

Victorian Seniors Festival 2026

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1–31 October



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A Message from our Mayor



On behalf of Loddon Shire Council, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2026 Loddon Seniors Festival.

The festival is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the people, friendships and community spirit that make Loddon Shire such a special place to live. This year's theme, Connect, Create, Celebrate, encourages everyone to come together, share experiences, discover new interests and enjoy time with friends, family and community.

Council is proud to partner with local community groups, clubs, volunteers, businesses and organisations to deliver this year's festival program. Their enthusiasm, creativity and local knowledge have helped create a diverse range of activities and events across the Shire.

As you explore this program, you will find many opportunities to socialise, be entertained, learn something new, stay active and reconnect with your local community. Whether you attend one event or take part in activities throughout the festival, I hope you enjoy the warm welcome and sense of connection each event offers.

A highlight of this year's celebrations will be our Gala Day, "Frankie's Rock-N-Roll Dance Party!", on Thursday 15 October. This free event will bring the energy and excitement of classic rock and roll to Loddon Shire, featuring the timeless music and memorable hits of the 1950s. It promises to be a fun and lively day of music, dancing, entertainment and friendship.

My sincere thanks go to the many volunteers, community groups, businesses and organisations whose commitment and generosity make this festival possible. I also acknowledge the Victorian Government for its continued support of the Victorian Seniors Festival.

I encourage you to get involved, invite a friend, try something different and enjoy everything the 2026 Loddon Seniors Festival has to offer.

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October Key Dates:

8th Chair Pilates

13th Music Mingle and More

13th Seniors Bingo

14th Native Plant Workshop & Sausage Sizzle

14th Seniors Radio

15th FRANKIES ROCK'N ROLL DANCE PARTY!

17th Art Session

20th Garden Party

20th As The Crow Flies Music and Comedy

23rd Garden Party & Live Music

A heartfelt thank you to our Neighbourhood , Community Houses and local health services, whose partnership, support and hard work make these activities possible. We simply couldn't deliver such a diverse and engaging program for our community without you.



FRANKIES

ROCK-N-ROLL DANCE PARTY



APPEARING

THURSDAY 15TH

OCTOBER

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MEMORIAL

HALL

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Loddon Seniors Festival Gala Day

FREE EVENT

Frankies Rock-N-Roll Dance Party

Get ready to twist, jive and rock around the clock with Frankie's Rock-N- Roll Dance Party!

This high-energy show celebrates the golden era of Rock & Roll, bringing the unforgettable sounds of the 1950s to life with classic hits from legendary artists including Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, Dion, Cliff Richard and Bill Haley.

Fronted by the charismatic Frankie Powell, the show delivers a fun-filled journey back to the days of jukeboxes, slicked-back hair, dancing shoes and timeless rockin' tunes. Featuring crowd favourites, singalong classics and plenty of audience interaction, Frankie's Rock-N- Roll Dance creates a vibrant atmosphere that gets audiences smiling, singing and dancing from start to finish.

Perfect for lovers of Rock & Roll and old school hits, this classic show captures the spirit, energy and excitement of the fabulous 50s.

So put on your blue suede shoes and get ready for a rockin' good time with Frankie's Rock & Roll Dance Party!

**Thursday 15th
October
1:00 - 3:30pm**

**Serpentine Memorial Hall
20 Chapel St, Serpentine
VIC 3517, Australia**

Bookings Essential!

To Book:

**Scan QR Code or
Ring — 03 5494 1200**

(During Office Hours
8:15am - 4:45pm)



SENIORS WEEK 2026

RADIO WEDDERBURN

ONE DAY. ONE TOWN.
A LIFETIME OF STORIES.



FOR ONE DAY ONLY, WEDDERBURN IS GETTING ITS VERY OWN ONLINE RADIO STATION!

For Seniors Week, we're creating Radio Wedderburn - a one-day community radio station. Local seniors and community members become the presenters, interviewers, musicians and storytellers.



**NO EXPERIENCE?
NO PROBLEM.**

Just bring yourself,
your stories and
your sense of fun!

