



# ABOUT BOORT

EDITION 108

September 2013

## COMING EVENTS 2013

Saturday 24/8	Boort .v. Wycheproof-Narraport
Tuesday 27/8	Talking Teenagers
Wednesday 28/8	Tennis Club AGM 7:30 pm Tennis Club
Saturday 31/8	1st Semi Final Football Netball Hockey
Friday 30/8 to Saturday 8/9	Naturally Loddon "A Wonderland in Spring"
Thursday 5/9	Subaru Cycle
Friday 6/9	"Boot Camp" trip of Kimberley @ BRIC
Friday 6/9	Boort Aerodrome Committee of Management AGM
Saturday 14/9 & 15/9	Bird watching tour
Friday 20/9	End of Term 3
Sunday 22/9	End of Season Golf Trip to Barham
Sunday 22/9	Bowls Presidents Day & Opening
Monday 23/9	Blumes Fashions
Sunday 29/9	Golf Club Closing Day and Trophy Presentations
Monday 30/9	Preschool enrolments close
Saturday 5/10	Open Garden and Auction Korong Vale
Monday 7/10	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 9/10	Boort Golf Club AGM 8:00 pm
Saturday 12/10	Boort A&P Society Show
Saturday 19/10	Boort Wetlands bus tour
Saturday 19/10 to Sunday 20/10	Lakeside Croquet Club Annual Tournament
Saturday 2/11 & Sunday 3/11	Carp Eradication Weekend " "
Sunday 3/11	'Luncheon by the Lake'
Friday 20/12	End of Term 4

*Read on for more details*

## BOORT SHOW

from 7:00 am 'til late

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013

- ~'VICTORIAN YARD DOG TRIALS'  
- STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
- ~'YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE' EXPO
- ~ PAVILION ~ 4 HORSE RINGS
- ~ SPEED SHEAR
- ~ EMERGENCY SERVICES DEMON-  
STRATION
- ~ CARNIVAL RIDES ~ JUMPING CAS-  
TLE
- ~ BALLOON ARTIST FACE PAINTING
- ~ TROTS
- ~ DOG JUMPING ~ ANIMAL NURSERY
- ~ SHOWBAGS ~ STILT WALKERS
- ~ ROAST ROLL TEA
- ~ LIVE BAND ~ FIREWORKS ~
- ~'TOYS FOR THE BOYS'  
& 'CONTRACTORS ALLEY'
- ~'FARM ART' COMPETITION
- START WORKING ON YOUR SCULP-  
TURES NOW!
- ~Excellent prize money on offer!!
- ~EXTENDED VIEWING TIMES IN THE



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## Talking Teenagers

Teenager in the house, or soon to be? Parenting teenagers requires creativity, determination and patience!

Recently Northern District Community Health Service hosted Centacare Parenting Educators to offer the 'When your Child is a Worrier' Workshop, it was a huge success, so much so that we invited Centacare back!! Join other parents and carer's in this two hour workshop that aims to provide information, improve understanding and explore strategies that focus on the challenges and strengths of this amazing teenage stage.

When: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2013

Time: Arrival and Registration: 4:45pm  
Workshop: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Where: Boort District School

Cost: No cost (light supper provided)

RSVP: As soon as possible, call Northern District Community Health Service reception on 5451 200. Minimum numbers required, please register your intent to come.

Facilitators Narelle Williams, Kate Kerlin & Marlene McLoughlan.

Any enquiries please contact Tanya Maher-Toose at Northern District Community Health Service.

### DRY JULY

Dry July began as a personal challenge that developed into a community effort that surpassed all expectations. An extremely worthy cause identified by Shelley (Bendigo Oncology) galvanized the district into an incredible fund raising effort that we all should be proud of.

Over forty thousand dollars was accumulated in thirty-one days, out of eighteen thousand fund raisers Australia wide our effort was the best. I must thank all for your support for People Living With Cancer and have no doubt the rooms at Bendigo Oncology will love the face lift.

For me it was an interesting journey with a good mate that is still doing the hard yards. I think the way Geoff challenges himself every day should be an inspiration to us all.

Well done everyone.

Cr Neil Beattie  
Councillor-Boort Ward  
Loddon Shire Council  
0427552468



*The following notes are from the address of Highway Patrolman Acting Senior Sergeant Damian Keegan at the senior's safety day held in Boort recently.*

*This information is provided for our increasing number of "Gopher Goers" It's great to see you all enjoying your mobility and freedom, but we all need to know the road rules for your safety.*

### GOPHER & SCOOTER ROAD SAFETY

**An orange flag on a high stick attached to your vehicle is great for your safety, so you can be seen by other traffic especially big trucks.**

**If there is a footpath please use it.**

**When on the footpath travel only at walking pace.**

**If there is no footpath you should travel on the right hand side of the road facing the oncoming traffic and be as near to the curb or gutter as is practical.**

**Give way to all other traffic.**

**Be safe & enjoy your freedom.**



Boort Lawn Tennis Club

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST  
2013  
7:30 p.m.

