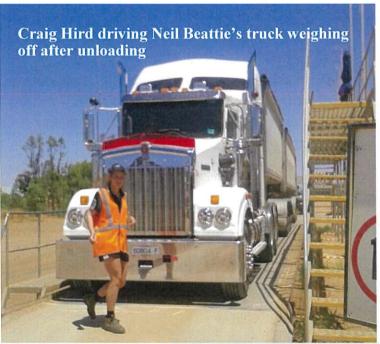


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Bumper Harvest for Boort Farmers



All hands on deck for a busy harvest





Trucks awaiting Tilly Mae's direction



A moment in time at the busy Boort Grain Co-op weighbridge on Tuesday



Weighing on and testing

This year is shaping up to be one of the best grain production years for local farmers. By Sunday 18th December the local Grain Co-operative had accumulated 100,000 tonnes of wheat and barley. It is coming in at around 6,000 tonnes a day keeping the site very busy at all times. So far turnaround times have been kept at a reasonable level and Gary Wilson and his team of workers are doing a great job. The Co-op has provided a lot of employment for local young people over the harvest.

Good spring weather meant that it was a late start to the harvest, most starting the last week of November. One farmer took his son around the crops and said "Have a good look, because you won't see crops like this again in your lifetime".

Our roads are very busy at the moment with a lot of grain trucks on the go so please be careful out there.

Boort District School Presentation Night 2016

Boort District School's Presentation Night was a successful evening with many students receiving awards for their effort and achievement. It was also a great vehicle to display some of the fantastic student work produced over the year and to enjoy the talents of music students. The night was hosted by 2016 School Captains; Conor Grogan, Will Gould, Tilly-Mae Lanyon and Emily Stewart

Awards were presented in each of the key learning areas. Recipients who received three Key Learning Awards were Jordan Bleicher (Health/PE, Maths and Science), Charlotte Verley (Commerce, English and Social Education), Charlotte Vernon (Arts, Music and Social Education) and Macey Holland (English, Maths and Humanities). Receiving the KLA Awards for Arts and Social Education was Hannah Streader, Commerce and Music was Zac Poxon, and Maths and Science, was Georgia Gardner.

Those receiving one Key Learning Area award were

For Arts Fergus Bear, Kaitlyn Cockerell, Erinn Morris

For Commerce Molly Meadows

For English Lily Hosking, Grace Hosking, Tilly Lanyon

For Health and PE Joel Bremner, Cobi Maxted, Jordan Verley, Steven Gunther For LOTE Carissa Haw, Ebony Chamberlain, Darcie Chamberlain, Daniel Hercott

For Mathematics Amy Malone

For Music Conor Grogan

For Science Felicity Field, Jack Kerr For Social Education Tahli Maxted

For Technology Ella Lanyon, Gus Gould, Meg Last, Dylan Moon

Debating awards went to Jordan Bleicher, Charlotte Verley and Grace Field. The Insight Award for a Year 11 English student went to Bayley Fuller. Writing awards were also presented to Macy Grogan, Tahli Maxted, Macey Holland, Felicity Field, Grace Hosking, Zoe Bremner and Jordan Bleicher.

The School Sport Victoria Award went to Emily Stewart who has successfully represented the school in a wide range of sports reaching regional level in athletics and who has also achieved academic success.

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards were presented by School Council President Brett Hosking. The recipients of these awards were Finn Poxon (Year10) and Emily Stewart (Year 12).

The Don Kerr Award for a Year 11 student that exhibits strong leadership and community involvement went to Charlotte Verley.

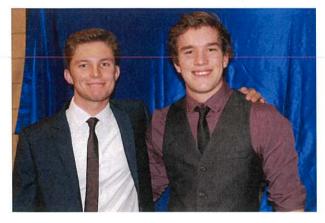
The VCAL/VET award went to a student who has demonstrated a very high level of commitment and self motivation and has achieved excellent results in a wide range of settings. North Central LLEN CEO Jerri Nelson presented the award to Dylan Moon who has been studying Automotive was the 2016 recipient and his employer Brett Penny Automotive was the workplace of the year.

The Boort Medical Practice sponsored two scholarships which were presented by Dr Fady Malak. The first scholarship for Academic Excellence (2016 Dux) was awarded to Jordan Bleicher and the second for leadership, effort, school involvement and upholding school values was awarded to Conor Grogan.

