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## WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

Local Bradley Haw is confident he has broken the world record for paddling a pumpkin the longest distance. Starting at 11am on Good Friday and finishing in the evening of Easter Sunday, Bradley paddled his home-grown, hollowed out pumpkin down the Murray River from Torrumbarry Weir to Nursery Bend, covering 67km, 4 km beyond the current record.

Bradley's workmate Fred has been by Bradley's side, helping him grow the 298kg pumpkin, and crewing the support boat. Bradley and Fred's families also provided support.

It was a trial-and-error journey, with the hole cut into the pumpkin on the first morning, and a series of adjustments made along the way. This included more carving out to make room for Bradley's legs, and a yoga ball triumphing as the best seating arrangement.

By Day 3 the pumpkin was rotting and the stench was horrendous. This just inspired Bradley to give it his all and he put in 13 hours of paddling that day to surpass the current record by 4km.

Official advice about the world record is pending, but Bradley is pretty proud of himself: "My first go at sport, and I'm a world champion!"



*Bradley Haw on the Murray river in his home-grown pumpkin*

# Boort Angling Club



BAC General meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April was well attended and included some more new members. We now have a Secretary, thanks to Jo Junor stepping into that position.

VFA have again been on the job, releasing fingerling cod, silver perch and golden perch into Little Boort Lake and other streams.

Next BAC Comp 5<sup>th</sup> May. Further info, Alan Wilson 0429 798 352 or Dave Skinner 0498 191 227

Next meeting will be the Annual and General Meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at BAC rooms.

Next Social Sunday will be on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 10am to fish and relax, 12noon BBQ lunch (adults please donate \$5 each to help with cost of food), fish and relax till 3pm. No meeting this day. Welcome to existing and potential members.



Ron Hird with his PB, 88cm barramundi. One of many he has caught.



Andrew Dean releasing fingerling perch into Little Lake Boort.

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Alan Streader, ANZAC Day 2024  
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# Boort Croquet News

The Boort Lakeside Croquet Club held their Golf Croquet Club Championship playoffs in February. All levels had many players involved and after much competition the Champions were – Level 1 Ian Potter, Level 2 Joy De Piazza, and Level 3 Alister McDougal.

Boort was represented at the Regional Play Offs in Swan Hill on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April by Ian Potter, Daryl Henderson, Joy De Piazza, Carmel Allison, Alister McDougal and Denise McDougal. Players from Boort, Charlton, Swan Hill, Mildura, and Red Cliffs competed for the opportunity to represent the Murray Valley Region at the Regional Finals in Melbourne.

Ian Potter won Level 1 with Daryl Henderson runner up, Level 2 was won by Darren Barnes (Swan Hill), runner up Julie Barber (Swan Hill), Level 3 was won by Denise McDougal, runner up Phil Hensman (Red Cliffs).

In Association Croquet Ian Potter, Gaye Sim and Kerry Lanyon represented the Boort Club in Swan Hill at the Association play offs.



*Level 3 Champion Alister McDougal*

*Level 1 Champion Ian Potter*

*Level 2 Champion Joy De Piazza*



Murray Valley Region team at the Victorian Croquet Centre, Cairnlea Melbourne.

*Level 2 – Darren Barnes (Swan Hill)*

*Level 1 – Ian Potter (Boort)*

*Level 3 – Denise McDougal (Boort)*

The team gained much valuable experience playing against regions from all parts of Victoria.

Each team member played twelve games over the three days of competition.

# Boort Bowls

The official wind-up of the Boort Bowls Club for season 2023-2024 was held on Sunday 21st. April. The evening was well attended with all Club winners being presented with their trophies and prize - winnings by President Laurie Maxted. All Ladies and Men's events had good entries with many new members as well as experienced members competing, creating a greater interest in all competitions. Listed below are the 2023-2024 winners.

Ladies' Club Championship Fours.

Winners - Gillian Tweddle (s), Joan Earl, Jo Maxted, Louise Newsome.

Runners-Up - Thelma Moresi (s), Saleena Roberts, Margaret Nelson, Sarah Polack.

Ladies' Championship Pairs.

Winners - Saleena Roberts (s) Sarah Polack.

Runners-Up - Dorothy Gibson (s) Yvonne Cashen.

Ladies' 100 - Up Singles.

Winner - Joan Earl.

Runner-Up - Tania Noles.

Ladies' Club Championship Singles

Winner - Thelma Moresi

Runner-Up - Tania Noles.

