

EDITION 146 DECEMBER 2016



Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to our contributors and readers.

Members of Boort Croquet Club enjoy Cup Day



Local Business Festive Season Operating times

BRIC Closed
National Bank Closed

25th December to 3rd January
from 2:00 pm 23rd December to 2nd January

Boort Pharmacy Closed
Home Hardware Closed
CBA Closed
Lakeside Café Closed
Boort Vet Closed

Christmas Day Boxing Day New Years Day Public Holidays
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From 5:30pm Friday 16th December Reopens 8:30 am Wednesday 28th December
Monday 2nd January

Arnold Family Butchers Closed
IGA Closed
Open

Christmas Day Boxing Day New Years Day Public Holidays

Christmas Day Open Public Holidays 10:00 am– 1:00pm
9:00 am — at least 5:00 pm Christmas Eve and New Years Eve



Northern District Community Health Service.

BRIC and the
Good Sports Program
present a

Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) Course

at

Boort Lawn Tennis Club

6:00 – 10:00 pm, Wednesday 30 November, 2016

Cost: \$70 per person – Good Sports club members

\$80 per person – non-Good Sports club members.

Coffee, tea & light refreshments provided. Numbers are limited to 25 persons

Please register with:

Boort Resource & Information Centre: 5455 2716

\$100 SHOP LOCAL



What is your New Year resolution?

Whether it be to improve your health and wellbeing, a hobby, or your business and career, what skills and knowledge would you like to build on in the New Year?

Please help us to identify relevant and practical training and learning opportunities in the Buloke and Loddon Shires by completing this short survey



Local learning opportunities in the Buloke & Loddon Shires

Your opportunity to

WIN!

One of five \$100
Shop Local Vouchers



Survey open until 31 December, 2016.

Win one of five \$100 Shop Local Vouchers!

As part of a collaborative research project between the North Central Learning & Employment Network, Boort Resource & Information Centre, and Wycheproof Community Resource Centre, we are exploring what is needed in the Loddon and Buloke Shires when it comes to adult training and education needs in a local learning context.

Loddon and Buloke residents are being invited to participate in a brief survey which can be accessed online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Learninglocal>

Alternatively a hard copy of the survey can be accessed at the Boort Information & Resource Centre. Surveys submitted by 31 December online or **23rd December** at BRIC, have the option to be included in a prize draw of five \$100 shop local vouchers.

For any further information please contact Loretta Beattie on 5455 2716 (Mon-Weds) or Kerry Anderson on 0418 553 719

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES

The mobile library service will be finishing on the 23rd of December 2016. Seven new Library Agencies will be established in the Loddon Shire and northern areas of the City of Greater Bendigo. The agencies are expected to be up and running in February 2017. We will continue to send out bulletins with up to date information about our progress.

Library Agency Locations

The Library Agency location has been selected in Boort, it will be at the Boort Resource and Information Centre.

Library staff will be visiting each agency regularly. Our staff will deliver reserves and rotate and refresh the collection to make sure current and popular collection items (like books and DVDs) are frequently updated at the Library Agencies.

What are the benefits of a Library Agency?

Library Agencies will offer similar services to the Mobile Library, with the opportunity for longer hours of opening and program delivery. Browsing collections will be smaller however the same opportunity to reserve items will be available.



There are significant advantages to having a permanent Library Agency location.

Library users can browse the collection or search the library catalogue and reserve any of the 300,000 items across the entire collection.

Reserves will be delivered to agencies regularly for patrons to pick up.

Library Agencies will be open longer hours making it easier for locals to drop off returns, pick up reserves, browse and borrow from the collection at a time that is convenient.

Patrons can also sit and read, browse magazines or catch up with friends.

Wi-fi and internet facilities will be available at most agencies offering much longer opening hours.

Library Programs such as Storytime for kids or Digital Literacy for adults can be hosted at the Library Agencies.



