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Congratulations Marj

On 26 January 2024 Marjory Potter was recognized in the 2024 Loddon Shire Australia Day awards as Boort Ward Citizen of the Year.



Marj, as she is fondly known, has been a tireless worker within the Boort community over many years and is very passionate about helping and serving her community. A founding member of the Boort Amity Club from 1976, Marj has held many positions in the club including President.

She has been a member of the Boort Agricultural and Pastoral Society (Boort A&P Society) for at least 40 years, and is heavily involved in its running, including organising the annual debutante ball for many years. This involved organising the ball, making the flower girl dresses and bouquets, setting up the hall and decorating the stage.

Marj also shared the Boort A&P Society Show Secretary position for many years, and was awarded a Life Membership.

She has volunteered at the Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC) since its formation and was on the committee until 2023. Marj helps with catering, where needed, to raise money for BRIC as well as for events.

Marj also caters for annual tennis tournaments, and has been a member of the Boort Memorial Hall committee. In recognition of her dedication for the past 30 years, Marj became a Life Member of the Boort Netball Club. When finals are in Boort, Marj still does the scoring and attends all Northern District meetings and conferences of the district finals. Marj can often be seen in the main street of Boort selling raffle tickets for the many organisations of which she is involved and also organisations of which she is not a member!

Boort Bowls Club

The Boort Bowls Club held their Annual Barefoot Bowls night on the 4 January which was very well attended by locals and many holidaymakers from the caravan park. The evening commenced with a barbecue which was followed by a social game of bowls. A competition was also organised and the proceeds of this went to the Boort Hospital. It was well supported and the night's winners and runners-up teams also donated their prize winnings to the hospital.



Members have been busy supporting neighbouring towns at their tournaments over the holiday period. Congratulations to Craig Newsome (s), Greg Smith, Joan Earl and Louise Newsome on having a win at Charlton and also Shayne Morris (s), Laurie Maxted, Jo Maxted and John Gibson having the biggest winning margin in their last game at Charlton.



The Traveller's Table Comedy Show

“Mayhem erupts when erotic Asian massage, a priest impersonator and feral cats collide!”

BBAC (Boort, Buckra And Community) Productions – a local small theatre group that originated in 2015, have their new one act comedy ready to perform for country audiences. Hugh O’Brien’s *The Traveller’s Table* is described as quirky, hilarious and a little bit silly. If you are after a cheap fun night out with friends and family, while supporting local talented artists, then this comedy is for you!

Synopsis: At a tiny outback motel, people travelling alone are invited to dine together at the traveller’s table. A bored fertiliser salesman with the gift of the gab amuses himself by picking a business card at random and then pretending he is the person on the card – in this case a parish priest. But unbeknown to him, one of the other lone travellers, a bored housewife, is playing the same mischievous game by pretending to be a purveyor of erotic Asian massage! Caught in the middle of the two wacky pretenders is a troubled young public servant who has corruptly under-counted the local feral cat population.

This fast moving, hilarious comedy poses the question:
“Why be yourself when it’s more fun to be someone else?”

Show dates:

Yando Hall – *3rd Feb*

(doors open @ 7pm for a 7.30pm start)

Mysia Memorial School Hall – *10th Feb*

Barham Theatre – *17th Feb*

Boort Senior Citizens – *2nd March*

Booking is not necessary, however a donation entry to Yando, Mysia and Boort is required.

Seated at tables with BYO drinks and nibbles



Any further queries contact Bradley Haw **0488 752 687** or Fiona Hall **0427 927 660**

Support for Kin, Carers and Supporters

Are you currently supporting someone who is struggling?

Do you worry about what might happen to them if you become unwell?

We often consider that caring for a loved one is our duty and for that reason don't feel that we can or should ask for help.

Sometimes we feel guilty for feeling overwhelmed or wanting to cry and that can make us feel isolated and alone at times.

If this sounds familiar to you, you might find it helpful to talk to someone who understands the challenges that you face, in complete confidence. At Loddon Mallee Mental Health and Wellbeing Connect you can speak with a qualified worker who has lived experience of supporting a loved one.