The night finished with the presentation of the Year 12 class of 2016. Daniel Anderson, Zane Bedford, Jordan Bleicher, Will Gould, Maverick Grattan, Conor Grogan, Dylan Hatcher, Tilly-Mae Lanyon, Anthony Meulendijks, Dylan Moon, Blake O'Toole, Emma Pay, Dion Robertson, Christal Stanger, Emily Stewart, Jade Treacy, Judd Walsh-Coutts, Toni Watts, Hannah Whitehouse, Tayla Williams, James Wilson.

Articles for the newsletter need to arrive by 9:00 am on the 20th of January for inclusion in the February email to: bric.boort@bid.com

Boort District School Presentation Night 2016



Boort Medical Practice Scholarship recipients Conor Grogan and Jordan Bleicher



ADF Award Recipients Finn Poxon and Emily Stewart



Three Key Learning Awards Charlotte Vernon, Charlotte Verley, Macey Holland and Jordan Bleicher

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SPORTING CLUBS

Sporting groups and organisations in the Murray Plains Electorate can benefit from the Round Two of the Sporting Clubs Grants Program which is now open.

Leader of The Nationals and Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh said the fund will allow sporting clubs to update their equipment, train their volunteers and improve their operational effectiveness.

"Grant streams like this offer a great opportunity for clubs and associations to purchase new equipment and help improve their overall capabilities," Mr Walsh said. Funding is available under the following categories

Uniforms or Equipment

Grants of up to \$1,000 to purchase uniforms or other equipment essential for participation

Skill Development

Grants of up to \$2,000 to improve the skills of club members by providing training for coaches, officials, administration staff and management committees

Club Operation Capacity

Grants of up to \$5,000 to improve the operational effectiveness and efficiency of clubs through strategic planning or, to increase community participation through accessible sport and active recreation opportunities.

For more information about the grants you can visit www.sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/sporting-club-grants-program

Applications are now open and will close on the 15 February 2017.

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 <u>6:00pm</u>, effective <u>December 4th 2016</u>.

All welcome.

Enquiries to M. Tonkin - 5494 3365.

Boort Weight Loss Support Group
Will commence meetings at BRIC on
Monday 16th January 2017.

Meetings are held weekly on
Mondays at 4:45pm—6:00pm.

Anyone seeking to shed a few kilos please come and join us.

Be encouraged and share your journey with us.

New members very welcome.

Leader Joan Broad Phone 54 552 115

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

This year the joint winners of the Amity Christmas Lights Competition were Bill Waldron and Roz and Natham Wright of Wait St.

A special mention for the Church of Christ for their Christmas Spirit



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Boort Business & Tourism Council

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!!!

We would like to send a warm welcome to everyone who is visiting our 'Northern Oasis' and enjoying all that we have to offer here in Boort over Summer. Some of you have been visiting us for more than 40 years, and for others this will be your first time. We

hope that all of you enjoy our beautiful town and our friendly community.

Our committee works hard to ensure your stay is one to remember for all the right reasons. We hope that our new website (www.boort.com.au), tourist information, hosting events and providing entertainment, the local Boort Business Directory, etc all help in making your trip to Boort a positive and memorable experience.

We welcome your feedback and ideas, so please contact us at tourism.boort@gmail.com if you have any suggestions. Enjoy a fun and relaxing break with your family & friends!

'Bought from Boort' Shop Local Campaign

Our Shop Local Campaign for 2016 concluded on Friday 9th December with the final draw taking place at the Boort Christmas Festival. We are very happy to announce that 683 completed coupons were collected (an improvement on last year), with a value of \$341,500 being spent in the 22 participating businesses over the two months!!!

An outstanding effort – a huge thank you and congratulations to all our supporters – both businesses & local shoppers!!

Our major prize winners:

\$2500 in local vouchers - Marilyn Lanyon \$1000 in local vouchers - Justin Streader \$500 in local vouchers - Don Stringer

Goods from Aussie Wool Quilts - Sharyn O'Rourke Goods from Al & NF Stringer - Warren Fletcher

Goods from George Tallis - Jacqui Verley Voucher from IGA - Pam Streader Voucher from North West Ag - Jan Stuart Voucher from Railway Hotel - Thelma Moresi

Goods from Rawlins Car Care - Pirate Congratulations to all the winners!

