
TAMBO RAMBLER

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Bruthen Men's Shed



The Tambo Rambler would like to acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai People, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather, and pay our respects to their Elders both past, present and emerging.

A Morning with the Bruthen Men's Shed



It was a particularly chilly winter morning in Bruthen, but around the fire at the Bruthen Men's Shed, the atmosphere was peaceful and warm. I was welcomed warmly and quickly felt at home with the Men's Shed crew, discussing everything from wildlife to bushfires to runaway pumpkins. I quickly understood that while the Men's Shed is full of tools and machinery and experienced members to help with all sorts of projects, there is no pressure to be working on anything. It's more the social aspect, the support you receive, the long conversations 'solving the world's problems' together and the strong friendships that have formed within the shed that keep everyone coming back week after week. Several members have lost homes, sheds, and vehicles in the recent bushfires, so it was heart-warming to see how they all supported each other. The men explained that in addition to sitting around the fire, they use the Men's Shed to build and repair things for the local community together, particularly for Lions and Rotary. Recently they have built picnic tables and chairs and they often repair antiques.

Bob Davidson, who plays harmonica and accordion and often plays tunes around the fire, showed me the beautiful white accordion box they had built for him. He invited me into the shed then to see some of his wood carvings. I was fascinated as he explained to me how he had carved them all by hand, they were so intricate. One was of a homestead, complete with cows in the front yard and a rocking chair on the veranda. He had even added a simple lighting circuit, so it looked like a fire was going through the window. He had a few others on display of some men clearing and cutting up wood using tractors and milling machinery. He told me about how one of the tractors he had carved had ended up in the Tambo after a flood and was still there to this day.



In the workshop, I spoke to Rod Coutts, who was constructing a ukulele with assistance from Don Milne. Don explained that there was a lot of steps in creating instruments like ukuleles and mandolins; you begin by building a building jig, then you build a gluing jig, so you can keep the instrument secure when you're ready to stick it all together. Don is one of the Men's Shed members who had been hit hard by the bushfires, losing 5 sheds in total and all his tools and machinery. Specialist tools for building string instruments are expensive to replace. It was inspiring to see that despite his heavy losses he was coming into the Men's Shed and sharing his knowledge and passion with others.

With donations from all over, the Men's Shed was almost overflowing with tools of every description. It is a great workspace for anyone who is yet to replace anything they may have lost in the bushfires, or for anyone who would like to learn something new. Everyone I spoke to was very keen to welcome in new members of all ages, "Except Collingwood supporters" they joked, "We already have one, and that's enough". I got the impression that not only is there a lot of knowledge in this group waiting to be shared, there is also a lot of laughs and a lot of fun to be had as well. I certainly learnt a lot and would recommend popping in on a Monday, pulling up a chair by the fire and getting to know everyone.

*For Men's Shed enquiries, contact Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House
on (03) 4141 5302 or 0497 544 490*

Story and photos by Y R Berry

B D C A – Annual General Meeting



The BDCA is a community organization which umbrellas the

- ◆ **Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House**
- ◆ **Tambo Rambler**
- ◆ **Bruthen Art & Information Centre**
- ◆ **Bruthen Historical Precinct**

The Bruthen & District Citizens Association (BDCA) will hold its **AGM on Tuesday, 28th JULY 2020** commencing at **6:30pm sharp** at the **St Matthews Church Hall** located at the back of St Matts Church in Campbell Street, Bruthen.

The BDCA exists to serve Bruthen and surrounding districts. It provides an interface between the community of Bruthen and the East Gippsland Shire Council on community issues, likewise to the local member for issues that extend to Victorian State Departments.

Accordingly, all positions at the BDCA are up for election – so consider whether you would like to nominate for one of the following. President, Vice President (x 2 positions), Secretary (Public Officer), Treasurer, and up to three general committee positions (to assist with the running of projects / activities).

COVID precautions. A register of attendees will be recorded IAW with public meeting guidelines and physical spacing requirements will be established with Hall seating plans.



COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE (CRC)

Importantly this year, the BDCA is looking to elect volunteers onto the Community Recovery Committee (a sub-committee of the BDCA). The Bruthen CRC will be an essential link between the Bruthen & District Community, the East Gippsland Shire Council and the State Government (specifically Bush Fire Recovery Victoria). The CRC will assist with recovery and planning into the future. CRC representatives are vital in providing a conduit for community voices to be heard in recovery planning. Our community needs your help for this important Committee – so please consider standing.

Likewise, elections will be held for the **Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House** (B&D NH) Committee of Management (CoM). The following roles are advertised for election:

- Chair (filled by the elected VP BDCA* as the auspice association for the B&D NH).
- Vice Chair, Secretary, Finance Officer, and up to three general development members.

The B&D NH CoM is responsible for good governance, strategic planning and accounting of funds received. The Bruthen & District NH is a member of the East Gippsland Network of Neighbourhood Houses, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria and is funded by the Department of Human and Health Services (DHHS).



If you wish to stand for any position but are not sure - there is always someone to help and guide you in your new role. The BDCA and B&D NH CoM meet independently alternately once every two months on a Tuesday night with most meetings no more than an hour and a half. So the time commitment is not massive – but the benefits for the community of Bruthen – are considerable. Those elected to positions on either committee are expected to be active and not passive appointment holders.



Neighbourhood House News

"Now is the time to achieve tangible and positive change to shape a system around what works for people. This time of vulnerability is a powerful period for us to embed the right things, and embed 'the kind things', into our way of working, doing, being and into our culture."

Ciara Sterling, CEO, Thriving Communities Partnership

The Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House is pleased to be able to offer our core programs in Term 3. These will include the Men's Shed, Twin Hearts Meditation, Bruthen Remembers, Zumba Kids, Walking Group, and Skills, Jobs & Study Group.