The Boort Swimming Club, will be conducting their annual Aquatic Education Program in the summer school holidays.

The program will be held at the Boort Swimming Pool on the following dates:

Tuesday 27th December to Friday 30th December and
Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th January 2017.

Groups are as follows:

Water Familiarisation:	3 years
Water Confidence:	4 - 5 years (all pre-school kids)
Prep / Grade 1 Beginner	

Cost is \$40 per child

Registration forms are available from BRIC and MUST be returned before Friday 16th December 2016.

For further information please contact myself.

Brooke Chamberlain
Aquatic Education Program Co-ordinator Ph 0418 577226.





Boort District Health Auxiliary President Sue Leversha with Secretary Isabel loader with the defibrillator recently placed at IGA Boort for community use.

The Auxiliary funded the defibrillator with a wonderful donation of \$2,200.00, matched by the Victorian Red Cross with \$1600.00.

Public training sessions will be held soon, and training DVD's will be at IGA soon as well. These may be borrowed but must be returned quickly for others to use.



Local art students with the latest street art project in Boort

BOORT FOOTBALL CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

2016 has been a year of rejuvenation for the Boort Football Club, building on the exposure that many of our young players had to senior and reserve football in 2016. The call out to our ex-players across the state was answered, with many making the trek back to where their junior footy started.

Our recruiting also paid dividends this year with a group of great blokes joining the club, including Feeny Medallist, James Orr. With a strong start to the year, finals were a definite chance but injuries to key personnel hit us hard mid-season. The way in which our senior players responded to win the last two games against Donald and Wedderburn was testament to the spirit of the player group.

With Mark Perryman at the helm, our players have certainly laid a solid foundation for success in 2017. Nathan Gooding took on the Reserves coaching position and has developed the playing styles of this group, while also being recognised as the Reserves League Best and Fairest. Our first Reserves Grade premiership since 1995 was a great reward for all involved last year and this.

Community football is about all of the people that help the club to function and provide both a social and sporting outlet for all. We recognise Kane Arnold, Stephanie Haw, Georgia Haw and others for the range of after-game functions that have occurred. In working closely with the junior football, netball and hockey clubs, we hope that young people in Boort continue to enjoy their time at the club. Thanks and congratulations to the executives and committees of these clubs who were so easy to work with in order to provide the opportunities that we do.

The committee has jelled together very well with fundraising ventures, social events and hosting football successfully on a Saturday. As part of the committee, I would also like to highlight the work of Craig Scott, Cleo Lanyon and helpers, through their management of the bar facility. It has been run very efficiently, with a continued focus on our charter around the responsible serving of alcohol.

Gordy Parker, with assistance, has once again managed to present Boort Park in immaculate condition and a showpiece for the North Central Football League. The first night game for the league earlier this year was a success not only on the ground, but socially and financially. It allowed us to showcase our new social room development to the local community.

There are many people who make this club tick, from trainers, timekeepers, gatekeepers to canteen organisers, runners, scoreboard operators and many others. We hope that you felt appreciated and excited by what 2017 and the future will bring for our sporting clubs.

2016 saw a large increase in sponsorship from businesses and individuals far and wide. The club recognise your assistance and hope that we can continue these partnerships in the future.

With hopefully a bumper crop on the way, confidence in the future based on the successes of 2016, a stable committee and a sound financial position, we can make 2017 one to remember.

Doug Aldrich
President
Boort Football Club

Boort Netball Club are seeking Expressions of Interest for Coaching positions for the following in 2017.

A grade (remuneration considered for Senior role)
B grade
C grade
U16s
U13s
Net Set Go

Expressions of interest in writing to
boortnc@gmail.com by December 1st

Boort Football Netball Hockey Club now have a brand new 6x3 portable shade marquee available for hire for community groups and private use.

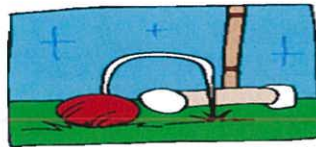
\$50 per day for private use.