Boort Christmas Festival

What a fabulous event! Thanks so much to everyone for supporting this special Christmas celebration, especially with so much going on out in the paddocks!

Special thanks to Brooke Arnold for all her organising, and to our small yet dedicated group of committee members who make everything happen behind the scenes.

It was terrific to see the crowd embracing our new ideas – the Santa Cave was a big hit with more than 40 groups having their photo taken with the man in red. The personalised baubles, Christmas craft table and bucking bull were also a hit. Thanks to all the local businesses who kept their doors open and to all the local stall holders who made the effort to set-up right down the middle of Godfrey Street. We do hope that this encouraged many of us to do our Christmas shopping locally!

Special thanks must go to the Boort Men's Shed for all their work on the barbecue, to the Boort Babblers, our special Santa Claus, Christmas elves, Tam Boyd & Gaye Sim for setting up the Santa Cave and our trusty assistants from Boort District School who helped with the popcorn machine and the craft table. Our small committee is not able to run events such as these without help from the wider community so we really appreciate your efforts!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't miss our upcoming events over December & January. The two events, both to be held in Nolens Park, will provide some great entertainment for all our visitors and locals to enjoy. Both events are fully licensed (NO BYO) and will have several food options available for dinner.

The Movie & Market by the Lake (Friday 30th December) will start at 4:30pm with market stalls, food, coffee, licensed bar, children's entertainment and more. The family friendly movie will start at dusk with the entry being gold coin donation. We will have the popcorn machine up and running, so bring along a picnic rug or a chair to enjoy the relaxing atmosphere right on the lake. See you there!

Music by the Lake (Saturday 28th January) will also be a licensed event, with several options for dinner and a great band to perform in the sound shell. There will be a \$10 cover charge for adults with wrist bands provided to all who enter the event. Children are free. We look forward to celebrating the Australia Day weekend with you here in Boort!

2016/17 Calendar of Events

Friday 30th December 2016 - Market & Movie Night by the Lake Saturday 28th January 2017 – Music by the Lake Saturday 11th March 2017 – Snags, Beers & Bubbles Festival Saturday 15th April 2017 – Easter Market 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.



Patience will pay dividends for road network

I understand some residents may be feeling frustrated at what feels like band aid repair measures following the September and October flooding events.

"Why can't Council fix the damage properly in the first instance?" could be a question you ask yourself as you travel over temporary safety measure work and wind your way around another road safety warning sign.

But a small delay in having the job properly repaired may be just the thing which leads to us having better roads in the long run.

Council has completed the vast majority of work required to make your journey safe, but now has to wait for an anticipated \$10 million in flood restoration funding to flow through.

If our crews move beyond the scope of emergency response measures, they could potentially jeopardise an additional source of funding Council should qualify for under the flood restoration program – all the while eating into the annual road maintenance budget.

Council's Director Operations anticipates the additional pool of flood recovery money will be delivered ready for full repair work to begin within the first quarter of 2017.

Please continue to exercise patience, especially over the Christmas / New Year period.

In the meantime, Council crews will continue to assess road damage which has directly or indirectly been caused by the flooding events, ahead of delivery of the multi-million dollar flood restoration package which will reward our community for its patience.

Neil Beattie Mayor

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



Local learning opportunities in the Buloke & Loddon Shires

Your opportunity to

WIN!

One of five \$100 Shop Local Vouchers



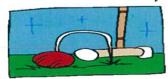
Survey open until 31 December, 2016.

Return your completed survey to BRIC in the envelopes provided at BRIC or Boort Emporium before 23 December



Loretta Beattie holding the five \$100.00 vouchers to be won.

Boort Lakeside Croquet Club



As 2016 drew to an end, the Boort Lakeside Croquet Club were delighted to announce Boort winners in the 2016 Murray Valley Pennant Croquet Ladder. Congratulations to Boort White team, Ian Potter, Lois Malone and Kerry Lanyon on their success.

MV Association Croquet winners 2016: Boort White - Ian, Lois and Kerry MV Golf Croquet winners 2016: Swan Hill

The Pennant season breakup was hosted by Swan Hill Croquet Club. On the day winners of Association Croquet were Colleen Coutts (Boort) 1st with Janet Richardson (Charlton) 2nd. Golf Croquet winners on that day were Heather Dunston (Swan Hill) 1st with Suwattanna Chulakathappa (Boort) 2nd.