WHAT COULD YOU DO?



Be a radio presenter
on the airwaves



Present the local weather report



Interview neighbours
and local residents



Read a poem, story or favourite piece



Request and introduce a favourite song



Sing or play
an instrument



Record a conversation
or create a community podcast



Broadcast online or
share recordings
after the event



**WEDNESDAY
14 OCTOBER 2026**

WEDDERBURN COMMUNITY
HOUSE 10AM - 4PM

**YOUR VOICES
YOUR STORIES
OUR TOWN**

INTERESTED IN TAKING PART?

Register your interest or find out more



54943489



training@wedderburnch.org.au



24 Wilson Street
Wedderburn

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WEDDERBURN COMMUNITY HOUSE

Seniors Month GARDEN PARTY

Lunch Box



BRIC INVITES OUR SENIOR RESIDENTS AND
CARERS TO JOIN US AT BRIC & ENJOY A
GARDEN PARTY LUNCH AS PART OF SENIORS
MONTH EVENTS 2026.

A LUNCH BOX WILL BE SERVED
ALONG WITH HOT AND COLD DRINKS.

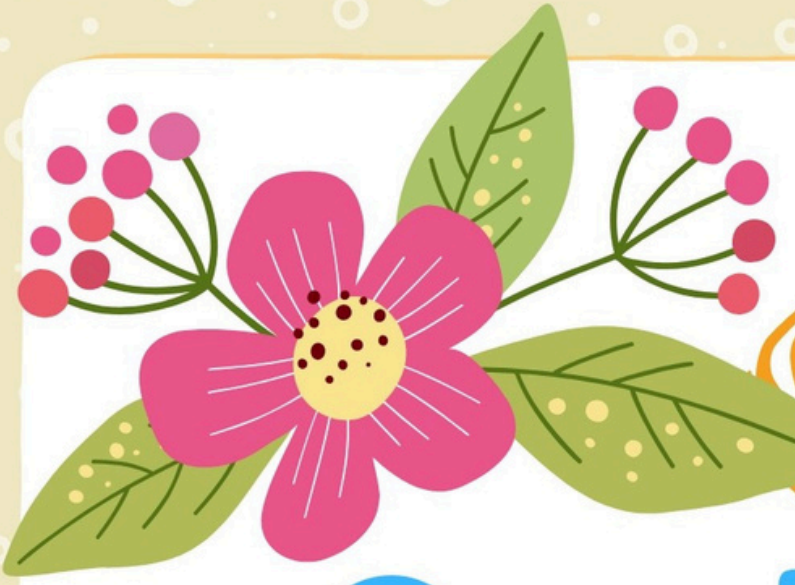
SEATS ARE LIMITED

PLEASE RSVP BRIC P5455 2716



LUNCH SERVED AT 12NOON

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23



Seniors Week



Garden Party

LIVE MUSIC BY
JIMMY JOHNSON

12.30 - 2.30pm
Tuesday, October 20

Pyramid Hill Community Centre

- 
- BBQ lunch
 - Music, plant swap and photobooth!

RSVP 54557129



please bring a plant to swap





Seniors Day

2026

at the

Inglewood Community
Neighbourhood House

Native plant workshop

Raffle

Sausage sizzle

Wednesday 14th October
10am onwards

RSVP by 7th of Oct.
5438 3562

Free Event

All welcome!



SENIORS ART SESSION

Creativity.Connection.Wellbeing.

A welcoming art session for seniors of all abilities. Come along, have a go, and enjoy the company.



SATURDAY

17 OCTOBER

WEDDERBURN HOUSE

24 WILSON STREET,
WEDDERBURN VIC 3518



1:00 – 3:00PM

PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY



**ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED.
JUST BRING YOURSELF.**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Wedderburn Community House
Ph: 03 5494 3489

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MUSIC & MINGLE – SENIORS WEEK!

New Venue • LiveMusic•
Afternoon Tea

🎵 We had so much fun
last time... we're doing it
again!