TENNIS CLUB

**Current members and intending**

Boort Golf Club

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2013  
8:00 p.m.

GOLF CLUB

**All welcome**

**BOORT BOWLS CLUB Inc.**

**PRESIDENTS' & OPENING DAY**

President Lorna & President Ken

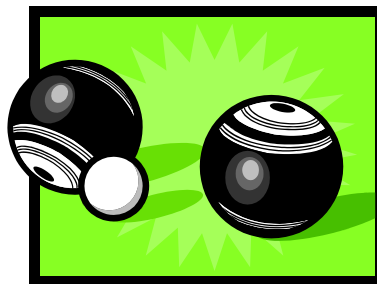
Wish to invite all members and non-members to our  
OPENING DAY

**Sunday 22nd September 2013**

WHITES PLEASE  
Mixed Bowls (drawn)  
3 games

Names in by 1:00p.m. for 1:15 p.m. start

AFTERNOON TEA



**Blumes Fashions**

at the Boort Senior Citizens

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013,**  
At 2:00 p.m.

\$5 All inclusive.

Inquiries to Lorna Hubbard 54552222

## LIKE TO TAKE A TRIP?

The Probus Club of Boort and District have some very exciting outings coming up and members of the public are very welcome to join in any of these activities. We would enjoy your company for the day.

**“In the Mood”** costs \$76 Wednesday October 2nd 5:30 pm then dinner afterwards at your own expense.

Marina Prior, Friday November 1st at 8:00 pm costs \$60 with dinner prior to the show. Contact Gillian Tweddle 54552128 or Jo Maxted 54552122.

Money needs to be paid in advance.



### **BOORT LAKESIDE CROQUET CLUB**

#### **Annual Tournament**

Saturday 19th October to  
Sunday, 20 October 2013

LOCATION: Boort  
For further information (03) 5455 4252

### **FUNDRAISING FUNKY OPEN GARDEN AND AUCTION**

48 Allen Street, Korong Vale

Saturday 5th October

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Auction time: 12:00 pm

Entry \$5 adult, \$3 children or \$10 family

Free tea, coffee & biscuits.

Lucky door prizes.

All proceeds to Boort & District Hospital

A variety of new and pre-loved goods for sale

Call Teresa: 54947412

### **BOORT A & P SOCIETY** **INAUGURAL METAL SCULPTURE COMPETITION**

Saturday 12th October 2013

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY \$2000**

#### Categories:

Open Section..... 1st Prize \$1,000 2nd Prize \$400

Local Artist within 50 km of Boort .....1st Prize \$250

School age (P-12) no distance applies.....1st Prize \$250

Peoples choice.....Prize money of \$150

**Entry fee \$10 per Exhibit**

John Piccoli (The Spanner Man) will not be entering, but will have some of his renowned creations on display. John will also be available on the day as a steward, giving free advice on Metal Sculpture Creations.

For entry forms and more information contact Isabel Loader on 0427554240  
or Paul Haw on 0417333171

# Bird Watching Tour

(A part of the "Naturally Loddon" festival)

Come along on a 7 hour birding adventure and discover some amazing places along the way. We will be visiting a variety of habitats including mallee and wetlands within the Loddon Shire. Please bring lunch, water, sunscreen, hat and binoculars.

Saturday 14th September and

Sunday 15th September 2013

9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

(Choose which day you would prefer)

Limited numbers, bookings essential

Loddon Visitor Information Centre

24 Wilson Street Wedderburn

Cost: \$40 per day

Mobile: 0414 355 146

E: [paul@melbournebirding.com](mailto:paul@melbournebirding.com)



## Golf

Congratulations to Di Johnston and Julie Wilson who were the Lady Champions and both represented the Club in their divisions at the Champion of Champions held at Boort this year. Di came second in her division and Julie was equal 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the Men's Club Championship it was a family affair with Andrew Kane winning this while his father Max Kane was B Grade Champion. Congratulations to both these players.

The Boort Tournament was a success even though we had to contend with some unpleasant weather conditions at times. Thanks go to all our sponsors - we could not run such a successful tournament without your assistance. Thanks to all who worked in preparing the golf course and to the ladies who help prepared the Club House and assisting with the catering.

The golf season is closing rapidly and the ladies will have an end of season trip about the middle of September. date and venue to be decided. Look out for an email advising of arrangements. If not sure about anything ring Dot Beattie please. Other dates to remember and please check out the arrangements for these events—the Club end of season trip to Barham Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, game of golf and a Chinese meal at the Golf Club. Closing day on the 29th September, commencing with 14 holes of golf and a meal before the presentation of trophies

Even though golf will be finished it is very important that all players and those interested in the Golf Club attend the Annual General Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 8:00 p.m. A Golf club requires interested people to organise it.

## JUNIOR TENNIS



The Junior Tennis season isn't that far away. For a number of years, Maree Stringer has been the Junior Co-ordinator. Maree has decided that she requires a rest from this position. Therefore a new person or people are required to take her place. This season the Juniors will be in a new timeslot—the Coaching groups and tournament section will commence about 12:30 p.m. with the Junior Teams commencing at 1:30 p.m. ( the same time as the Senior competition).

