

BOORT

EDITION 116 May 2014

COMING EVENTS 2014

Wednesday 23/4	Free Hearing Checks in Boort
Thursday 24/4	Badminton starts
Friday 25/4	ANZAC Day
Saturday 26/4	BFNHC Donald .v. Boort
Sunday 27/4	Amity Auction
Monday 28/4	Men's health screening info day
Wednesday 30/4	Women's Health night
Friday 2/5	M2M Fundraising Dinner
Friday 2/5	Probus with Ray Stoman speaker
Saturday 3/5	Boort Bye
Sunday 4/5	RSL Diggers Day at golf
Sunday 4/5	Hard Waste out for collection
Thursday 8/5	Boort Golf Ladies Leather Day
Thursday 8/5	Free Immunisations at Boort
Saturday 10/5	BFNHC Boort .v. Birchip-Watchem
Sunday 11/5	Mother's Day Classic
Thursday 15/5	Men's Shed Open Day
Saturday 17/5	Wyche-Narraport .v. Boort
Monday 19/5	Diabetes Support Group
Saturday 24/5	Interleague North Central
Monday 26/5	Blumes Fashions @ Senior Citizens
Friday 27/5	Well Women's Health Clinic
Friday 6/6 & Saturday 14/6	"War and Peace" photographic exhibition featuring Normie Rowe
Monday 12/6 to Friday 16/6	Neighbourhood House week @ BRIC
Friday 16/6	Volunteers afternoon tea at BRIC
Friday 27/6	Farmers Fourball
Sunday 29/6	Monster Machinery Sale BFNHC
Thursday 17/7	Ladies 4 Ball Aggregate
Friday 18/7	Men's Fourball
Saturday 19/7	Men's Day 27 Holes
Sunday 20/7	Mixed Day
Saturday 2/8	BFNHC Goods & Services Auction
Saturday 23/8	BFNHC Last Man Standing
Saturday 12/10	Boort A & P Society Show
Saturday 25/10	Luncheon by the Lake

Read on for more details



Remember our ANZACS
Friday 25/4

Assemble at the Soldiers' Memorial near the Post Office at 9:10 am for the wreath laying ceremony at 9:15 am followed by the march to the Memorial Hall.

The service at the hall will commence at 9:30 am.

The guest speaker is Bradley Chalmers son of the late Wal Chalmers.

The Chalmers name appears frequently on our Memorial Honour Roll.

MOTHER'S DAY

CLASSIC

SUNDAY 11th MAY

Run or walk around beautiful Little Lake Boort. Registration from 10:30 am or register online

mother'sdayclassic.com.au

Runners 2 laps, walkers 1 lap. Starts at 11:00 am
BYO picnic lunch. Merry-go-round will be going.



HEALTH SCREENING
INFORMATION DAY &
BARBEQUE LUNCH
outside Pharmacy 28/4
run by Men's Shed

NEW CWA NIGHT BRANCH

The Country Women's Association of Victoria is looking to establish a new branch of night meetings in the Boort Area. Night meetings will hopefully allow a much broader range of women to access all that the CWA has to offer and everyone is welcome. Establishing a new branch will provide the perfect opportunity for women in the rural area to come together for social occasions & for personal development in a range of areas. The CWA is also a great way to give back to our communities.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a potential new member or would like more information can contact Ash Long on 0400197907 mildenhall_farm@hotmail.com

BOORT TOURISM GROUP INC. PRESENTS

Murray to Moyne FUNDRAISER

JOIN THE TEAM FOR A

Fundraising Dinner

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE URGENT CARE CENTRE AT
BOORT DISTRICT HEALTH

FRIDAY MAY 2ND 2014

AT BOORT MEMORIAL HALL

3 COURSE MEAL
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
AUCTION

DRAWING OF THE M2M RAFFLE

DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

7:00 PM || TICKETS \$40 ||

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BOORT EMPORIUM OR BOORT MEDICAL CLINIC
FOR DETAILS CONTACT: TOURISM.BOORT@GMAIL.COM

Boort Badminton Club Inc.

Seniors starts Thursday April 24 at 7:30pm (Boort Community Centre) The first 2 weeks will be Round Robin, everyone is welcome to play. We encourage **new players** to come along and give it a go.