Some changes to our operations are now in place to protect our staff, volunteers and community:

- ★ If you are feeling unwell or have even the mildest symptoms please do not enter
- ★ Please wash and sanitize your hands regularly
- ★ Please ensure 1.5 meters between other people at all times
- ★ Due to COVID-19, we must restrict the number of people who can enter the building
- ★ We are conducting regular cleaning of objects and surfaces
- ★ For the safety of yourself and others, please follow the instructions or our staff and registered volunteers at all times.

We value the safety of all of our community above all else and we are training and inducting our group leaders and volunteers in new COVID-19 procedures.

Mostly we look forward to welcoming everyone back, bit by bit, and adjusting to the new reality that we all are learning. It is important to connect with others socially for our health and well being and the complications of drought, bush fire and pandemic we have experienced make this even more valuable for mental health, resilience and recovery. We are currently planning workshops and programs for Term 4 and look forward to hearing from you about any ideas, skills and projects you would like to see. We look forward to hearing from you. Call in for a cuppa and a chat.

Opening Monday 13th July
10am to 3pm Monday—Thursday
Phone: 03 4141 5302 or 0497 544 490
Email: info.bdnh@aussiebb.com.au

Annie Pearce, Manager.

BRUTHEN REMEMBERS

Come in and enjoy a free morning tea and share your Bruthen History and memories of days gone by. All welcome.

When: Tuesday 14 July
Time: 10.30am—Midday
Where: Old RSL 36 Main Street

Bring in your old photos, books and memorabilia and share with other members of the community identifying Bruthen history and share great conversations about the history of our district. Enjoy delicious morning tea and discover things about Bruthen and District and see old photographs and newspapers of days gone by.

Term 3 Weekly Schedule 36 Main Street (Old RSL), Bruthen

Monday

Men's Shed 9am—1pm
Twin Hearts Meditation 7.30pm

Tuesday

Bruthen Remembers 10.30am (2nd Tuesday)
Zumba Kids 4pm to 5pm —\$10 per child

Wednesday

Walking Group meet at 9am RSL Site

Thursday

Skills, Jobs and Study Group 12pm

Coming up:

Bruthen Youth Mural Project
12-16yo starting Wednesday 22nd July 6-8pm

Far East Festival of Hotties
Exhibition and Bruthen Brunch 31st August

Bruthen Backyard Gardeners Produce Swap
Starting in September date TBA

Belated Bruthen Orange Fair
Saturday 31st October

TAMBO RAMBLER

Got a good idea for a story?

The Tambo Rambler is 100% produced by community volunteers. This means we welcome and encourage contributions from all members of the Bruthen and District community.

We want the Rambler to really reflect what is going on within the community. We want your knowledge, passion, thoughts and ideas printed on our pages.

If you would like to contribute photos, artwork, anecdotes, stories, events, or any other articles, we would love to hear from you!

Contributions are free. If you have an idea for a story or article but are not sure how to put it on paper, we can help you with that.

Email us your contributions at tamborambl@gmail.com or call on **0497 544 490** ("word" format preferred) by the 20th of each month to be included in the next edition.

Closing date for our August Edition is **20th July 2020**



Far East Festival of Hotties

a post-bushfire celebration of winter comforts and the art of the old-fashioned hot water bottle cover

Enter your most creative hotty cover

- prizes for various categories
- all funds raised will help wildlife
- bushfire colours are the theme
- drop-off points throughout E Gipps
- Entries close 14th July
- Exhibition opens 18th July

www.unfloat3909.com/hotties

www.facebook.com/far-east.hotties/



Yarning SafeNStrong

VAHS HAVE SET UP A NEW FREE & CONFIDENTIAL PHONE COUNSELLING SERVICE 'YARNING SAFENSTRONG' FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES.

So if you're feeling like you want someone to talk to because you're down, or you just feel like having a yarn, maybe you could give Yarning SafeNStrong a call?

At VAHS we have counsellors you can yarn safely with 'who get it', so you can gain strength during the difficult and challenging times we are all facing with isolation and disconnection, no matter how small or big.

We want to support you to stay strong and get the extra help that may be needed.

We can also organise someone to call you to assist with:

- Financial wellbeing
- Counselling
- Drug and alcohol counselling and rehab services
- Medical help including COVID19 testing

So if you think you'd like a yarn, give us a call.

We look forward to having a yarn with you – SafeNStrong.

Starts Monday June 15

1800 95 95 63

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE
"Caring for the Community"

We operate 12 noon till 10pm seven days a week.

Track closures to improve safety and reduce road damage



Selected tracks and roads in Gippsland's forests and parks are closed temporarily this winter and spring to limit the damage done to roads and tracks and to keep motorists safe.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Parks Victoria run the seasonal road closures operation during winter and spring each year, as part of an annual driver safety and road damage prevention program.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) Gippsland Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Beth Roberts said: "Main closures for the 2020 seasonal road closure period are now in force and the majority are in areas of the high country, which often receives winter snow and sometimes makes tracks impassable.

"Seasonal road closures help limit the damage done to forest roads and tracks during winter and spring and ensures dangerous and difficult sections of road are closed for driver safety," Dr Roberts said.

"These measures also help maintain water quality in rivers, creeks and reservoirs by reducing the amount of erosion and silt washed away from roads and tracks.

"Fire-affected areas in East Gippsland, including roads and tracks are particularly susceptible to damage and will remain closed until they are deemed safe for public use.

"We encourage the social and recreational use of Gippsland's beautiful natural resources, including four-wheel driving, but some sections of the forest road

network would rapidly deteriorate if opened for the entire year.

FFMVic and Parks Victoria consult with a range of stakeholders, including Four Wheel Drive Victoria, to identify sections of the road network which require closures.

Most of the roads and tracks are re-opened in time for the Melbourne Cup Weekend, but the closure period can be extended if the conditions demand it.

To plan a trip and check road closures visit <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forest-and-road-closures>

For informational on seasonal closures in parks visit <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/safety/closures/seasonal-road-closures2>

You can also contact your local DELWP office by calling 136 186.



GIVIT

GIVIT is a not-for-profit organisation matching generosity with genuine need. GIVIT is an easy, quick and efficient way of donating directly to people and communities without overwhelming councils and charities on the ground.

