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Carmel Allison, Boort Ward Citizen of the Year

At the Australia Day ceremony in Boort on 26 January 2025, Cr David Weaver presented Carmel Allison with the Boort Ward Citizen of the Year award.

Carmel has dedicated her entire life to supporting the Boort community, with her caring and generous nature bringing support and joy to many residents.

Carmel has been involved with the local church for more than 50 years, including in executive roles, as a Minister for the Eucharist, and a willing supporter and coordinator of functions.

Carmel has volunteered at Boort District Health since 2015 and is involved in "Meals on Wheels", transporting patients to appointments and wherever else she is needed. Carmel is the highlight of many people's days as she always finds time to chat and say a kind word when volunteering.

In recent years, Carmel has also engaged with different migrant groups in the area, immersing herself in their cultures, including those from Thailand, India and the Philippines. These connections have led to many meaningful friendships.

Carmel's kindness and generosity are integral to Boort's health and happy community.

Congratulations Carmel, this is well deserved recognition.



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Do it for Dyl—Limp4Lymphoma



To support both his brother, Dylan, who was diagnosed with cancer and started chemotherapy in September 2024, and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (Peter Mac), Chris Hatcher dreamt up a plan to raise money.

He and some mates set a goal to run from Peter Mac in Melbourne to Boort (approximately 270kms) within 24 hours. With the help of a support crew, individual runners would run between 40-50kms each.

Late morning on Sunday 29 December 2024, eleven runners were greeted at the entrance to Boort and cheered on by a strong crowd. Then what looked like a pack of 100 runners fell in behind to support the lads on the final 3kms of their journey around the lake, finishing at the Boort Tennis Club. Later, supporters gathered at the Boort Tennis Club to enjoy an afternoon of BBQ, refreshments and entertainment.

What an incredible effort by the runners and support crew, and a heartwarming response from the community.



Photos supplied P Rees: Above: runners approaching Boort; Right: runners joined by local supporters near the finish line.

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On Saturday evening, 25 January, Boort was treated to another wonderful *Flavours of Loddon* event. Locals were spoilt for choice with a variety of local food and drink vendors, and enjoyed great music provided by Elias Lanyon and Trent MacIntosh. The weather and atmosphere were spectacular. Another great community event in Nolens Park alongside the beautiful Little Lake Boort. Thanks *Flavours of Loddon!*



Boort Bowls Club



The Boort Bowls Club members have been very busy over the last month. Firstly congratulations to the Boort team of Shayne Morris, Laurie Maxted, Kevin De Piazza and Ken Birt on winning the North Central Playing Area (NCPA) Men's State Fours. We wish them all the best when they continue on at regional level at Ararat on the Labour Day weekend.

Congratulations to Thelma Moresi who played in a composite team on winning the NCPA State Triples and who will also play on at Ararat.

*North Central Playing Area Men's State Fours winners:
L-R Ken Birt, Kevin De Piazza, Shayne Morris(s),
Laurie Maxted*

The Club held a successful Christmas Celebration prior to Christmas and took the opportunity to present Dorothy Gibson with her Super Veteran's badge. President Laurie Maxted read a comprehensive report of Dorothy's bowling activities and achievements which are listed below.

Dorothy Gibson commenced bowling in 1990 at the Korong Vale Bowls Club, where she was a devoted member until the Clubs closure in 2022. She was President twice and served on the match and catering committees often. Her achievements on the green were many:

- Club Champion - twice
- Pairs - twice
- Fours - 12 times
- North Central Champion of Champions Fours - 6 times
- North Central State Fours and Wimmers State Fours - 5 times
- Mid-Week Pennant for K.V. - 7 times
- Division 2 Saturday Pennant 2020-2021
- Wimmera Region Pennant twice

The Boort Club has been lucky to have Dorothy and husband John join us where she has continued her skills on the bowling green. A regular player at winter bowls and a very good contributor to our club.