A Christmas celebration for the Boort Lakeside Club was held Dec 16th providing a scrumptious barbecue and a pleasant evening with friends of the club.

On Friday evenings social croquet is available to all who wish to play at 7:00pm. Casual clothing and runners are the only requirements. All welcome.

Boort Lakeside Croquet Club would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the community for their generous support over the past year and wish all Boort residents a happy and safe festive season.

Any enquiries- Please contact President – Robert Coutts Ph.54552129 or Secretary Ian Potter email-boortlakesidecroquet@gmail.com

Loddon Shire Christmas Closure 2016 -2017

The Council offices in Wedderburn and Serpentine will close at noon on Thursday 22 December for the afternoon. The offices will then be closed from noon Friday 23 December 2016 and reopen at 8:15am on Tuesday 3 January 2017

The **Loddon Visitor Information Centre** will be closed on Christmas Day, but is otherwise open every day from 9:00am to 5:00pm. For enquiries, phone 5494 3489.

The **Community Services Department** will also be closed from noon Friday 23 December 2016 and reopen at 8.15am on Tuesday 3 January 2017. Limited personal care will be provided and clients will be advised of their personal care services for this period. There will be limited Meals on Wheels provided and clients will be contacted to arrange meals for this period. No home care, respite care or property maintenance services will be offered over this time.

For any client service requirement emergencies during this period, phone 0427 804 736

Kerbside garbage and recycling collections

There will be no changes to collections in December 2016 and January 2017

Landfills and Transfer Stations will be closed on Sunday
25 December, Tuesday 27 December, Sunday 1 January and Thursday 26 January 2017

If the matter is urgent please call 5494 1200

Trailrider All - Terrain Wheelchair

A world - leading all-terrain wheelchair that allows people with limited mobility to explore otherwise inaccessible bush trails has arrived in Loddon Shire.

The device is a cross between a wheelbarrow and sedan chair that allows several helpers to guide the passenger – adult or child – along outdoor tracks and trails.

It weighs 25kg, but can be easily dismantled to slide into the back of a large car.

Invented in Canada in the early 1990s, the TrailRider was brought to Australia by Parks Victoria.

There are officially now 14 in Victoria and six more scattered around the rest of the country.

Tourism and marketing officer for Loddon Shire Robyn Vella said Council had established 12 walking trails around the municipality for people to enjoy.

"We have a number of specific trails we will recommend for TrailRider users, but the experienced staff and volunteers at the Visitor Centre can offer up-to-date information and guidance," Mrs Vella said.

"There are some beautiful scenic tracks for all abilities around Boort, Bridgewater, Inglewood, Pyramid Hill, Tarnagulla and Wedderburn."

The TrailRider is available free for use in the Shire for up to three days at a time. For bookings, phone the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 3489.

Kerbside garbage and recycling collections

There are no changes to collection times in December 2016 and January 2017

Landfills and Transfer Stations will be closed on Sunday 25, Tuesday 27 December 2016, Sunday 1 January 2017 and the Wedderburn Landfill will be closed on Thursday 26 January 2017



BOORT TENNIS CLUB - JUNIORS

The Boort Tennis Club Junior Tennis has seen good numbers attending each week prior to Christmas. Junior Tennis will now go into a holiday-mode break before resuming on SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2017.



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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.



2017 Football News

The Boort Football Club would like to announce the appointment of Corey Gregg as the Senior Coach of the Boort Football Club.

Corey will be accompanied by his brother, Ben. Both play in a midfield role and have played football at Marong, Eaglehawk and Ouyen. We welcome them, their partners and families, and hope that they have an enjoyable and successful time with us. Corey (middle), with 2016 coach Mark Perryman and Ben in the photo.



The Boort Football Club are also thrilled to announce the signing of Kyle Manley. Kyle is an in and under onballer, who is good at dishing out handballs from tight contests. His foot skills are more than handy and he can go forward and kick goals. Kyle was Marong Football Club's



2015 senior best and fairest. We also welcome Kyle and his family to our club.

At the recent Annual General Meeting a number of new faces were added to the committee including Chris O'Flaherty, Aaron Wilson and Brendan Yu. Doug Aldrich retained the Presidency with Kane Arnold as Vice President and Di Johnston, having done a sterling job as Treasurer this year, is going around again. Congratulations to Todd Martin who has stepped into the Secretary's position for 2017. We look forward to a fun and exciting year both on and off the field.