Support organisations registered with GIVIT make requests on the website and people can either supply an item or give money for GIVIT to make purchases. These requests can even be for the organisations themselves.

GIVIT spend 100% of the cash donations received on essential goods and, wherever possible, 'buy local' so that small, often rural, businesses also get to benefit from the generosity.

Buchan Bushfire Recovery Victoria is currently registered as a support organisation and can make requests on behalf of members of our community for specific items that may be needed.

Givit at the moment had a number of different appeals including Drought Relief, Victorian Bushfires and Covid 19 to name just a few.

On the website which you can find at givit.org.au, click on the appeals page and find the relevant appeal for you will then find a list of the items that are currently needed and range from televisions, laptops, firefighting pump, microwaves, rugs, fence stables etc.

The list changes as requests are filled, and new



needs are identified by support organisations providing essential assistance services.

Pictured: GIVIT Engagement Officer Lisa Herbert and GLCH's John Yiannacou.

GIVIT Donation funds were used to create tool kits to aid bushfire recovery through their 'Sponsor a Bushfire Recovery Kit' program. Individuals, service organisations and businesses donated thousands of dollars to buy the tools. The week prior Lisa had also purchased tools to help make another seven tool kits, to help other locals doing it tough.

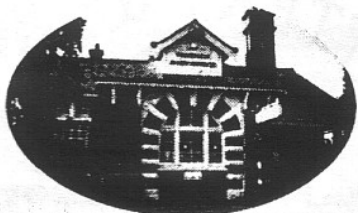
If you require any specific donations, please contact Rebecca at BRV on 0407 281 123 or if you would like to make a donation head to the GIVIT site.

You can also contact Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House with requests for GIVIT on 0497 544 490 or (03) 4141 5302 .

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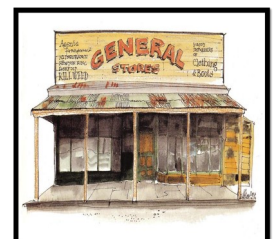
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Gippsland farmers are invited to “virtually” drop-in for a chat with Agriculture Victoria staff.

Fire up your computer after lunch and join local Agriculture Victoria staff,

- Jack Winterbottom – Livestock Extension Officer, Maffra
- John Bowman - Livestock Extension Officer, Leongatha, and
- Les Kewming - Land Management Extension Officer, Maffra

An online ‘virtual’ drought drop in for any interested parties. A case study presentation on paddock rejuvenation at Meerlieu will be presented and then a panel Q&A session on farm related issues.

Questions are invited on topics such as revegetation, animal health, feed requirements, pasture management, early weaning, managing stock water, use of stock containment areas and business decision making to help manage challenging conditions.

Tuesday 30 June

1.15 pm -2.15 pm

Register online using Webex <https://bit.ly/2Y1uXZL> - more information will be provided after registration. **RSVP essential as places are limited.**

If you have trouble registering or for more information contact:

- Jack Winterbottom jack.winterbottom@agriculture.vic.gov.au or
- Les Kewming les.j.kewming@agriculture.vic.gov.au

For more information about assistance available to help farmers manage during dry seasonal conditions call 136 186 or visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons.

End of firewood collection season

The autumn 2020 Firewood Collection Season will close across the state at midnight Tuesday 30 June.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) Chief Fire Officer, Chris Hardman said, "From 1 July it is illegal to collect firewood and there are serious penalties for failing to follow firewood collection rules. Under Victorian legislation, firewood can only be collected during the firewood collection seasons from 1 March to 30 June 2020 (autumn season) and 1 September to 30 November 2020 (spring season). Limits are in place to prevent households stockpiling large volumes of firewood from public land and denying others a supply."

Any information the community may have about the illegal removal of firewood for sale can be reported to DELWP on 136 186.

Concession card holders who rely only on buying firewood for home heating may be eligible for the non-mains energy concession. More information is available on the Department of Health and Human Services website: <https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/non-mains-energy-concession>

Victorians on low incomes (both concession card and non-concession card holders) who rely on buying firewood and have experienced unexpected financial hardship may also be eligible to apply for the non-mains utility relief grant of up to \$650 to help with firewood costs.

A person may apply for the grant if they have an amount owing for a previous firewood purchase, or if they will not be able to afford their next firewood purchase. Information on eligibility for the Non-Mains Utility Relief Grant Scheme can be found at:

<https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme-non-mains>

For more information on available financial assistance, community members should phone the Concessions information line on 1800 658 521.

FFMVic supports domestic firewood provision through the creation of firewood collection areas on public land and a list of these areas can be found at www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood

During the designated collection periods an individual can collect a maximum of two cubic metres of firewood in a day and may collect up to 16 cubic metres per household per financial year. If you are collecting firewood before the season ends, be considerate, use common sense, follow physical distancing requirements and stay safe.



BRUTHEN RECREATION RESERVE

Notice is given of a **PUBLIC MEETING**

To be held in the Club Rooms at the Bruthen Recreation Reserve, 6 Bruthen Nowa Nowa Road, Bruthen, on Monday 27 July 2020 commencing at 7.00pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3), nor more than nine (9) persons as the Bruthen Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (BRRCoM) for a term of three years. The current Committee's term has expired. The CoM are appointed by DELWP to run the Bruthen Recreation Reserve and Bruthen Caravan Park (pictured).



All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations are sought from individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds. Specifically, the Bruthen Recreation Reserve Committee of Management will seek to elect individuals to fill the following positions:

- Chair Committee of Management (1)
- Secretary (2)
- Treasurer (3)
- General Committee Member 4 (Tenant Club Football)
- General Committee Member 5 (Tenant Club Cricket)
- General Committee Member 6 (Tenant Club Tennis)
- General Committee Member 7 (Tenant Club Netball)
- General Committee Member 8
- General Committee Member 9

All positions elected may work across a variety of Recreation Reserve projects. For further enquiries please contact Brenda Streeter on 0428 385 375.

