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Guess who's Turned 2?!

We couldn't have believed that one man, his family and staff could make such a difference in our town!

Thank you Mandeep! Happy 2nd Anniversary!

We are grateful, every day for the access to fresh food and the way you talk to customers about what they would like you to stock. We are so proud of you and our store.

A poster for the 'FINDERS KEEPERS OP SHOP PYRAMID HILL'. It features a yellow background with a pink balloon on the left. The text 'FINDERS KEEPERS' is at the top, followed by icons of a watering can, a chair, and a wrench. Below that is 'OP SHOP PYRAMID HILL'. The main text 'OFFICIAL OPENING' is in large green letters. A green-bordered box contains the date 'SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2025' and time '10AM-1PM', followed by the address '2 KELLY ST, PYRAMID HILL'. At the bottom, it says 'Pop in and check out our venture and enjoy a free sausage sizzle' above an illustration of a red barbecue with sausages cooking on it.

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SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2025
10AM-1PM

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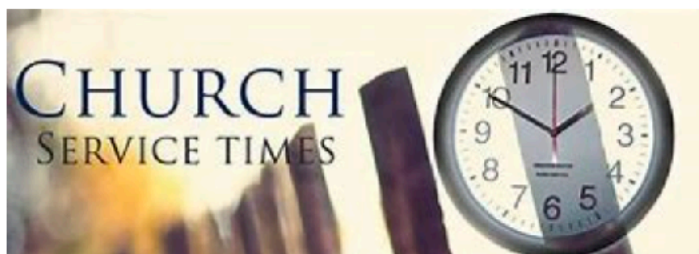
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Every second Tuesday during term 3:30-5:00 PM

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PYRAMID HILL TOWN & SURROUNDS



GARAGE SALE

Sunday 16 November

8:00am - 3:00pm

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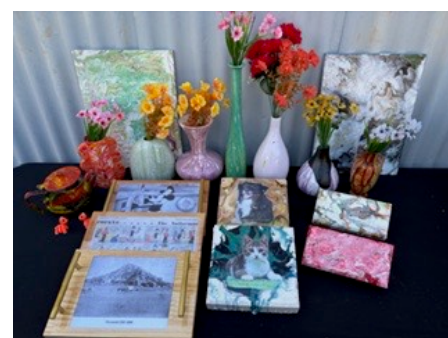
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Welcome to contact me
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WHAT'S ON

Dog and Pony Show..

Sunday | Mount Hope

Philippine Celebration for the Senora Del Patrocinio

All invited to celebrate [detail below]

Finders Keepers Op Shop - furniture and tools

Grand Opening and Sausages Galore Sunday 9 November! Opening times Sunday 10am - 12noon, Shed next to Store. Donations of quality used goods and SALES!

Pyramid Hill Golf Trail Park Run

Saturdays | 7.45am for an 8am start at the Hill

Justice of the Peace at Neighbourhood House

Tuesdays 12.30 - 2pm 11 & 25 November | 9 December

NDCH - Nurse Practitioner Visit.

Book in to see Yvonne on these dates: 6 & 27 November | 18 December Call NDCH Medical clinic 54521366 to book or ask the community nurses to arrange an appointment

Pyramid Hill Garage Sale

Sunday 16 November | As part of the National Garage Sale Trail, \$10 registration fee gets you on the local MAP and pays for advertising in Loddon Herald | contact Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House

Pyramid Hill Christmas Party Save the Date! Saturday 13 December from 4pm, Street Party and Climbing Wall, activities for all.

Pyramid Hill Christmas Carols, Save the Date!

Thursday 18 December 7.30pm at Memorial Hall.

Pyramid Hill Progress AGM - Wednesday 19 November | 7pm at Victoria Hotel. All who are interested in contributing to our community are welcome! An opportunity for new members to join.

Pyramid Hill Art Show 13-19 February 2026

Entry Forms available from 14 November - 30 January. More details at Pyramid Hill Art Show FB contact Anne Grogan aegrogan@gmail.com

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS

Staying Strong Exercises | Kelly Park Exercise

Equipment | 9.30am - 10.30am \$5 per class

Coffee and Catch Up | 10:15 AM | All Welcome |

Neighbourhood House

Goldfields Library visit | 11:30 AM | Neighbourhood House

Bowls Practise Each Tuesday at 4.30pm Pyramid Hill Bowling Club

WEDNESDAYS

Book Club | 4:30 PM | FIRST Wednesday of each month.