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INGLEWOOD & DISTRICTS
HEALTH SERVICE

Join us for a vibrant
afternoon filled with music,
laughter, and community
spirit as we welcome back:

**Ernie Johns &
The Johns Family
Band**

**When: Tuesday
13th October**

**Where: St
Augustine's
Anglican Church
67 Sullivan St
Inglewood**

 **1:30 pm**



FREE EVENT

**Bookings are essential
contact IDHS reception on
54317000.**



**Afternoon Tea
Provided**

✨ Bring your friends, meet new
ones, and enjoy an uplifting
afternoon of toe-tapping tunes and
warm company.

Contact Cindy for more information or
dietary needs on 0455962058.



SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRES

Senior Citizen Centres provide a friendly, welcoming place for social activities, meals and educational opportunities for residents over 55.

The programs are coordinated by the Seniors Committees and can vary between centres. Each centre holds a weekly or monthly luncheon.

If you are looking to meet new friends and become more involved with your community then why not join your local Senior Citizen Centre.

Loddon is home to centres, located in:

BOORT Godfrey Street, Boort

EAST LODDON Prairie West Road, Calivil

INGLEWOOD 75 Grant Street, Inglewood

PYRAMID HILL 6-10 McKay Street, Pyramid Hill

WEDDERBURN 12-14 Peters Street, Wedderburn

Further information can be obtained from Loddon Shire Council on 03 54941200.



SENIORS WEEK FESTIVAL

CHAIR PILATES



Gentle movement.

Strongerbody.

Greater wellbeing.

A low-impact session designed to improve strength, balance and flexibility –all from the comfort of a chair.



THURSDAY
8 OCTOBER
WEDDERBURN HOUSE



24 WILSON STREET,
WEDDERBURN VIC 3518



10:00 – 11:00AM
PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY



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Geoffrey W. Graham

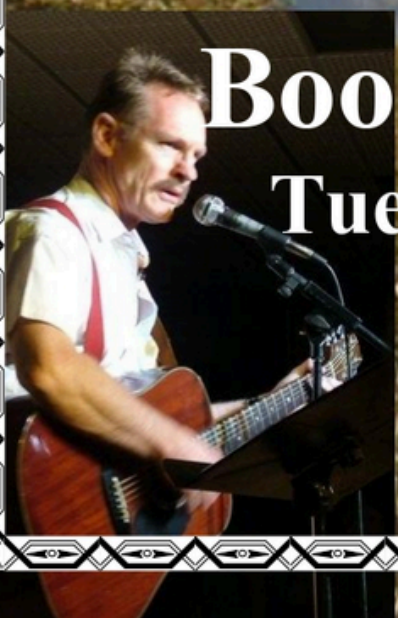
As the Crow flies..

Bush verse, music and comedy

In real Aussie style with the most Australian show you'll ever see. Where just about anything goes ...verse, yarns and songs in a layback Aussie celebration of characters, icons & nostalgia.

You'll laugh and you'll cry.

"Hear the ghost of Ned Kelly and Lalor, smell the eucalyptus and billy tea, taste the battler's triumph and see the romance of the Aussie bloke"



Boort District health

Tues 20th October-1.30pm 2026

SENIORS WEEK FESTIVAL

Seniors BINGO and Afternoon Tea

Enjoy a fun afternoon
of bingo, good company
and a delicious cuppa.

A relaxed and friendly event for
local seniors — everyone welcome.



TUESDAY
13 OCTOBER



WEDDERBURN HOUSE
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WEDDERBURN VIC 3518



1:00 – 3:00PM
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HOW WE CAN HELP

Health, care and support for our community.

ALLIED HEALTH

Supporting your health, wellbeing and independence.

- Occupational Therapy
- Chronic Disease Management
- Podiatry & Footcare
- Diabetes Education
- Speech Pathology
- Dietitian

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Helping people access support, connection and services within the community.

- Support for Carers Program
- Primary Mental Health Services
- Alcohol and Other Drugs Counselling
- Specialist Homelessness Service
- Mental Health First Aid
- Supported Playgroups

COMMUNITY CARE

Supporting people to remain safe, independent and connected in their own homes and community.