She has played Mid-Week Pennant and Div 1 Saturday Pennant with wins in Mid-Week Pennant 2022-2023.

Club Fours 2022-2023 and Runner-Up with Yvonne Cashen in the Club Pairs on 2 occasions.

Congratulations Dorothy on receiving your Super Veteran's badge and may you have many more years of happy bowling.



Boort Bowls Club Super Veteran, Dorothy Gibson

Unfortunately due to extreme heat, the club's annual Australia Day Tournament scheduled for 27 January did not go ahead.

Boort Bowls Club

On January 9th the club hosted a very successful Bare Foot Bowls night for the holidaymakers at the caravan park and any locals wishing to play. The bowling green filled with all adults and children experiencing a very enjoyable night of bowls. A draw was made at the conclusion of the night for the winners and runners-up teams. A Cohuna team of Jamie and Deb Forster, Jack Grills and Cody Wilkinson were the winners with a Marnoo and Ballarat team of Harli, Roy, Bron and Justin being the runners-up.



Cohuna Team - Winners of the Bare Foot Bowls



Marnoo & Ballarat Team - Runners-Up Bare Foot Bowls



Boort Croquet Club

Another Croquet Pennant season ended with a breakup at Charlton on the 2nd of December. The winners of Golf Croquet Pennant 2024 were Boort Blue for the third year in a row, with Boort White in second place. This makes five consecutive years of a Boort team winning the shield. This year three players have played Pennant for the first time and in total seventeen players have played in one or another of the teams.



*Boort Blue team: Wendy Mills, Gwen Parker, Alan Puttick (Captain), Ian Potter and Joy De Piazza
Absent: Sue Soltan*

On Friday 6th December Boort Lakeside Croquet concluded a successful year with their Christmas Party. The catering committee and members provided a delicious barbecue tea. Unfortunately, the weather was wet, so conditions were not suitable to play croquet, but everyone still had an enjoyable time.

Croquet will continue to be played on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 8:30am throughout the summer.

Anyone wishing to try croquet is welcome to come along.

The focus for the club has now turned to our Annual Tournament held on 15th and 16th March. This year we will have an extra temporary court so it will be bigger than previous years.

We are pleased to have a new sponsor for the event, Boort Grain Co-Op, with their help we are hoping to have the best tournament ever.



MAYORAL COLUMN

31 Jan 2025

Events across the Shire on the weekend

It has been an exciting start to the year, with all of the events that took place, ranging from celebrations to sporting events across the long weekend. It was great to see local residents and visitors out and about in the community.

I was humbled to attend the Pyramid Hill Australia Day celebration as a guest speaker, where I had the pleasure of also presenting the Loddon Shire Citizen of the Year award to Ian Bartels and the Terrick Ward Citizen of the Year award to Geoff Thomas.

A big congratulations goes out to all of the deserving recipients of awards presented at other Australia Day celebrations held across the shire. Your contributions do not go unnoticed and it's wonderful to see them recognised by the community.

I also want to recognise the talented students who took part in the colouring, photographic and literature competitions. Well done to all participants and congratulations to the winning and highly commended entries.

A special thank you goes out to the Australia Day Committee, and to community groups and volunteers whose hard work and commitment make these celebrations possible.

If you would like to read more about the Australia Day award recipients, please visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au/News-and-public-notice/Australia-Day-2025-Awards

Flavours of Loddon - Boort

Nolens Park in Boort was bustling with activity on Saturday during the Flavours of Loddon event. The day showcased our region's food and drink, with local food trucks, wine and craft beverages, along with live performances by Elias Lanyon and Trent Macintosh.

It was wonderful to see families enjoying the sunshine on the foreshore of Little Lake Boort.



