

# 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](http://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](http://lifeline.org.au)

**Beyond Blue** Information and support for anxiety and/or depression: 1300 224 636 or [beyondblue.com.au](http://beyondblue.com.au)

**Kids Help Line** 24hr phone and online counselling service for people aged 5-25: 1800 551 800 or [kidshelpline.com.au](http://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](http://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](http://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 Couatts 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

## George the Farmer is coming to Loddon!

Children in Loddon Shire will learn about where their food comes from in a unique and fun way when George the Farmer performs live on Sunday 12 November at the Serpentine Recreation Reserve.

This ideal family day out for Loddon Shire residents, weaves together fantastic agricultural and preparedness messaging – all tailored for kids 10 and under.

Talented singer/songwriter Sherri Parry will keep the good times rolling while attendees enjoy a free lunch on the lawn, ice cream and barista-made coffee.

This not to be missed relaxed and friendly family event has all your bases covered – with Red Cross also hosting activities on the day. Loddon Shire Council has organised the event for residents as part of Council's Community Recovery Program, jointly funded by the Australian and Victorian Governments.

George the Farmer's down-to-earth manner and grassroots charm resonates "terrifically" with young children in rural locations while inspiring city-based children to have a better understanding and connection to agriculture.

This event is for Loddon residents only. As long as one member of the party is from Loddon, others can be from outside the area.

Registrations close 5 November. For more information and to register go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/us1DYa21n4>



### Melbourne Cup a hit during Boort tour

The Boort community has turned out to see the Melbourne Cup as it toured the town over the Boort Show weekend.

The Cup made a special stop at the 135th Boort Show, thanks to the Victoria Racing Club (VRC) and 2023 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour, which teamed up with Loddon Shire Council and Boort Agricultural and Pastoral Society.

Exactly a year on from the October 2022 floods, the appearance of the Melbourne Cup in Boort was accompanied by a range of activities, sponsored by flood recovery funding made possible from the Victorian and Australian governments.

Visitors to the Boort Show took the opportunity to get their photo taken with the \$600,000 gold cup, to be presented to the winning owner of the Melbourne Cup race on Tuesday 7 November.

Throughout a day of activities, the Cup trophy and the VRC touring



### VRC's Keeper of the Cup Joe McGrath with Melbourne Cup winning jockey Greg Hall in the photo booth at the Boort Show

party weaved their way from the horse events and the 'Fashions on the Field' parade.

A free photo booth, set up for community members to get a photo with the Cup, saw more than 600 photos printed on the day.

Other activities included a 'paint-your-own' cup trophy for the kids, which also proved a hit, with dozens of the cup replicas hand-cut by the Boort Men's Shed.

The VRC's Lexus Melbourne Cup tour party also brought smiles to aged care residents and their families when it visited Boort Hospital that morning.

VRC's Joe McGrath and Melbourne Cup winning jockey Greg Hall shared stories with residents about the history of the Cup and Greg's 1992 winning ride on Subzero.

A special celebration of the arrival of the Lexus Melbourne Cup trophy was also held on the Friday night in Boort to thank volunteers from more than 40 clubs and organisations who help make Boort such a strong community.

Greg Hall once again took the room on a vivid journey, sharing stories of his remarkable career. Loddon Shire Mayor Dan Straub and Council CEO Lincoln Fitzgerald presided over the night's formal proceedings. The year that the Melbourne Cup Trophy came to Boort is sure to be a bright memory for many years to come.

### Uniting Church of Australia shares compassion in flood recovery

The Uniting Church of Australia Presbytery of Loddon Mallee has made available a quantity of fuel vouchers to those who continue to be in need after the 2022 floods.

Pastor Carol Boyce, from the Mallee Rivers Regional Team, says "The vouchers have been made possible through donations made to the Presbytery of Loddon Mallee Emergency Fund and UCA VicTas Moderator's Emergency Relief Fund by members of local churches and the generosity of many across Victoria."

The fuel vouchers will be distributed by the Neighbourhood Houses in Inglewood, Pyramid Hill, Wedderburn and Boort.

### GRANTS

#### Toy Library Grants

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to make toy libraries accessible to more families across Victoria by supporting existing toy libraries to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, help families to save money, and establish new toy libraries in areas that need it the most.

Applications are now open via the Victorian Department of Education.

To apply go to: <https://shorturl.at/bkoxG>

### 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

#### FRRR Prepare & Recover Grants

The Strengthening Rural Communities Prepare & Recover program supports communities in remote, rural and regional communities across Australia to implement initiatives that prevent and prepare for future climate related impacts, or recover from existing disasters in the medium to long-term timeframe, generally one to ten years after the disaster. Grants up to \$25,000 are available for a broad range of initiatives to strengthen the capacity and capability of local people, organisations, networks, and systems that help communities to be informed, skilled, connected and resourced for the future. To apply visit <https://bitly.ws/VaLM>

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

- Visit our website at [www.loddon.vic.gov.au](http://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/](https://facebook.com/LoddonShire/)