



Saluté Oliva takes out gold



Saluté Oliva was awarded the gold medal and champion trophy for Table Olives – Dried Olives at the Australian International Olive Awards. The company also won three silver medals for its 2018 season extra virgin olive oil, the Kalamata olives and mixed olives, and a bronze medal for its green olives.

Saluté Oliva's award-winning semi-dried olives were also featured on the menu at the Australian Olive Association's Annual Media Luncheon on 31 October.

Held at Restaurant Pendolino in Sydney, the event promotes Australian olive products and the industry to Australia's food media. It was also an opportunity for winners from the Australian International Olive Awards (including Saluté Oliva) to discuss their gold-medal-winning olives with the food media.

Congratulations to Saluté Oliva on a well deserved recognition.

Small Business Bus coming to Boort

Operated by Small Business Victoria, the Small Business Bus visits Melbourne and regional Victoria as a 'travelling office on wheels'. It offers friendly, professional assistance and expert advice.



The Small Business Bus offers free 45-minute mentoring sessions to help you start or build your small business. The sessions, which are delivered by mentors from the Small Business Mentoring Service, can be tailored to address the specific needs of your business.

The Small Business Bus will visit Boort on 30 May next year. Further details will be available closer to the bus's visit. For more information or questions about the Small Business Bus call Business Victoria on 13 22 15.



Upcoming events

For more information on events, click on the event name.

2018 Wedderburn White Twenty Darts Tournament

Friday 7 - Sunday 9 December

Campbells Forest Christmas Tree

Friday 7 December

Inglewood Lions Bridgewater Market

Saturday 8 December

Wedderburn's Christmas on High

Thursday 13 December

Boort Christmas Festival

Friday 14 December

Family Day Out

Monday 7 January

RACV Victorian Tourism Silver Award Winners

Simply Tomatoes won the Silver Award in the 'Excellence in Food Tourism' category announced at the 2018 Gala Ceremony on 22 November. The team was very excited with the win and to be officially recognised for their efforts.

The RACV Victorian Tourism Awards represent an industry framework for peer recognition which fosters a culture for business development excellence and innovation. The Awards have assisted the Victorian Tourism Industry for over 30 years in striving for excellence. During this period, more than 3000 businesses have entered the Awards and have benefited through thorough examination of their business practice, with many recognised as winners at a national level.



New gallery opens in Bridgewater

Arts of Olde has opened its doors in Bridgewater. Owner artist Ainsley McPherson has dreamt of opening her own gallery and to teach classes to pass on her knowledge. Ainsley began as an oil painter and moved onto folk art and began teaching workshops at studios and conventions. She has developed many techniques with various mediums and artists. The gallery includes art work from Mal Gilmour, jewellery, handmade bags, metal garden art and kokedames. Classes available. Open Thursday-Sunday 10am to 4pm.



Loddon Visitor Information Centre holiday opening times

If you are having family or friends to visit over the holiday period, call in or phone the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 3489 for ideas for your holiday experience.

The centre is open daily excluding Christmas Day.

- Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm
- Sundays 10am to 4pm



I write to thank the Loddon Shire most sincerely for creating the wonderful trip which was organised for Begonia City Proboscis club. The friendliness of the folk we met along the way was magnificent.

Activities were most enjoyable and we learned a great deal from the excursions.

Our sincere thanks to all who organised and facilitated our stay in the Loddon Shire.

Christmas festivities and competitions

Campbells Forest Christmas Tree—Friday 7 December 8pm

<http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Lists/Events/Campbells-Forest-Christmas-Tree>

Wedderburn's Christmas on High—Thursday 13 December 5pm

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Family Christmas in Dingee—Thursday 13 December 7.30pm

Join the fun of the men's groups Christmas at Dingee Hotel for meal. ph54365275

Bears Lagoon Christmas Tree—Friday 14 December 7.30pm

Bring along plate of supper to share at Tennis courts and a gold coin donation. Gift price limit \$10.

Boort Christmas Festival—Friday 14 December 5pm

<http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Lists/Events/Boort-Christmas-Festival>

Powlett Plains Community Carols—Friday 14 December 5pm

At Powlett hall featuring Tania Franks and The Goldfields Choir

BRIC Christmas Tree competition— Entries close 14 December at noon

Trees to be displayed at Boort Christmas Festival. Entry forms available at BRIC.

Wedderburn Community Christmas Carols—Saturday 15 December 8pm

Senior Citizens Hall with Eaglehawk & Maryborough Salvation Army Brass Band

Free entry and supper will be served.