If anyone is at all interested in becoming the junior Co-ordinator, or requires any information about the position, could you please make contact with either Alister McDougal on 54552595 or 0427221098 or Greg Boyd on 54554393 or 0428328928 before Monday 26th August, which is prior to the Tennis Club AGM to be held on Wednesday 28th August. Please give some thought to this important position.



## A CHAT WITH OLD FRIENDS .....

Many a friend gathered in the Boort Memorial Hall on Sunday 28 July 2013 for the launch of ..... "a collection of recorded chats with some wonderful people who, by birthright or by choice, made Boort their home."

There were three politicians on stage with compiler Jennie Weaver - our Federal member Dr Sharman Stone, our State member Peter Walsh and our local Loddon Shire Councillor Neil Beattie, who also was MC for the afternoon. All four were warmly welcomed, but it appeared that the one who was launching the book "A Chat With Old Friends" - Mr John Schultz - was perhaps welcomed more than warmly, probably due to having won the 1960 Brownlow Medal rather than not being a politician!!

John's launch of the book, which is a great collection of the stories (plus more) printed in 'About Boort' over recent years, was an interesting recollection of his memories of growing up in Boort plus stories and happenings that were returned to him from his readings of the book.

The stories of the many local identities are printed in their words, having a large number of photographs not previously seen in a public forum, will prove to be a most valuable asset and resource to refer to when looking for some snippets of local Boort history.

Jennie is to be commended for her tireless efforts in pursuing the publication of this well-presented book which will be well sought after in the years to come.

The afternoon concluded with the "Chatees" signing their pages in the purchased copies of the book, the Preschool parents providing a delicious afternoon tea and lots of people having ..... a chat with old friends.



John Schultz and Jennie Weaver at the Book launch of "A Chat With Old Friends"

(With thanks to The Northern Times for the photo)

## Boort's Back Yard Comes Alive!

The inaugural "Boort's Self Drive Tour" kicked off at 10:00am on Sunday 18th August. The weather was blustery but mercifully dry for most of the day, with the rain only appearing late in the afternoon.

Our list of great destinations were:

Star Spanner Sculpture Gardens: John and Sonia Piccoli

Salute Oliva: Marlies & Peter Eicher

Boort Historical Museum & Aboriginal History: John and Margaret Nelson, Paul Haw

Simply Tomatoes, Aussie Wool Quilts, Woolly Warmers: Marilyn and Ian Lanyon

Akrasi Wines: George Tallis

Boundary Bend Olives

Cup & Saucer Cafe: Jodie and her team

It was fabulous to see so many locals out and about enjoying many of the unique attractions that Boort has to offer. Even better was the fact that for some people, this was the first time they had visited some of these venues. Visitors from out of town helped swell the numbers, so the "Tour" resulted in a wonderful day of promotion for the Boort district.

There was no shortage of food, coffee and wine options during the day, thanks to the efforts of Cup & Saucer, Simply Tomatoes, Akraasi Wines, Salute Oliva and Boundary Bend. A special mention to the "Pickled Pears" served by George at Akraasi Wines, which were really lovely. A few guests were perhaps "pickled" themselves by the time they finished enjoying Akraasi's generous hospitality!

People who visited at least 4 attractions and completed their competition form go into the draw for a \$300 voucher and 2 tickets to Boort's Luncheon by the Lake.

The Self Drive Tour was a great success and the Boort Tourism Group will endeavour to make this a regular event on Boort's social calendar.

Rod Poxon

### **Boort Resource and Information Centre Inc.**

#### **Call for Nominations for the BRIC Committee of Management**

Are you community minded, believe in building better communities and making them stronger, then fill in a nomination form for the Boort Resource and Information Centre.

For further information and nomination forms contact Leah Toose, Chairman 54929285 or drop into BRIC. Nominations close 4:00 pm, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

### **Boort Resource and Information Centre Inc.**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

to be held at

**BRIC**

Godfrey Street, Boort

7:30 p.m.

**Monday 16 September 2013**

**All Welcome**

### **2013 Community Service Boort Award**

The Loddon Shire Council is now receiving nominations for 2013 Community Service Awards.

Eligibility for these awards requires an outstanding contribution to the local community over the 2013 year, or giving noteworthy service to the local community over a number of years. There is an award for each ward, and these awards are presented on Australia Day 2014.

There are many people within their local area that have given their time freely to make their communities a better place to live, work or visit. If you are one of these people or know someone, Loddon Shire would appreciate your assistance by filling in a nomination form. The Loddon Shire would like to recognize the contributions these people have made.

Nominations for the awards close on Friday 25th October, 2013. Nomination forms and further information may be obtained from the Shire Office at Wedderburn 54941200 or by contacting Mrs Anne Canfield on 54379289 or email [anneaustday@skymesh.com.au](mailto:anneaustday@skymesh.com.au).