Men's Club Championship Triples

Winners - Kevin Walton (s) Craig Newsome, Ray Taylor.

Runners-Up - Kelvin Ritchie (s) Greg Smith, John Nelson.

Men's "B" Grade Singles.

Winner - Alan Gould.

Runner - Up - Greg. Smith.

Men's Handicap Pairs.

Winners - Shayne Morris (s) Tony Matley.

Runners - Up - Greg Smith (s) Alan Gould.

Men's Handicap Singles.

Winner - Laurie Maxted.

Runner - Up - Shayne Morris.

Men's Championship Pairs.

Winners - Shayne Morris (s) Laurie Maxted.

Runners - Up - Kevin De Piazza (s) Kevin Walton.

Men's Club Championship Singles.

Winner - Shayne Morris.

Runner - Up - Kevin Walton.

The Club will continue to run social bowls weekly on Saturday afternoons during the winter months if there is sufficient interest and weather permitting.

## Ladies Championship Singles



*Thelma Moresi*

## Men's Championship Singles



*Shayne Morris*

# Boort Bowls

## Ladies' Championship Fours



*Gill Tweddle (s) Joan Earl, Jo Maxted, Louise Newsome.*

## Men's Championship Triples



*Kevin Walton (s), Craig Newsome, Ray Taylor*

## Men's Handicap Singles



*Laurie Maxted*

## Ladies' Championship Pairs.



*Saleena Roberts (s), Sarah Polack.*

## Ladies' 100-Up Singles



*Joan Earl*

## Men's Championship Pairs



*Laurie Maxted, Shayne Morris (s)*

## Men's "B" Grade Singles



*Alan Gould*

## Men's Handicap Pairs



*Tony Matley, Shayne Morris (s)*



## MAYORAL COLUMN

16 APRIL 2024

### Fire Danger Period lifted

The Fire Danger Period for Loddon Shire was lifted on Monday 8 April 2024. The CFA is reminding community members that although the Fire Danger Period has ended, it is still important to ensure that local conditions are safe for any burn-off you're considering undertaking. You must register your burn-offs, check weather conditions and follow local council laws and regulations. Landowners can now register their burn-off online at [www.firepermits.vic.gov.au](http://www.firepermits.vic.gov.au). Alternatively, you can register with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) by calling 1800 668 511 or emailing [burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au](mailto:burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au). For more information visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/burning-off)

### Combating Invasive Weeds – community forum

Loddon Plains Landcare Network is hosting an event dedicated to combating invasive weeds head on in Central/North Western Victoria. This forum will bring together government agencies and dedicated community members to share strategies and insights on eradication, containment and prevention.

**Forum details** Thursday 9 May 2024 10.00am – 4.00pm Loddon Plains Landcare Network 28 Station Street, Inglewood To register, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/combating-invasive-weeds-a-community-action-forum-for-effective-weed-control>

### 2025 kindergarten enrolments open

2025 kindergarten enrolments across Loddon Shire open from the 22 April, 2024. The enrolment period has been brought earlier in the year to align with the Foundation (Prep) Victorian government primary school's enrolment timeline. Kindergarten is free and children attend sessions for 15 hours per week that is spread across three days. Parents and carers who would like to enrol their child or children in the 2025 three or four-year-old kindergarten program can visit [www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Services-for-our-younger-residents/Kindergartens](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Services-for-our-younger-residents/Kindergartens) or call Kindergarten Coordinator, Alycia O'Sullivan at Council on (03) 5494 1200.

## School Student Broadband Initiative

The School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) powered by nbn is an Australian Government program that offers free home internet to up to 30,000 families with school aged children until December 2025. To be eligible for SSBI program, families must meet the following criteria:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including Prep).
- Not have an active nbn network internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- Live in a premises that can access the nbn network via a standard connection.
- Not have had an active nbn connection during the previous 14 days.