LODDON HEALTHY MINDS NETWORK Council is seeking expressions of interest from residents of Loddon Shire Council to represent the community on the Loddon Healthy Minds Network committee.

If you have an interest in improving mental health and wellbeing in the wider Loddon Shire community we would be interested in hearing from you.

To obtain an information package and expression of interest form please contact

Lacey Gunn on 54941246 or visit www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au for further information.

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



Boort Trotting Club

Presents the Harness Racing Training Centre (Bendigo)

Central Victorian Championships.

Plus the Concessional Drivers Championships.

Friday 27th Jan 2017, at Boort.

Central Vic. Pacers C2-C C3 \$25,000

Central Vic Trotters TO or Better ss \$25,000.

CO \$12,000 C1 \$12,000 3yo \$12,000.

Sponsors HRV. Vic Gov. H.R.S.C. Boort TC.

Prydes, Carmody Family, Whitmores Loddon Transit, Eldaren Park., Nathan Monk, Country Clubs, Tony Cooper.Charlton HRC, Maryborough HRC, Wedderburn HRC.
Pony Trots-Gavan Lang.

Bookmaker- Tom Hogan.

Punters Club- Darren & Bret Carroll.

MC-Rob Auber, Ambassador Tipster-Sam Kilgour.

Vocalist Katie Streader-Blast after the last in the new sports

Kids Corner. Plus prizes.

Free in the gate, Free race book.

Chair- John Campbell 0437077887, Sec-Nicole Myles 0429321652



2017 Council Meeting Schedule

Ordinary Council Meetings of the Loddon Shire Council for 2017 will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 24 January

Tuesday 28 February

Tuesday 28 March

Wednesday 26 April

Tuesday 23 May

Tuesday 27 June

Tuesday 25 July

Tuesday 22 August

Tuesday 26 September

Tuesday 24 October

Tuesday 28 November

Tuesday 12 December



The meetings will be held at the Serpentine Council Chambers, Peppercorn Way, Serpentine, commencing at 3.00 pm.



TENNIS COACHING WITH PETER BEWLEY

Tennis Coaching with Peter Bewley will once again be offered during Term One 2017 in Boort– from Wednesday 8 February 2017 through to Wednesday 15 March 2017 (6 weeks).

For further information or to provide names, please make contact with Alister McDougal as soon as possible on 54 552 595 or 0427 22 10 98.

Contact, please, by Sat. 4/2/2017.



COMING EVENTS 2016

Thursday 22/12 Carols by the Lake

Friday 23/12 BRIC closes

Friday 23/12 Loddon Shire closes

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 BRIC reopens

Tuesday 3/1 Loddon Shire reopens

Tuesday 3/1- Aquatic Program

Friday 6/1

Monday 16/1 Boort Weight Loss Support

starts

Thursday 26/1 Australia Day

Friday 27/1 Boort Trotting Club Central

Victorian Championships

Saturday 28/1 Music by the Lake

Saturday 4/2 Junior Tennis resumes

Wednesday 8/2 Tennis Coaching—

Peter Bewley commences

Saturday 11/3 Snags, Beer & Bubbles

Festival

Thursday 16/2 Sports Grant close

Sunday 19/3 Boort Cups Day

Sunday 15/4 Easter Market by the Lake

See inside for more details





Australia Day 2017

Thursday 26th January

Time: 9:15am

Venue: Nolens Park

Flag raising, National Anthem, Morning Tea, Merry-Go-Round. Loddon Shire Awards

Guest Speaker

Festive Season Free Travel and 2017 Fare Adjustment

On Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2016, public transport will be free from the first to the last service on all metropolitan trains, trams, buses, V/Line train and coach services and regional town bus services.

Travel on all V/Line train and coach services where boarding occurs after 6:00pm on Saturday 31st December will be free.

Most V/Line fares will increase by an average of 3.9% from 6:00am on Sunday 1st January 2017. From 30th January 2017, the age range for children will be 5 to 18 inclusive.

Customers aged 17 and 18 will now be eligible to travel on a child myki and pay a concession fare provided they carry identification.

School and tertiary institution issued ID cards are not accepted as proof of concession entitlement.

Children aged four years and under will travel for free and do not need to carry a myki.