**Loddon Shire Australia Day Photographic Competition 2013/14, Loddon Shire Australia Day Literature Competition 2013/14 and Loddon Shire Australia Day Colouring Competition 2013/14**

The Loddon Shire Council, as part of its Australia Day Celebrations for 2014, is conducting the following competitions:

A Colouring Competition for Kinder to Grade 2

A Photographic Competition with the topic “Look at This” with three sections:

Junior (preps to Grade 6)

Senior (Year 7 to Year 12)

Open

A Literature Competition for school aged children with the topic: “Discoveries made in Loddon”.



The competitions are free to enter, and entry forms are downloadable from [www.loddon.vic.gov.au](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au), or by contacting Mrs Anne Canfield on 54379289, email [anneaustday@skymesh.com.au](mailto:anneaustday@skymesh.com.au); or by contacting the Loddon Shire Council Office, at Wedderburn on 54941200.

Any person residing, working, or attending a school, within the Loddon Shire is eligible to enter. Entries must be submitted by 4 pm on Friday 25th October, 2013.

**2014 Citizen & Young Citizen Australia Day Awards and 2014 Community Group/Event Australia Day Awards**

The Loddon Shire Council is now receiving nominations for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Community Group/Event of the Year awards. These awards are acknowledgement of outstanding Australians and community groups within the Loddon Shire.

The criteria and eligibility for these awards requires an outstanding achievement or contribution towards the values such as a fair go, a concern for the environment, desire for prosperity with a share for all, participation in sport, cultural diversity, the importance of strong community values and support systems and a keen sense that we have a contribution to make on the world stage.

Please provide as much supporting information as you can, as this will assist the Committee in the evaluation of candidates.

If you have nominated a person or group/event in the past, which has been unsuccessful, please feel free to re-nominate them.

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**Entrance Upgrade for Boort**

Member for Swan Hill, Peter Walsh, announced a major \$400,000 project to enhance and develop the entrance to the town.

Thanks to a \$300,000 Victorian Government funding injection the project will develop amenities at the town's eastern entrance through the provision of a visitor's shelter, new shared-use pathways to link facilities with parking, improved boat-ramp access and safety fences at the site's playgrounds.

“The development will improve vehicle and pedestrian access to the popular lakeside precinct and caravan park and provide a meeting place for tourists travelling in the Loddon Shire to stop and stretch their legs.” “Not only will the project improve Boort's image as a top visitor destination – but it will make it an easier and safer place to access for both vehicles and pedestrians,” he said.

Minster Walsh said tourism was a key economic driver for the region with activity centered on the Lake Boort wetlands.

“This upgrade is a joint initiative between Loddon Shire Council and Boort Development Committee and will provide the infrastructure and facilities that the town needs to attract investment and boost local businesses,” Mr Walsh said.

VicRoads, Powercor Australia and Goulburn Murray Water have also contributed to preliminary supporting infrastructure that will enable the project which aligns with the Southern Loddon Mallee Regional Strategic Plan to proceed.



**BOORT AERODROME COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

will be held on the 6th September at 10:00 am at the Pilot Lounge Boort Airport.  
Any interested community members are welcome to attend this meeting.  
Darren Allison (President)

Members of the public are invited to hear  
**Jennie Weaver tell of her**  
**“boot camp” tour of the Kimberley**  
at 10:45 am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at BRIC  
to be followed at 12 noon with lunch at the Commercial Hotel  
then at 1:00 pm a tour of the Court House Museum.

Organised by the Probus Club of Boort & District

**BOORT DISTRICT HEALTH AUXILIARY**  
**PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2012 - 2013**

by Margaret Rothacker

I would sincerely like to thank all Auxiliary Members who worked diligently at the op-shop over the last 12 months, raising over \$30,000. The amount of work in collecting, sorting, washing, ironing, pricing and then selling is enormous and the work of those tireless ladies is acknowledged. The new window displays, almost weekly, is a credit to the decorators and greatly appreciated by shoppers and passers-by.

With the funds that the op shop has raised the Boort hospital was able to purchase 2 Aneroid Blood Pressure Machines, 2 Portable Electronic Monitors, 3 Wheel Chairs, 1 Electric Bed, 1 Arjo Lifter, 1 Menninham Lift Chair, 1 Vistirex and 1 Immunisation Refrigerator.

With thanks to fellow office bearers, Isabel Loader and Val Mayberry whose work is invaluable.

Office Bearers 2013 - 2014

President	Margaret Rothacker	Senior Vice President	Sue Leversha
Junior Vice President	Jan Rawlins	Secretary	Isabel Loader
Assistant Secretary	Julie Puttick	Treasurer	Robyn Kennedy

**BOORT TROTTING CLUB INC.**

Members tickets are now available for the new season 2013 - 2014.

For the first time there are two levels - Gold \$25 Silver \$10.

Gold membership entitles the member to entry at Boort's Cups Meeting Sunday 16th March and Central Victorian Championship Heat Meeting at Charlton Thursday 2nd January, plus entry to all 450 other trotting meetings across Victoria.