For more information, please visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/internet/national-broadband-network/school-student-broadband-initiative-ssbi>

### Australian Heritage Festival - Inglewood Eucalyptus Distillery Museum

The Eucalyptus Distillery Museum in Inglewood is Australia's only museum dedicated to the history of Eucalyptus Oil production. Learn about this unique species of eucalypt that grows in our region via informative talks and watch live demonstrations  
**Date:** Sunday 12 May 2024 10:00am - 04:00pm Live demonstrations at 12:00pm and 2:00pm Entry is via Grant St, off the Calder Highway

### Wedderburn Swap Meet & Market

The Wedderburn Historical Engine & Machinery Society invite you to join them for their annual swap meet and market. A great opportunity to turn unwanted goods into much needed cash! A variety of food and drinks available on site

**Date:** Saturday 18 May 2024 7:00am Engine Park, Racecourse Road Wedderburn

**Cost:** Stallholders \$10.00 (Stallholders must have Public Liability)

**Contact:** 0427 583 341  
[admin@wedderburnengineclub.com.au](mailto:admin@wedderburnengineclub.com.au)

# Boort Golf News

With a green tinge starting to appear across the fairways it was great to have 11 members attend the Opening Event for the 2024 season. After newly crowned President, Damien Lanyon welcomed everyone hoping that they would enjoy themselves he then called on the hard-working Kevin Lineham to have the honour of opening the 2024 golf season by hitting the 1<sup>st</sup> golf ball from the 1<sup>st</sup> Hole to get proceedings underway.



*Kevin Lineham opening the 2024 golf season*

to coincide with home games of the local football/hockey/netball. If uncertain of anything please use the phone numbers below and all information is on the Golf Club fixtures program lists.

The Opening Day for the Ladies was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April when six ladies listed enjoyed the day, but would welcome anyone that is interested in giving golf a try. Any new people will find the ladies only too willing to help them. Starting time has changed a little with it listed at 10:30am hit off time. This is to assist anyone that may have children at school or have work to go to.



The Ladies in the photo about to play are Gaye Sim, Di Johnston, Lorraine Linehan, Julie Wilson, Karen Allison and Nola Cocking and they enjoyed a shortened game for the opening event

A small group of ladies have been playing golf but on Wednesday they had the pleasure of 3 new players, one being a visitor from a local family. One played 9 holes of golf while the 3<sup>rd</sup> lady played all 18 holes of golf and enjoyed the day.

Kate Perryman who has played some social golf during the last few years, finished the day very happy. In her first official match playing with the ladies in competition, which happened to be Medal Day, she came in with a good score and a nice handicap and won the "Monthly Medal". This score will help her handicap. A very excited Kate left the club at the end of the day.

Ladies' Pennant commences on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Boort with something new this year, 6 players per team playing in pairs over 9 holes. Men's Pennant is at Birchip late in May, while the Men's Championships, which are over 4 rounds, are played in June. Ladies Club Championship will also be played in June.

On Friday 28th June is the Farmer's Fourball - 4BBB Stableford.

There is plenty of golf available for players and the golf course is open all season with a small fee if not a member. It is an enjoyable course for anyone and we welcome any new people who would like to give it a try.

Contact – President - Damien Lanyon 0400 068235, Men's Captain - Andrew Kane 0428 378738 and the Lady Captain – Di Johnston 0427 434625

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Marj Potter and Cathie Haw, at the raffle table that has been replaced. Thanks to the Boort A & P Society for donating the table and 2 chairs

Boort Bowls Club

Annual General Meeting

Monday 20 May 2024 at 7:30pm.

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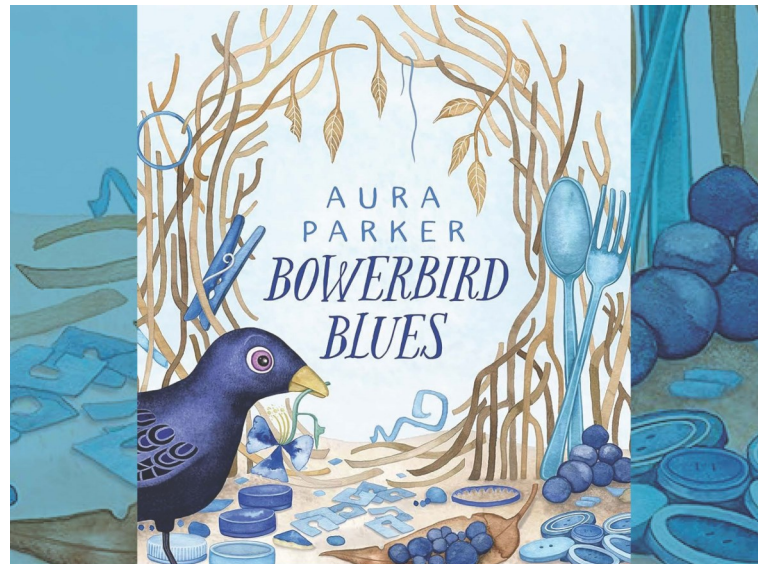
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