ONE VACANCY in this group!

THURSDAYS

Art Group | 10.30 AM | informal crafty arty gathering | Neighbourhood House

FRIDAYS

Pyramid Hill Playgroup | 10:00 AM | Preschool, 67 Kelly

St [Storytime and activities once a month with Goldfields Libraries see Pyramid Hill Playgroup on FB for more details].

Senior Citizens | 1-3pm each Friday | Community Centre McKay Street | Cuppa, chat and games. *Fourth Friday of the month there is a community meal at midday. Please RSVP Terence on 0429843479 or Lyn on 0428564006 for catering.

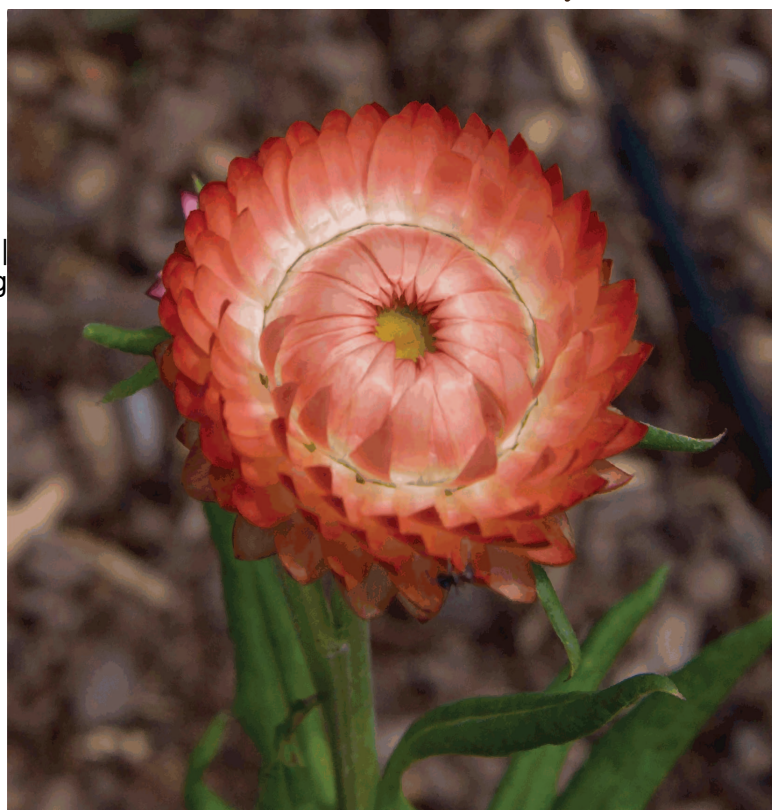
Senior Citizens will be visiting Sylvatterre Nursery this Friday 7th November.

Please meet at Community Centre at 12.45.

Sylvatterre



Native Nursery



Coloured Everlastings - *Xerochrysum bracteatum*

Exactly the same species as the small yellow Everlasting daisy in Terrick Terrick National Park but the flowers on these coloured ones are enormous! The plant grows to about waist high and the flowers are approximately the same diameter as a 200ml drink can.

Available in Pink, Scarlet, Copper-Red and Purple-Red they flower for months and look spectacular in flower arrangements. If you prune the flower stalk 2 new stalks grow.

Due to the dry air, heat and wind at Sylvatterre the ones I planted last year have smaller leaves this year but they have the same extra-large flowers. Very wind tolerant the one in the image has a large heavy flower-head and didn't suffer in last Saturdays vigorous breeze.

Frost & Drought hardy when in the ground.

VERY LIMITED STOCK: \$8 in Spacesaver Pots

Will be at Bric in Boort on Saturday November 1st and at Cohuna Market on Sunday November 2nd.

Bowls Notes

The highlight of this week's games was the Mid-week Derby Day when Division 2 blue team hosted Division 2 Red Team. The traditional black and white colours of Derby Day at Flemington were replaced by the local red, white and blue combinations but the eliteness, timeless style and brilliance were very evident.

Mid-Week Pennant

Blue Team v Red Team. Wow!!! It's quite a few years since that type of event took place – in fact, the colours were gold and brown in those days. The years may have passed but the passion was still obvious as players vied for supremacy. There was some pretty friendly banter being thrown around but the match was played in earnest. By the 11 o'clock lunch break very little separated the two sides. It was too close to call a projected winner.