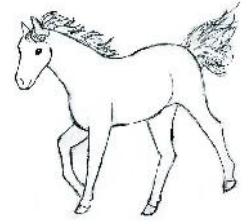
Silver membership is the normal Boort Membership entitling a member entry to Boort Trotting Club 2 meetings as above.

Both memberships allow members to attend the AGM and take part in any members draws through the season.

Tickets are available from Alan Williams, Glenn Mercer Treasurer, John Davidson Secretary 54378330, John Campbell President 0437077887, Ian Mercer Boort Park Secretary or Kerrie James 54927502

## Plea to horse owners

Council's local laws staff have cautioned horse owners in the Shire to keep an eye on the welfare of their animals, as late winter feed supplies continue to dwindle.



**The Department of Environment and Primary Industries says a horse needs at least 1.5 per cent of its bodyweight in fibre from sources such as hay or pasture each day – for a 500kg horse, that's 7.5kg daily.**

The department's Bureau of Animal Welfare says the hay used must be suitable for horses and that new owners should not be lulled into a false sense of security when winter rains lead to paddocks tinged with green shoots. Owners must be aware of what has been termed "the green drought illusion", where new, green pastures may not in fact contain enough feed and nutrition to meet horses' needs and supplementary feed may still be required. Owners have a legal responsibility to ensure their horses do not starve or become distressed at any time, including during cold winter conditions when feed is scarce.

Council staff are considering inspecting premises where horses are kept to check on such potential concerns as appropriate shelter, food availability, food storage and any effect on surrounding amenity.

Complaints about horse welfare can be made to the RSPCA on 9224 2222. Alternatively, phone Council on 5494 1200 for any further information required.



## Subaru Cycle tour visits Boort

Residents of Boort and Pyramid Hill have the chance to leave a lasting impression when waves of riders pass through their towns next month on their way to Cohuna.

The cyclists will be competing in a day-long 136km road race on **Thursday 5 September** as part of the six-day Tour of the Murray River. The seven-stage tour, which starts in Mildura on Tuesday 3 September and ends in Yarrowonga the following Sunday, includes five road races of up to 163km and two criterium events.

On the Thursday, riders will leave Kerang and are expected to **pass through Boort around 11:00 a.m.** and Pyramid Hill near noon before reaching the finishing line at Cohuna.

Cycling Australia estimates there will be around 350 riders, 320 support personnel and a further 350 officials, volunteers, media people and spectators.

The event is to be broadcast on SBS Television and via the Subaru NRS website. This is a chance for the township to make a good impression on the visitors

## VLine Special Event Fare for Melbourne Show

V/Line passengers with tickets for the 2013 Royal Melbourne Show will be entitled to travel Economy **OFF PEAK** return for **\$15.00** from any destination on the V/Line network.

The Special Event fare will be in V/Net and available for purchase from Monday 5th August.

**To get the special fare customers must travel with a V/Net ticket and cannot use their myki.**

The Special Event fare will also include free metropolitan travel on trains, trams and buses to get to and from the show. To take advantage of this special offer, V/Line passengers need to have a valid 2013 Royal Melbourne Show admission ticket. Customers must show their pre-purchased Royal Melbourne Show admission ticket to be able to purchase their V/Line Special Event fare. 2013 Royal Melbourne Show admission tickets printed from the internet **are also** eligible for the V/Line Special Event ticket. Only printed online tickets with a barcode detailed are valid Show tickets. Customers need to carry both their V/Line Special Event ticket and the Royal Melbourne Show admission ticket when travelling. This is to ensure access to metropolitan trains and trams to the showgrounds and to allow V/Line conductors to do appropriate ticket checks as the show admission tickets are undated.



## Hockey

2013 will be remembered as a highly successful year for the Boort Hockey Club regardless of the finals' results. In a good portion of the latter half of the season all of Boort's four teams have been on top of their respective ladders. This is credit to many years of hard work by coaches, umpires and administration.

The Under 13s do not play finals and face a tough battle to finish on top of their ladder. However, under the tutelage of Brooke Chamberlain and Anya Eicher these kids have shown enormous endeavour and improvement over the year.

The Underage team are looking to repeat their premiership success of 2012 but will have a tough task ahead as old foes Wedderburn look the team to beat. Both the men and women's team should finish in the top two. Wycheproof Narraport is looming as a big threat to the men as they gather their forces and march towards their first final series. The Women's competition is very open and with Charlton seeking to cement their third premiership in a row, the Boort girls will need to dig deep to secure that elusive flag. Boort has been in NCHA office in 2013 and will host the League Vote Count on 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the Boort Golf Course.

### Boort Vs. Charlton Under 13 Hockey Report 3.8.13

Windy and cold conditions greeted the players at the Charlton ground, with Boort straight into attack for the first half as Rory was pushing hard to get the ball to the forwards. Grace passed to Meg for a nice goal, for Boort to take the lead. Jordan was stoutly defending and even Mitch was under the pump a few times as Charlton desperately tried to get the evener. Gus and Jack assisted in defence and James ran well on the wing. Molly was elusive in the middle, with Zoe and Darcie showing great skills. Boort won 1- nil.

