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Bruthen Blues bounces back for 2022



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The fabulous Bruthen Blues & Arts Festival revived in 2022

The sun shone. The people came and the music started. And it went on all weekend with lots to do and see for all the visitors and locals who came out to enjoy Australia's Biggest Little Blues Festival. Some were familiar faces and some new.

Bruthen Arts and Events Council was delighted to be able to pull off such a fantastic celebration of blues music and the arts and, most of all, to bring people together to celebrate getting out again after so long with Covid hovering over our heads.

It definitely was not easy this year with many challenges to manage. Lockdowns, Zoom meetings, uncertainty regarding covid regulations, the enormous extra workload created by covid rules, a very small planning group, headline artists having to cancel 24 hours prior to the festival and of course the weather – will it or will it not rain!

Thank-you to our sponsors and supporters;

- FRRR for a grant that let us bring The Badloves, Brooke Taylor and Jimi Hocking to town,
- East Gippsland Shire RADES grant enabled us to book the fantastic story teller Jan Wositzky and talented street performers, circus act and junk percussion leaders Collin Boggars and son Copper.
- Connect Well East Gippsland and Wellington funded the popular Walk Your Blues Away,
- Bushfire Recovery Victoria helped cover the costs

of managing the Covid 19 restrictions,

• National Bushfire Recovery Fund was a great help enabling Destination Gippsland to take on the role of marketing the festival outside the region thus attracting people from all over Victoria, Southern NSW and further.

And of course, Dyers Transport for providing our stage (truck), Bruna and Alex Cattapan for donating to the prizes for the Blues Jam winners, Bruthen Inn Hotel who are such an important partner, Bullant Brewery, The Bruthen Men's Shed (Giant Guitar construction), Bruthen Neighbourhood House and Bruthen Recording Studio.

The volunteers who worked so hard to set up and then to pull down everything after the festival. And the people who worked so hard over the weekend to make sure it was a festival to remember.

The artists who performed with passion and the wonderful audiences who made it all worthwhile.

We hope you enjoyed the festival and would love it if you decide to get involved in some other exciting events we have coming up this year.

**Joy Manley, President,
Bruthen Arts and Events Council Inc.**



Collin Boggars and son Copper leading the junk percussion procession to the Police paddock for the duck flip.

Neighbourhood House News



Coming up on the BDNH calendar:

March

Saturday 12th 9.30am-12pm
Bike Repair Workshop
Community Hub

Tuesday 8th 1.30pm
International Women's Day
Afternoon Tea Community Hub

April

Saturday 2nd 9.30am-12pm
Bike Repair Workshop
Community Hub

Thursday 17th 11am-3pm
Writing & Colour Creative Space

Saturday 30th 9am-1pm
Family Fun Day and Market
Bruthen Mechanics Hall

Community Hub

36 Main Street Bruthen
9am-1pm Monday
(Men's Shed only)
10am-4pm Tuesday-Thursday
10am-1pm Friday

Creative Space

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(rear)

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Bike Repair Workshops

9:30— Midday

12 March (new date)

2 April,

Community Hub

Learn to repair and maintain your bicycle using the community resource tools. Bring your own bike or use one of ours. Helmets available.



International Women's Day

Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 8 March

1:30—3:00pm

Community Hub

Bring something to share; a treat, a poem, music, a picture or story of a role model... your empowering expression of gender equality

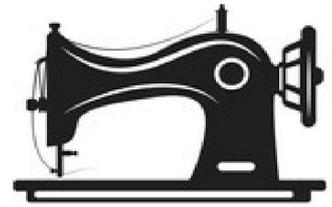
BRUTHEN REMEMBERS

Bruthen Remembers meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Community Hub

All Welcome.

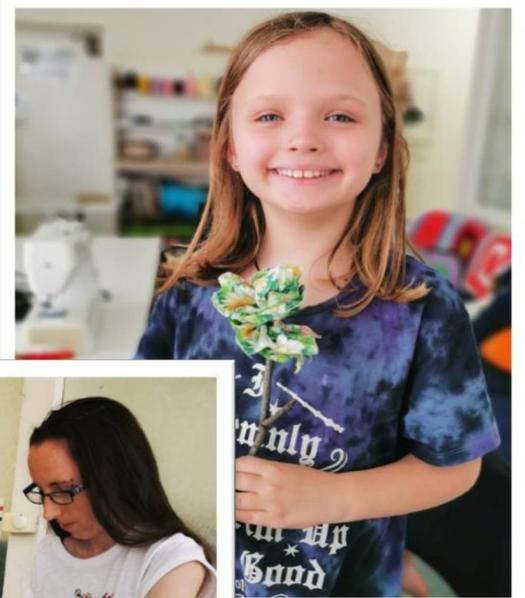
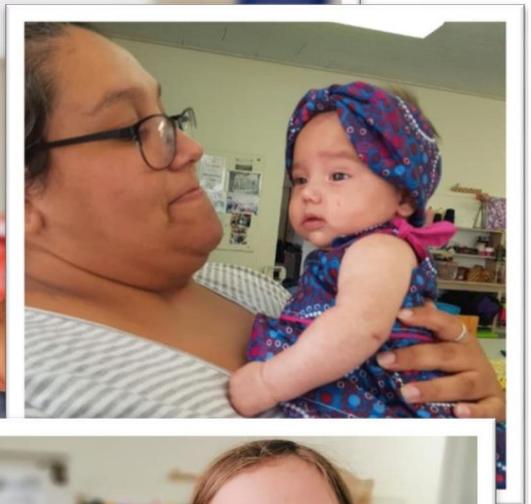
Tuesday 8th March 10:30am

