder - Christmas kerbside waste collection

Kerbside collections scheduled for Christmas Day (Monday, 25 December 2023) will instead take place on Saturday, 23 December 2023. Kerbside collections scheduled for New Year's Day (Monday, 1 January 2024) will instead take place on Saturday 30 December 2023. All other collections will continue as normal. All waste facilities across the Shire will be closed on Public Holidays.

Christmas and New Year service hours

I would also like to remind our community that the Council office in Wedderburn will close at 12pm Friday, 22 December 2023 and will reopen at 8.15am on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

The Loddon Visitor Information Centre will be closed on Christmas Day, but is otherwise open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm and from 10am to 2pm on Sundays and public holidays. For enquiries phone 5494 3489 or email loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au.

This list of Council closures and changes to services may also be found on our website: www.loddon.vic.gov.au or call Council on 5494 1200.

WHAT'S ON

Newbridge Pub on New Years Eve

"Tres Hombres" playing all your favourites from 9.00pm til late. Meals from 5.30pm -8.00pm. Bookings Essential. Courtesy Bus available local areas. Bookings for bus by 5.00pm Saturday. Bookings 03 54 267 260

Tarnagulla New Years Eve

Creedance Clearwater Survival playing at the Victoria Hotel Tarnagulla. Doors open at 6pm. Bring your own refreshments and nibbles.

We encourage community members to check directly with event organisers to see if listed events are proceeding.

NDCH Changes & Opportunities



AGM celebrations and CEO farewell:

Northern District Community Health (NDCH) celebrated the AGM on 27 November 2023 and acknowledged the achievements over the year and presented service awards to staff and directors. Meghan Stewart, Chair, announced the resignation of Mandy Hutchinson, who served as CEO for 6 years. Meghan said: 'It's been a roller coaster adventure through a lot of "unprecedented" times. Drought, a dairy industry crisis and a GP crisis (which gave rise to an unforgettable music clip.) There's been a global pandemic and another large flood event. As an organisation we've grown both in size, influence and reputation under Mandy's leadership. We warmly bid her farewell with all our best wishes as she steps into a new adventure as CEO of Bendigo Community Health.'

Life Governor and Board Director retirement:

After the AGM, previous Chair, Life Governor and Director Merril Kelly, with great consideration and much deliberation, retired from the NDCH Board. Merril has provided leadership, wisdom, lived rural experience and vision for NDCH for 27 years and was appointed as one of our inaugural Life Governors in 2020 at our 30 year anniversary. Meghan said: 'We are so deeply thankful for her amazing contribution, her gracious leadership, her commitment to her community and to the tenants of NDCH. She has seen and overseen so many changes. We will miss her thoughtful and considered contributions to the Board.'

Interim CEO arrangements:

The Board has appointed Margaret McDonald as Interim CEO, whilst they go through the recruitment process. Margaret's most recent ongoing role was as CEO Cobaw Community Health and Company Secretary June 2014 to December 2020 when Cobaw merged with Sunbury Community Health. Margaret led a passionate and committed team and grew services to meet growing community needs, worked in partnership with many organisations and made significant improvements to infrastructure. Margaret will be well supported by the wonderful staff, executive team and Board Directors at NDCH.

Future CEO and Directors:

The NDCH Board will commence the recruitment process for a new CEO in January and recruitment for new Directors later this month. Board Chair Meghan Stewart said: 'We are looking for Directors who are interested in contributing to a local thriving not-for-profit organisation and who are passionate about the health and well-being of our rural community. People with skills in the clinical, legal, and/or communications areas are of great interest currently.'

For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Mandy Hutchinson on 5451 0200

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- blood pressure measurement
- cholesterol levels measurement
- blood glucose measurement and risk of diabetes
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- www.ndch.org.au
- 📀 24 Fitzroy St, Kerang



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Over-the- counter refund point locations:

- Lakeside Café (BP) Boort
- Wedderburn Hardware
- Inglewood Motel and Caravan Park
- Charlton Newsagency





2024 BRIC Memberships:

Please be advised that all BRIC memberships are due for renewal for the Jan '24 - Dec '24 period Fees are: \$5 individual or \$20 business/club Come in to BRIC and fill out a new membership form ASAP 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 on Wednesday 3rd Jan 2024**

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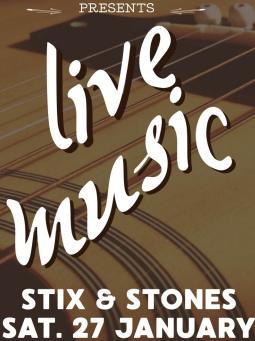
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If you are interested, please email l2p@ncllen.org.au or contact the North Central LLEN on 5491 1144.

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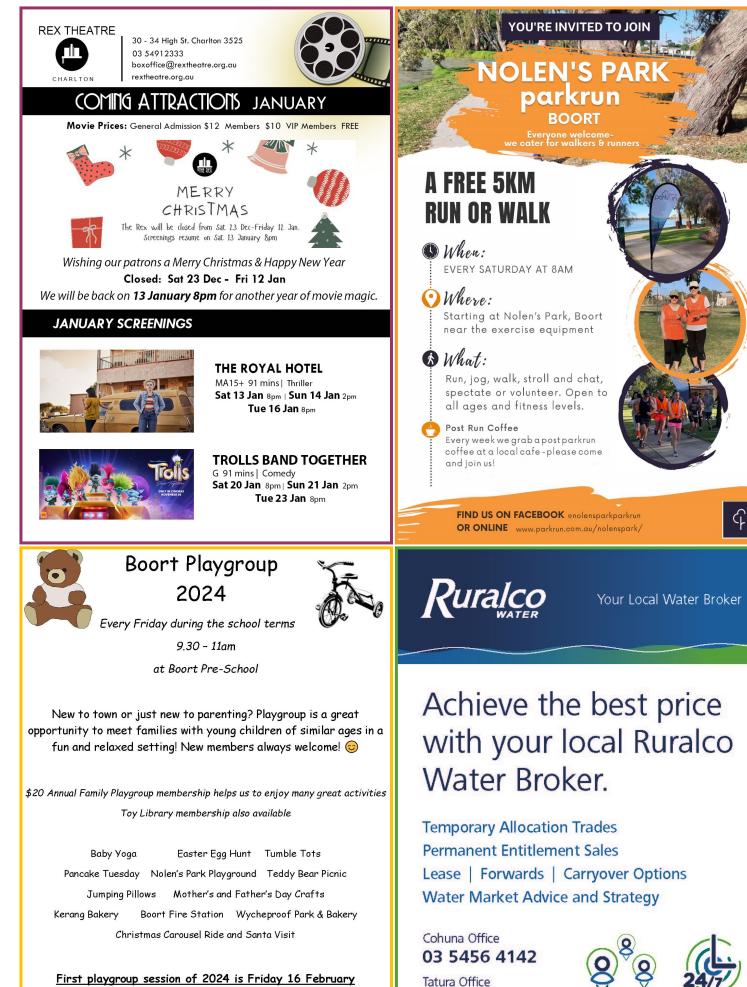
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