Awards: Coaches- Grace and Mitch, Cup and Saucer-Rory.



## Boort Angling Club Report August 2013

There was no meeting last Wednesday night, as six of us went to an information night at Molin's Marine centre at Koondrook. Talks were given on the new 360 Imaging Sounder, Minn Kota trolling systems and the new "T" Pilot that communicates with your troller and sounder — all great at a price! You still have to find the time to go...

Perhaps when the weather fines up. No plans for a fishing trip as yet.

The club room is looking great with the kitchen area finished, more wall panels will go up when funds are available.

Our November Carp Eradication Day is getting some attention, hopefully we should get a good number from other clubs. We will require extra help from our members to run this event please feel free to volunteer.

More after our next meeting. Good fishing.

## Preliminary Final Hamper Raffle

**Attention** all Football, Hockey and Netball players and their families

Boort is set to host the North Central Preliminary Final and all players from Under 13 to senior players are asked to contribute to the grocery gate raffle. The proceeds will be split between the clubs. A list of items and a box is located at Boort IGA or items can be left in the basket in the office of BDS or items and home produce can be passed on to Susan Gould, Jacqui Verley or Leanna Moresi.

Thank you so much for your contributions to our valued winter sports in 2013, it has been greatly appreciated.



## **Boort District Health Transport Services.**

BDH Home and Community Care Services provide a local transport service for shopping/ paying bills.

This service operates using the hospital car each Friday morning. The car is driven by a volunteer driver and involves a fee of \$3-00. The client specifies pick up times and is transported down the street and home by the volunteer driver.

A second local transport is also provided to transport clients, *who have no other means*, to the local medical clinic for appointments. The transport can be arranged prior to the day and a volunteer driver to pick up the client and transport to clinic. Following the appointment the driver will be contacted to pick up client and transport home. The fee for this service is also \$3-00.

For more information regarding these services or any other transport issues, please contact Maree Stringer at BDH Day centre by phoning 54515200

## **CommunityTransport For Medical Appointments**

Boort District Health provides a transport service, including car and driver, for specialist medical appointments in Kerang and Bendigo only.

### **Who can use this service?**

This service is available for existing clients or community residents, who meet the criteria and do not have family/friends able to accompany them.

All enquiries and bookings for this service should be directed to Maree Stringer at Boort District Health on 54515200

The fees for this service are \$40.00 for a trip to Bendigo and \$13.00 for Kerang. These fees can be partly recouped by using the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme. This scheme aims to help people in a rural setting overcome some of the financial pressures of having to travel significant distances to access some medical services. If you would like a copy of this form please see Maree before the date of the appointment to organise this. The forms have changed recently and are now easier to fill out.

## **Day Centre Services.**

Planned Activity Groups

Home chat services

Local transport services

Specialist medical transport services to Kerang and Bendigo.

Broadband for Seniors Kiosk

### **At the Day centre you can also find information such as:**

Carer support information

Victorian Eye care Service forms

Transport Assistance forms and information

Power of Attorney and Making a Will information

Information about living confidently and independently in your home.

Centrelink information and services

Information about local health services and programs

Information about mental health

Transport services/Companion program within Melbourne

**So call or drop in to find this and more handy tips and information.**

**We might even have a cuppa and a chat!**



## Arts, Culture & Environment Centre (ACE) plan open for community input

You may not have heard much recently about the proposed Boort ACE (Arts, Culture and Environment Centre), but we've been planning, drawing and number-crunching, and have produced a dynamic business plan - **and now we want community comment and input – for, against and on the fence, all welcome.**

### New site

The proposed site for the Centre is the vacant block on Godfrey Street between the Boort Resource & Information Centre (BRIC) and the kindergarten, attached to BRIC and sharing BRIC entrance and staff.

Plans for ACE have been developing over the past six years, and during that time several sites have been considered, including beside Little Lake Boort, "Chinaman's block" (east of the caravan park, between the two lakes), the former "Catholic block" (opposite the caravan park entrance), and the former primary school (King St).

The current attached-to-BRIC site means the Centre is on the highway, overlooks Little Lake Boort, and is within walking distance of the Godfrey Street shops and the Historical Society's Museum, so it ticks all those boxes.

### The economics

The most crucial box is economics, and as BRIC is staffed Monday to Friday, it makes economic sense for the Centre to part-fund BRIC staff to share those hours, and increase staff hours.

The BRIC site also has water, electricity, phone, internet and parking that can be expanded – rather than built from scratch – for the Centre.



### The exhibitions

The theme of the Centre will be **shared European-Indigenous history and culture**, in particular, the unique relationship between the Boort Dja Dja Wurrung and early European settlers John Hunter Kerr and the Godfrey brothers, who leased the 89,000 acre 'Fernhurst' station in 1849.