The meeting, unless otherwise directed (due to concerns about COVID-19) will proceed in the Bruthen Hall – where participants can be adequately spaced apart from each other (as per social distancing requirements). All attendees will have their attendance on the night registered.

The Recreation Reserve is about to enter into a three to five year development phase of our community assets, as we seek to not only improve existing assets but with community consultation, redevelop the site to service a growing Bruthen & District population. For expressions of interest in attending the election (so we can get numbers and spacing right), please register your interest to:

Committee.RecReserveBruthen@gmail.com



Media Release **Darren Chester** Federal Member for Gippsland

NEW \$5000 PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS GOING TO UNIVERSITY NEXT YEAR

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester says changes to tertiary education will help more Gippsland students to study at university and address local skill shortages.

Mr Chester welcomed the announcement of a new \$5000 payment which, from next year, will help students relocating more than 90 minutes from their homes in outer regional or remote areas to further their education by studying for a Certificate IV qualification or higher.

“Helping young Gippslanders achieve their full potential was one of the main reasons I entered politics and we have to reduce the barriers for country students seeking to undertake higher education,” Mr Chester said.

“As this year’s year 12 students consolidate their learning over the holidays after a disrupted start to their final year at school, their families are working out whether they can afford to send their child away from home to attend the university of their choice.

“For many families in Gippsland, this is one of the most significant and pressing issues they face.

“We want more regional students to go on to further study, training and employment. A government payment that helps with paying rental bonds, text books and study materials, rent, bills and groceries may well be a deciding factor for many families.”

The Tertiary Education Payment is a one-off, non-indexed, means-tested payment of \$5000 for school leavers transitioning directly to further full-time study. A parental income threshold of \$250,000 applies. The payment will be made in two instalments during the first year of study.

The payment is a recommendation of the National Regional, Rural and Remote Tertiary Education Strategy, known as the Napthine Review, which found the cost of regional and remote students undertaking a tertiary education could be \$25-30,000 more than for a student from the city.

Mr Chester said the new payment would address the barriers facing regional students.

“We know students from regional and rural areas are less likely to attend university,” Mr Chester said. “The funding for relocation and living expenses will support

students who want to continue their education.”

The Federal Government has also announced university students would pay less from next year for degrees in areas of expected employment growth and demand.

Students will pay:

- 46 per cent less to study teaching, nursing, clinical psychology, English and languages
- 62 per cent less to study agriculture and maths, and
- 20 per cent less to study health, architecture, environmental science, IT and engineering.

The fees for some courses will remain unchanged, while others will increase. The overall cost of degrees can be reduced by including electives in maths and IT.

Students will continue to have access to the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). There remain no upfront fees and loan repayments are not required until a student’s earnings reach \$46,620 (currently for the 2020-21 financial year).

Mr Chester said the fee reduction for courses in growth industries would encourage students to enrol.

“One way we can address skill shortages in Gippsland is to support and encourage our young people during their education, knowing they are more likely to take up a position and make a life in a regional or rural area than their classmates from the city,” Mr Chester said.

The Federal Government will also provide an additional 39,000 university places by 2023 to meet the expected increase in demand because of the coronavirus.

“Many of our year 12 students are now thinking about what they will do next year,” Mr Chester said.

“The pandemic has curtailed overseas travel and caused unemployment to rise, so many students will choose to continue their education and demand for university places will jump.”

Details about the Tertiary Access Payment are available at <https://www.education.gov.au/access-and-participation>

Authorised by Darren Chester, The Nationals, 89 Raymond Street, Sale: 5144 6744

Regenerate | Restart | Renew

Gippsland Lakes Complete Health (GLCH) have partnered with the East Gippsland Art Gallery to offer an opportunity to learn art-based activities to assist in wellbeing and relaxation.

The good thing is you don't need to be an artist to do this program. You just need to free up some time in your schedule and enjoy some 'ME' time.

Goodness knows we all need a bit of that!

Facilitated by GLCH's Art Therapist / Health Promotion worker, Andrea Farley, this program will run over 6 weeks with each session running for one and a half hours. Andrea is a local person who has worked to build community health and wellbeing and looks forward to offering a program in which participants work as individuals in a caring and supportive group setting.

**Where: Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House
Rear 51 Main Street, Bruthen (GLCH building)**

**When: Tuesday 10am – 11.30am
21 July to 25 August 2020**

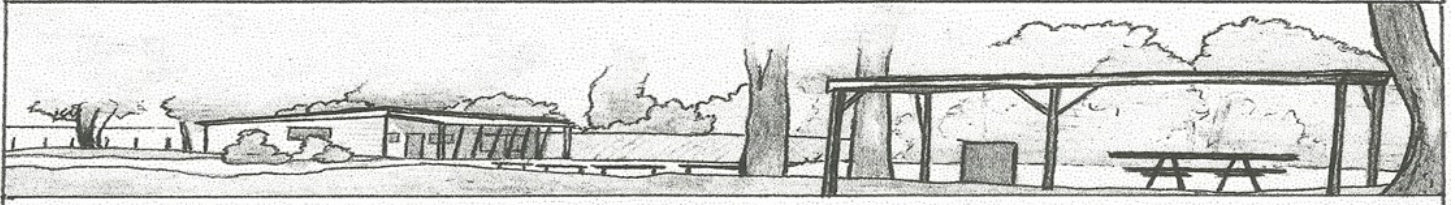
FREE!

There is no cost only your commitment to be there.

**To register for the program or need more information please contact
Andrea Farley at GLCH on 5155 8320.**

Through creating art and reflecting on the art products and processes, people can increase awareness of self and others cope with symptoms, stress and traumatic experiences; enhance cognitive abilities; and enjoy the life-affirming pleasures of making art www.theartbor.com/art-therapy/





Sarsfield Recreation Reserve Committee of Management 10 School Road, Sarsfield. Contact: SarsfieldCOMsecretary@gmail.com

The first Jumble Rumble at Sarsfield Hall on Saturday was a success with 49 people attending over the 4 hour period. This was due to the online booking which enabled the volunteers to manage numbers and all attendees being cooperative. It was a great chance to chat, and meet Neil Smith from Bushfire Recovery Victoria who is stationed at the hub here. There are still plenty of items available- non-perishable foods, kids backpacks, ski clothing and shoes (perfect for running about warmly during these crisp days) linen, bedding, toiletries, tools amongst them. Thank you to everyone- not only the volunteers and the donators but also the recipients doing their bit to empty the Hall in preparation for upcoming community gatherings.