- racquets are available to hire
- only \$4/night for the first 2 weeks
- no commitment to play for the season if after 2 weeks it's not for you.

Ladies Day begins Tuesday April 29 at 9:30 -11:00am (Boort Community Centre)

Juniors - Wednesday April 23rd – come and try night, to see if you want to play

For further info contact: Doug Perryman - 0409 527 363 – Seniors, Shirley McDonald - 5455 2170 - Ladies Day or Tamara Mercer - 5455 2803 - Juniors



Regional Living Expo

Boort recently had the opportunity to be part of the Regional Victoria Living Expo held at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. Over three days from 11-13 April, eight Boort volunteers talked non-stop about the wonderful opportunities that people who are looking for a tree-change can find in and around Boort. The conversations focused on business opportunities, farming, health, education, housing and leisure activities.

The city people who visited the Boort display were amazed to see and hear about the varied opportunities and attractions. John Piccoli's display sculpture was a constant cause of amazement. Marilyn Lanyon wowed the Premier, Hon Dr Denis Naphine, with a tasting of green tomatoes. The volunteers also entertained other distinguished guests at the trade display, notably the Deputy Premier, Hon Peter Ryan and his wife, and the Treasurer, Hon Michael O'Brien. It was also great to talk to our local Member and Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, Hon Peter Walsh MLA.

Kathryn Lanyon, Brooke Arnold and Ange Doyle from the Boort Tourism Group put the stand together, and were assisted at the Expo by Marlies and Peter Eicher, Vicki and Rod Poxon, and Marilyn Lanyon. The volunteers would like to acknowledge the generous support from the Loddon Shire, Boort Amity, BRIC, Tammy Boyd, Boort IGA, Boort Emporium, Pink Olive House, Lanyon Farms, Arnold Family Butchers, John & Margaret Nelson, DA Electrics, GG & JE Doyle Boomspray Contractors and A.M. Doyle Physiotherapy, that all contributed to make the Boort display an outstanding success.

Boort Development Committee (BDC) Report – April 2014

- * BDC volunteers helped complete Stage 1 works at The Patch Community Garden at Boort District School.
- * We are working with Loddon Shire to have Boort become an Recreational Vehicle (RV) Friendly town. An RV dump site will need to be set-up for Boort to become accredited.
- * The Community Plan town meeting held in March selected two major priorities for Boort which were forwarded to Loddon Shire. The projects chosen were a major upgrade to Boort's main street, and the re-development of Nolens Park.
- * BDC volunteers assisted the contractor with works around the Boort Post Office and adjacent memorial. More than 6 tonnes of bluestone blocks were carted from the quarry to the site.
- * We are working with the Boort Tourist Group to present the War and Peace Exhibition starting on 6th June. BDC is providing the funding to stage this major event.
- * Next BDC Meeting is Monday 5th May, 7:30pm at BRIC. These are open meetings so interested residents are welcome to attend.

Tourism News:

It has been a busy few months for those involved in the Tourism Group with lots of small projects and planning going on. A big thank you to Kathryn Lanyon and Rod Poxon who have worked extremely hard to get everything organised and printed for the Regional Living Expo.

M2M:

The Tourism Group are helping to organise the M2M Celebration Dinner on Friday 2nd May. This event is a great chance to catch up and celebrate with those who completed the ride as well as raise some money for the Urgent Care Unit at Boort District Health. The night will consist of a 3 course meal, guest speakers and live auction. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from Boort Emporium, Boort Medical Clinic or by contacting tourism.boort@gmail.com we hope to see you all there.

Save the Date:

Put it on your calendars Boort Tourism Group will be hosting our famous Luncheon by the Lake. It is to be held on Saturday 25th October. The lunch is a great opportunity for us to showcase the wonderful produce available in the district. We are currently deciding on a new location and will have more details in the near future... **Watch this space.**

The Boort Tourism Group has regular meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 8:00pm, if you have any ideas or would like to contribute in any way please come along and join us or email us at tourism.boort@gmail.com



Would you like to have your copy of "About Boort" posted to you each month?

"About Boort" subscriptions of \$10 and payable to BRIC at P.O. Box 152, Boort 3537 will see your newsletter arrive by Australia Post.