No charge for community groups.

Contact 0407857894 or boortnc@gmail.com to book.

(Big thanks to Ross freight and Symes Transport for donating their freight service to deliver to our club free of charge!)

Boort Lakeside Croquet Club



The Boort Lakeside Croquet Club hosted an Association Croquet Tournament on the weekend of the 15th, 16th October, 2016 with strong competition in the higher levels especially from Section 1 and 2. These levels in particular fielded many good players from interstate clubs. Also many thanks to the Tennis Club for their loan of extra courts for this weekend.

Results Section 1

Winner - Ken Bald, Kalimna Park, Horsham (Vic) **Runner up** - Rod Kirk, Golden Square, Bendigo (Vic)

3rd - David Wise (South Australia)

Results Section 2

Winner - William Blowes (New South Wales)

Runner up - Marga Podnieks (South Australia)

3rd - Mary Marsland (South Australia)

Results Section 3

Winner - John Alstin, Rich River, Echuca (Vic)

Runner up - Lois Munro, Swan Hill (Vic)

3rd - Chris Eiffert, Golden Square, Bendigo (Vic)

Cup Day 1st November – Social Day

This well attended Social Day with food aplenty, fashions on the Field and of course most importantly a flutter on the favourite horses. Many thanks Denise Rhook, (with Gary's help), who organised the Cup Day sweeps for the afternoon. Fashions on the field were judged with good grace and humour with entrants wearing their best favourite old clothing.

Best dressed Doubles – Julie and Alan Puttick

Best coordinated outfit on the day – Kerry Lanyon

Best hat to accompany outfit – Gaye Sim

Best and oldest handmade item to accompany outfit – Betty Barnes

Best, brightest outfit – Delma Pappin

Punters' Choice of Best outfit – Rosalie Evans

Temporary Service Alteration Bendigo Line

Sunday 4 December 2016

Due to level crossing removal works, the following service alterations will take place.

Bendigo and Echuca

All train services will be replaced by road coaches between Southern Cross and Sunbury and connect with trains between Sunbury, Bendigo and Echuca.

Swan Hill

All services will be replaced by road coaches between Southern Cross and Bendigo and connect with train services to/from Swan Hill.

Connecting coach services will be managed locally. Delays of up to 40 minutes may be expected.



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to BRIC at P.O. Box 152, Boort 3537.

Those who have access to email can have the
"About Boort" Newsletter emailed to you each
month for no charge. Submit your email address to
bric.boort@bigpond.com attention: About Boort



Would contributors please note that the editors would prefer articles be submitted to 'About Boort' as a Word document not as PDF. PDFs can be hard to manipulate, we can't correct errors and some have quality issues. We appreciate all contributions but we are aiming to improve our presentation. We believe having no PDF articles sent to us will save us time and will enhance our efforts.





'Bought from Boort'

What a wonderful campaign for our town!

By supporting Boort businesses you are also helping to ensure the future of the football, netball and hockey clubs, cricket teams, croquet club, lawn bowls & golf club, the school, kinder & hospital, medical services and so much more!

Here are some of the things we have right here in Boort which you cannot find 'online'- Fresh meat, vegetables, personal service, a postage stamp, a cup of coffee, friendship, people who care, neighbours, community spirit, fresh flowers, daily papers, repairs, maintenance, lawn mowing, caring, dance lessons, good health, crop inspections, learn to swim programs, kindness, junior tennis coaching, swimming club, lawn tennis courts, a haircut, a manicure, a massage, a pedicure, casual employment, loyalty and so much more!

You cannot find a volunteer online, or go yabbing, observe native birds, go fishing, water ski or canoe on your lake, enjoy fresh air, sunshine and peace.