Applications are open for a variety of community grants

I want to remind community groups, local business and event organisers of the various grants that are available to secure funding for your next community project. Current grant categories include:

'Welcome to Country' Funding
2024/25 Event Promotion Scheme
Community Grants Program

For more information, including how to apply and application guidelines, visit <https://loddon.smartygrants.com.au>

Welcome Senior Constable Brett Vine

I am excited to welcome Senior Constable Brett Vine as the new permanent police member at Pyramid Hill station. Please join me in welcoming Senior Constable Brett and I look forward to seeing the positive impact he will have on our community.

Telstra 3G Helpline

Telstra has launched its 3G Helpline to provide additional support for customers who need further help with the transition from the 3G due to the network closure. .

If you require any assistance, call 1800 990 853 between 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday AEDT or visit www.telstra.com.au/exchange/telstra-3g-network-shutdown--accessing-support-and-transitioning

School Year

Finally, as the new school year begins, I would like to recognise the hard work and dedication of our teachers and staff, who have gone above and beyond to prepare for the year. I wish all of the students and teachers going back to school this week all the best for the year.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Items submitted for publication may be edited, including for grammar and spelling, and may be condensed if space is limited.

Please submit items to the Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC) at info@boortbric.net by the 20th of each month.

Please send in format Word
or .jpeg or .png





KORONG VALE FOOD SHARE IS RELOCATING!

From Wednesday 22 January 2025
Korong Vale Food Share will operate
out of the Korong Vale Bowling Club
McLennan Street, Korong Vale

Fortnightly
12pm Wednesdays
from 22 Jan 2025

**Australian Government
mobile service centres**

Serving regional Australia

Visit the mobile service centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Wednesday, 12 February 2025

9 am to 4 pm

Adjacent to the information centre, Godfrey Street

BOORT

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

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Farm Household Allowance can help farming families with:

- income support for up to 4 years
- supplements to pay for activities to help improve your long-term financial position.

More information

- Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/farmhouseholdallowance
- Call the Farmer Assistance hotline 132 316 Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

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WORKSHOPS**

Thursday March 6th
9.30am - 1pm
Boort Resource & Information Centre
119-121 Godfrey Street

A half-day alertness workshop that prepares anyone to become a suicide alert helper.



This activity is supported by funding from Murray PHN through the Australian Government's PHN Program.



Boort Library Agency Storytimes 2025

Nurture your child's listening and learning skills in fun-filled sessions of stories, songs and rhymes.

10.30-11am
Boort Resource & Information Centre
119-121 Godfrey Street

Thursday 6 February
Thursday 20 February
Thursday 6 March
Thursday 20 March
Thursday 3 April
Thursday 1 May
Thursday 15 May
Thursday 29 May
Thursday 12 June
Thursday 26 June



For more information please phone 5449 2790
or visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/children



A memoir of an only child who grew up on an isolated Mallee farm. She gained her independence as a young teen and set out to explore what challenges and opportunities the big smoke and the wider world had to offer. She tells surprising, amazing and amusing stories of more than seventy five years of travel, career and everyday life.

Jenny Date

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Boort Library Agency

Friday 14 February, 11am-12pm



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3rd Annual Pyramid Hill Art Competition and Sales

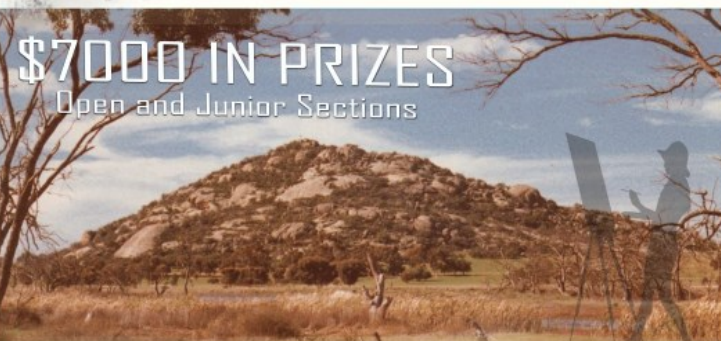


A Major's Vision

14th-20th February 2025

Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall - Kelly Street

\$7000 IN PRIZES
Open and Junior Sections



Official opening Function 14th February 7pm till 10 pm. Entry \$15 includes, program, supper and music
Art show admission \$10 including light morning or afternoon tea