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

Putting on a Show



Food and wine producers in the Loddon Valley are being offered a rare opportunity to showcase their wares to a huge audience, thanks to a new initiative from Council's Tourism Department.

Tourism Manager Robyn Vella is applying for a stand in the "Taste of Victoria" pavilion at this year's Royal Melbourne Show, in an effort to promote the region as a holiday destination.

"I'd use the stand to display tourist information for the Shire, but would also like to have a different producer come in each day," Robyn said.

"It could be food or wine – anyone who would like to participate.

"Not many producers could afford to take 12 days out of their normal schedule, but one day could be manageable and very worthwhile.

"Council will pay for the site and there would be no charge to producers willing to make the journey."

Robyn needs to know the level of interest by the end of April, so please contact her on 5494 1200. This year's Royal Melbourne Show runs from Saturday 20 September to Wednesday 1st October.

Hard rubbish days

Loddon Shire Council plans to conduct its annual kerbside hard waste collection days next month. Residents of Boort, Pyramid Hill, Mitiamo, Dingee, Serpentine, Borung, Wychitella, Korong Vale, Wedderburn, Inglewood, Bridgewater, Newbridge, Tarnagulla, Laanecoorie and Eddington can place items such as white goods and old bed frames out on their nature strips on Sunday 4 May (not before).

Council staff will start collecting these items on Monday 5 May.

Items should be sorted into piles – for example, metal items, recyclable items and white goods.

The total volume should not exceed 1m square in size.

House owners should note that perishables, tyres, oils, batteries, paints and chemicals, car parts, mattresses, TVs, computers, monitors and general garbage will not be picked up.

Council requests that any unsuitable items left behind after collection be removed from the nature strip immediately.

For further information, phone Darren Schultz on 5494 1200.

Check your HALO

Loddon Shire residents are being urged to assess their own immunisation needs, as well as those of their families, during Immunisation Week, 21-27 April.

"Immunisations are required throughout life, not just in childhood," said Victoria's Deputy Chief Health Officer, Dr Michael Ackland.

"Health, age, lifestyle and occupation (HALO) are the four key factors that determine an individual's immunisation needs."

An online quiz on the Department of Health's consumer health website, the Better Health Channel, leads users through a series of questions to determine which vaccinations, if any, they should consider.

"In Victoria, the vast majority of parents are vigilant in ensuring their young children are fully immunised, but these numbers drop for secondary school immunisations," Dr Ackland said.

"There are also immunisations recommended and provided free for people from 50 years old."

For more information, go to www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/immunisation

Meanwhile, Council is continuing with its annual program of free immunisations for infants and secondary school students, with the next sessions planned for 8 May at Boort and Serpentine (infants) and 29 May at Wedderburn and Boort (students).

To make a booking, please phone 5437 7999.

Immunisations can also be provided by doctors and practice nurses.

IMPACT YOUTH GROUP

It was looking like it was going to be a quiet March weekend in Boort, until 21 young people and 9 young adults from the northern suburbs of Melbourne hit town.

Each year Boort Baptist Church's IMPACT youth group welcomes a group from Mill Park Baptist Church's Riot youth group to Boort; for a weekend of country living. Over the past five years they have visited sheep and dairy farms, cheered on the Magpies at footy matches, skied on and swam in Little Lake Boort and climbed Pyramid Hill, each adventure being enjoyed as much as the last. This year the weekend was planned out by our Youth Leadership Crew, which is made up with young people in Years 10-12 from the local areas, in conjunction with our (adult) Youth Group Leaders, Cam and Amanda Parker and Tyler and Kate Nelson.

After a rowdy morning of games, competitions and lunch the 30 Melbournians, along with around 15 youth from Boort, undertook a photography scavenger hunt around the township. They searched for numerous items such as the Boort District School, the Hospital, a railway station, and a team favourite: a white duck with a yellow beak. Even with a couple of people on crutches, many of the teams managed to obtain close to all of the 30 items on the list!

The judging of the photographs saw one team become winners, leading by only one point, obtained after pointing out they had the most photos of churches, as the BRIC is also home to the Assembly of God Church. Very clever!