When shopping in Boort you can experience personalised service, a friendly hello from both staff and other customers, help with your children if required, assistance with the shop door and your walker/pram, groceries taken to your car and trolley returned, courtesy car, newspapers delivered to your doorstep, minimal queues and an abundance of car parks!

By choosing to shop locally YOU are helping to secure the future of our local businesses and improve local employment opportunities!

It's so nice to be greeted with a warm smile and called by name at the local shops!! May we all enjoy these small pleasures for several years to come.



Christmas Festival

The Boort Business & Tourism Committee are once again holding the annual Christmas Street Festival. The event will be held on Friday 9th December 2016 from 5:00pm.

Godfrey Street will be closed from the Commercial Hotel through to Arnold Family Butchers from 4:30pm until 9:00pm.

This year's Christmas Festival will feature Children's Entertainment, Christmas Craft Activities, Market Stalls, Santa Photos and Food Stalls.

To add to this we ask all businesses to consider extending their trading hours for the night to assist us in providing the community with an enjoyable and exciting event.

All market stalls will be set up on the road in Godfrey Street leaving the shopfronts free for business owners to set up small displays, if they wish.

To add to the excitement the Boort Business & Tourism Council will also draw the major prize winner of the Shop Local Campaign.

We hope you will join us in celebrating Christmas in Boort at the street festival

Regards,
Brooke Arnold
Boort Business and Tourism Council Committee of Management
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Assistance available for farmers

Farmers experiencing financial hardship are urged to contact the Rural Financial Counselling Service Victoria – North West for assistance.

The RFCS provides free, confidential on farm assistance to eligible farmers by experienced counsellors that help farmers work out their financial position and options available. Counsellors can help with budgeting, refinancing loans, negotiating with creditors, and assessing government support programs.

Counsellors can help you access government assistance programs available:

Farm Household Allowance. Income support payments to eligible farmers and their partner experiencing financial hardship, administered by Department of Human Services. Payments up to \$24,825 pa per couple or \$13,746 pa for singles plus a Health Care Card, for up to three years.

Farm Business Concessional Loans. Low interest (2.47%) loans up to \$1 million, being up to 50% of farm debt, available to dairy farmers and any farmers recovering from drought. Administered by Rural Finance.

Dairy Development Grants. Grants of up to \$5,000 per dairy farm applicant/business to implement on farm infrastructure improvements that assist business rebuilding, restructure and production efficiencies. Farmers must contribute an equal amount. Administered by Rural Finance.

Farm Debt Mediation. A scheme that makes it compulsory for banks and other creditors to offer mediation to farmers before commencing debt recovery proceedings on farm mortgages on farm land and farm equipment. Our experienced counsellors work closely with farmers during this process.

Australian Taxation Office. Offers deferred payment plans for farm businesses unable to meet their tax obligations and that are experiencing financial hardship.

Farmers are urged not to self-assess their eligibility for the assistance programs available and to contact our service on **1300 769 489** for a Rural Financial Counsellor to come and see you. Local offices are in Pyramid Hill, Bendigo and Swan Hill.

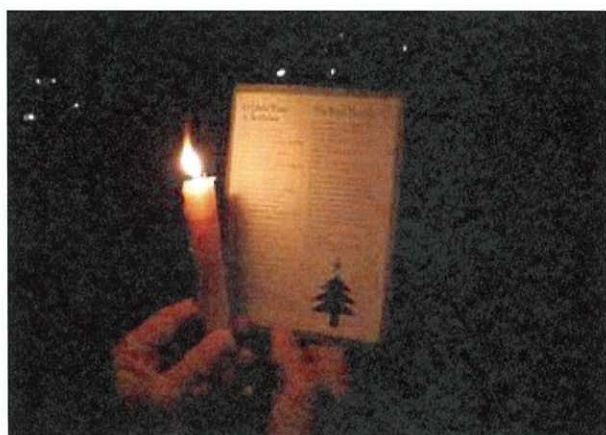
COMMUNITY CAROLS BY THE LAKE

8:00pm on Thursday 22nd
December

At Nolens Park

(between the tennis courts and the
caravan park)

Come along and enjoy an evening
of carol singing and music from
guest artists as we celebrate the
Christmas season together



Boort AOG Church

Please note a change of Sunday night
Service time. Services will now commence
at **6:00pm**, effective **December 4th 2016**.