Both PH Blue rinks won their first ends giving notice that they were there for the challenge. However, the Red Team with Jan Skip settled quickly and showed no signs of being intimidated. They (Jan, Joe, Kate and Rose) held a narrow lead of one shot over Bill, Mari, Anthony and Michael at the break. The half-time pep talk worked wonders as they came out firing putting together some great heads and accumulating multiple scores on seven of their last ten ends. All Jan's lamenting about not holding their own in the past weeks dissipated into thin air when they won 27-11 (16 shots up)– they had their mojo back.

The other Blue Team led by Tony with Maurie, Dorothy and George showed a great deal of skill and precision with their first few ends and really took some pegging back. It took six ends for the red Team with Marie N., Carmen, Ian and Glen to eventually shimmy their way to the front. They had to work hard to get scores on the board and nothing could ever be taken for granted. Maurie was on song and nothing was safe when Tony took to the mat to play shots with weight on. Some very handy scoring of threes and fours took the match away from the Blue Team and it then became a contest between the two Red teams as to who would be the best performers on the day to claim the Freddo Award.

As the race closed out and the finishing line drew near, the players became hyped and you could almost hear the cheering from the stalls. At the final count they couldn't be separated as Marie's crew won 29-13, also 16 shots up. A double dishing of Freddos this week due to the dead heat.. That win 56-24 catapulted the Red Team to fifth place on the ladder, just outside the top four. Thanks to everyone

who brought the energy, the smiles, and the style to the Derby Day.

Saturday Pennant

It was time to get out your form guides folks, and saddle up for the Round of matches with both Divisions playing at home again. The stage was set and the barriers were drawn as Division 2 lined up against Cohuna Golf (always formidable opponents), and Division 3 set themselves into the stalls to play Barham.

Division 2 started a little shakily with two rinks taking their time to get into full stride. Marie S., with Marie N., Terry and Ian led the way showing a clean set of heels and taking early dominance. They flew off to an eleven shot lead before the Cohuna Golf folk realized the barrier had been drawn. Ian was in brilliant form and set the tone for his fellow bowlers – the new hat is obviously working wonders.

However, once they got started the Cohuna Golf team showed that they were not going to lie down and applied their own pressure. Despite making up a little ground it was too little too late and the PH team won 24- 15. That was a blessing as the other two rinks really struggled to find form and were forced to tough it out.

Both were down five or six shots at the sandwich break and were facing an almighty scare. It looked as though the one rink experiencing success was going to have to shoulder the load and at one stage there was just one shot separating the sides across all rinks. Thankfully, the good brew in the sandwiches did the trick. Lionel (Skip) with Carmen, David and Glen turned for the home run with determination in their gait and set about winning seven of the last nine ends soon gaining the front running just after the munchies.

A slight stumble on the last end almost saw them concede their lead but they hung on to win by the smallest of margins, 20-19. On the third rink, Jan, Jean, Kate and Rose waited until the last four ends before they forged clear and rattled home to win 19-17. The win on all rinks against formidable and determined rivals was almost enough for the crowd to erupt into a frenzy – if there had been a crowd. The 63 – 51 final tally was a sensational win with the Freddo Award again going to the Marie S. rink.

Division 3 did not experience the same guts and glory. Sadly two rinks failed to attain the bench mark of double figures and one of those rinks must have been thoroughly enjoying themselves as they stretched the game forty minutes longer than all others to agonize over the dismal result. Perhaps it was a case of the rivals from Barham just being

too good. Sometimes it doesn't matter what you do, there's someone who can do it better. Greg (Skip) with Mari, Anthony and Michael floundered at the start and throughout the match struggled to prevent the Barham players from scoring multiple numbers on their winning ends. It's hard to put some icing on the cake when the evidence shows a shortage of ingredients.

They lost 6-34 despite some good bowls being played at times. Tony(Skip), Dorothy, Maurie and George followed a similar scenario however they restricted their opponents to scores of only one or two on all but one end which was a catastrophic five. Their final tally 9-21 verified that a much tighter struggle was endured. The third rink in Division 3, Joe (Skip) playing with Bill, Amy and Chester showed a lot more staying power and were right in their match if only they hadn't stalled on the score of thirteen for seven ends. That allowed their Barham opponents to surge forward with twelve shots of their own and there was no way to rein them in, especially as they accumulated a couple of fours in the process. They finished with a loss but it was a creditable loss of only eight shots (19-27).