You may think that after traipsing around the entire town of Boort these young people might need a nap or some time on the PlayStation, however they were loaded into cars and buses, and driven down windy dirt tracks, between paddocks and trees and tiny towns, finally arriving at their destination, The Granites. Dropped at a small field one third of the way up the hill, the young people were instructed to make their way to the top. Led by Mitch Henderson the crew achieved this easily. Around two hours were then spent exploring the large boulders, nooks, crannies and caves on the hill. Many photos were taken.

Boarding their transportation once again they swarmed towards the Rothacker's farm, where a BBQ tea was being prepared and as a special treat kangaroos were being pushed up toward the crew, not for dinner though! As the sun set, the crowd dispersed into the bush on the block, preparing to play a few rounds of Commandos/Spotlight. Needless to say everyone slept really well after returning to church at 10:00pm Saturday night.

Sunday began with a church service, including worship led by our Senior Youth Band, which is made up of Laura Henderson, Olivia Slatter, Anya Eicher, Josh Smith and Maddy Frost.

The weekend was a great success enjoyed by all, thank you to everyone who gave their time and effort in making it happen. With strong friendships beginning and continuing to grow between the groups, we are looking forward to making the return trip to Melbourne in late term 3.

IMPACT youth happens fortnightly on Friday nights during the school term, with a range of fun, engaging activities and excursions on offer; each proposed, planned, and run by our youth leadership crew.

We have some really incredible events planned for young people in years 7-12 this term including a House Party Youth Service on the 26th of June, where we will be joined by 50 young people from Kerang and Swan Hill, and a Fear Factor night, on the 2nd of May, where we will be finding out who is the bravest young person in Boort. Check out our poster or Facebook for more information, or contact youth worker Amanda Parker on 0448 209 922.



RSL AUXILIARY

We held our Annual Meeting on the 28th March 2014. Our office bearers for 2014 are:

President: Jan Rawlins, Vice President: Thelma Powell, Secretary: Edna Boyle and Treasurer: Val Poyner

Our meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month. We are all getting older, but are still carrying on helping the Sub Branch as much as we can. A couple of card afternoons were held last year and many thanks for the support the public gave us. Boort held the North West area get together last year and we had a good day. We were entertained by Alan Powell and his music and Karen Coutts' little dancing girls. The ladies thought they were gorgeous.

Two of our dear members Glad Smith and Esme Sumsion as well as Sub Branch member Huck Toose were lost recently. We donate a DVD to Boort District Health in memory of the members who pass away.

We had a message from Women's Council that they have cupboards full of knitted rugs and we are to stop sending more for a while. Now we are crocheting and knitting red poppies for the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day next year. I have patterns for both, if anyone is interested in helping us with these poppies.

Our Christmas night was very enjoyable with the Sub Branch at the hotel last year, the ones who can't attend get a little gift of biscuits delivered to them.

Donations were given last year to Women's Council, Memorial Hall and the Cemetery Trust.

We thank the public for their support to us, it is much appreciated.

Edna Boyle



THANK YOU



The Amity Club of Boort would like to thank the people of Boort for their donations to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. So far over \$3,000.00 has been raised for this worthy cause.

It is not too late to donate, ring Lynette Clark on 54552 2358 if you wish to contribute.

BOORT AMITY AUCTION

It's time to clean out the garage, kids' room, back shed...
Sunday 27th April 2014
at Boort Park

DROP-OFF STARTS 8:00am
AUCTION STARTS 12 noon

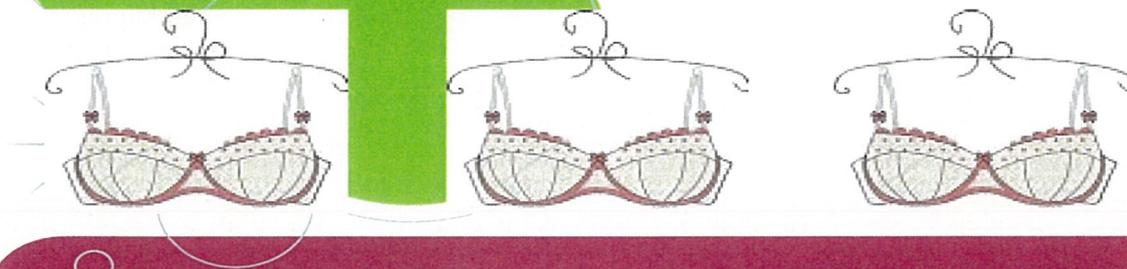
- bring items to footy oval from 8:00am onwards
- items left at own risk
- 10% commission to Amity, the rest to you!
- all items sold for \$5 or less become a donation
- **all money raised goes back into our town**
- in bad weather, auction will be in horse stalls
- yummy food available
- no dogs please