Boort Amity Christmas Lights Competition—16-22 December judging.

Decorate your house or shop. \$\$ prize. Get into the Christmas spirit.

Inglewood Lions Christmas Carols and Festival—Sunday 16 December 4pm

Inglewood Sports & Receptions Reserve

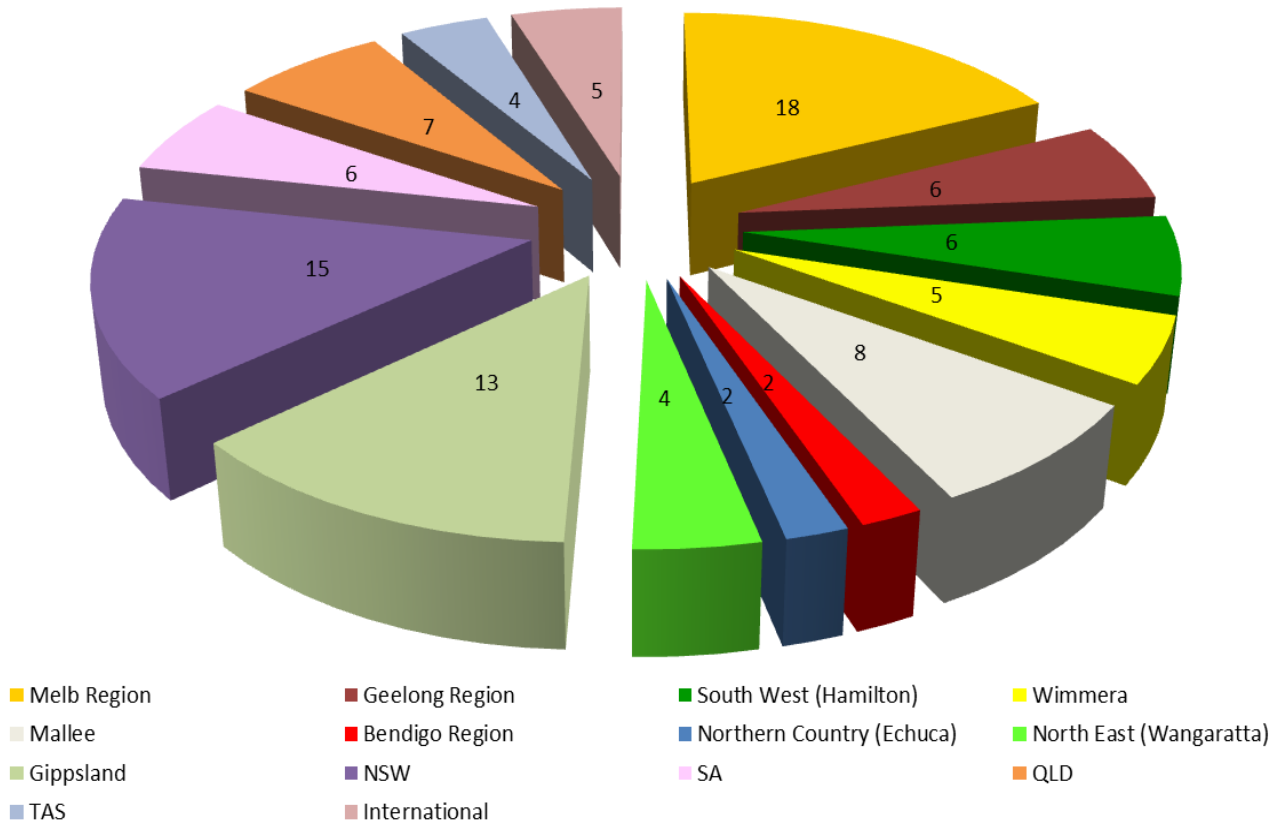
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Staff and volunteers at the Loddon Visitor Information Centre wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.



Visitor statistics to Loddon Visitor Information Centre for October 2018

Visitor area stats to Loddon Visitor Information Centre Oct 2018. Each colour represents a region or state. The numbers represent a collection of individual postcodes



Ordering brochures and Loddon Valley Official Visitor Guide (OVG)

Council encourages all tourism operators who have brochures, maps and the Official Visitor Guide on display to order their stock through the Loddon Visitor Information Centre.

Listing an event

If you are having an event and would like it listed on the Loddon Shire website calendar of events page, submit the information and a photo on [Calendar of Events](#) or email information to loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au

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