After the match we all adjourned to the "Lounge" which, although was not fitted out with elevated platforms, was the perfect place to enjoy the atmosphere and savour the culinary experience and seasonal flavours of Fish 'n Chips. It was a premium match day experience provided by the local Bakery Café. A very huge Thank You to Abi and her staff who so eloquently catered to our needs. The meals were individually prepared and wrapped complete with condiments. The fish was soft and succulent and yet crispy on the outside – an absolute ten would have been given by the MKR judges. Well done, Abi. You and your efficient staff made our day!

Other Notes:

- **Mid-Week Pennant – BlueTeam** travel to Barham while **Red Team** host Kerang.
- Saturday Pennant –Both teams play away. Division 2 travel to Wakool while Division 3 travel to Cohuna Golf to play Gunny Golf.
- Place your name on the jobs roster – those who don't volunteer will be given a job.
- Check the Sandwich Roster – the sandwiches we prepare each home game are really appreciated.
- Our first tournament to host is **Sunday 16th November 12:30pm** start
- The Next Board of Management Meeting will be on Wednesday 12th November at 7:30pm
- Next Vic Hotel Dinner is Thursday 20th November.
- **Social Event: BBQ Night**

Following our matches on Saturday 15th November, since both sides play at home again, we have the opportunity to engage in some good social interaction and chit chat. This time around we are contemplating a BBQ dinner – sausages, hamburgers, steaks. Watch this space in next week's Press for more details. As well, the "Winner Takes Half" card game will be conducted, so bringing a bit of extra cash in your pocket might be something to consider. The first two card sessions have fallen in favour of visiting players

A brighter note: *Just because it's Cup Week.....My riding instructor told me my horse was suffering from equine thrombosis. I was puzzled so I asked, "What causes that?" He replied very dryly. "It's caused by a clot in the saddle"*



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Feast of Nuestra Señora Del Patrocinio

Our Lady of Protection

8 | November | 2025
SATURDAY

2:00 PM	NOVENA & ROSARY St. Patrick's Church, Pyramid Hill
3:00 PM	HOLY EUCHARIST Blessing of Mary's Statues St. Patrick's Church, Pyramid Hill
4:30 PM	PROCESSION St. Patrick's Church to Memorial Hall
5:00 PM	RECEPTION Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

Neighbourhood House News.

The Bells Rang On... and on and on and on until we were sick of hearing the blessed ear-splitting bells.....

Cup Day was BUSY in Neighbourhood House-land as we taught 34 people how to make their own cheese! Ricotta, Brie, Haloumi, Blue, Fetta and more..

It wasn't all peace, love and nibbles though..

Our teacher Barry, arrived to our Community Centre at 7.50am to the shrill shrieking sound of some kind of alarm.. When I couldn't find out what was wrong - Trevor Mac was called.. and when Trevor Mac couldn't stop the screaming, bleating ringing.. [he did identify that it was the SMOKE ALARMS] he rang the Council Asset Manager, Bruce.. and when BRUCE couldn't offer any advice.. an ELECTRICIAN was called.. to come from Bendigo [I do believe there is a children's book in this re-telling - surely?] While we waited.. Barry set up the room for our budding cheesemakers.. and then.. the budding cheesemakers started to arrive.. [*'Save yourselves! I said, 'It's too late for me.. but you can go to the coffee bank - for at least 20 minutes while we keep setting up in this ear splitting Hell-hole..'].. And then when the Electrician arrived with a super tall ladder - the alarms had been on for an ear numbing 2.5 hours by this stage... he and Trev diligently tested each of the smoke detectors to see which was faulty.. almost an hour later.. the ringing.. stopped.*

The roof/ceiling had leaked overnight causing a smoke detector to short out!



Meanwhile Barry did some of his teaching outside - to lessen the impact on the students - but of course, it started RAINING then didn't it!?

After that shrill start to the day, everyone was in remarkably good spirits - and the cheese making '*W-Hey!*' began in earnest.

It was a long day, but a goodie. Lots of laughs - and a great deal of visitors from Dingee, Miti, Cobram, Koondrook, Boort and more.

We've got a painting workshop with Alannah Cheshire to round off our November. coming I am so looking forward to that one.