The main exhibitions in the centre will include:

- the historic black and white photos taken by **John Hunter Kerr** around the Boort district from 1849, which include what are believed to be the first photos of Aborigines in Australia;
- **Aboriginal artefacts** gathered locally, plus items from Kerr's extraordinary collection from the Boort district that were exhibited at *Exposition Universelle* in Paris in 1855 and are currently held at the British Museum, including a famous bark etched painting and ceremonial emu headdress;
- the artwork of **Henry Godfrey**, whose sketches and water colours of the Boort district are of national significance, and have never been permanently displayed and recognised;
- excerpts from **Frederick Godfrey's** diary, which so vividly depicts living conditions of the early white settlers and their relationships with the Aborigines of the Loddon Plains.

ACE will also be an **activity and educational centre** for visiting school groups, and outside will display spanner sculptures by John Piccoli. The plan is also for the centre to be a **hub for tours** of the scarred trees, the wetlands, and for Indigenous activities and tours.

### Something new

Most of these ideas have been in the plan since the public meeting in August 2010, but the questions were *where and how could it operate economically*.

The answers became clearer when Barry Kennedy presented drawings (site plan) in February for ACE to be built next to BRIC, and two newcomers to Boort joined the Development Committee: Boort District School Principal Andrew Whatley and businessman Rod Poxon, who grew up in Boort and returned recently when his wife Vicki took over as CEO of Boort District Health.

Andrew helped us develop the idea that the Centre, with its associated educational activities, can be a premier destination of school groups to visit, from all over the State.

Rod, with his experience in business, showed that ACE could be economical if it was developed in stages. He prepared a proper business plan with establishment costs and a budget that covers the first eight years of operating. Rod showed that ACE could break-even at year 3, after which time other stages and activities could be added or developed.

### Public comment

Rod's business plan was formally presented to the Loddon Shire by Development Committee President Barry Barnes on 16 August and has since been sent also to the Dja Dja Wurrung Boort Clan and Regional Arts Victoria for further comment and input.

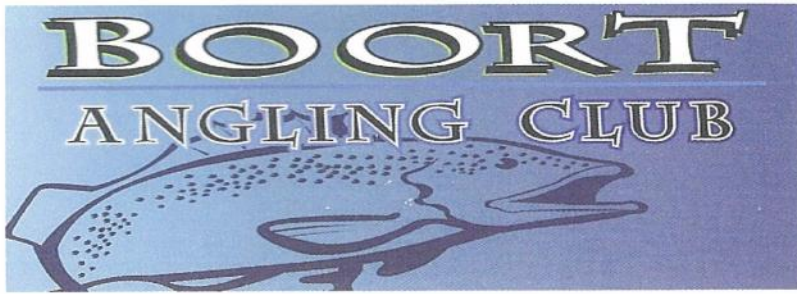
**The Development Committee is seeking community comment.**

**Copies of the ACE business plan can be viewed at BRIC** or requested via [BoortDev@hotmail.com](mailto:BoortDev@hotmail.com) or from

BDC President Barry Barnes: 5455 2093

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**Preliminary Notice**  
**Carp Eradication Weekend**  
Nov 2nd & 3rd 2013 (Melbourne cup weekend)  
Prizes Each Day  
Little Lake Boort

Boat & edge Fishing

- Camping** Any where around lake and on club house grounds  
Accommodation - - Lakeside Caravan Park 54 552064  
Others contact - [www.boort.com.au/accommodation](http://www.boort.com.au/accommodation)
- Meals** Saturday night and Sunday morning breakfast will be supplied by local organizations provided  
A nominal charge will be applied.  
Commercial Hotel, Railway hotel, Road House, Cup and Saucer
- Cooking** The new kitchen in the club rooms will be available along with the barbeque.  
Free electric barbeque s are also available on our club grounds and in Nolan's Park
- Toilets** At rear of club house  
Nolan's Park (opposite Road house)
- Prizes** We have obtained major sponsors and are still receiving more. All monies and  
gifts to be put towards prizes.  
Prizes for longest and most carp caught - Adults and juniors
- Entry Fees** Kept to a minimum  
Adults \$10 each day  
Juniors \$5 each day (Under 16)  
(Other classes may be added)
- Entertainment** Spinning wheel, music, other (TBA )
- For Sale** Worms, Beer, Soft drinks, Others as we think of them !
- Entry Closes** Entries Close on Oct 20th, so we can finalize numbers. All entries received by Sept 30th  
will go into in the mystery prizes on each day of the competition.

**Please note: Articles need to arrive at BRIC by 9:00am on the 20th of each month - preferably by email to [bric.boort@bigpond.com](mailto:bric.boort@bigpond.com)**

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## Scott Lanyon Talks to Probus

Guest Speaker at the Probus Club of Boort & District was Scott Lanyon (son of Dorothy & Norman). He is an Engineer with BAE Systems in the Australian Defence Industry – it has a big budget, and everything is built very well for our defence forces. Scott is also Chairman of the Australian Centre for Mission Aviation at Coldstream.

He acknowledged Malcolm Cousland as an exceptional teacher of physics when he was a student at Boort High School.