Saturday Sewing

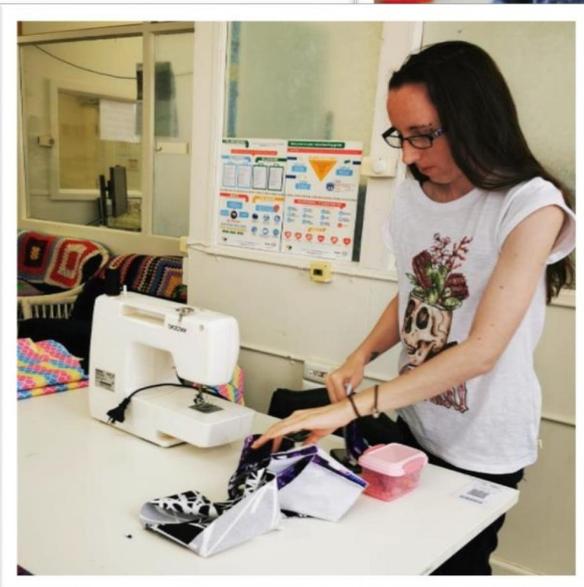


Want a fun Saturday morning sharing a cuppa, having a chat, and sewing up something fun? Last month we made bags out of old jeans, fabric roses, sunglass cases and sun hats. We learned how to insert zippers, how to add a lining, how to sew with plastic canvas, and how to use padded interfacing.

Next month we are planning to do cosmetic bags, hair scrunchies and headbands, a cross-back apron and an egg collecting apron. You don't need to buy anything, even the sewing machines are freely available to use. If you'd like to bring your own machine and notions you can. If you don't want to join in the projects you are welcome to bring your own project to work on.



We meet every Saturday at 9:30am behind the GLCH building. Our sessions are free and open to all. All sewing levels, from beginner to advanced, are covered. Follow our Facebook group for more photos, free patterns and updates to the timetable.



SCAN ME

Sarsfield SCA seeks legal advice about recovery eligibility

The heavily bushfire-impacted community of Sarsfield has received legal advice about its eligibility for the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants program.

"We were gobsmacked when we were knocked back by the National Resilience and Recovery Agency," said Simon Hof, the President of the Sarsfield Community Association (SCA).

"When we asked for feedback, the NRRA simply said that we weren't eligible because of the ABN of our hall committee. This same situation has affected the bushfire-impacted towns of Ensay and Wairewa. We've spoken to lawyers to see if this is correct and have received legal advice that we are in fact eligible and should have had our applications assessed properly."

"The guidelines are easy to read," explained Simon. "Section 5.1 has a list of entities which are eligible to apply, including 'an incorporated not-for-profit organisation' which fits the hall committee perfectly. The next section has a list of entities which aren't eligible, which includes 'a Commonwealth or state government agency or body (including government business enterprises) with the exception of those entities referred to in Section 5.1.'"

"This indicates to us that there's no problem with our eligibility. We were assisted by professional grant writers, and Ensay's application was also prepared by professional grant writers. Even those companies, who are experienced in reading guidelines like these, are clear that we are eligible to apply and have our application assessed for funding."

Sarsfield's application was for funding to replace the ageing hall, the only public asset in the community which does not even have a pub, school, or any place other than the hall for the community to gather for recovery events and activities.

Simon explained that the communities of Sarsfield, Wairewa and Ensay are now banding together to confirm the initial legal advice which they've received.

"It's reassuring to have our lawyers back us up and say that our reading of the guidelines is correct, and that we deserve to at least be assessed."

On seeking feedback about the reason for the knockback from the administrators of the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants, the Sarsfield community was told that their application was never even read by the assessors, as the ABN of the hall committee indicated that it was a 'state government entity'.

"That was a real kick in the teeth," Simon said.

"If we'd been assessed properly and found that our application didn't deserve funding, we'd have taken it on the chin. But to discover that they'd thrown our application in the bin at the very start of the process, without reading past our ABN, is further traumatising a community which is still dealing with the devastation of the bushfires."

Simon went on to describe how this difficult situation arose.

"In rural areas, local halls and recreation reserves are either under council management or under the management of the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)."



The Sarsfield community asks what's going on with the bureaucracy of bushfire recovery.

“Most rural people wouldn’t know if their local football oval or hall was council or DELWP land, they just appreciate how these assets support the community through providing a venue for local sports and community gatherings.”

“Sarsfield’s recreation reserve is under DELWP management. What this means here on the ground is that it’s managed by a hardworking group of six community volunteers, who hold working bees and barbecues and enable the facility to remain available for the community to use.”

Following the Black Summer bushfires, each impacted community was required to form a Community Recovery Committee (CRC) to guide decisions and apply for funding for bushfire recovery projects.

“We did everything we were asked to do,” Simon explained.

“We formed a CRC (now called the Sarsfield Community Association) which from the outset has worked hand-in-hand with the long-standing hall committee. We consulted with Sarsfield locals, and our application was based on the recovery priorities which the community were crystal clear that they wanted. Both community groups are incorporated, and for the Black Summer bushfire recovery grant we used the ABN of the local hall committee.”

Further compounding the dismay of the Sarsfield, Ensay and Wairewa communities is the fact that they have since become aware of other projects funded under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery fund which will occur on DELWP-managed land, but where the application was submitted by a different community committee, whose ABN didn’t denote them as a ‘state government entity’.

Scott Lamshed, a member of the Sarsfield Community Association, described the trauma of not only hearing that Sarsfield’s application wasn’t even read, but the response from the NRRRA since that time has made things worse for him and other community members.

“All they’ve said to us is that we were responsible for ensuring that we were eligible to apply. We checked everything and even the professionals were clear that we were eligible. It smacks of victim blaming, with no discussion allowed.”

Scott and his partner lost a home during the fires, and he described how difficult it still is two years later.

“Two years on, we’re still working on cleaning up our property. It’s gut-wrenching to be honest. However, the physical impact of the bushfires is nothing compared to the emotional impacts.”