Heather, Laurie, Jo and Janet from Maffra did a fabulous job unpacking and sorting some of the many boxes (picture below)



The Sarsfield and District Community Recovery Hub operated by Bushfire Recovery Victoria is seeing an increasing number of residents drop in with a really broad range of enquiries to do with recovery.

Planning applications are one of the issues we have seen an increase in enquiries about and the Hub has application forms for the Shires Planning Assistance (Concierge) Service – we have meeting rooms available for when residents have an appointment with the service.

As Sarsfield AND District, we cover a number of communities and commenced our Outreach Service visiting Wairewa on Wednesday 1 July with further community visits in the planning.

We are also seeing other services use the hub for appointments with residents – including Small Business Victoria.

While it is still advisable to ring to check if the Sarsfield hub is open, everyone is welcome to just drop in to see what the hub looks like, have a tea or coffee, see what pamphlets we have available or just to have a chat.

Neil Smith is the Hub Co-ordinator and will be able to provide contacts and information on a wide range of services including planning and rebuilding advice, access to government and non-profit service providers and small business advice.

Neil Smith 0408 935 978
SarsfieldHub@brv.vic.gov.au



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10am to 10pm
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The Bite @ Bullant Brewery food philosophy is simple:

- * Use local seasonal produce
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Our menus present a contemporary and seasonal approach to food that can be enjoyed with beer
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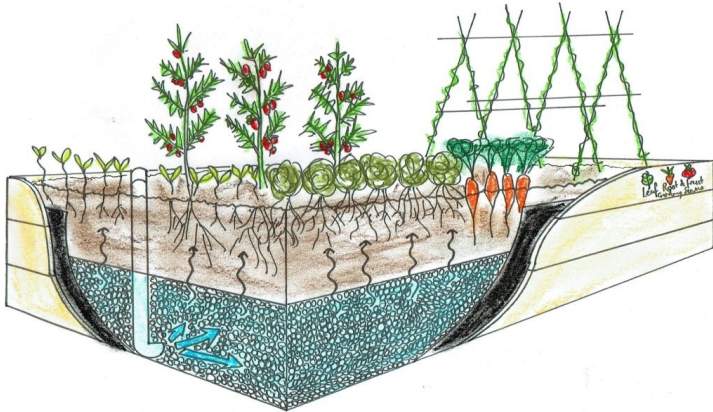
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Give It A Grow Gippsland

We hope you are enjoying the gardening tips. If you have missed any issues please contact us and we can send them to you via email. Our contact is: giveitagrowgippsland@gmail.com



Would you like to save time and water in the garden? Have you considered a wicking garden bed?

A wicking garden bed is one raised up from ground level which has a permanent reservoir of water 300mm below the planting surface. This feeds a constant and even supply of moisture to the plant roots, thus eliminating plant stress on hot days and reducing your water usage and watering time.

Topping up the reservoir is as simple as running water into a vertical pipe, which then channels that water into the reservoir layer.

Materials you will need to construct a wicking bed within a min.800mm high bed, are as follows:

- 1 :: Enough bedding sand to form a 50mm layer at ground level to protect the next layer up – a pond liner.
- 2 :: Pond liner of thick black plastic or butyl, large enough to line the entire bed - this is the tank that will hold the water - ensure the dimensions are generous enough to line across the base then up the sides with an overhang of approx 10-20cm above the rim of the bed – use something like bulldog clips to keep the plastic/butyl liner in place while the other layers are added – the excess above soil level can be trimmed off when the building process is complete. Make folds in the liner to fit it into the corners or shape of the bed – **DO NOT CUT AWAY THE EXCESS MATERIAL OF THE FOLDS OR YOUR RESERVOIR WILL NOT HOLD WATER!**
CAUTION: Avoid dragging your liner across the ground so that stones or sticks etc make holes in it!
- 3 :: 50mm slotted agricultural pipe long enough to run the length or diameter of the bed. Attach one end to a 50mm 90 degree PVC elbow fitting. A length of PVC pipe standing vertically and long enough to finish above the soil level is then attached to the other opening of the elbow (this allows refilling of the reservoir).
- 4 :: A 25mm tank fitting positioned as low as possible through the side of the wicking bed and liner into the inside of the bed – use a suitable sealant between the inside flange of the tank fitting and the hole made through the liner, before screwing on the outer part of the fitting. On the outside of the bed, attach a 25mm 90 degree elbow to the fitting, then add a length of 25mm straight pipe – open end facing upwards. The length of this will be determined by the top level of the next layer - the scoria. This pipe acts as an overflow to allow excess water to drain out thereby ensuring correct water levels, or can be turned to the side to allow drainage (if necessary) to completely drain the reservoir. It should be returned to the upright position after this process
- 5 :: Enough scoria or small diameter washed bluestone gravel to form a 200 to 300mm deep layer. Protect the liner from the force of the scoria hitting it as you gradually fill it up by using something like a piece of a cardboard, moving it along as you go, but removing it once the base is just covered with stones. Continue to fill but take care not to put holes in the side of the liner.
- 6 :: A layer of geo-fabric (from Bunnings) to line the entire bed and to form a layer between the scoria and soil to prevent contamination between the two. Reposition the bulldog clips to hold this in place too.
- 7 :: Add light soil of high organic content (well rotted manure, good compost, humus from well rotted leaves, blood & bone etc), approximately 300mm deep. Plant roots rarely reach deeper than this depth.

