



Connecting to Country

Within a 20-kilometre radius of Boort there are more than 2,000 scar trees making the area one of, if not the largest, collection of scar trees in the world. There are also numerous cooking mounds and artefacts scattered throughout. Perfect weather saw more than 180 people gather at Nolen's Park, Boort on Tuesday 16 April to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the area.

The Connecting to Country event was hosted by the North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) in partnership with Dja Dja Wurrung. Communications and Engagement Coordinator from the CMA, Sonia Robinson, said the event exceeded expectations, "It's among the biggest events the CMA has hosted. The Boort area is spectacularly significant for its cultural heritage. We wanted the wider community to learn more about the history and to also recognise the ongoing contributions that Traditional Owners and the CMA are making to the health of Country."

Activities included a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, basket weaving, Indigenous cooking and a tour of local sites. "Face and boomerang painting were really popular and at one stage we had more children than brushes and paint available. Running the event during the school holidays was a hit" Sonia said.

"Without the support from our partner, Dja Dja Wurrung, the event would not have been the success it was. The knowledge and enthusiasm shared made the event really special."

The Wedderburn Lions Club made sure no-one was hungry cooking up a delicious BBQ to feed the crowd. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Calling all local 'Country Legends'!

We're on the look out for remarkable and heart warming stories of 'Country Legends' from across our region to feature in the Herald Sun. If you know of a local country legend who currently lives in the Loddon Valley and you wish to nominate them please let us know!

Photos, stories and contact information can be sent to:
shutchinson@loddon.vic.gov.au



(Smoking Ceremony)



(Boomerang painting)



Upcoming events

For more information on events click on the event name.

[Inglewood Lions Bridgewater Market](#)

Saturday 11 May

[Mother's Day High Tea at the Eucy Museum](#)

Sunday 12 May

[Wedderburn Swap Meet & Market](#)

Sunday 18 May

[The Wine Bluffs](#)

Tuesday 21 May

[Dunolly and District Field and Game Club Inc](#)

Sunday 26 May

[Wedderburn College Debutante Ball](#)

Friday 31 May

Introducing Rejoov

It's been 25 years since Wedderburn had a hair & beauty salon in High street. After almost a year of hard work by a dedicated group of volunteers from a cross section of the community, their vision is becoming a reality. On 14 May the Rejoov Salon will open at 75 High street Wedderburn. Rejoov will offer the town the services of a hairdresser, barber, beauty and massage, with facilities for nails and more in the future.



This venture is unique in that the capital funding the project is all locally sourced through donations from the community members, the Loddon Shire Council and the Wedderburn Community House. Local resident, Robyn Vella, started the venture simply by putting a post on Facebook asking if anyone else felt the town needed a salon. The response was so large that she then approached the Wedderburn Community House and the adventure began.

The perfect location was found at 75 High street; a shopfront that was the milk bar for many years, but has been empty for some time. The premises needed quite a bit of work carried out to turn it from a dilapidated empty shop into a delightful salon, where clients will feel pampered. Local tradesmen stepped up to the task, working tirelessly seven days a week to get the structural work completed in time for the opening.

Local residents didn't just support the community enterprise through financial donations, they stepped up to help repair, clean, paint and find the perfect decor items/furnishings. Volunteers showed true commitment getting the salon ready, travelling distances to help, coming straight from night shift to paint all day; we even had visitors to the town give up a couple of days of holidays to lend a hand. The community has been committed right throughout the project, making this a true community enterprise.

As a rent a chair business, the community owns the salon business and rent out space to various practitioners. Before business even opens Rejoov has a barber, hairdresser/waxing, massage therapist and even more people applying to join the team. "This is a very exciting project for the town and may lay the foundations for bringing back other essential services to small rural communities like Wedderburn", said Wedderburn Community House Coordinator Marg van Veen. "One of the wonderful characteristics of this town is their determination. They're not going to wait for someone to come along, they are taking matters into their own hands, supporting local businesses and providing a future for our young people".

Next time you are visiting Wedderburn be sure to drop into Rejoov for a hair cut, shave, or even a massage. For opening times and to book appointments check out Rejoov Salon's Facebook page.



(Alex, Graeme, Maddy, Carolyn, Trina, Suzie, Sharyn, and Kevin getting Rejoov ready for painting.)

The Wine Bluffs

A comedy wine masterclass run by the Engine Room (Bendigo's Capital Theatre) and the Boort Resource and Information Centre Inc. (BRIC).