plus:
SHOW & SHINE DISPLAY
items for display welcome

all enquiries: ph. Sandra on 5455 2156 or 0428 552 156

Boort Medical Practice Women's Health Night



Date: 30th April 2014

Time: 6.30pm-9pm
Boort Memorial Hall

A FREE evening for ladies to come and relax, laugh, enjoy each others company and learn more about Women's Health.

A great night beginning with Champagne or Juice on arrival
Guest Speakers focusing on 'Women's Health', subjects to include:
Menopause & HRT, Clinical Pilates, Mental Health & Wellbeing

Have a giggle with comedian - Monica Dullard

Enjoy a yummy supper

Be pampered, win the raffle and check out the local stalls and displays including

*** Best Fit Bras fittings * Body Shop Pamper Session * Uplift bra dropoff**

All proceeds from the night will be donated to 'The National Breast Cancer Foundation'

Early bird seat bookings with our reception will put you in the draw for a great door prize, give us a call on 5451 5220.

Northern District Community Health Service's Women's Health Clinic including Pap Testing

At your appointment you are able to see a Women's Health Nurse about all issues regarding women's health such as pap smears, breast health, contraceptive advice & menopause.

Boort

27th May 2014

In our office at BRIC in a comfortable and confidential environment.

Please Phone: 54510250 for appointment.

Cost: \$10.00 or \$6.50 concession



War & Peace

A Unique Exhibition

Stunning perspective of the Vietnam War - Images captured on the Front Line

Gala Opening by Normie Rowe
Friday 6 June at 7.00pm
Venue: Boort Memorial Hall
Exhibition dates: 6 June -14 June 2014

War: Photos by Gunner - Paul Haw
Peace: Doll collection - Margaret Allison
Contact: tourism.boort@gmail.com
Phone: 0402 795 322



War & Peace Exhibition, Boort

- WAR: Photographic story & memorabilia of the Vietnam War from the Front Line
 - PEACE: Spectacular doll collection & associated displays
 - SPECIAL GUEST: Normie Rowe, music icon and Vietnam veteran
 - FRIDAY 6 JUNE: Gala Opening from 7.00pm featuring Normie Rowe
 - SATURDAY 7 JUNE SATURDAY 14 JUNE: General Exhibition, 10.00am - 4.00pm
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| • ENTRY | - Opening Night: | \$30 |
| | - General Exhibition | |
| | - Adults: | \$12 |
| | - Concession/Students: | \$0 |
| | - Children under 12: | Free |



Boort Tourism Group (with assistance from the Boort Development Committee) is proud to present the War and Peace Exhibition, starting on 6th June 2014.

This major event is based on two exhibits these being:

- ♦ Photographs and memorabilia from the Vietnam War, provided by Gunner Paul Haw
- ♦ Doll collection and associated items provided by dedicated collector Margaret Allison.

We are thrilled to have secured the services of Normie Rowe to formally open the exhibition at the Gala Opening Night on Friday 6th June. Normie is not only a music icon of Australia, but also a Vietnam veteran. This is an event not to be missed, so mark your calendar now.



Probus May Meeting

10:00am Friday 2nd May at BRIC

Guest Speaker – Leading Senior Constable, Ray Stomann (Town Sheriff), policing in a small country town.

Please note: Articles need to arrive at BRIC by 9:00am on the 20th of the month for inclusion in newsletter - preferably by email to bric.boort@bigpond.com

Please be mindful of how lengthy reports can become as this makes a lot of work for the editorial team to précis the content where required.

“About Boort” is compiled by volunteers Jean Henderson, Jennie Weaver and Helen McDougal and printed using the facilities at BRIC. Funding is provided by the Shire of Loddon.

Practice Match under lights.



Senior Football

“Football clubs contribute so many benefits to the rural communities in which they are embedded. Declining numbers of participants, both players and volunteers, suggest that maybe this role may not be as strong today.” I believe our football club does still offer our town so much, it’s just left to fewer people. One of the responsibilities of this group of volunteers is to endeavour to bring success to our football club. The ultimate joy for any team sport is the unbridled celebration of a premiership. Unfortunately some players never experience success whilst others have a mortgage on it.