There is a reasonable amount of work in creating a wicking garden bed, however, you will greatly benefit from freshly grown produce and time and cost saved in watering, especially in the long summer months. (note - this method can be adapted for the 1,000 litre food grade plastic tanks encased in a metal 'basket or framework' - each one makes 2 beds - see Sophie Thomson's method on the Gardening Australia website)

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:..... DO NOT USE TANKS PREVIOUSLY USED TO STORE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ETC.....:

Hello Gardeners,

As we begin to emerge from the Covid coma, GIVE IT A GROW GIPPSLAND is now starting to collect up all those lovely plants you have been growing for the gardens of East Gippsland.

A local native nursery has given us hundreds of 1” pots which just need some TLC to get them up and running and looking good for distribution.

Another local grower has also generously donated hundreds of cuttings which will need to be grown on.

We have spent this week following up many new offers of trees and plants in response to both radio, TV and social media segments about GIVE IT A GROW. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and support for this project.

If all goes according to plan, we will be heading up to Bruthen in late-October and Buchan in November with lots of lovely plants.

We are also after some 10-20cm (4”- 8”) clean plastic garden pots. If you can help out, please email us. Please also email us about pickup of plants - we will need to catalogue all those green treasures very soon.

Our workshops are planned to re-commence in term 3. Thankyou.

giveitagrowgippsland@gmail.com

Gardening Quote for July

“An addiction to gardening is not all bad when you consider all the other choices in life.”

Cora Lea Bell

Some Gardening Giggles

Old gardeners never die, they just go to pot. Old gardeners never die, they just go to seed.

Knee: a device for finding rocks in your garden.

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

Bruthen Inn Hotel

Kitchen is open 7 days.

Lunch 12-2pm,

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Only use candles, incense and oil burners on stable surfaces that will not burn.

Candle's, incense and oil burners have become a staple in Australian homes and they are often used for social, cultural and religious practices. With increased time spent indoors during the cooler months the Bruthen Fire Brigade is reminding residents to use these products safely. There are many instances where these small ambient flames have caused big fires and even bigger headaches for firefighters.

Family activity – be safe together – plan a home fire escape plan together it's just a simple five steps....so....do the five to keep alive...



Do YOU have a home fire escape plan?

- Step 1:** Draw your home floor plan marking all the exits.
- Step 2:** Ask children to help identify the two quickest and safest ways to get out of the house, including upper floors.
- Step 3:** Decide on an outside meeting place, such as the letterbox.
- Step 4:** Practice your Home fire escape plan regularly.
- Step 5:** Keep the plan handy (on the fridge) as a reminder of how to escape in the event of a fire.

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/documents/20143/71589/Factsheet-Home-Fire-Escape-Plan.pdf



GET OUT, STAY OUT AND CALL 000



Winter has begun; let's keep our heating appliances in check

Winter has now officially set in and we have all retrieved our heaters from hibernation, increasing the risk of house fires.

Deputy Chief Officer Trevor Owen said winter is the highest risk period for residential fires due to the increased use of heating equipment.

Heating equipment includes fixed electrical and gas powered appliances, an open fire, wood heater and portable electrical heaters or those which use gas or kerosene.

"Having your heaters checked and in good working condition, together with careful and correct use, will greatly reduce the danger these appliances present," he said. "CFA attend a large number of preventable house fires. These fires can have devastating consequences, significant injuries and tragically, some fires result in deaths."

Mr Owen said poorly maintained gas fires could cause deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. "We have seen the tragic consequences of this in the past," he said. "There can be no greater reason to have your gas heater inspected and serviced than to ensure the safety of loved ones."

"Another common mistake is people drying clothes indoors near heaters and fireplaces, which can be dangerous. Clothes should be kept at least one metre from the heat source."



- Ensure heaters are installed, maintained and operated according to manufacturers' instructions.
- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
- Chimneys and flues should be cleaned annually.
- Keep wood and other combustibles at least one metre from fire.
- Children must be supervised near all types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between children and heating.



"Every household should consider their fire safety practices and examine the potential risks around their home."

There are a number of ways people can prepare for winter:

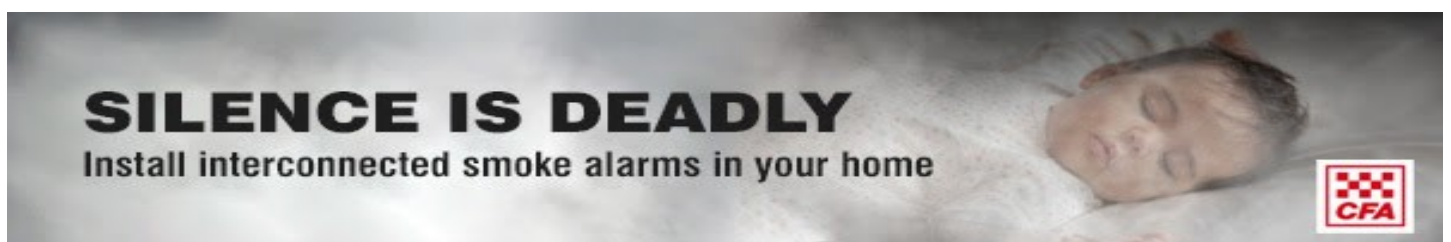
- Turn off all portable heating and extinguish open fires before leaving home.

For more residential fire safety information visit:

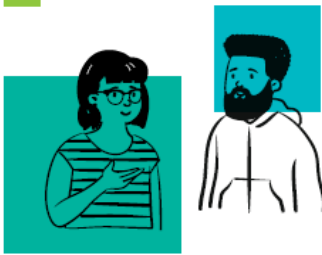
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Partners in Wellbeing



For some people, the psychological, social and economic effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, have had a significant impact on their mental health and wellbeing. Many people also feel distressed and overwhelmed by the constant media reports and conflicting information about the situation.

It's natural to feel a range of emotions, such as stress, worry, anxiety or feeling low. These feelings are common during and after distressing events like the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions put in place to stop its transmission. Experiencing these feelings does not always mean something is wrong.