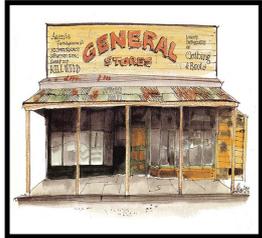
Scott went on to describe how the NRRRA outcome had compounded the emotional impacts following the bushfires.

“This response from the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery fund was incredibly hard to take. How can they throw out our application, fund others on DELWP land, fund projects which were nowhere near the fires, and then tell us that ‘we should have known’ that we’d be ineligible?”

Sarsfield was one of the most heavily impacted towns during the Black Summer bushfires. Of the 270 homes in Sarsfield prior to the fires, 200 properties were damaged, and 80 homes were completely destroyed by the bushfires.

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Mechanics Hall Hosts Melbourne Chamber Orchestra Sextet



Left to right: Natalia Harvey, Violin; Emily Beauchamp, Violin; Merewyn Bramble, Viola; Katharine Brockman, Viola; James Morley, Cello; Anna Pokorny, Cello.

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Locals of all ages were treated to a feast of music when players from the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra performed at the Bruthen Mechanics' Hall on Saturday, February 12.

The string sextet had performed at Lakes Entrance the previous evening, as well as at Swifts Creek Hall earlier on Saturday. At Bruthen the players were met by a capacity crowd (albeit with appropriate socially-distanced seating arrangements!)

The concert began with Victorian composer Ian Munro's 2009 nocturne 'Black is the Night', which was inspired by the poetry of Judith Wright.

This was followed by an exhilarating performance of Tchaikovsky's 'Souvenir de Florence', which the composer first sketched out in 1890 while visiting Florence, Italy.

The team's on-road manager expressed his thanks to the Rambler for including a last-minute insert in the paper to spread news of the performance.

The MCO regularly travels to different parts of regional Victoria, and it was a truly delightful experience to see and hear this highly talented ensemble perform in Bruthen.

Bruthen Angling Club

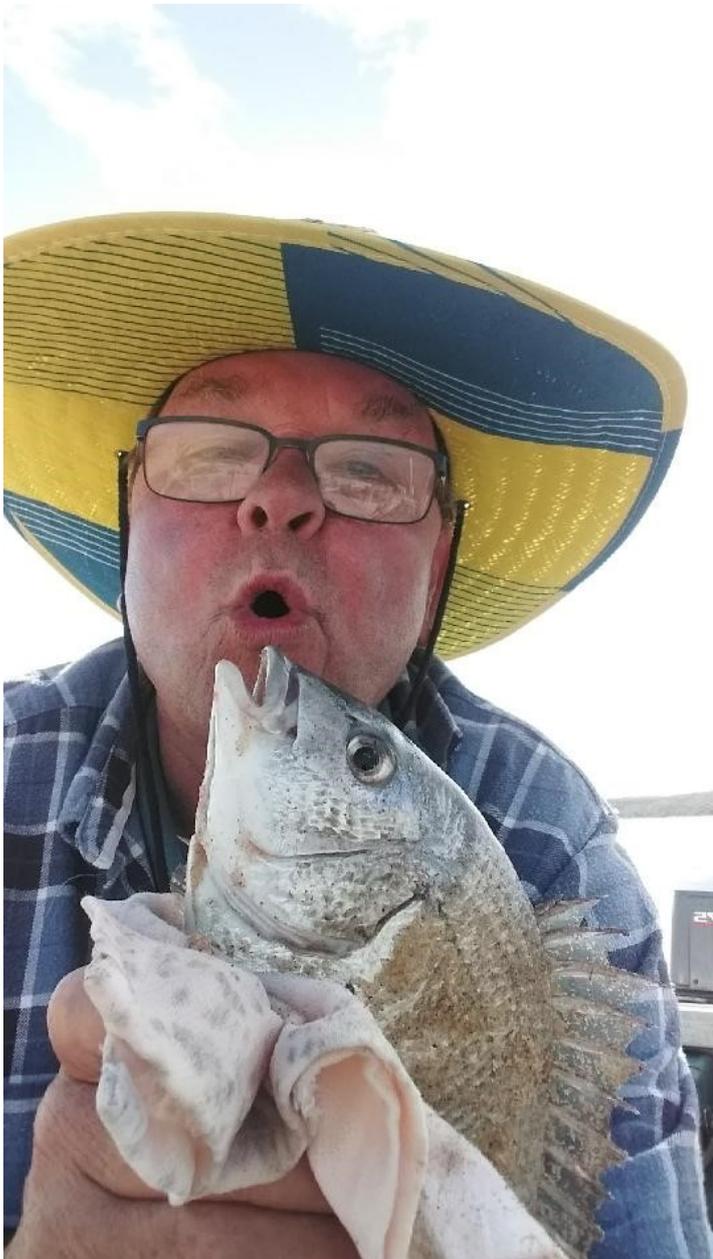
The comp against Marlo was a great day even if the bream were a little scarce. Pete's Yellow Fin Bream of a bit over 1kg was the biggest fish for the day and Paddy's 575g fish was one of the better ones. The locals won the day and so keep the trophy.

Our next comp will be an open water comp (i.e. fish anywhere) with each angler to weigh-in one fish with secret weight awards – Sunday March 20.

Check the board at the corner garage for further details.

Daylight -> 3:00pm at Pete's Place

Below: Pete with his Yellow Fin Bream.



St Matthew's Anglican Church Bruthen

Services every Sunday at 9.30am except the fifth Sunday.

A healing service is held on the third Saturday at 5pm.

Services also at St Columb's Swan Reach on the second and fourth Sundays at 11.15am, & at St Mary's Buchan on the third Sunday at 2.30pm.