Alannah is an artist who has shown in the last couple of Art Competitions, and come to the painting at the Hill as part of the Loddon Arts Trail, the last two years as well. Our Art Group on Thursday have thought that Gouche painting might be something they'd like to try. Gouache is a FUN and easy kind of paint to use. Come along give it a try. \$15 for materials.

Now - this is the LAST week to register for our GARAGE SALE!! Come on and join us!

More news is that we are headed to the 21st Century as of next week. We will have CARD PAYMENTS available at the House - yes we are finally getting an eftpos terminal, so our customers will be able to pay for Cleo or Business Services, courses and workshops via cash or card.

Looking forward to catching up with you soon! Kim

Gouache Art Workshop

WITH TEACHER ALANNAH CHESHIRE
TIME 11AM - 1PM
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27TH
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
SUPPLIES PROVIDED
\$15 PER PERSON

What is gouache?
'gwaaarsh'.. is a cross between watercolour and acrylic! Fun and easy to use

See you there!

Contact Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House to book in! 54557129

Our Cheese Maker Barry has a great lot of recipes. Here is just one for those who might be curious about making their own cheese! More can be found by attending a Cheese With Barry workshop, and joining his Facebook Group online. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cheesewithbarry>

Whole Milk Ricotta

Whole milk ricotta is an easy to make and is a quick maturing acid set cheese. It can be eaten immediately. It is best to eat this cheese within a week unless you vacuum pack it, which will help it keep fresh for 1 month. You can freeze Ricotta to protect it from mould.

Ingredients

Full cream milk

Salt to taste (normally 1 teaspoon/litre of milk)

White vinegar (normally 5-10% of the milk volume)

Instructions

1. Heat milk to 85degC. If using direct heat, constantly stir the milk to prevent it catching on the bottom of the pot. It is recommended that the milk is heated in a double boiler to avoid scorching).
2. Add the salt while the milk is heating up and stir it in.
3. Once the milk is at 85degC gently stir it and slowly add the vinegar.
4. Keep adding vinegar until the whey becomes clear. The amount of vinegar you need depends on its Acetic acid concentration.
5. Let the curds settle and rest for 5 minutes.
6. Meanwhile, sanitise a colander and put it on a pot or bucket to collect the spent whey.
7. Line the colander with a sanitised cheese cloth. You can use a fresh chux super wipe as your cheese cloth.
8. After the rest, first pour most of the whey through the cheese cloth within the colander. Then put the curds into the colander.
9. If required, push the curds down a little with the back of the slotted spoon to get it all into the colander.
10. Remove the cheese from the colander and cut it into suitable sized portions. Put these pieces into vac bags.
11. Place the cheese in the fridge to protect it.
12. You can consume the cheese straight away or leave it for months (in a vac bag) before consuming. If you do not want to vacuum bag your cheese, you can freeze it in a plastic bag in the freezer.

Variations

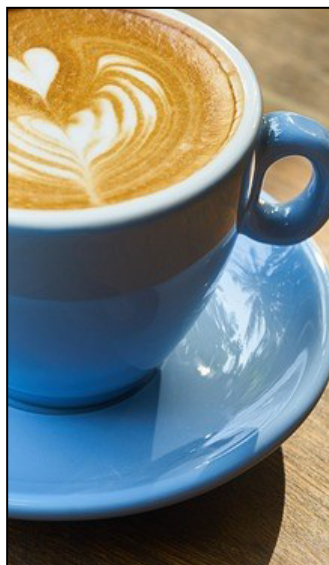
If you want a citrus flavour in your Ricotta (to use in a lemon Ricotta cheesecake), you can use lemon or lime juice to curdle the milk instead of vinegar.



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PHC Athletics

The 2025 PHC Athletics Carnival commenced on October 31 with excitement and enthusiasm, adding another unforgettable event to our school calendar. What a great day we had for the Athletic Sports on Friday. It was great to see everyone dressed in their team colours and supporting one another. Thank you to Mr. Roberts and Mr. McCann for all their organisation of the day. Also thank you to the teachers, students, and parents who helped out on the day, especially the people who cooked our BBQ lunch that we all enjoyed.

The atmosphere buzzed with energy and friendly competition as students participated in various track and field events, demonstrating not only their athletic abilities but also their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. Midway through the competition, the standings were remarkably close, with Loddon trailing just five points behind Terrick, keeping everyone on their toes until the very end.

As the final results were calculated, Loddon proudly claimed the title as an overall champion of the 2025 PHC Athletics Carnival! Congratulations to all the students who participated and gave their best effort in every event.