Scott opened with a story: “The USS Stark ship ran aground in the Falklands. There were 100’s of sailors on the ship. Argentine aircraft fired on them with exocet missiles which travel at several times the speed of sound. After the initial explosion, the aluminium superstructure of the ship melted in the heat from the fire and the plastic sheaths on cables were very toxic when it burned.” Many sailors died.

The world recognised the need to protect our sailors. “The Brits designed a radio payload to go under a helicopter and it would drag the missile away from the ship. It was terrifying for the chopper pilot. Prince Andrew was one of these. DSTO had developed a hovering rocket - Scott’s team joined two systems together, so they could be put on a ship and at a minute’s notice deployed against the incoming missile. “We did trials in the desert in South Australia and the system proved very effective”.

The system became known as the NULKA Active Missile Decoy. Nulka is now used on high value ships such as the LHD in Williamstown and Aircraft carriers. Nulka systems are built in Mulwala, Victoria, and have been a great success for Australian industry. They are sold to the Royal Australian Navy and the US Navy. In the early stage of Nulka production the Australians had some defence equipment which the Americans did not - it was a proud moment.

In another project, Scott explained how Australia had procured the F/A18 Hornets at high cost, but a trainer was needed. The Royal Australian Airforce (RAAF) bought the Hawk 128 from the United Kingdom. Scott’s team built a flight simulator for the Hawk, and it was fitted out with F18 controls. The system operates in a room with projectors and provides a low risk training environment for Hawk 128 pilots who go on to become F/A18 pilots. The system was built in Australia then sold back to the United Kingdom.

Scott went on to work on the Advanced Early Warning and Control aircraft (AEW&C). Six were built for the Australian Government RAAF and operated by the RAAF. – Project cost approximately \$4 billion. The aircraft are used up and down the west coast of Australia for surveillance. It’s a Boeing 737 and has radar on top which can track hundreds of different sea, land and airborne objects – “they can see everything within hundreds of miles.”

Scott is currently working on a Navy ship at Williamstown Dockyard where BAE Systems are fitting the superstructure and preparing for sea trials. “The ship can carry 2,000 people and a lot of equipment. They have to have it ready for the cyclone season late 2014. The ship can store helicopters, landing craft and vehicles – it can carry the whole fleet. It is very manoeuvrable for such a big ship as it’s ‘pods’ (steering gear) under the ship can push forward, backwards and sideways. The ship is 200 metres long and weighs 27,000 tonnes. They are making two of these ships at Williamstown – the “Canberra” and the “Adelaide”. It will be over \$2 billion for the two. Williamstown dockyards employs 1,000 people, so that is 1,000 families involved. Scott showed us a video of much of this amazing equipment in action. It was just incredible and gives us great confidence in the strength of the Australian Defence Force.

Since the Wedgetail project where Scott was an Engineering Manager he was made a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers and is now also Chairman of the Australian Centre for Mission Aviation (ACMA).

ACMA train pilots and engineers for MAF – who carry medical and other supplies to remote places including Arnhem land, New Guinea Highlands and Timor. They are training pilots and engineers at Coldstream for all of this – 8 flight students and up to 10 engineering students. It is a Christian Fellowship helping people who otherwise would suffer or die.

Scott would love to hear from any Boort students in the future who are keen to become pilots or aviation engineers.

*Many thanks & a box of chocolates to Scott for a brilliant presentation.*

# Boort Meals on Wheels Roster

## September 2013

Please contact Dani on 54377999 to volunteer or change of date.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 Gwen Henderson & Hennie Carton	3 John & Val Mayberry	4 If you can help with today's delivery please let Dani know	5 Lois Malone & Dorothy Gilmore	6 Beryl Lacey & Lorna Fawcett	7	8
9 Margaret Allison & Betty Barnes	10 Jean Henderson	11 Dawn & Tony Cooper	12 Lynette Clark	13 If you can help with today's delivery please let Dani know	14	15
16 Edna Boyle & Lynette Cameron	17 Judy Malone & Margaret Piccoli	18 Morrie & Elma Gierisch	19 Kerry Lanyon	20 Don & Val Poyner	21	22
23 Suzy Winter	24 Nola Stringer & Robin Storey	25 Alan & Daisy Stringer	26 Joy DePiazza & Gwen Parker	27 John & Doris Gawne	28	



### DO YOU HELP CARE FOR A RELATIVE OR FRIEND?

Do you take better care of the person you are caring for than yourself?

Would you like some more information on how you can achieve a balance between your caring role and looking after yourself?

Would you like support in your caring role and friendship from others in a similar role?

Would you like information regarding something to do with your role as a carer or contact information?

If the answer is **yes** to any of these please let us know and we can provide information on caring for yourself, contact information and general support.

Your health and wellbeing are important as well, in fact vital so please get in contact for some support and friendship during your caring role.

For further information, please contact: **Maree Stringer, Boort District Health: 5451 5200**  
**Or Carers Victoria on 1800 242 636**

**Carers Victoria**, a not-for-profit organisation, is the peak body representing and supporting family carers in Victoria. They are the only state wide organisation with family carers as our main focus. They work with: family carers, carer support groups, service providers, Government departments, corporates and the media.