ALL WELCOME!! Please come and you are most welcome to contact:

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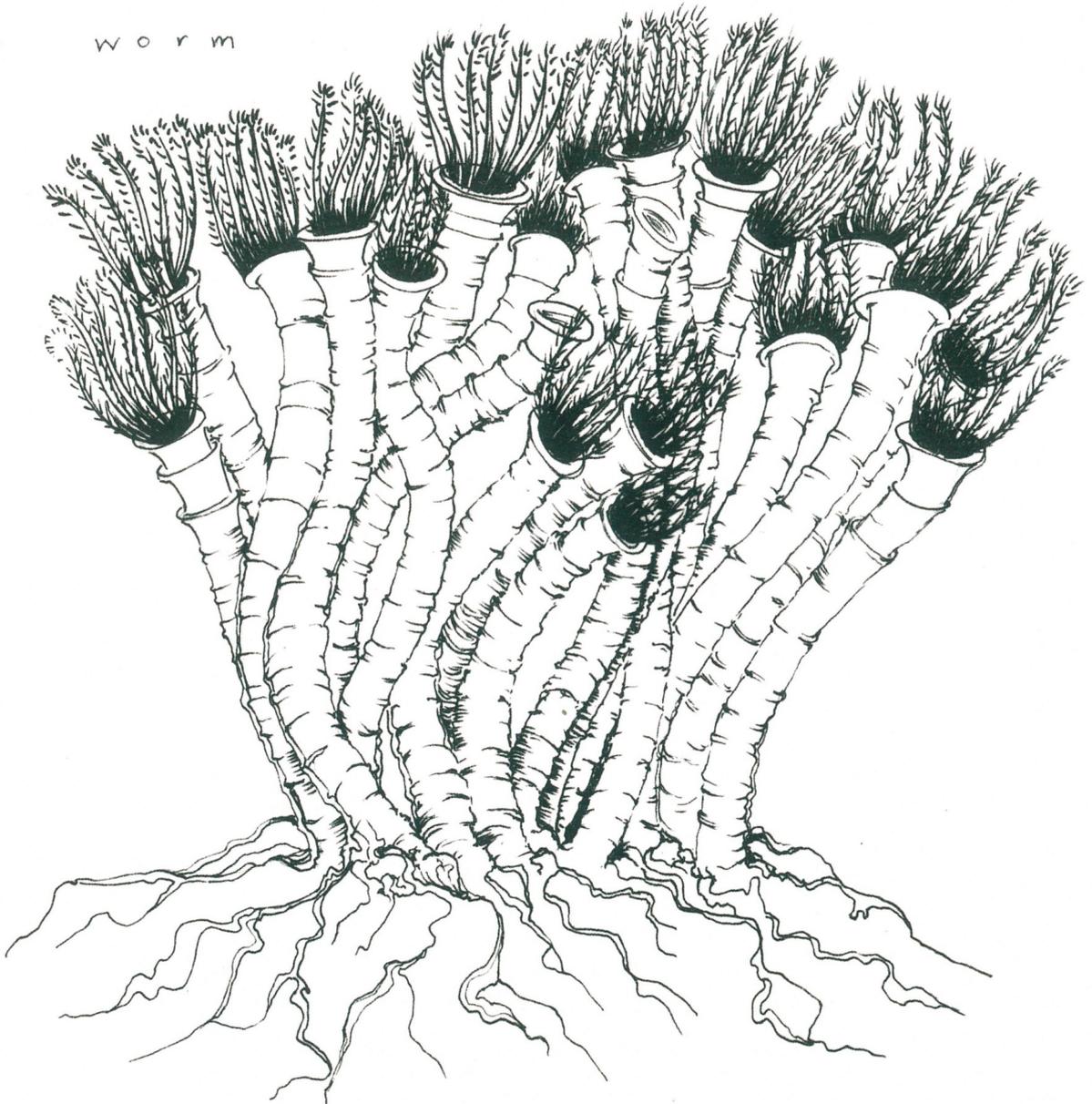


Illustration by Josephine Jakobi

Tube Worm

Artist Josephine Jakobi came across these tubeworms in Lake Bunga, but they are common in oceans and other marine environments across Australia and the world.

The Tube Worm is also known as the Coral Worm or Tangled Tube Worm.

It is a tiny creature, only 1.5 to 4 mm long. (Less than half a centimetre, so best observed under a microscope if you want to see them in detail!)

They can be spotted in conspicuous colonies of hundreds or thousands of individual worms, living

inside long, white, chalky tubes. These tubes, which are marked by growth rings, are attached to rocky crevices, pebbles on the sea floor, the shells of molluscs, or corals in reefs.

The Tube Worm has a translucent reddish-orange body, with two eyes on the head and an elaborate set of eight tentacles which vary in colour from white to bright red.

Tube worms are filter feeders, and stretch their tentacles out into the water current to catch plankton. When they are not feeding they withdraw their tentacles into the tube.

Ineligible' Bushfire Projects Farcical

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has urged the Government to intervene immediately and fix a "farcical situation" which has seen community-led bushfire recovery projects excluded from consideration for recovery grants.

Mr Chester said he was aware of at least three East Gippsland projects that had been ruled ineligible from the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants program because of a technicality relating to their ABN numbers.

He has written to the Minister for Emergency Management Bridget McKenzie after community-based committees in Sarsfield, Wairewa and Ensay missed out on funding because they were considered a 'State Government Entity'.

"To rule community not-for-profit groups ineligible to receive funding for a grant because they happen to manage a parcel of land which is owned by the State Government demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of regional communities," Mr Chester wrote.

"It also reeks of a lack of emotional intelligence and a blind adherence to bureaucracy at the expense of common sense to exclude projects from further consideration without bothering to check with the hard working volunteer groups, which were the project proponents.

"While there are many excellent projects on the list of successful applicants, there is enormous disappointment with the final outcome. The 'Canberra knows best' centralised model of decision-making is fundamentally flawed and disrespects my community and everything we have been through."

Mr Chester said he was not consulted at any stage during the consideration of priorities for bushfire recovery funding, and the three community groups should have their projects properly assessed for funding, and not excluded on the basis of an administrative error.