In country football leagues players, teams and unfortunately leagues come and go. Teams, once could be formed by people within the town, now our volunteers have to look far and wide to build a team, together with our home grown players in an effort to achieve success. With success comes membership, sponsors and attendance at games and social events. A lack of success breeds negativity.

2014 for these volunteers has been no different. We believe we have a group of players that given time will achieve success. Unfortunately, our first two weeks on the field have not yielded a win. Boort’s opposition in round 1 was last year’s premiers Wedderburn. With a number of players unavailable Boort was competitive. Round 2 was Charlton, a team that played off in the Grand Final in 2014. Competitive? Some would argue no! Maybe the second half, but definitely not the first half with Boort trailing by 7 goals after only scoring 2 points in 40 minutes of football. We, as volunteers who are also striving for that ultimate success, ask you to take out your football membership, come to a game and enjoy a meal with us afterwards. We take on Donald this week and all negativity will be left at the front gate.

Boort Football Club would like to thank their 2014 local incentive sponsors: Cobram Estate, Moonfreight, Advance Turf, George Tallis Home Hardware, Alan Griffiths, Arnold Family Butchers, Banyandah Retreat, Dunn Seeds, Bellmac Transport, CHS, The Boort Emporium, Ross & Sue Pay Engineering, D.A Electrics, Harrington Ag Supplies, Henderson Insurance, Agrimac, Insurance House, Sitetech Solutions, Queens Arms Hotel, Railway Hotel (Boort) and Commercial Hotel (Boort).

Dates for your Diary:

29th June Monster Machinery Sale (See advertisement this edition)

2nd August Goods & Services Auction

PUBLIC NOTICE

*Oscar of Kerang Computers will not
be in Boort on Monday 7th July
Back again on Monday 4th August*

**WINTER IS COMING -
THIS IS A REMINDER
TO HAVE YOUR FLU
INJECTION**



**WOULD ALL ORGANISERS PLEASE
CHECK THE EVENTS CALENDAR AT
BRIC BEFORE SETTING A DATE FOR
YOUR FUNCTION TO AVOID
CLASHING WITH AN EVENT WHICH IS
ALREADY PLANNED.**

Preliminary Notice

Monster Farm Machinery

AUCTION

Boort Football Club

Sunday 29 June 11am start

Boort Park Malone St BOORT
Tractors, cultivators, headers,
silos, balers, trucks, trailers,
motorbikes, pumps, vehicles and
much more!!

You name it we will auction it!

Entries to be received by Saturday 31st May

To list items for sale contact: Boort Football Club

Email boortfc@y7mail.com Gary (W) 54 552 107

0428552197 (F) 54552585

On site catering provided



WANTED

**Boort District Health Auxiliary are
celebrating their 80th Birthday this year.
We require photos for our display and are
asking if anyone has photos of the old hospital
or anything relevant to the Auxiliary to loan to
us.**

**We will treat these photos with care.
Please contact Isabel Loader or Margaret
Rothacker for more information.**

BOORT GOLF CLUB FIXTURES

Dates Sunday 4th May R.S.L. Diggers Day
Friday 27th June Farmers Fourball
Friday 18th July Men's Fourball
Sun 20th July Mixed Day

Thurs, 8th May Ladies Leather Day
Thurs. 17th July Ladies 4 Ball Aggregate
Sat. 19th July Men's Day 27 Holes

Golf Club Opening Day, 6th April was successful with an enthusiastic group playing 14 holes Pinehurst with Kevin Linehan hitting the first drive to open season 2014.

Ladies Opening day was very wet so the ladies decided not to play, instead had a very nice morning tea and a chat. A group of 12 ladies opened their official season on Wednesday 16th playing an Ambrose event on nice green grass and lovely sand scrapes. It was nice to welcome a new player in Tammy Boyd and the word is that we may see some more new players as well as some previous players coming out for a game.

Ladies Pennant commenced 14th April, played at Donald and Boort had a win against Birchip. Congratulations ladies. Men's pennant will commence in May and Boort have entered a team this year, so please everyone check your Fixtures Program as the Boort competition will be on Saturday for those three weeks in May.