However, if you are not coping or have been feeling distressed, anxious or down over several weeks, help is available through Partners in Wellbeing service.

The free service offers one-on-one support to help you improve your wellbeing, develop strategies to cope and provide emotional support when and as you need it.



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land we work on and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Support for your mental health and wellbeing during the Coronavirus pandemic and beyond

Work out what is wrong together

Working with a Wellbeing Coach, you explore what is causing your stress or anxiety and help you gain clarity on your thoughts, feelings and experiences. Conversations will be a safe place for you to talk privately about feeling overwhelmed, unsafe or anxious without judgement.

Get things under control

Through coaching and practical advice, your Wellbeing Coach will help you find strategies to manage stress, anxiety and improve your wellbeing and resilience.

Get on with life

We help you to identify people in your life, support services, and other resources to draw on during times of stress. If required, a Wellbeing Coach will assist you to link with other support services in your local community.

Keep Connected

We keep in regular contact with you to provide emotional support, practical assistance and help you use the strategies you have identified to manage your stress, anxiety and improve your wellbeing.

Learn more about COVID-19

As the restrictions and advice in response to COVID can change, your Wellbeing Coach can provide up-to-date and accurate information on COVID 19 and current restrictions within your community.

Additional support for people living with mental health concerns and carers

People living with mental health concerns and their carers may be particularly vulnerable during this time, with additional distress making it harder to cope, stay connected or manage wellbeing.



We celebrate, value and include people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, bodies and abilities.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this service, you need to be 16 or over and:

- experiencing increased life stressors and your usual coping strategies are not working
- noticing signs of anxiety and/or depression that have lasted more than a few weeks, such as:
 - low mood i.e. feeling down
 - feeling overwhelmed and unsafe
 - low energy
 - feelings of hopelessness
 - fear, nervousness or worrying
 - avoidance of social situations
 - thoughts of self-harm or harm to others.
- are not currently using a community mental health psychosocial support service.

Carers may experience these challenges in their own right in addition to providing care to a loved one.

Get started or refer someone you know

Contact the Partners in Wellbeing team in your area by calling **1300 375 330** to begin making changes to improve your wellbeing.

If you would like to refer someone you know, you must first discuss this with them and have their consent to make the referral on their behalf.

We encourage referrals from people who identify as LGBTIQ, culturally diverse, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, veterans and people experiencing homelessness.

About Partners in Wellbeing

Partners in Wellbeing is funded by the Victorian Government and is being delivered by EACH, Neami National and the Australian Community Services Organisation (ACSO) across Victoria.



Contact Partners in Wellbeing

Partners in Wellbeing is delivered by EACH, Neami National and the ACSO across Victoria. For more information or to make a referral, contact the service in your region.

Phone: **1300 375 330**

<p>North, West, Inner, South Neami National</p> <p>Email: partnersinwellbeing@neaminational.org.au www.neaminational.org.au/piw</p>	<p>South-Eastern, East EACH</p> <p>Email: partnersinwellbeing@each.com.au www.each.com.au/piw</p>	<p>Regional ACSO</p> <p>Email: partnersinwellbeing@acso.org.au www.acso.org.au/aod-mh-support</p>
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Bruthen & District Businesses and COVID-19

Supporting our community through COVID-19 in the interests of keeping our community connected, we have prepared a list of Bruthen & District businesses and organisations that are continuing to operate under modified arrangements. The situation is changing so **please contact individual business to confirm details.**

Business/ Organisation	Status	Contact
Anglican Parish of Tambo	Church Services restarting from Sunday 7th June. The Bruthen Oppe Shop is open and intends to open regular hours, depending on volunteer availability. <i>Facebook - Anglican Parish of Tambo</i>	Ph - 5157 5463
Blue Bee Café	Open, maximum 4 people inside and 20 people outside and in courtyard. Conditions apply. <i>Facebook - Blue Bee Cafe Bruthen</i>	Ph - 5157 5397
Bruthen Bakery	Open, all services are continuing	Ph - 0475 555 419
Bruthen Bizarre	Shop is closed, but will continue to offer items through <i>Facebook page and Instagram - Bruthen Bizarre</i>	Ph - 0447 190 207
Bruthen BP	Open, all services are continuing	Ph - 5157 5262
Bruthen Corner Garage	Open, all services are continuing	Ph - 5157 5715
Bruthen Garden Supplies and Water Cartage	All services are continuing. All customers to phone in advance <i>Facebook - Bruthen Garden Supplies Water Cartage</i>	Ph - 0429 944 297
Bruthen General Store	Shop open. Please adhere to entry requirements displayed at door. For Customers having difficulty (due to no transport or unable to leave home due to kids); because of stage 3 COVID-19 restrictions being enacted - call the store to discuss delivery options. <i>Facebook - Bruthen General Store</i>	Ph - 5157 5415
Bruthen Heritage and Team Rooms	Open, Weekends and Holidays	Ph - 0427 893 989
Bruthen Inn Hotel	Open for take aways only. All customers to phone in advance <i>Facebook - Bruthen Inn Hotel</i>	Ph - 5157 5201
Bruthen Music	Shop, lessons and recording studio are closed. But still happy to open the shop for individuals that may wish to make a purchase	Ph - 0487 489 246
Bruthen Pizza and Takeaway	Modified services - please see <i>Facebook - Bruthen Pizza & Takeaway</i>	Ph - 5157 5461
Bruthen Post Office	Open, all services are continuing. Maximum of 4 people in shop at a time	Ph - 5157 5209
Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House	Currently closed but we are still working remotely Tuesday to Thursday, 10am-3pm Email: info.bdnh@aussiebb.com.au	Ph - 03 4141 5302 0497 544 490
Bullant Brewery	Restaurant open from 3rd June for up to 20 people, please call ahead for bookings. Packaged beer is available to purchase online. Check <i>Facebook - Bullant Brewery</i> for details	Ph - 5157 5307
Gippsland Lakes Complete Health	Open, Monday and Wednesday, 8am - 12pm https://glch.org.au/covid-19-and-how-it-affects-our-services/	Ph - 5155 8300

PUBLIC NOTICES

THIS MONTH AT GLCH

Open: Mondays from 8.00am to 12 midday & Wednesdays from 8.00am to 12.30pm.