"This situation could've been avoided if the bureaucrats consulted with me at any stage regarding the application process, and the community groups could have clarified their situation," he said.

"To exclude these groups from receiving funding, in a region which suffered major damage during the Black Summer bushfires, demonstrates an appalling lack of judgement by the assessment team.

"At no point during the application process were the volunteers advised their project was ineligible and they harboured false hope for months as the bureaucrats delayed

consideration of the grants. So much for a community-led recovery when some of the most bushfire-impacted and traumatised communities are excluded from receiving any funding on a technicality."

Sarsfield community leaders submitted a major project to upgrade the recreation reserve which is the only area of public land available for large scale community use.

Volunteers manage the reserve, which is owned by the State Government, as a committee of management.

Community spokesman Simon Hof said the decision to rule the application as ineligible for funding was devastating news for local residents.

"There has been an enormous amount of effort and community consultation in developing a plan for the future of the recreation reserve in the aftermath of the bushfires," he said.

"Unfortunately, our loved, but old hall has reached the end of its useful life so we're seeking funds to replace it. The Sarsfield Hall was cobbled together 60 years ago out of a second-hand school shelter shed and a caravan park kiosk, and we've been told that it is becoming structurally unsound."

In Sarsfield, out of 270 homes, 200 properties were directly impacted and 80 homes were destroyed, and local residents we have worked together to develop a plan which would deliver long-term benefits to the region.

"We have no capacity to raise millions of dollars to redevelop the recreation reserve without government assistance and it's incredibly frustrating that our application wasn't even assessed."

Mr Chester said the Federal Government was providing bushfire grants to other projects on State Government land in East Gippsland.

"The double standards and needless bureaucracy has left a bitter taste in the mouths of East Gippslanders who see the long list of successful projects includes applications from areas with no direct fire damage," he said.

"Again, there was no consultation with my office on the highest strategic priorities for bushfire recovery in East Gippsland.

"I am seeking an urgent reconsideration of the projects deemed ineligible and an assessment of the applications against the same criteria as other applicants."

"I will also be seeking other avenues of funding support from local, state and federal sources for projects that were deemed eligible, but considered uncompetitive in this round."

Bushfire Recovery Support is available

Support is available through Bushfire Recovery Victoria. Even if our Hub is currently closed due to COVID-19 requirements, our staff are available to assist you. Referrals for counselling support, case management, financial counselling, and legal support, along with advice and assistance from the EGSC Bushfire Rebuild Support Service can be made by contacting the Hub.

You can contact us on sarsfieldhub@brv.vic.gov.au or by phoning **0400 363 845**.

LER Round 3 Now Open

The final round of Local Community Projects Grants, funded under the Local Economic Recovery Program, is now open.

Grants are available for projects in business, economy and tourism, Aboriginal community recovery, wellbeing, environmental and infrastructure recovery.

Successful projects will build a sense of community pride and connectedness, achieving the aspirations and priorities of local



communities.

The program closes Monday, April 11, 2022 at 11.59 pm.

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Applications open for ANZ Bank Community Foundation grants program

Applications are now open for ANZ's Community Foundation program, with charitable organisations around Australia invited to apply for grants of up to \$30,000.

ANZ's Community Foundation will work in partnership with local organisations to provide funding for projects that support financial wellbeing, housing, environmental sustainability or other initiatives that assist communities to thrive.

In 2021, \$316,000 was granted to 16 community organisations. Since 1988, more than 900 grants valued at more than \$6 million have been distributed across Australia.

This year, all money raised will be awarded to organisations that aim to assist their community in the following areas:

- Financial wellbeing, particularly for under-represented and disadvantaged people in the community, including initiatives that improve economic participation. For example, building financial literacy and vocational skills and providing access to meaningful work
- Environmental sustainability through initiatives that restore and conserve the natural environment or which contribute to water stewardship, lower carbon emissions, and waste minimisation

- Housing access through initiatives and programs that support those experiencing or at risk of homelessness or that provide support for people living with disability

Other community projects that assist local communities to thrive Chair of the Foundation Sarah Stubbings said: "Every year, we are impressed by the ingenuity and passion that these groups have to build strong foundations that help people and their communities to thrive.

"We're proud to be able to support organisations to deliver programs which make a real difference. The most rewarding part of this program is seeing the ideas come to life," Ms Stubbings said.

The Community Foundation is funded by ANZ employees, and for every dollar they contribute through the workplace giving program, the Bank matches it with an additional two dollars.

Applications are open from today until 5pm on 17 March, with a National Advisory Board and State Committees comprising ANZ employees to decide the granting rounds each year.

To find out more or to make an application please visit <https://www.eqt.com.au/philanthropy/grant-funding/folder-other-grants/anz-community-foundation>.

Planned burns in your area

Bruthen – Pipe Dump Rd North, Dead Horse Ck, OMaras Rd

To provide the highest level of protection to human life, property and community assets including the Bruthen and surrounding communities.

**FOREST FIRE
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Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) will be conducting planned burning in this area over the next few months.

FFMVic staff work alongside the CFA to carry out the Joint Fuel Management Program on private and public land. This three-year program aims to reduce the risk of bushfire to people, property and the environment.



Fuel management is one of the most effective ways to reduce the impact of bushfire and includes planned burning, slashing, mulching and constructing fuel breaks. This reduces the fuel (i.e. flammable vegetation) load, which reduces the risk of a bushfire, its impact and intensity.

What can I expect on the day?

You may see smoke and small embers, some roads may be closed or have speed restrictions and you may see fire fighting vehicles and crews in the area. Before the burn, you may see crews preparing the site, including the removal of hazardous trees and the

clearing of control lines. These are a normal part of planned burning operations.

When will these planned burns happen?

The Joint Fuel Management Plan outlines FFMVic's bushfire risk reduction work over the next three years. While burns are scheduled to take place in a certain year and a particular season, this can change. Exact dates cannot be given as the final decision to proceed can only be made following monitoring of weather and fuel moisture.