The Golf Club is again supporting the local RSL Group with a Digger's Day on Sunday 4th May playing a Stableford event. Would be nice to see a large crowd out there on that day.

Players please pick up your Fixtures Program when paying your memberships so that you will be aware when the Club Knockout and Championship events start, also when Kara Kara District special events are being held.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have the golf course in such good conditions.

Loddon Shire Mayor Cr Gavan Holt has strongly refuted rumours that the municipality is deeply in debt, following a report to that effect in local media.

Cr Holt said a recent radio news item had claimed the Shire was \$2.5 million in the red, sparking concern in the community about Council's financial well-being.

The report took the idea from Council's approval in March of its latest long-term financial plan, which forecast potential annual deficits over the next decade of an average \$296,000. The document covered the period of July 2014 to June 2024.

"The Local Government Act states that one of Council's roles is to maintain the viability of the Council by ensuring resources are managed in a responsible and accountable manner," Cr Holt said.

"There is no legislative requirement to draft and adopt such a plan, but Council believes it is best practice to do so in the interests of providing sound structure."

Using the 2013/14 budget as a starting point, Council staff assessed the cost and timing of every one of the Shire's strategic documents and plans to come up with the best forecast possible, given the variables involved.

The document pointed to a potential accumulated deficit of \$2.96 million over the life of the plan.

"A 10-year plan is, by its very nature, a highly fluid document," Cr Holt said.

"I wish to assure Loddon Shire residents that, contrary to what they might hear, Council is not in debt, but is, in fact, one of the most financially sound municipalities in Victoria.

"One of Council's greatest attributes is its sound financial management and the community can be secure in the knowledge that the Shire's finances are in highly capable hands."

Meeting in Serpentine last month, Councillors acknowledged the document's forecasts and resolved to consider ways they could best maintain the health of the Shire's finances over the life of the plan.

TIDY TOWNS

The Nationals' Member for Swan Hill, Peter Walsh, has announced that entries for the 2014 Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Awards are now open.

"Communities can compete for awards in a diverse range of categories including clean beaches, waste reduction, heritage and culture preservation, energy saving, improving biodiversity and water conservation.

Mr Walsh said this is an excellent opportunity for our communities to demonstrate the pride that we all share in the towns we live in.

"The Victorian Coalition Government calls on councils, community groups, schools and individuals from across Victoria to enter their sustainable projects and show off the great work that you're doing in your local area," Mr Smith said.

"We all have a role to play in a more sustainable future for Victoria and these awards are a great opportunity to celebrate and recognise the contribution of these very important groups."

Entries for the Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Awards close on 5 May 2014 and the awards ceremony will be held in Wangaratta on 11 October 2014.

For more information or to enter the awards visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kabv

Neighbourhood House & Volunteers Week

Monday 12th – Friday 16th May

As part of Neighbourhood House/Volunteer Week BRIC is having some free activities. Please come along and take part in some of the Community activities that take place at BRIC.



Monday 12th May

Buy/Swap & Sell – Mini Market Afternoon 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Adele's Shoe Gallery, Tupperware, Chefs Toolbox, Candles, Craft, Secondhand goods

If you have something you would like to sell or swap contact Anne/Loretta to book a table at BRIC, on 5455 2716. There is no charge.

Tuesday 13th May

ABC Open – Photography Workshop - 1:00pm to 4:00 pm

Take pictures with your phone, iPod (Smart Phone), iPad (tablet) or camera.

This free three hour workshop is conducted by Larissa Romensky from ABC Open. She will first talk about photography basics, then it will be out and about to take photos for an hour. After that it will be back inside to put the photos onto a computer to view, analyse and discuss.

Wednesday 14th May

Free Learn-to-Crochet Workshop 10:30 to 12:30 pm

Free Learn-to-Knit Workshop 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Thursday 15th May

Boort Men's Shed Open Day - 9:30 am to 12 noon.

Come along and have a look.

Free Computer & Internet use all Day at BRIC

Friday 16th May

Boort Volunteer's Afternoon Tea 2:30 pm

As part of the Neighbourhood House/Volunteers Week – BRIC will be hosting a free afternoon tea. BRIC would like to recognise the good work that so many of our local volunteers do. E.g. meals on wheels, hospital/ hostel, various committees, sporting clubs, etc.