Don't know your Claret from your Beaujolais? Curious about which wine goes best with fairy bread? Confused why the champagne spider hasn't caught on? These questions and many more will be inadequately answered by the self-styled sommeliers of comedy, Damian Callinan and Paul Calleja, two well-cellarred comedians releasing a full bodied classic under their new label - The Wine Bluffs.



(Damian Callinan and Paul Calleja)

Come along to this comic evening of fun and support BRIC and the Engine Room. Held at the Boort Memorial Hall on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 8pm. \$10 a ticket (18+ only), water and supper provided, please BYO drinks. To book or purchase your tickets please call BRIC on 5455 2716.

L'Élixir D'Amore

On Saturday 27 April at Victoria theatre in Tarnagulla a troupe from GBD Productions performed the operetta L'Élixir D'Amore. This is a story of unrequited love, where the hero resorts to a love potion to win the hand of his fair maiden. There was an audience of over 100 people, and the music was played by Pamela Christie on the piano. It was an afternoon of laughter and enjoyment.



Gold found in Wedderburn!

The weekend after Wedderburn's Detector Jamboree, an annual visitor to the area of the past ten years finally found gold in Wedderburn. Weighing 4.4 ounces (138 grams) it found with a Minelab 3030 coin and relic machine using a Coiltek 14x9 coil.

The nugget, first ever found by this lucky prospector, was ten centimetres below the surface. He was surprised by the find as he was searching for coins at the time.



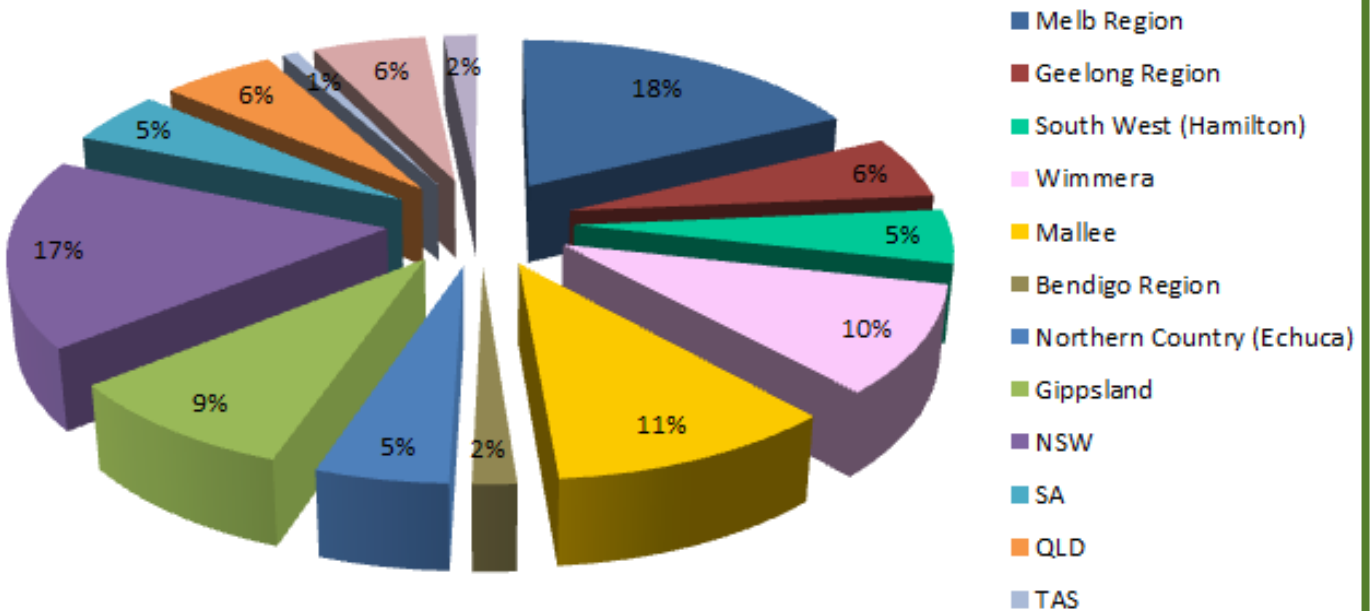
(The nugget cleaned up)



(Weight of the nugget)

Visitor statistics to Loddon Visitor Information Centre for March 2019

Visitor area stats to Loddon Visitor Information Centre March 2019. 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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