

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 mindaustria.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 Kinary 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

Loddon Community Recovery Grants awarded

Loddon Shire Council is pleased to support a range of community-led events through Council's Community Flood Recovery Program, jointly funded by the Australian and Victorian Governments.

Twenty-three community recovery grants have been awarded to allow our Loddon communities to build and maintain strong relationships and connectedness, and support a more resilient future across our shire.

From Christmas gatherings to comedy, art therapy to youth concerts, the Loddon Shire communities have shown great dedication, innovation and thoughtfulness in their applications. Totalling just over \$66,000, the strength and diversity of applications received are most commendable. Loddon Shire Council wishes to acknowledge the shared vision and advocacy of Emergency Recovery Victoria in providing these funds which allow for meaningful and empowering community-led activities which support recovery.

Congratulations to the following groups, we wish you and your community every success with your events.

- Boort District School Parents' Club Fete, Boort P-12 School Parents' Club
- Boort Preschool Building 60 Year Anniversary, Boort Preschool
- Bridgewater Community Christmas, Bridgewater on Loddon Development
- Calling the Autumn Break - A Dinner for Community, Boort Lawn Tennis Club
- Celebrating Calivil Community, Calivil Recreation Reserve
- Christmas at the Vale, Korong Vale Food Share
- Community Christmas Get Together, Bridgewater Cricket Club
- Community Recovery Youth Event, Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House
- Dingee Christmas Tree, Dingee and District Lawn Tennis Association
- Durham Ox Community Christmas Tree, Durham Ox Memorial Hall Committee
- Flood Recovery Through Art, Lions Club of East Loddon
- '2024 Game Plan!', Boort Netball Club Inc.
- Kingower Community Christmas Event, Kingower Development and Tourism Inc
- Mysia Community Christmas Tree, Mysia Recreation Reserve
- 2024 Pre-Season Launch Event, Pyramid Hill Football Netball Club
- Serpentine Community Christmas Tree, Serpentine Tennis Club and Serpentine Playgroup
- Spring into 2024, Active Farmers Bridgewater
- The Travellers Table - comedic play, Boort, Buckrabanyule and Community Productions
- Women of Wedderburn, Inglewood and Districts Health Service
- Christmas On High, Wedderburn Community House Inc.
- Yando/ Appin/ Canary Island Community Christmas Get Together, Yando Public Hall Inc.
- Youth activities at Boort Street Christmas Party, Boort Resource and Information Centre
- Youth activities at Inglewood Alive, Inglewood Development & Tourism Committee Inc.

Whole Loddon Love generates funds for flood recovery

The Whole Loddon Love live music events, held in communities across Loddon Shire, have raised almost \$5,000 for local groups.

Boort District School was just one of the recipients to benefit from the October music events across Loddon one year on from the 2022 flood.

Held in October, Whole Loddon Love saw a star-studded line up perform superb music in Pyramid Hill, Boort, Newbridge and Bridgewater-on-Loddon.

Performers who rocked Loddon included Jess Parker, Queenie, Dan Kelly, Valley Road and The Maes.

Loddon Shire Council thanked the organisers and musicians behind Whole Loddon Love for their support.

Council really appreciates the amazing support in not only raising these funds, but lifting the spirits of our communities by providing these performances.

Thanks to everyone involved in putting on some great music in Loddon, including the performers for generously providing their



time for these events. Local businesses helped support the project, including donations from Castlemaine's Shedshaker Brewing Company to participating venues – of which sales at each event generated almost \$3,000. Lake Meran Brewery also kicked in with discounted sales for the Boort performance.

Advanced ticket sales, raffle tickets, donations and door sales all contributed to fundraising efforts.

Whole Loddon Love was supported by Music Victoria and by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria, with additional support from Loddon Shire Council.

Korong Vale Community Flood Study Discussion and Dinner

On Wednesday evening 29 November, 48 people gathered at Scully's Korong Vale Hotel for a free community dinner and to hear the outcomes of a study into options for reducing future flooding in the town.

Thirteen months on from the October 2022 flood event, the community was clearly glad for the opportunity to come together and reconnect after a long year of recovery.

Ashley Chen, a consultant with WMS Engineering, discussed the recently completed flood study report. Ashley presented four potential mitigation options, including three different drainage options along with the cost and benefits of raising flood prone dwellings in the town. Robust discussion followed with attendees putting forward additional practical solutions to be followed up as part of the study.

In attendance, and representing Loddon Shire Council, were Mayor Cr Gavan Holt, Boort Ward Councillor Neil Beattie and David Southcombe, Manager Assets and Infrastructure.

Representatives from the Australian Red Cross were also present to share resources developed to help prepare people for a future emergency and to further support the community.

Scully's Hotel provided a terrific meal and locals went away armed with valuable information, resources and options to consider.

Thanks to all those who came along and contributed to the discussion

and to the Red Cross team for their support of the event.

Loddon Shire Council received funds from the Australian and Victorian governments under the National Partnership Agreement for Disaster Risk Reduction to undertake the Korong Vale Flood Study.

North Central Catchment Management Authority managed the project and engaged WMS Engineering to undertake a detailed flood study for the Korong Vale township.

The project involved hydrologic and hydraulic modelling of the study area, flood mapping for the full range of design flood events, and an assessment of potential mitigation options for the township.



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/