Planned burning and public safety

Planned burn areas can be declared as Public Safety Zones under the Safety on Public Land Act 2004 and public access restricted through designated Park closures. This is to ensure the safety of the public and firefighters as burns are undertaken. Unauthorised personnel will be directed to leave these areas until these declarations are lifted.

How can I find out more?

- Live burn notifications: plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au
- Maps: ffm.vic.gov.au, and search for '[Joint Fuel Management Program](#)'
- The VicEmergency Hotline: **1800 226 226**
- **Download the VicEmergency App**
- Science and strategic plans: <https://www.safertogether.vic.gov.au/>, bushfireplanning.ffm.vic.gov.au
- Contact **(03) 5161 1222** or eastgippsland.community@delwp.vic.gov.au
- Gippsland bushfire recovery, history, science and community stories: www.communitybushfireconnection.com.au.

Thank you for your patience while we do this important work to better protect communities, property and the environment from bushfire.

Planned burns in your area

Planned Burn Details

The burns listed below are planned to be conducted in **Autumn 2022**, subject to suitable conditions.

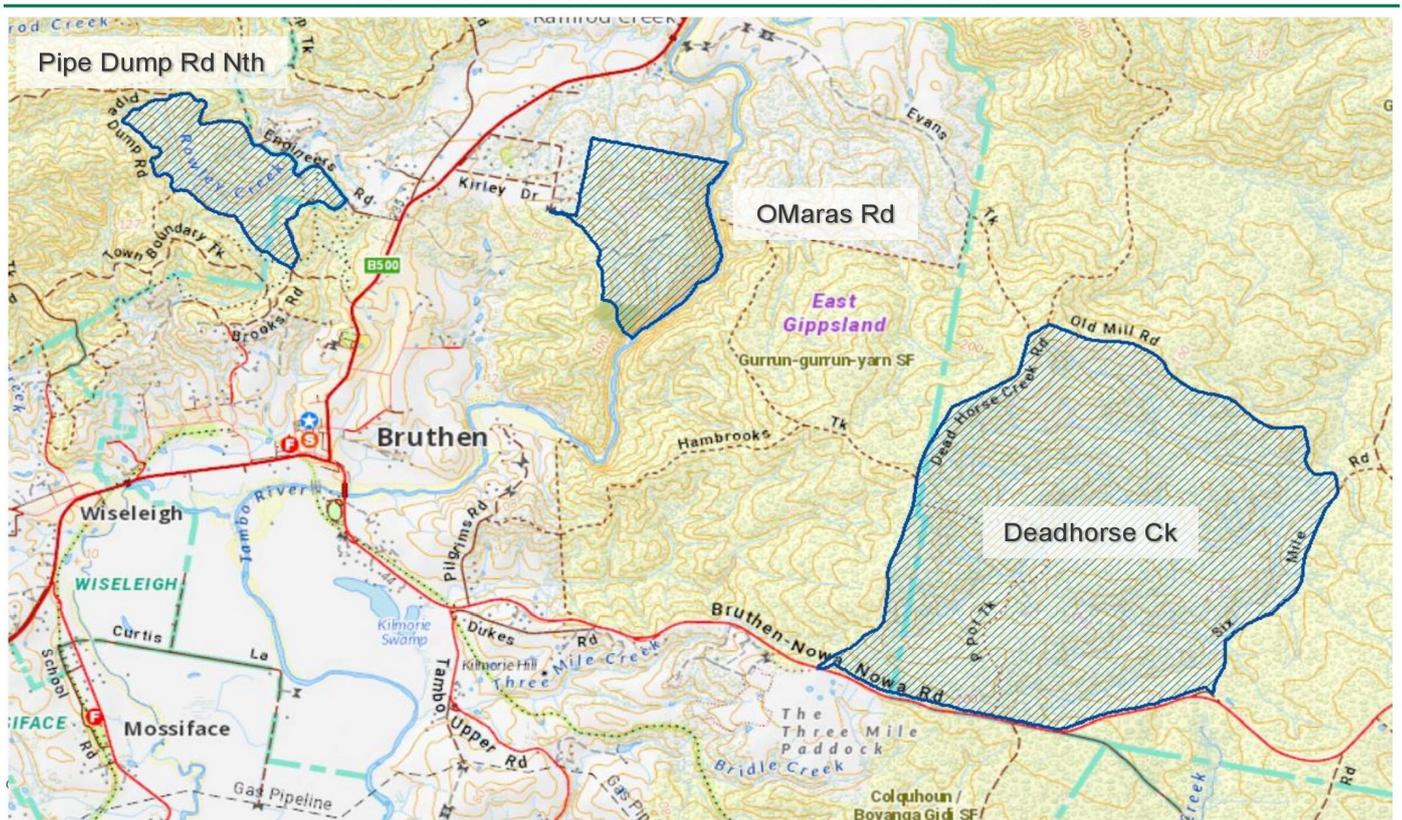
Why are we burning?

These burns lie to the north and west of Bruthen. While they lie close to the 2019-20 bushfire area, they help to protect the Bruthen township, the Colquhoun State Forest and other nearby communities.

Protecting the things we value

Maintaining the long-term integrity of significant animals and plants within these burn areas is a key consideration in burn planning and implementation. Specialist staff have developed mitigation measures including excluding earthworks, low intensity mosaic burning and not introducing fire into sensitive areas to reduce the risk of harm to these and other things we value.