All welcome.

Enquiries to M. Tonkin - 5494 3365.

Edna Bell's 100th

Afternoon tea

Will be held 2:00pm-4:30pm

Sunday December 18th

At the Boort Senior Citizen Rooms

All Welcome

No presents please



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES:

Anglican: Christmas Eve at 5:30pm

Baptist: Christmas Eve at 7:00pm

Catholic: Mass on Christmas Day at 10:00am

Uniting & Church of Christ: Christmas Day at
9:00am

Assembly of God: No Service



Christmas Lights Competition

Time to get those Christmas lights out of
storage, the Amity Christmas Lights
competition is on again.

Judging will be the week commencing 11th
December.

\$50.00 prize to the winner.



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If you would like to have your copy posted to you each month it will now cost \$14.00 due to
the increase in postage costs.



Boort Business & Tourism Council COM **Shop Locally Campaign**

Our 2016 Shop Locally campaign will conclude 5:00pm on Friday the 9th December at our Christmas Street Festival, prizes will be drawn at approx. 6:30pm.

With 3 major prizes and 7 minor prizes up for grabs it's a fantastic time to shop local and win!

Please ensure all completed coupons are returned to any of the 23 participating businesses prior to 5:00pm on the Friday.

Happy shopping!

Christmas Street Festival – Friday 9th December 2016

Our annual Christmas Street Festival is even bigger and better this year with so much on offer for all. Market Stalls, late night trading, food options, kid's entertainment, Christmas craft activities and..... SANTA PHOTOS!

Please join us from 5:00pm to enjoy what is sure to be a fantastic night and a great way to kick off the Christmas Celebrations.

Boort Website

The Boort Business & Tourism Council in conjunction with the Boort Development Committee have taken over the role of the administration of the website; boort.com.au.

A new website has been developed and updates and improvements are currently being undertaken. A huge thank you to Rod Poxon and Kelly Hird for the massive amount of hours they have contributed to this project.

We have asked local community groups to become "members" of the website to allow us to advertise any upcoming events, and ensure their details and any information is up to date. We thank the community groups who have already become members and we ask that they submit any information they would like published on the website to be sent to: tourism.boort@gmail.com prior to the 20th of each month.

If your community group would like to become a member please don't hesitate to contact any of the executive committee.

2016 Calendar of Events:

Friday 9th December 2016 – Christmas Street Festival

Friday 30th December 2016 – Movie & Market by the Lake

Saturday 28th January 2017 – Music by the Lake

Party & Event Hire

Don't look any further for your party or event needs:

The BBTC have 23 cream market umbrellas & stands available for hire. Each umbrella & stand can be hired for \$20. Please contact tourism.boort@gmail.com or drop in at Boort Emporium.



FREE BBQ FOR BOORT COMMUNITY SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016 NOLENS PARK PICNIC SHELTERS

Contribute to Little Lake Boort Master
Plan

Join us for lunch from 12.00pm

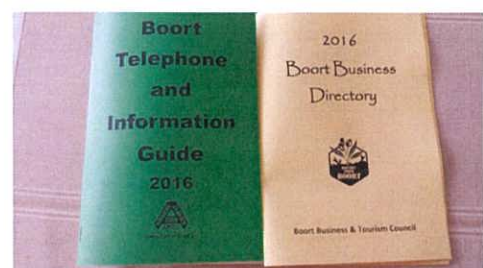
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NEW LOCAL PHONE BOOK

A new local phone book will come out in
January 2017.