QUICK Updates

NOV 2025

- 10 National Recycling Week
- 10-14 Canberra (Year 5&6)
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 18-21 Camp (Year 7 to 10)
- 26 Broader Horizons (Year 9)
- 28 Olympian Visit (Year 5 to 8)

Remembrance Day Service

NOVEMBER 11 @ 10:30AM

BER BUILDING, PYRAMID HILL COLLEGE

Community members are warmly invited to come together as we honour the sacrifices made by both armed forces and civilians in times of war. During this event, students will take the lead in the service.



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Loddon Shire Media Releases

Education the key to Understanding Local Assets

A community group will be established to help Loddon Shire residents better understand how Council assets are maintained.

The group's establishment will follow now that the Asset Plan 2025 has been adopted by Council at its October meeting.

The draft plan went out for comment following the August Council meeting, and besides the ability to make submissions, residents also had the chance to speak with Council staff at listening post sessions around the shire, asking any questions they might have had about assets.

That engagement reinforced the need for continuing education around what Council does and a community asset group will be established to review asset and service plans at a strategic level.

This will explain Council's processes around asset management and related areas such as funding decisions for renewal programs, service standards and sustainable asset management for responsible financial management.

The Asset Plan contains information about maintenance, renewal, acquisition, expansion, upgrade, disposal and decommissioning in relation to each class of infrastructure asset under the control of Council, such as buildings, roads, bridges and major culverts, footpaths, stormwater drainage, recreational, leisure and community facilities, and parks, open spaces and streetscapes.

Loddon Shire Mayor Dan Straub said Council officers were in the process of establishing the group which would help address the knowledge gap.

"It's a great initiative," he said.

"As Councillors we know just how invested our communities are in the roads, buildings and all the other assets Council manages.

"The more information we can give them, the better for everyone."

The Asset Plan also shows that the asset renewal gap, the bane of many rural and regional councils, has decreased by about \$500,000 a year since 2022, from \$2.1 million a year to \$1.6 million for all infrastructure classes.

This gap is the difference between what it costs to maintain an asset at current service levels and the funding available to do so.

Rural councils have been particularly susceptible to large gaps due to a smaller ratepayer base and a substantial amount of assets to upkeep – in Loddon Shire's case the known value of the assets is about \$625 million.

The Asset Plan forecasts \$176 million will be available over the next 10 years to renew, upgrade and maintain Council's assets, or about 92 per cent of the amount needed to sustain current service levels.

Council will look to reduce the gap further through the likes of grant funding.

The Asset Plan can be viewed on Council's website.



Little Lake Boort Funding Opportunity

Loddon Shire Council will seek State Government funding as it seeks to get a priority project off the ground.

Council at its October meeting endorsed making three submissions to the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF) in relation to the **Little Lake Boort Foreshore Recreation Precinct**.

This project has been high on Council's priority list for five years, but previous efforts to progress it have been unsuccessful due to a lack of funding.

Council will apply for funding for the installation of a skate park/pump park, installation of lighting over two courts at the Boort Tennis Club and to be able to design compliant amenities at the Boort Croquet Club.

A skate park/pump track has been identified by the local community as a priority, with a proposed location on tennis club courts next to Nolen's Park, with Council committed to upgrading the tennis club's fencing as part of it relinquishing two courts.

The lighting of two courts for night-time play remains a priority for the tennis club, while the completion of further design work is needed for the facilities at the croquet club.

Since Council originally endorsed the foreshore project in 2020, several funding allocations have been made to support planning, design and staged delivery, with \$938,725 in available Council funds remaining.

By using a portion of these funds as the required co-contribution, Council has the opportunity to apply for up to \$790,000 through the LSIF grant on a 3:1 co-contribution basis, leveraging the investment available for the project.

It is also proposed that funds from Council's project budget be used to deliver the tennis court fencing component.

While this will reduce the available project budget, sufficient funds will remain to serve as seed funding for future grant applications, supporting subsequent stages of the project.

Loddon Shire Mayor Dan Straub said the foreshore project remained a Council priority and every effort was being made to seek funding for its components.

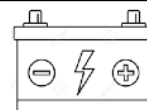
"This is a long term project and investment in one of Loddon Shire's key precincts," he said.

"The Little Lake Boort foreshore is highly valued by both locals and thousands of visitors alike and we need to explore every possible opportunity to ensure we can carry out the masterplan."



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