Planned Burn Details	Zone and objectives	Significant things we value
Bruthen - Pipe Dump Road North (GP-TBO-BAI-0155)	Asset Protection Zone burn: to reduce the Overall Fuel Hazard from the measured High level to Moderate or Low over 80% to 90% of the 150 hectare burn unit.	Cultural heritage, Warm Temperate Rainforest, Square-tailed Kite, Powerful Owl and Giant Burrowing Frog, as well as bee sites are found within and adjacent to this burn unit.
Bruthen - Deadhorse Creek (GP-TBO-NOW-0299)	Landscape Management Zone: to reduce the Overall Fuel Hazard from the measured Extreme level to Moderate or Low over 50% to 70% of the 1200 hectare burn unit.	Glossy Black-Cockatoo, White-footed Dunnart, Colquhoun Grevillea and Wet Heathland Riparian Scrub as well as bee sites are found within and adjacent to this burn unit. Parts of this burn unit are recovering from the 2019-20 bushfires. Fire will not be introduced into these areas.
Bruthen - Omaras Road (GP-TBO-BAI-0006)	Bushfire Moderation Zone: to reduce the Overall Fuel Hazard from the measured Extreme level to Moderate or Low over 60% to 80% of the 190 hectare burn unit.	Warm Temperate Rainforest, Powerful and Sooty Owl, White-footed Dunnart, Streaked Rock-orchid and Yellow Milk-vine, as well as bee sites are found within and adjacent to this burn unit.



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Bruthen Streetscape Project Update

The concept design phase for this East Gippsland Shire Council project has been finalised. Streeter Civil Engineering Service has been appointed to undertake the civil engineering works, which include drainage, car parking, etc. Ratio Consultants have been asked to undertake the landscape design aspect of the streetscape. Their works will include community consultation in the coming months. The construction stage of the streetscape upgrade will begin next financial year. Council will work hard to ensure minimal disruption, where possible.

If you would like to keep up to date with how the project is progressing, visit the Your Say website and subscribe for project updates, <https://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/bruthen-streetscape>

Bruthen Bowling Club News

Since our last update in December, we hosted the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch, which was very well-attended, and enjoyed. A few members have also joined us for Barefoot Bowls on a Thursday evening. Don't forget this will continue till the end of daylight savings, when we will review our winter timetable (and our regular attendees' wishes) and go from there. You'll find regular updates on our Facebook page.

Some of you may have noticed that there's a lot of activity (namely work!) happening on the green (as of February 11) to bring it back to tiptop condition, and during this time the green will be closed. The length of this depends largely on the weather (two weeks at least). We will continue with indoor bowls in the meantime.

Our pennant season is nearly over, and we have had a number of new players in their first season, which has been great and enabled us to field a team most weeks. We always welcome newcomers, so if you've been thinking about giving it a try, come on down! Same applies to new residents in our lovely town. Don't panic about being thrown into competition straightaway - it's more about enjoyment. In the December Rambler, we mentioned the school's competition, practice for which is underway, with the regional competition to be held at Bairnsdale Bowling Club on March 11. Shout out to the students at Bruthen Primary School - bring Mum and Dad, brothers and sisters down to Barefoot Bowls on a Thursday evening for a bit more practice, as well as fun, and a superb dinner! Tambo Upper kids who live in Bruthen too! A big 'thank you' to all those who bought raffle tickets to support the club at the end of 2021.

The winners were drawn at our Christmas break-up. Huge congratulations to all the winners, who all happened to be local, and have all received their prizes. 1st went to Ivan, (Bruthen); 2nd - Dick Johnston (Lindenow); 3rd - Lesley (Bruthen). For all up-to-date news, follow us on our Facebook page - Bruthen Bowls Club.



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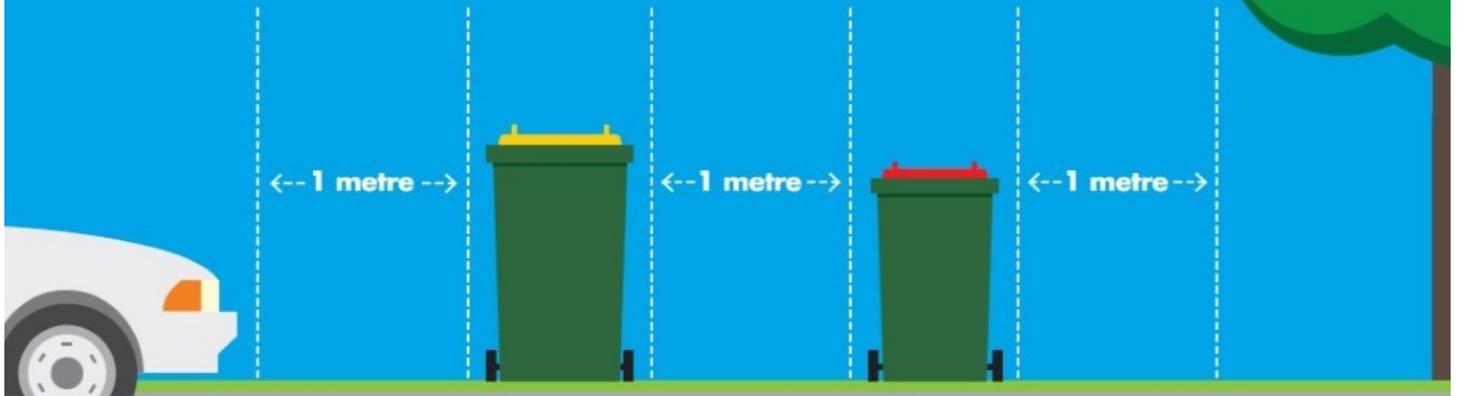
Your bins need social distancing too!

Spacing

Face the wheels away from the kerb and leave at least an arm's length (about a metre) between bins and other objects.

Overfilling

Please do not overfill bins. Make sure the lid can close. This prevents litter blowing down the street. Extra bags will NOT be collected.



East Gippsland compost rebate

\$40 off a compost, worm farm, bokashi bin, pet poo bin and more!

Visit

<https://www.compostcommunity.com.au/east-gippsland.html> for your rebate



Donate unwanted goods to op shops and second hand stores.



Did You Know?

Australians send around \$500 million worth of clothing to landfill each year. Remember to only donate items that you would give to a friend!