Show open times, 10 am to 4 pm daily Wednesday 10 am to 8 pm Thursday 10 am to 3 pm

Entries now open and close 24th January 2025

Entry forms and information available from
Pyramid Hill Art Show facebook page or by contacting
Anne on 0458 524 163 or aegrogan16@gmail.com

Demonstration by bush painter Col Brown
on 15th February

Exhibit Indigenous artefacts by Paul Haw

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Emotional intelligence is the ability to identify your emotions, understand them and be in control of the way we express them.

- Do you often wonder why children do what they do?
- Would you like to learn how to help children manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger?

✓ Emotional Intelligence ✓ Identify Emotions ✓ Manage Feelings

Workshop details:

Location: BRIC Boort Resource & Information Centre

119-121 Godfrey Street Boort

Date: Wednesday 19th February

Time: 9.15-10.45

Delivered by: The Regional Parenting Team

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Hosted by:



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Heat illness can be fatal if left untreated. Recognise the early warning signs of heat related illness.

Heat can cause:

- Heat Cramps
- Heat Exhaustion.
- This can lead to the life threatening condition of Heat Stroke.

Heat may also worsen the condition of someone who already has a chronic medical condition such as heart disease, pulmonary disease, or diabetes.

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HEAT EXHAUSTION OR HEAT STROKE

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Dizziness & headache		Confused & delirious mental state
Pale complexion & sweating		Sweating stops
Rapid heart rate		Seizure
Nausea & vomiting		Unconsciousness
Fainting		Stroke-like symptoms or collapsing
Muscle cramps & weakness		Rapid strong pulse

EMERGENCY 000
Heatstroke is a life-threatening emergency, call Triple Zero (000).

What to do: Lie down in a cool area, if not vomiting, drink water.
Call NURSE-ON-CALL 1300 60 60 24.

What to do: Call Triple Zero (000) immediately and follow the advice of the calltaker.

How to prevent heat illness

- Drink plenty of water.
- Prioritise outside tasks to complete them in the morning if possible.
- Seek shade and wear protective clothing.
- Check in on vulnerable friends, neighbours, and family.
- Use air conditioning and fans where possible.
- Never leave children or animals in a parked car.

For more information
ambulance.vic.gov.au. Follow the
 Loddon Paramedic Community
 Support Coordinator (PCSC) on
 Facebook (facebook.com/pscsloddon)

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 community is a vital part of the team.





Fostering Eaglehawk's literary tradition

SHORT STORY & POETRY PRIZES

Theme: Fiesta



Calling all writers!

Goldfields Libraries and Eaglehawk Festivals Inc. are calling for entries from writers all over Australia for the annual Mulga Bill Writing Award.

Take inspiration from the theme 'Fiesta!' and showcase your talents. Whether you're an experienced storyteller or aspiring writer, this is your chance to shine! Prizes will be awarded to the best two in each category.

Short Story

Up to 2,000 words.

Judge: Local author and writer Lauren Mitchell.

First Prize: \$500

Second Prize: \$150

Poetry

Up to 25 lines.

Judge: Local writer and poet Anne Gleeson.

First Prize: \$200

Second Prize: \$50

Entries close Monday, 24 February 2025, with winners to be announced at the Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival in March.

Please contact Shae Hellstedt on 0409 815 371 for more information, or visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/mulgabillwritingaward

KEEBLE Family Fundraiser

Lori, Ben & family

This special community event will involve a **Family & Friendship Walk** along Nardoo Creek followed by a shared morning tea and family friendly activities.

Date: **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 2025**
 Time: **9.30AM TO 12NOON**
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 Dress: **FAVOURITE KIDS' COSTUME OR COUNTRY STYLE**
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