

FLOOD RECOVERY

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HEALTH & WELLBEING SUPPORT

Royal Flying Doctor Service - Flying Doctor Wellbeing - Available to those aged 18+. Call (03) 8412 0480.

Rural Financial Counselling Service - free and confidential financial support - Call 1300 735 578

Mind Australia Bendigo Call 1300 286 463 or visit mindaustralia.org.au

Orange Door - You have a right to be safe - Call 1800 512 359

Australian Community Support Organisation (ACSO) - An intake organisation for Alcohol and other Drugs, Mental health, Youth and other clinical services for the Loddon area.

1800respect - Confidential information, counselling and support service. Call 1800 737 732

Nurse on Call 24 hour caring and professional health advice 1300 60 60 24.

Lifeline: 24hr crisis support and suicide prevention services: 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au

Beyond Blue Information and support for anxiety and/or depression: 1300 224 636 or beyondblue.com.au

Kids Help Line 24hr phone and online counselling service for people aged 5-25: 1800 551 800 or kidshelpline.com.au

Seniors Rights Victoria - Elder abuse, prevention and support - 1300 368 821

Emerging Minds Provides resources for parents, carers, and families about infant and child mental health: emergingminds.com.au

Translation and Interpreter Services Provides access to phone and on-site interpreting services. Requests must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance. www.tisnational.gov.au

National Relay Service Assistance making a phone call if you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impediment. Speak and listen number: 1300 555 727.

LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Health/Hospitals

Boort District Health

3 Kiniry St, Boort P: (03) 5451 5200

Inglewood and District Health Services

3 Hospital St, Inglewood P: (03) 5431 7000

Northern District Community Health

P: (03) 5451 0200

Boort Medical Centre

2 Coutts St, Boort P:(03) 5451 5200

Dingee Bush Nursing Centre

21 King St, Dingee P:(03) 5436 8309

Marong Medical Practice

8 Hospital St, Inglewood P:(03) 5438 3308

Wedderburn Health Clinic

25 Wilson St, Wedderburn P: (03) 5494 3511

Legal Services

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Service P: 1800 450 909

Neighbourhood Houses

Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC) 119-121 Godfrey St, Boort

P: (03) 5455 2716

Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House

Cnr Verdon & Market St, Inglewood

P: (03)5455 2716

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

43 Kelly St, Pyramid Hill P: (03) 5455 7129

Wedderburn Community House

24 Wilson St, Wedderburn

P: (03) 5494 3489

Community Recovery Grants open

As we approach the one year anniversary of the October 2022 floods Loddon Shire Council's Community Recovery Team is pleased to provide grants for communities to hold activities and events which create opportunities for connection, resilience, capacity building and positive wellbeing and help keep our communities strong. Grants available range from \$500-\$5,000 depending on the activity or event.

Applications are now open and close at midnight on Sunday 22 October 2023.

Grants are available to not-for-profit community groups or groups that are auspiced by an incorporated not-for-profit group. Community groups must be located within the Loddon Shire and serve residents of the Loddon Shire. Projects must link to flood recovery and have clear outcomes for communities across Loddon Shire that were impacted by the October 2022 floods.

The grants will support community-led flood recovery activity around the following priorities:

- Projects that maintain and build on social links within communities and promote social inclusion and equity (i.e. community Christmas tree events or markets)
- Community events that bring people together to support social connectedness (community BBQ event or similar)
- Projects that promote healthy communities and improved mental health and wellbeing (recreational, sporting or health-focused activities)
- Projects that support safer communities, including responding to future emergency situations and prevention of family violence (i.e. professional development and training for CFA volunteers, Mental Health First Aid training for sporting club representatives etc.)

- Projects that promote the Five Ways to Wellbeing – Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give.
- Other projects that create sustainable long-term outcomes to build the resilience of the Loddon community to withstand the future impacts of climate change.

Projects that bring multiple community partners together and involve a wide cross section of the community are strongly encouraged.

Please note that flood recovery grant activities must have a flood recovery focus and must be clearly distinguished from Council's regular community grant applications.

What cannot be funded?

- Prize money
- Projects that have a religious or political purpose
- Projects that have already commenced or that have already been completed
- Purchase of alcohol
- Groups located outside the Loddon Shire
- Permanent infrastructure or equipment
- Projects or events that already have Council funding attached.

Funding

Funding will be distributed to successful organisations in late 2023 following completion of a grant agreement.

All successful projects are to be completed by June 2024, with receipts, photographs and an acquittal submitted accordingly.

To apply go to <https://loddon.smartygrants.com.au/>

WHAT'S ON

3-5 October - Elmore Field Days

The Elmore Field Days is an annual three day premier agricultural event. With more than 700 exhibitors you will have everything from tools and hardware through to pools and tractors, kids' activities, machinery, plants, arts and crafts, steel yards, fashion, cattle crushes and anything in between. Head to Agriculture Victoria's tent to catch up with Council's flood recovery support team.



6-14 October - Whole Loddon Love

Whole Loddon Love is a series of contemporary music gigs taking place in areas severely affected by flooding in 2022. Tickets free for locals & kids, and only \$15 for others! Money raised will go to local community groups and flood recovery.

Fri 6 Oct Victoria Hotel, Pyramid Hill (evening)
Sat 7 Oct Railway Hotel, Boort (evening)
Sun 8 Oct Newbridge Hotel, Newbridge (afternoon)
Sat 14 Oct Bridgewater Hotel, Bridgewater (evening)

Book at www.wholeloddonlove.com



Mayor, Cr Dan Straub, & the Cup

Sat 14 October – The Melbourne Cup comes to Boort

The 2023 Melbourne Cup (valued at \$600,000) will be at the Boort Agricultural Show on Saturday 14 October. Come along and get your photo taken with the Cup.

7-8 October - Loddon Valley Arts Trail

The Loddon Valley Arts Trail will showcase the creative talents of our region, while also creating opportunities for artists to promote their work and connect with art lovers and adventurers from all around.

Stay up-to-date at

www.facebook.com/LoddonValleyArtsTrail/



12 November - George the Farmer in Serpentine

George the Farmer inspires kids to learn creatively about agriculture and where their food and fibre comes from. Join George the Farmer for a live performance in the Serpentine Memorial Hall. The quintessentially Australian storylines delight and amuse the under 10 age group and adults alike. Save the date and watch for more information.



LODDON SHIRE SERVICES AND CONTACTS

Loddon Shire Council's Flood Recovery team would love to hear from you and assist you through your flood recovery.

Please get in touch if you would like to chat about flood recovery for you and your community.

Call Mal: 0499 978 145 or Josie: 0474 911 783

For up-to-date information regarding flood recovery and council services:

- Visit our website at www.loddon.vic.gov.au
- Call our office between 8.15am-4.45pm, Monday-Friday on (03) 5494 1200; or
- Go to our Facebook page facebook.com/LoddonShire/