We can help with:

- o Navigating health systems and advocating on your behalf
- o Providing you respite when times are challenging
- o Practical supports
- o Free counselling
- o Or just by lending an ear when you need to vent

You can call us on 1800 [979 730](tel:1800979730)

Loddon Mallee Mental Health and Wellbeing Connect

Goldfields Library News

Library Lovers Week: Make & Take

Mon 12 Feb 11am-12pm at Boort Library

Book at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/757516581487?aff=oddtcreator>



Upcycle old books to celebrate your love of reading and words, and the libraries they live in. Drop by and visit our Making Station to create something quirky and wonderful – a paper rose, dictionary magnet, vintage bookmark or book house. For adults & teens.

Creating Designs with Canva

Thu 29 Feb 10.30am-12pm at Boort Library

Book at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/758439030557?aff=oddtcreator>

This session is aimed at community groups who would like to learn how to create professional and eye-catching posters, flyers and social media ads, using Canva, a free-to-use online graphic design tool.



Mulga Bill Writing Award

Goldfields Libraries and Eaglehawk Festivals Inc. are calling for entries from writers all over Australia for the annual Mulga Bill Writing Award.

Writers are encouraged to take inspiration from the theme 'mystical waters' and submit a poem or short story. Writers of all skill levels are encouraged to apply, with prizes awarded to the best two in each category.

Short Story (up to 2000 words)

\$500 first prize, \$150 second prize.

Poetry (up to 25 lines)

\$200 first prize, \$50 second prize.

Entries close Friday 23 February 2024, with winners to be announced at the Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival.

Please contact Shae Hellstedt on 0409 815 371 for more information, or visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/mulgabillwritingaward.

HEAT ILLNESS

Heat illness can be fatal if left untreated. Recognise the early warning signs of heat related illness.

Heat can cause:

- Heat Cramps
- Heat Exhaustion.
- This can lead to the life threatening condition of Heat Stroke.

Heat may also worsen the condition of someone who already has a chronic medical condition such as heart disease, pulmonary disease, or diabetes.

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HEAT EXHAUSTION OR HEAT STROKE

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Dizziness & headache		Confused & delirious mental state
Pale complexion & sweating		Sweating stops
Rapid heart rate		Seizure
Nausea & vomiting		Unconsciousness
Fainting		Stroke-like symptoms or collapsing
Muscle cramps & weakness		Rapid strong pulse

EMERGENCY 000
Heatsroke is a life-threatening emergency, call Triple Zero (000).

What to do: Lie down in a cool area. If not vomiting, drink water.
Call NURSE-ON-CALL 1300 60 60 24.

What to do: Call Triple Zero (000) immediately and follow the advice of the calltaker.

How to prevent heat illness

- Drink plenty of water.
- Prioritise outside tasks to complete them in the morning if possible.
- Seek shade and wear protective clothing.
- Check in on vulnerable friends, neighbours, and family.
- Use air conditioning and fans where possible.
- Never leave children or animals in a parked car.

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

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

Good bye and good luck !!

BRIC staff wished Chloe Derks farewell on the 19th of January. As most of you would know, Chloe has been a big asset to BRIC and the Boort community. Chloe started as a trainee with BRIC in April 2021 and has become a very competent administrator, smartphone tech, secretarial provider and many other qualities, not to mention the publication of the *About Boort* in the last 10 months. Chloe will be sadly missed, but we wish her all the best in her new surrounds.



BRIC Manager Louise Newsome, Coordinator Bronwyn Camm and Administration Officer Chloe Derks

Back on the mend

I would like to thank everyone for their support and well wishes while I have been recovering from a severe case of pneumonia over the last few weeks, which, unfortunately, saw me in and out of intensive care at St John of God Bendigo. I'd like to thank the hospital and their fantastic staff for their excellent care during my stay.

I'd also like to thank Cr Wendy Murphy for chairing the January Council Meeting in my absence and Cr Dan Straub who stepped in to carry out my official Australia Day duties. I very much appreciate it.

I'm pleased to report that I am now back home and back on the mend.

Australia Day congratulations

Last Friday (26 January) saw a number of ceremonies take place across our Shire as communities came together to celebrate Australia Day 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Australia Day Committee, community groups and volunteers for once again organising these fantastic local celebrations for Australia Day.

I'd like to congratulate Citizen of the Year Jude Raftis and Young Citizen of the Year Samantha Bewley.