For more information contact Council or visit our A – Z - Where to next? on our website.

Rethink & Recycle with the

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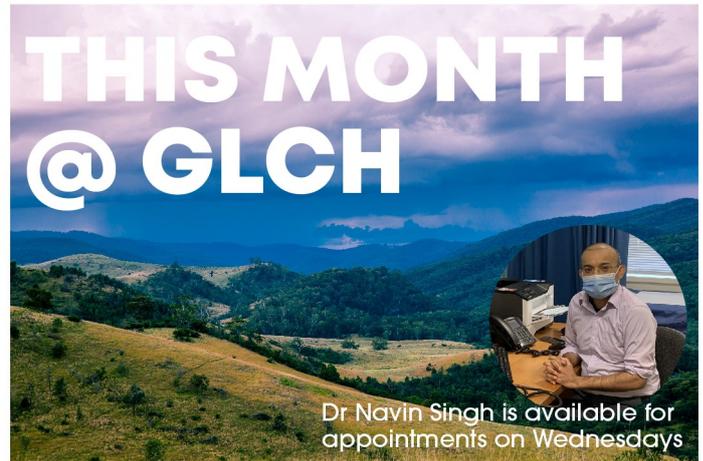


Tambo Waste

Bruthen - Bairnsdale Bus Timetable

Dysons Bus Lines Ph: 5152 1711

	Monday & Friday AM	Tues, Wed, Thurs AM
Bruthen to Bairnsdale Morning		
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



OPEN: Mondays & Wednesdays from 8.00am to 12 midday

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

Community Health Nurse: Monday and Wednesday, \$12 per consult or \$6 concession. Note: services will not be denied if you are unable to pay. Call 5155 8300 and select option '1'.

Maternal & Child Health: Once a month on a Tuesday by appointment only. Call 5155 8300 and select option '4'.

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

Pathology collection: Monday and Wednesday from 8.00 to 11.00am. Nurse fees apply.

These services are for Bruthen and district residents. For more information about GLCH, our services and programs, please visit glch.org.au or find us on social media.



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M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Wed	Tambo Upper** (near school)	9.00 am – 9.45 am
	Bruthen (Main Street)	10.00 am – 11.15 am
	Nowa Nowa (Mingling Waters C/park)	1.30 pm – 2.00 pm
Thu	Bruthen** (near kinder)	10.45 am – 11.15 am

*Sites marked ** are not visited during school holidays*

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**Landcare
Australia**

Bruthen Landcare

Meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month

Next Meeting Tuesday 15th March at 6pm
Contact Matt Pearce 0467051960

EVENTS & NOTICES

Injured Wildlife Rescue

When you find injured wildlife please keep these details in case of emergency:

WILDLIFE SHELTERS

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Wombat Wisdom, (Bairnsdale), 0473 446 161

Holly Corbett

Holly's Wildlife Rescue (No bats) (530 Bairnsdale

Dargo Rd Hillside 3875), 0432 539 408

Suzie

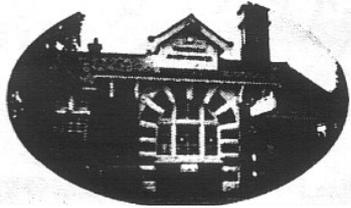
Waterholes Wildlife Shelter Clifton Creek Koala specialist, 0447 470 905

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course of action for your property. A range of financial options are available, including receiving a carbon credit revenue share or simply receiving free planting.

View our website Greening Australia to view the Landcare Brochure to find out what we can do for you.

Greening Australia is keen to hear from landholders/managers that are interested in land restoration to any parts of their land parcels or portfolios within Australia.

To register your interest:

1. Go to <https://www.gerx.org.au> to access the GER-X Land Portal
2. On the Land Portal, click the button in the top-right to create an account
3. Follow the process to submit your land information
4. A Greening Australia staff member will be in touch as soon as possible.

Scholarships Available

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester is encouraging local students needing financial assistance to apply for round six of the Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships (RRES) program. Mr Chester said the scholarships would help students from regional and rural areas complete tertiary education.

"There are many barriers that young Gippslanders face when completing tertiary studies and these scholarships are designed to provide financial support and help those who might not otherwise be able to afford to study," Mr Chester said.

"The scholarships of up to \$18,000 support students studying remotely or needing to relocate."

"Students looking to undertake courses ranging from Certificate IV to PhD level are eligible and I encourage Gippslanders to check their own eligibility and apply."

For more information, visit: <https://www/qtac.edu.au/rres-program>



Darren Chester
Federal Member for Gippsland

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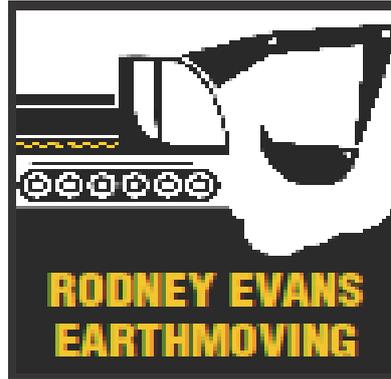
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- ⇒ 1/4 page - Cost \$25.00
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- ⇒ Full page - Cost \$100.00

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(Word, Publisher, JPG or PNG format with photos please
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Correction



In last month's Tambo Rambler feature article on the water tank mural, the Superb Blue Wren was incorrectly described as a female (rather than male) cultural symbol.

The Gunaikurnai Yeerung and Djeetgun (Blue Wren and Emu Wren) cultural story can be found on the Deadly Story website (deadlystory.com) under Gunaikurnai Stories and Totems page.

We apologise for this mistake and have corrected the digital edition.



Want to see more great photos of the event? Then check out the special photo spread in our digital edition of the Rambler. Go to <https://bruthendistrict.org.au/tambo-rambler/>

Special thanks to Jake Lynch, Scott Kingman, Joy Manley and Jenny Carter for the photos