If you have any alterations or inclusions they
can be made at BRIC or contact Jean
Henderson on 54554265



LITTLE LAKE BOORT MASTER PLAN

Please take 10 minutes to help us with this project. We want you to be involved...
The Boort community together with Council is preparing a master plan for Little Lake Boort.
The project is for and about the whole Boort and Loddon community... as well as people who visit or holiday in the Shire. So please encourage others to be involved.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

1. JOIN US FOR A FREE BBQ AT LITTLE LAKE BOORT ON SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Come meet with us at Nolen's Park for a *Free BBQ* and then at any or all of these spots around the lake:

- 12:30 - 1:15 - Nolens Park picnic shelter
- 1:30 - 2:15 - Historic Park
- 2:30 - 3:30 - Angling Clubrooms
- 3:45 - 4:30 - Myrnong Beach

2. ONLINE

Here are some links that will easily take you to surveys and submission forms.

2.1 A COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR ADULTS.. Will only take you 10 minutes to complete:

<https://www.research.net/r/LLBoortMasterPlanComSurvey>

2.2 A SUBMISSION FORM ... Will only take you a few words .. Or more if you have lots of thoughts about opportunities:

<https://www.research.net/r/LLBoortSurveyforYoungPeople>

2.3. A COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE .. Will only take about 10 minutes .. Please get your children, and young friends on to it!

<https://www.research.net/r/LLBoortSubmissionForm>

3. THE IDEAS WALL ... at BRIC... Just drop by and pen your thoughts or pin pictures that show us what you want the area to look like... or feel like...

Know people who want hard copies of these surveys and forms?

Just ring Carmel Pethick at Loddon Council on 5494 1253 or email cpethick@loddon.vic.gov.au and ask for a survey to be sent to you. Or you can pick them up from BRIC.

For more Information ... See the Project flyer .. Or make contact with us...

Thank you.

Allan Stobauss

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COMING EVENTS 2016

Sunday 27/11	Free barbecue to contribute to Little Lake Boort Master Plan
Wednesday 30/11	1RSA course
Thursday 1/12	Young Achievers Awards close
Friday 2/12	Submissions close to Little Lake Boort Master Plan
Friday 9/12	Christmas Street Festival
Sunday 11/12	Christmas lights competition judging week begins
Tuesday 13/12	Self Defence Grading Night
Sunday 18/12	Edna Bell's 100th Birthday Party
Tuesday 20/12	Term 4 ends
Thursday 22/12	Carols by the Lake
Saturday 24/12	Anglican Christmas Service
Saturday 24/12	Baptist Christmas Service
Sunday 25/12	Catholic Christmas Mass
Sunday 25/12	Uniting and Church of Christ Christmas Service
Tuesday 27/12-	Aquatic Program
Friday 30/12	
Friday 30/12	Movie by the Lake
Saturday 31/12	Ski Club AGM
Saturday 31/12	Learn Local survey ends

2017

Tuesday 3/1-	Aquatic Program
Friday 6/1	
Friday 27/1	Boort Trotting Club Central Victorian Championships
Saturday 28/1	Music by the Lake
Sunday 19/3	Boort Cups Day

See inside for more details



The Annual General Meeting of the Boort Power Boat and Ski Club will be held on Saturday 31st of December, 10:00 am at the Clubhouse.

All welcome.

BOORT BUSINESS & TOURISM PRESENTS

Christmas STREET FESTIVAL

DECEMBER 9TH 2016

GODFREY ST, BOORT

START TIME: 5PM ENTRY: FREE

- Food Stalls
- Late Night Trading
- Christmas Craft Activities
- Children's Entertainment
- Market Stalls
- Santa Photos

SHOP LOCAL MAJOR PRIZE DRAW

For more information please contact Brooke Arnold 0400791959 or email tourism.boort@gmail.com

Articles for the newsletter need to arrive by 9:00am on the 19th December for inclusion in the January newsletter, preferably by email to bric.boort@bigpond.com