Congratulations also go to the Ward Citizen of the Year:

- Boort: Marjory Potter
- Inglewood: Jany Clutton
- Tarnagulla: James Metelmann
- Terrick: Coral Maxted
- Wedderburn: Margaret Bentley

Finally, I'd like to congratulate the students who took part in the colouring, photographic and literature competition and congratulations to all the winners and Highly Commended recipients. It was great to see the art work displayed at various locations across the Shire.

If you would like to read more about the Australia Day award recipients visit <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Ceremonies/Australia-Day>

January Council Meeting outcomes

Last week's January Council Meeting saw a number of items presented for Councillors' consideration.

Some of the outcomes of the meeting included:

- Adoption by Council of the Privacy Policy v3.
- Provide public notice of Council's intention to sell Council-owned properties.
- Provide public notice of Council's intention to sell part of the vacant land at 24-32 Wilson Street, Wedderburn to Ambulance Victoria.
- Council enter into the North Central Goldfields Regional Library Agreement 2024
- Award Contract 590 – Reconstruction of Pyramid Yarraberb Rd 2.6km to Berne Fleming Civil Pty Ltd.

To view the January Council Meeting agenda and minutes, visit <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Agendas-and-minutes>

A reminder that Council Meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 3pm. Meetings take place in the Council Chambers, off Peters Street, Wedderburn, and are open to the public.

Council Meetings are also streamed via Loddon Shire's Facebook page www.facebook.com/LoddonShire

Payment of rates

A reminder that if you have elected to pay your rates in full as a lump sum, payment is due on 15 February.

If you pay your rates by quarterly instalments, the next rates instalment is due on 28 February.

If you think you may not be able to pay by the due date please contact Council's rates office on (03) 5494 1200 as soon as possible.

Back to school

As the new school year begins, I would like to recognise the hard work and dedication of our teachers and staff, who have gone above and beyond to prepare for the year.

I wish all of the students and teachers going back to school this week all the best for the new school year.



Wedderburn Detector Jamboree

9 & 10 March 2024

At Hard Hill Tourist Reserve
FREE ENTRY FOR NON PARTICIPANTS

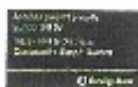


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The Orange Door in Loddon

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✉ loddon@orangedoor.vic.gov.au

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(entrance via Florence Lane)

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Echuca VIC 3564



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**FOR A STUDY ON
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DO YOU SMOKE OR VAPE?

ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 30 YEARS OLD?

DID YOU START SMOKING WHILE LIVING IN THE BULOKE, LODDON OR GANNAWARRA SHIRES?

To sign up for the survey, use the QR code:



Survey participants go in the draw to win 1 of 5 \$50 gift cards

ALL INTERVIEW PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A \$50 GIFT CARD FOR THEIR TIME

Participation involves a short 10 minute anonymous survey.

More information or to sign up for an interview, Email us at: Morgan.Spencer@ndch.org.au



Project ID:37960

Feeling worried or overwhelmed?

Flying Doctor Wellbeing can help when times are tough.

Mental health and wellbeing services are now available in your community.

Flying Doctor Wellbeing provides FREE and confidential mental health appointments with no need for a GP referral.

Call (03) 8412 0480 or email wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au to find out about the service or make an appointment.



Container Deposit Scheme

Over-the-counter refund point locations:

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



BRIC NEWS

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

VACANCY

Administration Officer
19.5 hours per week

If you are interested in working in an admin position, please call Louise at BRIC on 5455 2716.



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Peter Walsh MP 496 High Street, Echuca 3564 Tel: 54822039 or 1300467 906 E: peter.walsh@parliament.vic.gov.au

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- **Friday Open Midday (Lunch from 12 pm, dinner from 5.30 pm)**
Saturday open 4 pm (dinner from 5.30 pm) - Sunday - open 4 pm (limited dinner)

84 Godfrey St, Boort - Phone 03 5400 9650

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FREE
Cuppa &
Chat Sessions



Chatty Cafe is running at BRIC!

Come and have a chat and
a FREE coffee every
Monday from 10am



FEB 10 | BARABA BARABA LAND
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Mentors Wanted

Would you like to help young people learn to drive?
Do you have at least two hours per fortnight to spare
on a regular basis? 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). Training and support will be provided.