Support may include:

- Domestic Assistance
- Personal Care
- Respite Care
- Meals
- Property Maintenance
- Social Support Group
- Social Support Individual
- Community Access & Transport

NDIS

Supporting people with disability to live independently and engage with their community.

- Support Coordination
- Community Nursing Care
- Podiatry
- Dietitian

MEDICAL CLINIC

Providing local, accessible medical care for our community.

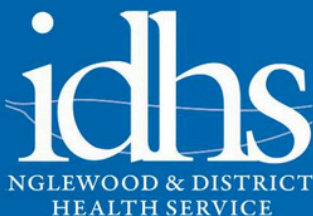
Services include:

- GP Consultations
- Nurse Practitioner Consultations
- Immunisations
- Health Assessments
- Women's Health
- Mental Health Plans
- Minor Procedures
- Specialist Referrals

Not sure which service is right for you?

Get in touch with our friendly team to find out how NDCH can help.

Delivering better care



Hospital	Allied Health	Community Health	Mental Health	Home Support
Acute Care	Dietetics	Cardiac &	Alcohol and	Community
Urgent Care	Exercise	Pulmonary	Other Drugs	Transport
	Physiology	Rehabilitation	Counselling	Flexible Respite
Aged Care	Occupational	Chronic Disease	Youth Mental	Home Care
Hostel	Therapy	Management	Health	Home Maintenance
Nursing	Physiotherapy	Diabetes		Meals on Wheels
Home	Speech	Education		Personal Care
Respite	Pathology	District Nursing		Social Support
		Health Promotion		
		Strength Training		



Contact us



(03) 5431 7000



admin@idhs.vic.gov.au



3 Hospital St, Inglewood VIC 3517



<http://www.idhs.vic.gov.au>

Discover Boort District Health Loddon Place

Choosing aged care is a big step — and we're here to make it easier, gentler and more informed

Here's how to get started

Download our aged care enquiry pack
<https://tinyurl.com/39w63nkb>
(Complete and return Page 1 and 2)

Contact My Aged Care at 1800 200 422 to apply for an aged care assessment (Respite or Permanent Care)

Complete income assessment forms and submit to Services Australia [1800 227 475](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au)
(Not required for Respite Care)

Once you return Page 1 and 2 of the pack, we will contact you to arrange a meeting and tour of Boort District Health Loddon Place

If you are interested, you will be added to our waitlist and placement will be offered based on care needs



Boort District Health



Need help?
admin@bdh.vic.gov.au
03 5451 5200

Our Values: Respect • Equity • Quality • Collaboration



DINGEE BUSH NURSING CENTRE

Our Services include

- ✓ Pathology
- ✓ Womens Health
- ✓ Wound Care
- ✓ Health Screening
- ✓ Immunisations
- ✓ Cancer Screening
- ✓ Palliative Care
- ✓ Emergency Nursing as Remote Area Nurses

Other Services available

- ✓ Podiatry
- ✓ Massage
- ✓ Pharmacy Depo



CONTACT US

5436 8309

admin@dbnc.com.au



Volunteering at Loddon



**Have you ever
thought about
volunteering?**

**Have you
recently moved
to the area?**

There are many benefits to volunteering, it:

- provides you with a sense of achievement and purpose
- helps you feel part of your community
- enhances your self-esteem and confidence

**You're never too young, or too old to
volunteer, so join us today!!**



**Scan this QR Code to go to
the Better Impact Website**



**Or you can call Council on
5494 1200 to find out more
information**

Visit a Library Today!