GP Clinic: Wednesday mornings by appointment only. Call 5155 8300, select option '1'. Please make sure you let our Customer Service team know that you would like your appointment in Bruthen.

Community Health Nurse: Mondays and Wednesdays, \$10 per consult or \$5 Concession Card holders. Note: services will not be denied if you are unable to pay. Call 5155 8300, select option '1'.

Maternal & Child Health: once a month on a Tuesday by appointment only. Call 5155 8300, select option '5'.

Room & Bus Hire: all bookings are to be directed to our Customer Service team on 5155 8300.

Kindergym: Thursdays at Mechanics Hall from 9.30 - 10.30am, \$5 per family. Parents are encouraged to bring healthy snacks to share. Call our Health Promotion team on 5155 8300 for more information.

Activity Groups: for information on current social opportunities and art and craft groups contact our Health Promotion team on 5155 8300.

OTHER SERVICES:

Pathology collection: Mondays and Wednesdays before 9.30am.

Child Immunisation: third Thursday of the month from 10.30 - 11.00am. Call the East Gippsland Shire Council on 1300 555 886 for further information.



Bruthen - Bairnsdale Bus Timetable Dysons Bus Lines Ph: 5152 1711

Bruthen to Bairnsdale Morning	Monday & Friday AM	Tues, Wed, Thurs AM
Bruthen (opp) General Store	08:10 am	09:50 am
Bairnsdale, Corner Main & Bailey St	08:30 am	10:20 am
Bairnsdale Train Station	08:35 am	10:30 am
Bairnsdale to Bruthen Afternoon	Mon to Thurs PM	Friday PM
Bairnsdale Train Station	1:25 pm	3:40 pm
Corner Chemist (Service & Main Street)	1:30 pm	3:45 pm
Bruthen, Station & Great Alpine Rd	2:00 pm	4:15 pm

February 19th, 20th, 21st 2021



This fabulous and long lasting festival is a wonderful celebration of music and arts which brings hundreds of visitors to Bruthen and surrounding towns. Attendees say they love the 'vibe, 'laid back atmosphere' and our town.

The Bruthen Blues and Arts Festival Team are thinking positively and planning for a February festival but they will need help from the community because several people have had to take the year off due to a variety of reasons. This has left a lot of jobs/roles that need to be picked up by others. Maybe that is you!

This year a small Steering Group will oversee the running of the event to reduce the number of meetings other volunteers have to attend. Newcomers will be supported well by more experienced volunteers, so there is nothing to be scared of.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Email: Bruthenblues@gmail.com

Joy Manley 0490819507

Marj Jones 0427284236

Bruthen Mechanics Hall July Meeting POSTPONED

The Bruthen Mechanics Hall triennial meeting, which was going to be held in July, has been postponed. A new date will be advised in the near future.

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- ⇒ 1/2 page (for new businesses) - Cost \$50.00
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- ⇒ One half page, full colour feature / advert placed on the inside front cover of the Tambo Rambler
- ⇒ Plus acknowledgement as the sponsor for that month's edition on the front page of the Tambo Rambler
Cost - \$100 per edition

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Closing date for August Tambo Rambler is 20th July

Please send your articles by e-mail to:
tamborambl@gmail.com ("word" format please)

Tambo Rambler is distributed to venues in Omeo, Buchan, Swifts Creek, Ensay & Nowa Nowa. We also distribute to Local and State Government representatives, Bairnsdale Library, Bairnsdale DELWP, Regional Historical Societies etc. We welcome suggestions of other outlets for the Tambo Rambler.

The Tambo Rambler Committee and BDCA do not take responsibility for opinions expressed by contributors to the Tambo Rambler. The Editors reserve the right to reject articles and advertisements and to edit submissions if necessary

All submissions must carry the author's full name, address and phone number. They may be published anonymously if preferred.

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Bruthen Primary School

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Victorian Learning Commission 2020

Bruthen Primary School's Victorian Learning Commissioners were keen to get back into their inquiry into learning when school resumed this term. This group of students are charged with the task of working in partnership with their teachers to improve learning for ALL students at Bruthen Primary School.

Last Friday, the students participated in a half day leadership workshop with Ms Helen Butler (one of the founding members of the Northern Territory Learning Commission) via video conference. On this day, the commissioners defined their role, purpose and legacy.

Our **ROLE** is to work in partnership; to lead, problems solve and assess our impact on learning at Bruthen Primary School.

Our **PURPOSE** is to improve learning for everyone at Bruthen Primary School

Our **LEGACY** is for students and teachers to:

- Feel confident as learners
- Understand and manage their role as learners
- Have high expectations
- Be proud of their achievements

The student commissioners also learnt about qualitative and quantitative data and uses these understandings to read and interpret our whole school NAPLAN and PM Benchmark and PROBE Reading Assessment Data. They identified key patterns and discussed recent classroom practices, that they feel, have attributed to the improvement of our learning outcomes in reading.

They reviewed the data collected by the 2019 VLC and discussed their recommendations before deciding that they would launch an inquiry which would;

- Teach students how to use the success criteria to talk about what they do to help them be successful.
- Teach students how to use dialogue to discuss their thinking, use of strategies and understandings through collaborative practices and sharing.

Next term, the commissioners will put together an action plan and participate in professional development which will help them to implement improvement practices into their classrooms.

They discussed the recommendations from the 2019 Victorian Learning Commission and agreed that they would develop an inquiry into learning that supported students to understand what they were learning. They learnt how to read and interpret our NAPLAN and PM Benchmark/PROBE reading data.

This year, our commissioners will be planning and enacting an inquiry into learning, which will support all students to have a deeper understanding of what they are learning, what to do to be successful and how to use evidence to talk about their progress.