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

Creating opportunities for children and young people to thrive in education, work and life

BULOKE LODDON

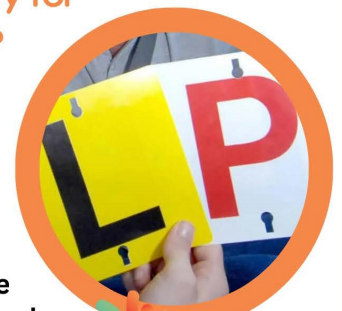


Need help getting your P's?

Struggling to get your 120 hours of learner driving experience?

Don't have the money for professional lessons?

The TAC L2P program helps young learner drivers living in the Buloke and Loddon Shires (16-21 years of age) with limited access to a supervising driver or vehicle to get on the road with trained mentors available to help them obtain the 120 hours necessary to get their licence.



For more information about this FREE program contact the North Central LLEN on 03 5491 1144 or email l2p@ncllen.org.au

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COMING ATTRACTIONS FEBRUARY

Movie Prices: General Admission \$12 Members \$10 VIP Members FREE

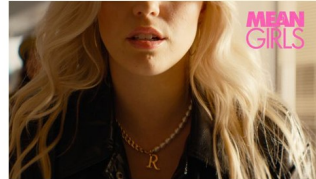


NEXT GOAL WINS

PG 104 mins | Sport

Sat 3 Feb 8pm | Sun 4 Feb 2pm

Tue 6 Feb 8pm



MEAN GIRLS

PG 114 mins | Musical | Comedy

Sat 10 Feb 8pm | Sun 11 Feb 2pm

Tue 13 Feb 8pm

Charlton Film Festival
Fri 16 & Sat 17 February 2024



2nd week of release

THE DRY
DOUBLE FEATURE

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024
THE DRY: 11am | FORCE OF NATURE: 2pm

Tickets: \$20 (General) \$18 Members
Single Film: \$12 (General) \$10 Member

FORCE OF NATURE also screening Tue 20 Feb | Sat 24 Feb | Sun 25 Feb
Tue 27 Feb



Boort Playgroup 2024



Every Friday during the school terms

9.30 - 11am

at Boort Pre-School

New to town or just new to parenting? Playgroup is a great opportunity to meet families with young children of similar ages in a fun and relaxed setting! New members always welcome! 😊

\$20 Annual Family Playgroup membership helps us to enjoy many great activities

Toy Library membership also available

- Baby Yoga
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Tumble Tots
- Pancake Tuesday
- Nolen's Park Playground
- Teddy Bear Picnic
- Jumping Pillows
- Mother's and Father's Day Crafts
- Kerang Bakery
- Boort Fire Station
- Wycheproof Park & Bakery
- Christmas Carousel Ride and Santa Visit

First playgroup session of 2024 is Friday 16 February

At Boort Resource & Information Centre (BRIC)

10 - 11am

For more information on all our latest news and events please join us on the Boort Playgroup Facebook page or contact Karina Johnston (President) on 0408 175 926

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What:

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About Boort

Volunteer wanted!



Are you interested in the Boort community?

Would you like to undertake interviews with locals?

Would you like your own regular column in *About Boort*?

BRIC is looking for a volunteer to undertake a series of interviews to showcase the wonderful people we have in our community.

Open to all ages.

Who knows! This could be the start of your budding career as a journalist!

Contact Louise on 5455 2716 for more information.

Boort Library Agency

Storytimes 2024

Nurture your child's listening and learning skills in fun-filled sessions of stories, songs and rhymes.

10.30-11am

**Boort Resource & Information Centre
119-121 Godfrey Street**

Thursday 8 February

Thursday 22 February

Thursday 7 March

Thursday 21 March

Thursday 18 April

Thursday 2 May

Thursday 16 May

Thursday 30 May

Thursday 13 June


Thursday 27 June



For more information please phone 5449 2790
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Goldfields
Libraries

A man with a beard and long hair is sitting in the driver's seat of a car at night. He is holding a yellow breathalyzer device in his mouth and blowing into it. The device has a red screen and the number '99' and 'SYDNEY' on it. The background is dark, with some blurred lights from the car's interior and exterior.

Stop kidding yourself. If you drink, don't drive.

Thinking about driving after a couple of drinks? Think again.
If you blow .05 or over, you could face serious penalties,
including fines, losing your licence, getting an interlock installed
in your car and having to blow zero for three years.

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