**Goldfields
Libraries**

Town	Location	Usual Opening Times	Library Staff Visits
Boort	Boort Resource & Information Centre 119-121 Godfrey St Boort	Monday-Friday 10am-3.30pm (closed for lunch 12.30-1pm)	Mon & Thurs 10.30am-12pm
Dingee	Dingee Railway Station Bendigo Pyramid Rd Dingee	Tues 9-11am	Tues 9-10.30am
Inglewood	Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House, Inglewood Town Hall Hub 20 Verdon St, Inglewood	Mon-Thurs 9am-4.30pm	Wed 1-3pm
Pyramid Hill	Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House Unit 5-8 43 Kelly St Pyramid Hill	Tues-Fri 10am - 4pm	Tues 11.30am-1pm
Wedderburn	Wedderburn Community Centre 24 Wilson St Wedderburn	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm	Wed 10am-12pm

(03) 5449 2790 or email helpdesk@nchrl.vic.gov.au

Nine days of free public transport

Victorian Seniors Card holders can explore Victoria with free travel during the festival. Free travel dates are from Saturday 3 to Sunday 11 October 2026.

You can travel for free on:

- Melbourne trains, trams and buses
- Victorian regional trains, coaches and buses.

How to travel during the free travel period:

Remember to carry your Seniors myki and Victorian Seniors Card on public transport. From Saturday 3 to Sunday 11 October 2026, tap on and off as usual - you won't be charged. On regional services that don't use myki, show your Victorian Seniors Card to the conductor or bus driver.

Find out more at Transport Victoria's Concession myki webpage or call 1800 800 007.



Victorian Seniors Card



This is a Seniors Card, and has many benefits and discounts.

The purpose of the Seniors Card is to encourage older people to keep active and engaged in the community, making it more affordable for seniors to get out and about.

To be eligible for a Seniors Card in Victoria

you must be 60 years of age or older, however you can apply for a card up to four weeks before you turn 60.

You must be a permanent resident of Australia residing in Victoria.

There are two different cards

- If you work less than 35 hours per week you can apply for a Seniors Card.
- If you work 35 hours per week or more you can apply for a Seniors Business Discount card.

To apply online you will need to have your Medicare card with you.

It takes five minutes and the Seniors Card is free.

Application forms are also available at your local library, and they can assist you with the online form.

Seniors Card holders and Seniors Business Discount Card holders can take advantage of discounts on goods and services from thousands of Seniors Card businesses.

For Seniors Card holders - a free Seniors myki card when you join the program with discounts on public transport.

The benefits include:

- Discounts on thousands of businesses including restaurants.
- Discounts at many attractions such as the Melbourne Zoo.
- Discount museum entry.
- Discounts on movie tickets.

Look for the 'Seniors Card Welcome Here' logo or ask for Seniors Card discounts when you're out and about.

Apply online so you can start getting the benefits of a Seniors Card today.

www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au



SENIORS CARD





Connecting you to aged care services

We've made it easier for you to find out about My Aged Care services.

It can be overwhelming when you start your aged care journey and are thinking about how to access aged care services. Whether you're looking for help at home or thinking about entering an aged care home, we're here to help.

If you need help finding general information about government-funded aged care services you can:

- go to myagedcare.gov.au
- call My Aged Care on **1800 200 422**
- go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/myagedcarefacetoface
- have a free face-to-face appointment in any Services Australia service centre.

For more in-depth information about aged care services you can:

- talk to an Aged Care Specialist Officer
- call My Aged Care on **1800 200 422**.

Aged Care Specialist Officers

You, your family or a registered supporter may be able to speak to one of our Aged Care Specialist Officers (ACSOs). This is a free service available to help you with your aged care matters. You can meet with an ACSO in-person in some of our service centres or through video chat from anywhere in Australia. They can help you by:

- providing in-depth information on the different types of aged care services
- referring you to an assessment organisation for an aged care assessment
- providing financial information about aged care services
- helping you appoint a registered supporter for My Aged Care
- connecting you to local support services.

Find out if there's an Aged Care Specialist Officer in your area

To find out more about how we can help you, including if there's an Aged Care Specialist Officer in your area, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/myagedcarefacetoface

To book an in-person or video chat appointment with an Aged Care Specialist Officer:

- call **1800 227 475**
- ask at your local Services Australia service centre.





LIVING WELL IN LODDON

For people who live or work in Loddon Shire.
You'll find:

- Local health and wellbeing information
- Programs, services and support
- Ways to connect with your community

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