Guest speaker – Chris Kyle-Link, Bowel Cancer Screening Project Worker

For catering purposes please contact BRIC if you would like to attend 5455 2716 by Friday 9th May 2014.

Fitness & Health Classes

Come along and try out our Fitness classes for free this week.

Tuesday Circuit - 9:15 am

Wednesday Boot Camp - 6:30 pm

Thursday Circuit - 12:45 pm

Thursday Yoga - 6:30 pm

If you would like to be part of any of the activities please book with Loretta or Anne on 54552716

Basic Welding Skills

If you would like to learn about or improve your skills in Oxy welding and cutting, MIG welding or ARC welding, this course may be for you.

The course will include the manufacture of a small project which would be made over the four weeks (which **could be great for the sculpture competition at the Boort Show**) and participants can work on the specific area of welding that they would like to improve.

When? Sundays 18th May, 25th May, 1st June & 15th June
9:30am – 3:30 pm

Where? The Metal Classroom at the Charlton P-12 College.

Cost? To be advised.



There is a Maximum of 8-10 students for this class, so if you are interested, please contact Boort Resource and Information Centre on 5455 2716.



BOORT COMMUNITY CENTRE USER PROTOCOLS APRIL 2014

The use of the Boort Community Centre is now being managed by Boort District School through the school council Committee of Management. The Committee of Management is made up of School Council members, representatives of the major stadium user groups and co-opted community members. The Boort Community Centre aims to promote use of its venue to a wide range of community groups. Facilities include the stadium, squash courts, conference room and drama room / auditorium. Facilities, booking arrangements, user group expectations and costs are to be advertised annually through the school newsletter, the "About Boort" newsletter and are available on request from members of the Committee of Management, specifically Tom Bleicher and Glenn Mercer.

Booking / User group processes are as follows:

Booking of stadium / facilities – All user groups including (Basketball, Badminton, Cricket, Football, Netball, A & P Society, Hockey Club) require a copy of evidence of Public Liability cover (receipt of registration with umbrella organisation eg. Basketball Victoria) key and security fob can be collected from Boort District School office during office hours (8:30am – 4:30pm Monday - Friday). Key and security fob are signed out in book with name of user group, full name, contact phone number, proposed hours of use and whether lights / air conditioner are to be used. Please contact Tom Bleicher (0458 552111) if key needs to be picked up outside of office hours or during school holidays, but please book ahead if possible.

Access to the Community Centre during school hours – Any use of these facilities during school hours needs to be negotiated with Boort District School upon booking.

Keys returned – Keys need to be returned to Boort District School office as soon as possible on the next working day.

Payment – user groups will be invoiced quarterly by Boort District School based on hourly (or half-hourly) use.

This is to be noted by user groups when keys are returned.

Costs to user groups:

Mezanine conference room: \$20 per hour

Auditorium / Drama Room: \$20 per hour

Squash : \$10 per hour

Stadium: \$15 per hour no lights / no air conditioning

Stadium :\$20 hour with lights / air conditioning

First Aid – all user groups are encouraged to provide a First Aid trained person. Ice packs in freezer and First Aid kit are provided in office. Key supplied.

Kitchen - The kitchen is available for tea / coffee facilities. These must be supplied by the group, with the kitchen left in a clean state.

Pack up / Set up – all user groups are responsible for setting up / packing up equipment and ensuring that the stadium is cleaned to a reasonable standard. Additional costs for cleaning or an impact on future bookings may result if the Community Centre facilities are not left in this "reasonable" condition.

Food / Drink - There is to be no food in stadium apart from Prep aged children or lower. Parents are responsible for cleaning up, food is only to be consumed on "boxes" and all other food and drink, apart from water, is to be consumed in the foyer.

An induction process to be carried out with all user groups or on demand. Please report any instances of damage, replacements / maintenance required or comments to Glenn Mercer or Tom Bleicher.

iPad / remote control are available for scoreboard operation. The induction process will cover this process.

Protocols are to be reviewed each year at the February meeting of the Committee of Management.

For more information please contact the office staff at Boort District School, Glenn Mercer or Tom Bleicher.

18th April, 2014

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL
OUR WONDERFUL MUMS.

